

# DELTA PILOT.

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## Delta Park Becomes Holiday Destination

Just think of it.... An evening stroll or a wagon ride amidst trees and buildings that are all magically lit with holiday lights. If this interests you, then Lower Beverley Lake Park is the place for you this holiday season!



Launching on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Delta Park will be open for tours on five consecutive Saturday nights. More than 75,000 Christmas lights will adorn the trees and buildings throughout the park and will highlight various displays, a candy cane lane, a gingerbread house, a nativity scene, Santa's workshop and a miniature display of Delta's heritage buildings. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be on hand to receive those special wish lists, pose for photographs and give out holiday treats.

Wagon rides to the park will only be available from the United Church on ½ hour intervals starting at 5:00 p.m.

Patrons walking through the park may do so by leaving their vehicle at the Village Boat Launch.

Date	Meal	Price	Entertainment	Location
November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Lasagna Dinner	\$11.00 p.p.	No Entertainment	
November 30 <sup>th</sup>	Spaghetti Dinner	\$11.00 p.p.	No Entertainment	
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Shepherd's Pie	\$11.00 p.p.	Youth Christmas Pageant	Baptist Church at 6:30 p.m.
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Chicken Stew & Biscuits	\$11.00 p.p.	Festival of Carols	United Church at 6:30 p.m.
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	Turkey Dinner	\$17.00 p.p.	No Entertainment	

Reservations are required for the turkey dinner on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

To make reservations, please contact Pat at 613-928-2712 or email [harymary@ripnet.com](mailto:harymary@ripnet.com).

Deadline for reservations is December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Meals are served in the United Church Hall between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Throughout the festival, the Old Stone Mill will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Public Washrooms will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Old Town Hall.

For additional information, please visit the park website at [www.beverleylakepark.com](http://www.beverleylakepark.com)



## Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research

Congratulations to all of the participants and volunteers of the 2013 Edition of the **Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research** which was held on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.



Based at the Delta Fair Grounds, the event began at 8:00 a.m. with participants enjoying a scenic walk / run through the Village and Lower Beverley Lake Park.

A total of \$3,275.00 was raised at this year's event with \$1,172.00 coming from camper sponsorships within the Lower Beverley Lake Park. Well Done Delta Volunteers!

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## Planning Begins for 2014 Delta Fair



While this year's Delta Fair concluded just four months ago, the Delta Agricultural Society is already making plans for the 184<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition.

A Board of 25 Directors, 32 Associate Directors and 10 Junior Directors were recently elected at the Annual General Meeting. Committees are responsible for organizing next year's fair which will be held from Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Officers for the upcoming term include Charles Nichols as President, Art Cowan as First Vice-President, Melinda Held-Cowan as Second Vice-President, Tracy Perrin as Treasurer, William Morris as Secretary and Linda Barker as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

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## *A Festival of Carols*

Composed by Joseph M. Martin, this evening of music will be presented by the Deltones Community Choir on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Delta United Church under the direction of Janace Brophy and Mary Ann Dobrik.

In addition to carol singing by the congregation, there will be a stylish musical performance by The Gloryland Quartet.

A free will offering will be received in support of the Delta Community Food Bank.

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The **Deadline** for the **January / February Edition** is **December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

Submit your Information today to the Park Office!

Email: [bevlake@ripnet.com](mailto:bevlake@ripnet.com)

We regret that we are not able to accept information after the deadline.





## Rideau Islands & Lakes Theatre School

It has been said that “All the world’s a stage” and a small theatre school in Delta is trying to prove just that! The 2013-2014 season marks the fifth year for the Rideau Islands & Lakes Theatre School and Director Rachel Marks has set the bar high to mark the occasion!

RILTS is very excited to announce that five shows will be staged to celebrate their fifth anniversary in Rideau Lakes. The first show of the season is a new play by Joseph Laxton and Mackenna Libbey. Joe joined RILTS towards the end of last year to help direct and teach the Senior Theatre Unmasked Class and Mackenna has performed in at least one play a year since RILTS was established. *The Other Side* is a moving drama honouring Canadian soldiers and will be performed at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (dinner theatre-stew dinner) and as a matinee at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Both performances will be held at the Old Town Hall in Delta.

