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HISTORY of the DELTA MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL

The Delta festival was the first maple celebration to be established in the area. In planning for Canada's Centennial, a small group of dedicated volunteers met regularly in the Council Chambers at the Old Town Hall. As President of the group, Harold Russell worked tirelessly as he contacted every farmer, arranged for sugar bush tours, promoted sugaring off demonstrations and held jack wax parties.



Photo: Harold Russell, 1967

Other community members who were heavily involved with the initial planning included Arch Ostrom, Lloyd Irwin, Vera Sheridan, Mildred Sweet, Sally Halladay, Ronald Morris, Lloyd Sawyer, Howard Jones, Sidney Talbot, and Glenn & Irma Chant.

In the beginning, the festival was a three-day event held in March at which thousands of pancakes smeared with Leeds County butter and flooded with fresh local maple syrup were served to busloads of students on school trips and visitors from communities throughout Eastern Ontario. In order to keep up with the crowds, meals were served on both floors of the Old Town Hall. Visitors were able to tour 15 local sugar bushes along with watching maple syrup being bottled and maple candy being made in the Confederated Foods / United Maple Products building.



Photo: Sharon Halladay, Gary Raison and Myrla Halladay making taffy, 1971

The first event was held on April 7th and 8th, 1967 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. with the elementary school students visiting on Friday, April 6th. Tickets for the "All You Can Eat" pancake meal were available to adults for \$1.00 while children paid 50 cents.

In 1992, the festival was downsized to a two-day event and in 1999 it was relocated to the fairgrounds. The festival has continued through the volunteer efforts of many local residents and organizations before becoming a project for the membership of the Delta Agricultural Society.



Photo: School students visit Arch Ostrom's Sugar Bush, 1980.



DELTA MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 15th and Sunday, April 16th, 2017



Delta Fair Grounds, 110 Mill Creek Drive, Delta, Ontario K0E 1G0

"ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES FLOODED WITH FRESH, LOCAL MAPLE SYRUP"

First Order of Pancakes Served with Sausage / Gluten Free Pancakes Available



EASTER WEEKEND

Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

11 Years of Age and Over: \$10.00

Children Under 11 Years: \$5.00

HST now included

FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES

~BOTH DAYS~

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| Pancakes & Sausages - Fair Hall (1 st Floor) | Tours of the Old Fire Hall Museum |
| Craft Sale - Fair Hall (2 nd Floor) | Tours of the Old Stone Mill |
| Maple Syrup and Craft Venders (Fair Grounds) | Milling Demonstration at 1:00 p.m. (Mill) |
| Petting Zoo (Fair Grounds) | Book Sale (Old Town Hall) |
| Face Painting / Mini Putt / Bean Bag Toss
(Fair Grounds) | Wagon Rides (weather permitting) |
| Walking Cartoon Characters (Fair Grounds) | |

~SATURDAY ONLY~

- Ball Hockey Trnmt at 10:00 a.m. (Rec Centre)
- To register, please contact
Brandon Brooker at 613-929-4699
- Coffee and Bake Shop (Old Town Hall)
- Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00 a.m. (Fair Grounds)
- 'Bob Burtch Band' at 10:00 a.m. (Fair Grounds)
- 'Rynestone Magic' at 11:45 a.m. (Fair Grounds)
- 'Elvis Tribute' at 1:00 p.m. (Fair Grounds)
- Blacksmithing Demonstration (Mill Drive Shed)
- Dance at 8:00 p.m. (Legion Hall)

On the way to the Fair Grounds,
stop at 117 Mill Creek Drive and pick up
some Willard's donuts, cookies and even
butter tarts!

This year's festival is sponsored in partnership
with the Province of Ontario and Ontario 150.

~SUNDAY ONLY~

- Visit from the Easter Bunny
- Dueling Band Joes from Texas Tuxedo
at 10:00 a.m. (Fair Grounds)
- Gabriella's Drumming Lessons
at 11:45 a.m. (Fair Grounds Tent)
- Fiddle Earth at 1:00 p.m. (Fair Grounds)
- Fire Department Display (Fair Grounds)



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL SYRUP PARTNER PRODUCERS !

