



2004

Winter Issue

Beachers' News

President's Report

Welcome to the New Year. We at the Beachers hope that you all had a happy Christmas season and that you enter 2004 in good health. We are all looking forward to the coming of spring and the prospects that the warmer weather brings for great times at the cottage.

This year the Beachers have some interesting things on the drawing board and we will be working towards bringing some of them to fruition this year. Among them is a plan to have an event during the summer which will be a lot of fun for the whole family. Plans for this at this point are still in the embryonic stage however we will be communicating to you with further details as they become available.

Tax assessments have rolled in to all of our homes and once again many of us read them with a combination of shock and awe. While we cannot address these issues individually we do have a voice and one that can be heard.

Beach preservation remains an issue at the top of our list. The Town seems to be interested and we do need to try to maintain a positive forward thinking helpful approach to this concern. This year snow fencing is again present on the beach however there is no new snow fencing, simply the same as what was there last year. We'd like to see progression in this regard. The report of the Lake Huron Center for Coastal Conservation of January 1999 remains only partially adopted. Surely with all the money rolling in to the Town they could afford a few rolls of snow fence!! It seems to us that 1999 was quite a while ago. So it goes.

Snow season is certainly upon us so please remember that Gary will contact you if he thinks that the load on your roof is a concern. He won't know what shape your roof is in so if you are worried about it you should probably hop in your car and have a look.

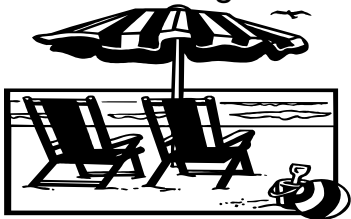
You will find enclosed your invoice for this year. We hope that the balance of your winter goes well and look forward to seeing you soon. It looks as though we'll all be able to meet at the grocery store since we'll all be going to the same one.

Cheers
David

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Beachers Organization



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2003 Municipal Election Results

Mayor	Mark Kraemer
Deputy Mayor	Mike Smith
Vice Deputy Mayor	Doug Freiburger
Port Elgin Councillors	Bill Henderson Fred Schildroth
Saugeen Township Councillors	Judy Ashbee Doug Gowanlock
Southampton Councillors	Thede Seaman Duncan McCallum

Bruce County Museum & Archives is Expanding

This expansion and restoration project will result in over 8000 sq. ft. of new exhibits, expanded archives, environmentally controlled storage and a 125 seat theatre.

The new facility is due to reopen in the spring of 2006. In the meantime, please support the museum at its' temporary location, G.C. Huston Public School, 69 Victoria St. N., Southampton.



Winter Patrol

Another stormy winter season is upon us, which has kept our patrolman busy checking on cottages! So far so good, as no major problems have been found since the wind storm in November. Please remember the Beachers' "NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS" policy. Gary will contact you promptly if he finds anything that needs your immediate attention. Please feel free, however, to contact Gary yourself if you have a particular concern regarding the condition of your cottage.

Gary also has people available to shovel roofs or to do other winter maintenance jobs. If you wish for this service to be provided, please contact him directly to make arrangements.

NOTE: THIS IS NOT PART OF HIS DUTIES AS PATROLLER.

Contact Information for Gary Scammell...(519) 832-2310 or by mail at 319 Goderich St., Port Elgin, ON N0H 2C1.

Cottage Life Show... Created by Cottagers for Cottagers

This three day, pre-season event will include more than 475 cottage-related exhibits providing products and information for cottagers everywhere.

Show Hours:

Friday, March 26 12pm - 9:30pm
Saturday, March 27 9am - 7pm
Sunday, March 28 10am - 6pm

Location:

International Centre
6900 Airport Rd. (@ Derry Rd.)
Toronto (416) 599-2000

See the May 2004 issue of Cottage Life magazine for a discount admission coupon.

Other shows to catch this spring!

Sportsman Show and Fishing & Outdoor Super Show

May 17-21, 2004
National Trade Centre,
Exhibition Place, Toronto
www.sportsmenshows.com

Spring Fishing Show

February 26-29, 2004
International Centre, Toronto

Boat, Sportsman's and Cottage Show

February 26-29, 2004
Lansdowne Park, Ottawa
www.sportsmenshows.com

Landfill Sites

Hours of Operation:

- **Port Elgin Site** Tuesday 11am-5pm
Thursday 11am-5pm
Saturday 9am-3pm
- **Southampton Site**
Monday 11am-5pm
Friday 11am-5pm
Saturday 9am-3pm

*both sites closed holidays

Special Information:

Please note the following special information regarding the Port Elgin and Southampton Landfill Sites.

- **Burnable Materials** are accepted ONLY at the Southampton Site
- **Hazardous Waste** disposal dates will be announced in the local paper
- **Free Landfill/goods exchange** days at both site are:
Saturday, May 22 9am-5pm
Monday, August 2 9am-5pm
Saturday, October 9 9am-5pm
- **Bagged Leaf Collection** days are:
Friday, May 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
Friday, October 22nd, 29th
Friday, November 5th, 12th
- **Cardboard Recycling Bins** located at:
Port Elgin - inside gates at the Sewage Treatment Plant (Lehnen St.)
Southampton - Landfill Site (Conc. 14)

Recycling:

- **Recycling Blue Boxes** can be picked up at the Town of Saugeen Shores Administrative Office at a cost of \$6/box.
- Door to door pickup is handled by **Bruce Solid Waste Recycling Association.** (519) 797-5557

Boaters, do you have your Pleasure Craft Operator's Card yet?

It is the law! Anyone operating a powered vessel of less than 4 meters in length (including personal watercraft) must have a Pleasure Craft Operator's Card. Failure to carry this "proof of competency" can result in a fine of \$250. The card is valid for life and there are no annual fees. Boaters can obtain their card after receiving a mark of at least 75% on a Canadian Coast Guard accredited test. Experienced boaters have the option of taking this test without first completing a course. For more information, visit the Canadian Coast Guard web site at www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca or call the Boating Safety Info line at 1-800-267-6687.