The second play of the season will be staged in support of the Delta Mill Society. The short play will be part of Celebrating the Season. The senior class will create a shortened version of the Dicken’s classic, *A Christmas Carol*, which will be performed on the first two weekends in December.

For additional information, please contact Rachel at 613-349-5151 or through email to [rachel@theatreunmasked.ca](mailto:rachel@theatreunmasked.ca).

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### Children’s Christmas Pageant



All youth between the ages of 4 and 17 are invited to attend the rehearsals for Delta’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Children’s Christmas Pageant. Created with the aim of ensuring that the younger generation knows the true meaning of Christmas, this year’s pageant will be held on the third Saturday of *Celebrating the Season*, December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Baptist Church at 6:30 p.m. Rehearsals will be held every Saturday night in November between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at Delta Baptist Church.

As volunteers prepare lights, sound, and sets, area children and teens are practising their parts and learning their lines as they prepare to portray Mary & Joseph, the Angel Gabriel, King Herod, the Shepherds, and the Magi. The audience will once again form the Choir and sing favourite carols between scenes. There is no charge for the evening, but donations to cover costs are welcome.

If you would like more information on how you can participate, please contact Ginny 613-928-2095 or through email to [okum.ginny@gmail.com](mailto:okum.ginny@gmail.com).

Members of the Community are invited to join the Comrades of **Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 207 Delta** for Service at the Delta Baptist Church on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.



A **Memorial Service** will follow at the Cenotaph in Stone Mills Park at 11:00 a.m. Refreshments will be served at the Legion Hall following the Service. In the event of inclement weather, the Service will be held at the Legion Hall.

### **"Why Wear a Poppy?"** by Don Crawford



"Please wear a poppy", the lady said,  
And held one forth, but I shook my head  
Then I stopped and watched as she offered  
them there,  
And her face was old and lined with care;  
  
But beneath the scars the years had made  
There remained a smile that refused to fade.  
A boy came whistling down the street,  
Bouncing along on carefree feet.

His smile was full of joy and fun,  
"Lady" said he "may I have one?"  
When she pinned it on, he turned to say:  
"Why do we wear a poppy today?"

The lady smiled in her wistful way  
And answered, "This is Remembrance Day,  
And the poppy there is a symbol for  
The gallant men who died in the war."

"And because they did, you and I are free,  
That's why we wear a poppy you see.  
I had a boy about your size,  
With golden hair and big blue eyes."

"He loved to play and jump and shout  
Free as a bird, he would race about.  
As the years went by, he learned and grew  
And became a man - as you will too. "

"He was fine and strong, with a boyish smile,  
But he'd seemed with us such a little while  
When war broke out and he went away.  
I still remember his face that day."

"He then smiled at me and said good-bye.  
'I'll be back soon, Mom, so please don't cry.'  
But the war went on and he had to stay  
And all I could do was wait and pray."

"His letters told us of the awful fight  
(I can see it in my dreams at night),  
With the tanks and guns and cruel barbed wire,  
And the mines and the bullets, the bombs and  
the fire."

"That sure did sound like an awful fight,  
But your son - did he come back alright?"  
A tear rolled down each faded cheek;  
She shook her head but didn't speak.

I slunk away in a sort of shame,  
And if you were with me, you'd have done the  
same;  
For our thanks, in giving is aft delayed,  
Though our freedom was bought - and  
thousands paid!

And so, when we see a poppy worn,  
Let us reflect on the burden borne  
By those who gave their very all  
When asked to answer their country's call  
That we at home in peace might live.  
Then wear a poppy, be thankful and give!



## News from the The Delta Mill Society



'A Superfine Evening at the Café' took place on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to everyone who attended and helped make it such a success. Live entertainment was provided by Joanne Lambert at the piano and the selection of menu items comprised of local produce was a great hit.

The Thanksgiving Celebration was held on October 12<sup>th</sup> amidst great weather which allowed people to turn out in droves. Thanks to all who baked for the bake sale, donated to the silent auction, demonstrated, and volunteered their time and talents.