<u>Antoine's Maple Syrup</u> Lyndhurst 613-928-2473 mkantoine01@yahoo.ca	<u>Halladay, Darrell</u> R.R. # 4, North Augusta 613-924-1320 maple@hallaymaple.vpweb.ca	<u>Mensen Farm</u> Gary and Susie Mensen 161 County Road 42, Delta 613-928-2555 gmensen@sympatico.ca
<u>Curtis Valey Farms</u> Ernie Curtis 711 Daytown Road, Delta 613-928-2964 Ernest.curtis@sympatico.ca	<u>Leggett's Maple Syrup</u> Bruce and Kathy Leggett 637B Crosby Road, Crosby 613-246-6542 www.leggettmaplesyrup.com	<u>Quabbin Hill Maple</u> Greg and Linda Halladay 156 Quabbin Hill Rd., Mallorytown 613-659-3227 quabbin@1000island.net
<u>Gibbons Maple Sugar House</u> 41 Leacock Road, Frankville 613-275-2893 1-877-440-7887 www.gibbonsmaple.com		<u>Sugar Maple Farms</u> The Chant Family 3189 Thousand Acre Road Portland 613-272-2616
<u>Gunnebrooke Farms Limited</u> The Gunnewiek Family 206 County Road 8, Elgin 613-359-5071 gunnfarm@rideau.net	<p align="center">The NAME of YOUR FAVORITE SYRUP PRODUCER could be listed HERE! Contact 613-928-2800</p>	<u>Vali Rill Farm</u> Scott Pattemore 650 Lake Street, Plum Hollow 613-924-1905

DID YOU KNOW ????????



During the 2016 festival, 2100 patrons enjoyed 130 kg / 286 lbs. of sausages, 240 kg / 529 lbs. of pancake batter mix, 2500 patties of butter, 12 bottles of juice mix, and 400 lbs. /140 litres of maple syrup.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you are able to assist at this year's festival cleaning tables, please contact the following:

Heather Halladay 613-928-2995

Vender spaces are still available for outdoor locations and indoor craft sale tables.

If you are interested in reserving space, please contact the following:

Marlaine Hart 613-924-2407

Vender reservation forms can be downloaded from the website: www.deltfair.com

"Instilling a Passion for Our Heritage"

Telephone: 613-928-2584

Email: info@deltamill.org

Website: www.deltamill.org

Come out and enjoy a **LOCAL FOODS DINNER** at the Old Town Hall on Saturday, April 8th with a maple inspired menu featuring Wendy's Country Market and Chef Mark Beacock. Cocktails (cash bar) with local meats and cheese will be served from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dinner will feature handmade Red Fife pasta (made with Old Stone Mill flour), maple smoked pork loin chop with fresh seasonal accompaniments and a local greens salad with a savory maple vinaigrette. Dessert will be maple chocolate mousse cake. Celtic musical entertainment will be provided by the *MacLeod Fiddlers*. To reserve tickets, contact Sharon Okum at 613-928-2228 or via email to dsodelta@gmail.com. Tickets are \$60/person or \$100/couple.

The Old Stone Mill will once again be open for tours during the **DELTA MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on April 15th and 16th. The ever-popular giant used book sale will take place in the Old Town Hall on Saturday and Sunday. Blacksmithing demonstrations will take place on Saturday in the Mill Drive Shed while milling demonstrations will be held in the Mill at 1:00 p.m. during both days of the festival. Admission is free.

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE

Looking for something to do on Monday mornings? Why not stop by the United Church Hall for some coffee, donuts and fellowship. This activity is offered every Monday morning as part of the Church's Outreach Program between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

There is no charge but a free will donation is welcomed.

Photo: Your hostess, Barb MacLean



SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB



Be sure to stop by the Delta United Church Hall every Saturday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and enjoy a morning of delicious food and fellowship.

The breakfast menu includes bacon or sausage with eggs and cheese on an English muffin, home fries and coffee.



Beverley Senior Citizens' Club #460

"A Senior Citizen is NOT an Old Senior"

Club #460 is a young hearted group of 22 people who like getting together to enjoy lunches, outings, being a voice and helping in the community.

