DELTA MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL

The Board of Directors of the Delta Agricultural Society would like to extend their sincere appreciation to all of the volunteers, sponsors, vendors, attendees and partner organizations that helped make the 50th Anniversary celebrations the most successful in recent history.

During the festival, 2200 patrons enjoyed 135 kg / 297 lbs. of sausages, 260 kg / 573 lbs. of pancake batter mix, 2500 patties of butter, 240 litres of orange drink, and 443 lbs /150 litres of maple syrup.

Thanks to financial assistance provided through the Ontario 150 Community Celebration Program, additional attractions were added to the program. Wagon rides, a petting zoo, children’s activities and musical entertainment were enjoyed by all.

To commemorate this milestone in the festival’s history, a heritage plaque was crafted and installed at the Mill Creek Drive entrance to the fair grounds. The plaque, which was made possible through a one-time donation from the Township of Rideau Lakes, is the nineth in a series of heritage displays which showcase photos and anecdotes of Delta’s history.

The 51st edition will be held on April 21st and 22nd, 2018.

This heritage plaque may be viewed online at http://www.beverleylakepark.com/plaques/09-legacy-plaque9.htm
CHICKEN BARBEQUE

Saturday, May 21st from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Menu includes a half chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, veggies, dinner roll, pickles, and dessert. The barbeque will be held at the United Church Hall and it is being sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 207 Delta. Adult tickets are $15.00.

"Instilling a Passion for Our Heritage"

It has been a long winter but now that spring is upon us, the Delta Mill Society is offering many activities to celebrate the change of seasons. Come and join your friends and neighbours!

May 20th: SEASON OPENING of the Old Stone Mill National Historic Site. The mill will be open for tours from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily until Labour Day. Admission is free with donations being greatly appreciated.

May 27th and 28th: DOORS OPEN excursions featuring the Old Stone Mill, the Old Town Hall and the Blacksmith’s Shop. There will be guided tours of the mill from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. along with milling and blacksmithing demonstrations starting at 1:00 p.m. Complimentary light refreshments will be available at the Old Town Hall. Come and enjoy a tour of the mill, watch a blacksmith ply his art and see how flour was once made. Admission is free with donations being greatly appreciated.

June 10th: MILLING DEMONSTRATION
The 200-year-old mill stones in the Old Stone Mill will start grinding heritage wheat into flour at 1:00 p.m. Come out and see how top quality flour is made. Admission is free with donations being greatly appreciated.

June 20th: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Delta Mill Society will be held in the Old Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. Following the business meeting, featured speaker Chris Wooding will explore the connections of growing heritage wheat varieties and the complex relationship to soil nutrients, soil organic matter, and the implications of climate change. Chris is a volunteer miller and is a self-taught organic wheat farmer from the Gananoque area. Everyone is welcome to attend!
DELTA CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Our Village is full of people worth celebrating!

They are our neighbours, people who care about others, adults who give more than they take for the betterment of the community. These caring leaders are found throughout the Delta area and they set an example for others to follow. Their contributions, as informal volunteers, make life brighter for us all.

Sponsored by the Delta Agricultural Society, this award is intended to recognize the numerous unpaid, voluntary contributions made behind the scenes which provide extraordinary help, care and leadership to groups in the community over a long period of time.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
RECIPIENTS

1997 - William H. Morris
1998 - Cathy J. Livingston
1999 - Lorna H. Pearson
2000 - Dennis B. Halladay
2001 - Nellie M. Carbino
2002 - Marie J. Flood
2003 - Vivian E. Morris
2004 - Heather J. Halladay
2005 - M. Patricia Phillips
2006 - Brenda L. Perrin
2007 - John MacTavish
2008 - Hazel W. Wykes
2009 - Howard E. French
2010 - Carl G. Willard
2011 - Ruth L. Sheridan
2012 - Gerald A. Phillips
2013 - Edith I. Woods
2014 - Melinda & Art Cowan
2015 - Millard S. Goodsell
2016 - Betty Penstone

YOUTH AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

The Youth Volunteer Award of Excellence was created to recognize the outstanding achievements of Delta’s youth. The personal commitment of time and effort made by our youth are valuable contributions to the quality of life within the community. The leaders of tomorrow are among the many youth volunteers of today!