The Old Stone Mill hosted the EuroMAB2013 conference, a FAB UNESCO event on October 18<sup>th</sup> with almost 200 local, out of province and international visitors touring the mill. Chris Wooding of Ironwood Organics, and our miller, did his last grind of the year for the group.

The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville recently completed a promotional photo/video shoot at the mill; 4 videos are being made which highlight tourist attractions within the County.

During *Celebrating the Season*, the Old Stone Mill and the Old Town Hall will once again be festively decorated. The Mill will be open for tours and the Stone Mill Café will be open in the Old Town Hall serving quick 'old English' meals. Our Dickens' Festival nights with RILTS, will be Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

For further details, please visit our website at [www.deltamill.org](http://www.deltamill.org) or at Old Stone Mill National Historic Site on Facebook.

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## Highlights from the Delta Beautification Committee

Thanks to grant funding from the Valley Heartland Community Futures Development Corporation, King Street in Delta will take on a brighter shine following the provision of electrical outlets and electricity to lite the 18 Christmas pole decorations.

While work is still in progress, the Committee is hopeful that all aspects of the project will be completed prior to the first evening of Celebrating the Season.

Should you wish to make a donation in support of the project and help the Committee purchase the thousands of LED required, you may direct your contributions to Cathy Livingston, Chairperson of the Delta Beautification Committee, P. O. Box 231, 70 King Street, Delta.

Charitable donation receipts will be issued for contributions in excess of \$25.00. Cheques are to be made payable to the Delta Beautification Committee.



## Delta Community Improvement Committee

Delta: a small community with a big future! Believing in this statement, a small group of concerned citizens in the community began meeting to discuss what they could do to promote the Village and help attract businesses to Delta.

Following a series of meetings, a new group was formed under the name of the Delta Community Improvement Committee (DCIC). With an Executive Committee and Board of Directors, the goal of this group is to work cooperatively with the Township of Rideau Lakes and the surrounding community to preserve Delta's past while charting its future.

### Delta Community Improvement Committee Executive

President	Joanne van Dreumel
Vice-President	Mariska Kriebel
Secretary	Cathy Livingston
Treasurer	Ruth Sheridan-Griffiths

The Village of Delta has a vibrant past. It can be said that this fascinating community was originally settled in 1794 by Elder Abel Stevens. Arriving from Vermont, he first explored the land before bringing a number of people to the area-many of them his own relatives. Naturally enough, this little settlement quickly became known as Stevenstown. For the next two decades, Stevenstown continued to grow and prosper and then, in 1815, William Jones erected a stone grist mill in the centre of the community. For the next 11 years, the village would be called Stone Mills until it was renamed Beverly in honour of Upper Canada Chief Justice John Beverley Robinson. 30 years later, the name was once again changed to Delta.

Between 1850 and the early 1900's, Delta boasted of more than twenty different businesses making it a prominent community with Leeds County as it managed to sustain the needs of the people.

Today, the Village attracts thousands of visitors to Lower Beverley Lake Township Park along with many other residents who consider Delta their summer home along the shores of the beautiful Beverley Lakes. The Old Stone Mill (NHS) has been restored to a working mill and, following renovations, the Old Town Hall hosts many activities and is the site of the Stone Mill Café.

The community also boasts of many long standing annual events including the Maple Syrup Festival, the Delta Fair, the Thanksgiving Festival, and Celebrating the Season. Delta has an outdoor rink and recreation centre, a ball park, village parks with gazebos, two churches, a grocery store, a liquor store, a library, a fire department and a post office. Throughout the village, there are several heritage buildings, each with its own unique architecture.

Most recently, the Township of Rideau Lakes has committed to create a *Community Improvement Plan for Delta*. The initial part of the plan is a Visioning Workshop which will be held on **Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall in Delta**. All residents of Delta and the surrounding area are encouraged to participate.

Moving forward together! By coming together, sharing ideas, exploring new ways, remembering the past, valuing our neighbours, creating opportunities, and supporting each other, Delta will have a brighter future.

Be sure to *Like* us on the Facebook page "**Delta Matters**" which provides a snapshot of what is happening in Delta today.