Winter is about over and spring means starting new things. How about coming as a guest to the next meeting at noon on March 22nd in the United Church Hall?

Age does not define this group! We, through the USCO, are your voice to the government.

The United Senior Citizens of Ontario has a membership in excess of 300,000 senior citizens in over 1,000 clubs throughout the province. In the mid-fifties, a province-wide seniors' planning group convened to address problems of the elderly that were not being met by the programs of the time. Since then, it has grown into an extensive network of clubs, and a growing number of single members at large.

The U.S.C.O. promotes the best interest of senior citizens in a variety of ways. It is involved in the education and promotion of wellness, health, fitness, safety and recreation to its members and their associates and to provide a means whereby seniors can work together to have input on issues concerning them. Over the years, U.S.C.O. has been instrumental in achieving such benefits for seniors as Meals on Wheels, OHIP coverage, drug coverage under the Ontario Drug Benefit plan; property tax grants; the Bill of Rights for Nursing Homes and a reduction in car insurance premiums for seniors.

At the local level, the Beverley Seniors meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Delta United Church Hall. Starting off with a pot-luck luncheon at noon, members enjoy a social time of fellowship and conversation before conducting a brief meeting. Throughout the month, members gather to play cards, take various bus trips, and network with the other seniors' clubs within the municipality.

New members are always welcome so come to a meeting and enjoy an afternoon of food and fellowship with your neighbours! Anyone can join the membership of the Beverley Seniors but you must be at least 55 years of age to hold an office.

Feel free to contact any of the following officers for additional information:





-  President Pat Phillips
-  Vice-President Bruce Ross
-  Secretary Florence Pratt
-  Treasurer Vivian Morris

Photo: Over 100 members from clubs throughout Rideau Lakes join together each June for a picnic at Lower Beverley Lake Park.



DELTA ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVE ONTARIO 150 GRANTS

Thanks to funding from the Ontario 150 Community Celebration Program, two Delta based organizations will be adding additional attractions to their event programming.



Eleanor McMahon, Ontario Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport, recently announced that applications from the Delta Agricultural Society and the Lower Beverley Lake Park Management Board were among 367 approved initiatives which have been designed to bring people together to commemorate Ontario and Canada's 150th anniversary.

The Delta Agricultural Society will be receiving \$10,000 in support of events at the 50th Anniversary of the Delta Maple Syrup Festival while \$7,250 has been approved for the Lower Beverley Lake Park Management Board to host a celebration of aboriginal heritage at the park in July.

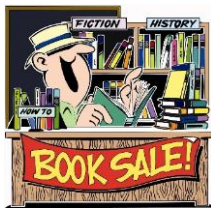
The Year 2017 marks a once-in-a-generation opportunity to celebrate the Canadian identity while sharing dreams for the next 150 years. This celebratory year will be a time of excitement and inspiration and it will be a chance for the Province of Ontario, as a founding member and leader in Confederation, to engage all Ontarians and play a leading role in commemorating and celebrating Canada's 150th anniversary.

THE DELTA BRANCH OF THE RIDEAU LAKES PUBLIC LIBRARY

18 King Street, Delta, ON K0G 1E0
Phone: 613-928-2991



Patrons enjoyed a family fun day event on February 18th with stories, face painting, treats, and board games for all ages. The library was happy to co-host the event with the St. Paul's Anglican Community Committee.



Do you have books that you wish to donate to the library? Save them up for our massive book sale during the Maple Syrup Festival. Be sure to call the Library and talk to Liz or Vicki about dropping off the books when staff are available.

The **Rideau Lakes Local History Centre** remains open most Thursday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. or by making an appointment with Sue via email to rideaulakeshistory@gmail.com.

Feel free to contact Ashley via email to ashleyrideaulakes@gmail.com for ongoing **tech support**. One-to-one tech help sessions are available for patrons of the library.

Delta Branch Hours

Tuesday 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Thursday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Rideau Lakes
PUBLIC LIBRARY

**MUNICIPAL NEWS from
Councillor Cathy Livingston**

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Well, hopefully we are more than half way through winter!