Young volunteers eligible for nomination must be between the ages of 10 and 18 and have made a substantial and innovative contribution of time, leadership, initiative, originality and perseverance without remuneration to a charity, not for profit organization or an individual.

This award is sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #207 and The Delta Agricultural Society.

YOUTH AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
RECIPIENTS

2002 - Kristen Patterson
2003 - Andrew Willard
2004 - Emily Willard
2005 - Caitlin Simpson
2006 - Shawn Sudds
2007 - Olivia Patterson
2008 - Connor Perrin
2009 - Travis Perrin
2010 - Sierra Miller
2011 - Rebekah Perrin
2012 - Not Awarded
2013 - Connor Pearson
2014 - Agibail Okum
2015 / 2016 - Not Awarded
NOMINATION FORM

Anyone may nominate a resident of Delta or the surrounding Rural Route area by completing the Nomination Form printed below and submitting it to the following:

DELTA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
Awards Selection Committee
P. O. Box 220
Delta, Ontario K0E 1G0

Former recipients are not eligible for future nomination for the same award.

The deadline for submission is June 1st of each calendar year.

Recipients will be notified of acknowledgement by a Committee Representative within one week prior to the presentation date.

Recognition Program
Please select a program for consideration:
- Citizen of the Year
- Youth Award of Excellence

Name of Nominee: ______________________________________________________
Mailing Address: ______________________________________________________
Telephone: _____________________________________________________________

Name of Primary Nominator: ______________________________________________
Contact Number: ________________________________________________________

Name of Supporting Nominator #1: _________________________________________

Name of Supporting Nominator #2: _________________________________________

The Primary Nominator must provide a Letter of Nomination explaining in detail the Candidate's community involvement.

Supporting Nominators must also provide detailed letters of support on behalf of the Candidate.

All three letters must be attached to this form and submitted before the June 1st deadline.
It is that time of year when our thoughts once again turn to sunshine, flowers and green grass. With the addition of four new members, the Delta Beautification Committee is back at work adding some colour into our village.

Thanks to everyone who cleaned the village on the annual Pitch-In Day on April 19th. A special shout out to those residents who keep their roads, ditches and streets clean every day.

The flower barrels have been cleaned and the benches have placed so now we wait for the planting season to arrive. Volunteers will be planting flowers in the barrels, at the village signs and gazebos on Saturday, May 27th at 9:00 a.m. To mark Canada’s 150th birthday, a colour scheme of red and white will be used. Please consider joining the volunteers in planting the flowers this year when they gather at the parking lot across the road from the Jubilee Block…..you will be able to identify the group by their gloves and shovels!

Three trees will be transplanted into Stevens Park in June; additional enhancements in the fall are dependent upon budget funding.

This year the Committee will be focusing upon the rehabilitation of Russell Park: the corner park along the shore of Upper Beverley Lake that is central to the Old Stone Mill and the Old Town Hall. With the goal of making Russell Park a focal point in the village where people can stop and enjoy the simple peace and quiet of village life, residents are asked to keep this area in mind when thinning home gardens. Anyone with extra plants are asked to contact Mary Beth Wylie by calling 613-928-2942 or by emailing jcsweeney@sympatico.ca.

Delta is a unique village that is just off the beaten track. As visitors come through the village, the Beautification Committee is hopeful that they will be surprised and feel like they have just discovered a special destination. To that end, the Committee will be sponsoring a contest which will capitalize on the village’s history with the ‘Best use of an antique as a planter or incorporated into the garden’. Residents should be creative and consider planting flowers in old wheelbarrows, or old trunks or even in a piece of farm equipment from the back yard.