## DELTA COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) IN THE WORKS

The Township of Rideau Lakes Development Services Department is currently developing a Community Improvement Plan (CIP) for the Village of Delta and is looking for public input.

### **What is a CIP?**

A CIP is a tool that can be used by the Township to direct and encourage growth and redevelopment through a partnership with the community and its businesses. A CIP can include specific support programs to support community-driven redevelopment which generally offset a portion of the costs related to building and business improvements.

### **Why a CIP for Delta and why now?**

A Community Improvement Plan is being developed which outlines a vision for Delta's future as an important destination within the Township. Supporting community visioning and redevelopment through CIPs is a goal within the current Official Plan.

### **How can I participate and help shape my community's plan?**

The Township's Planning Advisory Committee, in conjunction with staff, would like to begin developing a draft CIP. The Committee is seeking community input on the plan from residents, business owners and interested parties. Throughout this process there will be many ways to become involved. The first step in the process is a Visioning Workshop. **Township staff will be hosting the event Wednesday, November 20, 2013 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Old Town Hall in Delta (8 Lower Beverley Park Road).** The event will allow community members an opportunity to provide input that will help to create the foundation for the Delta CIP. Some of the discussion topics at the workshop will include identifying potential boundaries for the CIP, identifying important community features, nodes, landmarks and viewsapes, as well as generating the overall vision for Delta's future.

### **Who can I contact for more information?**

We look forward to your input and involvement to ensure the success of this planning effort. Please feel free to contact our department for any questions, comments and or suggestions that you may have regarding the CIP. If you plan to attend the workshop, **please RSVP** to Brittany Mulhern at [bmulhern@twprideaulakes.on.ca](mailto:bmulhern@twprideaulakes.on.ca) or at 1-800-928-2250 ext. 244.

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**"An Experience to Remember"**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Beverley Senior Citizens' Club #460

- Euchre party every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. at the Delta Fair Office.
- Regular meeting with Pot-Luck luncheon on November 27<sup>th</sup> at noon in the United Church Hall.
- Regular meeting with catered meal on December 18<sup>th</sup> at noon in the United Church Hall.



### Delta Agricultural Society

- General Meeting at the Fair Office on November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### Delta Baptist Church

- Choir Practice is held on the second Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. New members welcome!
- Bible Study is held every Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. in Memorial Hall.
- Youth Christmas Pageant on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
- Christmas Eve Service on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

### Delta Community Improvement Committee

- Visioning Workshop will be held on November 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Old Town Hall.

### Delta Food Bank

- Open on the second and fourth Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the United Church Hall. Call Sharon at 613-928-2885 for information.
- Build-a-Mountain of Food campaign will be collecting donations for the Food Bank on December 14<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Delta Country Market.

### Delta United Church

- Monday Morning Coffee/ Tea Break between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. in the Church Hall at no charge.
- Choir Practice is held every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. New members welcome!
- Kid's Club meets on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Church Hall.
- *Festival of Carols* on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
- Christmas Eve Service on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

### Good Food Box

- The Good Food Box offers fresh fruits and vegetables at wholesale prices for all community members. Payment is required on the 7th of the month and delivery is on the 3rd Tuesday. Call Claire at 613-928-2761 for information.

### Rideau Islands & Lakes Theatre School

- *The Other Side* (dinner theatre serving stew) will be performed on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. and on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the Old Town Hall.
- The Dickens' classic, *A Christmas Carol*, will be performed on December 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> in the Old Town Hall.

### Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #207

- Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Legion Hall.
- Euchre party is held every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Legion Hall.
- Remembrance Day Church Service on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at the Baptist Church.
- Remembrance Day Service on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the Cenotaph in Stone Mills Park.

### Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #207 Ladies Auxiliary

- Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Legion Hall.

<p><b>SUNDAY SERVICES</b> Baptist Church 9:30 a.m. Last Sunday of each month is Children's Sunday</p> <hr/> <p>United Church &amp; Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.</p>
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**Remember!**

**Turn your clock back  
November 3rd**

### Contact Information

#### **LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE PARK MANAGEMENT BOARD**

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