We have received a lot of snow and rain this winter that will hopefully help replenish the low water levels from last year's drought, although we hope not enough for another flood. Thanks to a partnership between the Township of Rideau Lakes, the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority and the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry, there will be studies and work completed to assist in the flood control of Upper Beverley Lake. The MNR&F has already completed initial studies of the dam structure and have found that it is in good shape. A water level alarm has been installed which will identify and warn of high water levels.

The 2017 budget review process began last October and following several meetings, it was finally passed on February 6th with a 1.85% increase. Over expenditures may result from policing, weather conditions, equipment failure, fire / rescue but Council has tried to compensate for these issues.

A review of the current ward structure was held at the January 3rd meeting during which Council voted to amalgamate Ward 5 - Newboro and Ward 4 - North Crosby. The creation of the new North Crosby / Newboro Ward is an historic change for their community but we feel that it was in the best interest of the entire municipality. It was also decided that next the Council will be comprised of 2 Councillors per ward and 1 Mayor at large: a reduction of one member from the current structure. Unless appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board, these changes will be in place for the 2018 Municipal Election.

I had the opportunity to attend the Rural Ontario Municipal Association Conference in Toronto. Mayor Holman is the ROMA Chairperson and through his leadership and the efforts of his Board Members, it was a great conference with over 1000 delegates in attendance representing rural Ontario. The Premier of Ontario and 19 of her Ministers were present to interact with the municipal officials and to address concerns related to power/energy and the closure of small rural schools. Rideau Lakes CAO Mike Dwyer delivered an excellent presentation related to the Servicing Project for Rural Ontario; the study which was completed on the Jubilee Block. The session was well attended and we hope there could be funding available to support this project.

There was a First Impressions Presentation on February 25th in the Old Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. A delegation from the community of Batawa shared their first impression of our community. Following the meeting, the Delta Community Improvement/Beautification Committee will be working to complete some of their suggestions. Please feel free to contact me if you are interested in helping or if you would like additional information.

There are many events planned in our community in celebration of Canada's 150th birthday. 2017 also marks the 50th Anniversary of the Delta Maple Syrup Festival and Lower Beverley Lake Park as a municipal campground. Keep watching for updates in the Delta Pilot, on posters, in newspaper articles and on social media. We hope that you will come out and support your community and have some fun at the same time!

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS



Submission Deadline for the May / June Edition Is April 21st, 2017

MARCH 12th

Beverley Senior Citizens' Club #460

- Regular meeting with Pot-Luck luncheon on March 22nd at noon in the United Church Hall.
- Regular meeting with Pot-Luck luncheon on April 26th at noon in the United Church Hall.

Delta Agricultural Society

- Regular meeting on March 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the United Church Hall.
- 50th Anniversary of the Maple Syrup Festival: April 15th and 16th (See pages 2 and 3 details).
- Regular meeting on April 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fair Office.

Delta Baptist Church

- Good Friday Service on April 14th at 10:00 a.m.
- Easter Sunday worship and communion on April 16th at 9:30 a.m.

Delta Food Bank

- Open on the second and fourth Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the United Church Hall.
Call Sharon at 613-928-2885 for information.

Delta Mill Society

- Local Foods Dinner on April 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the Old Town Hall.

Delta United Church

- UCW Meeting on March 15th at 11:00 a.m. in the United Church Hall.
- Combined Good Friday Service on April 14th at 10:00 a.m. in the Delta Baptist Church.
- Easter Sunday pot-luck breakfast at 8:00 a.m. followed by worship at 9:15 a.m.
- UCW Meeting on April 19th at 11:00 a.m. in the United Church Hall.
- Syrian Refugee Assistance Event on April 28th at 3:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall with Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro as the guest speaker.

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.

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #207 and Auxiliary

- Euchre tournaments are held every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the United Church Hall.
Refreshments are served after the 5th game.



SUNDAY SERVICES	
Baptist Church	9:30 a.m.
Last Sunday of the month is Children's Sunday	
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United Church	9:15 a.m.



LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE PARK MANAGEMENT BOARD

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