The Committee has once again entered ‘Delta’ into the Rideau Lakes Township Beautification contest with judging being held during the second week of July.

The Beautification Committee has other decorating ideas which will enhance the village and help celebrate Canada’s 150th birthday. The Village of Delta was established seventy-three years before Canada came into being as a country. It is now time to remind people of how long Delta has been in existence and how beautiful the area is.

With a lot of work ahead of them, the Committee is excited about their plans and vision for the village. “This is your community too, so please join us in celebrating this beautiful place.”
LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE PARK Opens for the Season on May 12th

Spring is here and it is business as usual at Lower Beverley Lake Park. Cottage / campsite reservations for the 2017-2018 season are now being accepted daily and can be made by calling 613-928-2881.

In-Park Canteen facilities will be open on Friday to Sunday throughout May and June. In addition to ordering at the Canteen, members of the general public are welcome to attend park events.

Visit our website (www.beverleylakepark.com) for a complete listing of all 2017 events. Unless noted otherwise, all events are held at the Bradford Pavilion.

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MONDAY MORNING COFFEE

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

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

Photo: Your hostess, Barb MacLean

DELTA BRANCH OF THE RIDEAU LAKES PUBLIC LIBRARY
18 King Street, Delta, ON K0G 1E0
Phone: 613-928-2991

Welcome back to all of our seasonal residents and campers!

Our first Pop-up library for kids took place during the Mighty Book Sale at the Delta Maple Syrup Festival. The kids enjoyed the crafts and games while the grown-ups browsed the books and other sale items. Thanks to everyone’s donations; it was a BIG success and we raised over $1,000!!!

The Rideau Lakes Local History Centre continues to be a busy place on Thursday afternoons. Contact Sue (rideaulakeshistory@gmail.com) to book an appointment between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.!

Contact Ashley (ashleyrideaulakes@gmail.com) to book a one-on-one tech help session.
Free wi-fi is available as well as the use of the computers and printers.

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.
MUNICIPAL NEWS from
Councillor Cathy Livingston

Well Spring has finally arrived, the song birds are back, the frogs are chirping and the daffodils are blooming. I can hardly wait to see the spectacular sight when the Canada 150 tulips, that were planted in Stone Mills Park and beneath the two village entrance signs by volunteers from the Delta Beautification Committee, grow and flower to show the Canadian Flag.

It has been a sad time at the Council table with the tragic loss of our friend and Co-Councilor Doug Good. He was a great supporter of the Township of Rideau Lakes and a leader within the community of Portland. Doug is sincerely missed by all. On April 3rd, Council declared his seat vacant and voted to hold a by-election within Ward 1 - Bastard & South Burgess. This by-election will give you, the residents, the opportunity to vote for his replacement. Please refer to Page 9 for complete details.

Charitable and Not-for-Profit Organizations within the township were invited to submit an application for a Canada 150 grant that would help them celebrate this very special anniversary for our country. A total of 17 organizations submitted an application and were successful in receiving the $500 grant. There will be a lot of different celebrations being held throughout the entire municipality so be sure to watch for advertising, Locally, grants were awarded to the Delta Agricultural Society and the Delta Mill Society.

The Economic Development Committee hosted its first annual Business Breakfast Celebration on April 7th at the South Elmsley Hall with the following businesses being recognized:

- **Business of the Year:**
  Country Roads Community Health Centre
  (www.crchc.on.ca)

- **Business Innovation Award:** 2 Low Inc.
  (www.2low.ca)

- **Young Entrepreneur Award:** Scott Blair of
  Scott Blair Construction
  (www.scottblairconstruction.com)

The 50th annual Delta Maple Syrup Festival was a huge success last month and we look forward to another celebration in June when Lower Beverley Lake Park will be commemorating 50 years as a municipal camping facility. We have great volunteer support in this community which can assist these organizations as they continue to grow each year.

The Delta Community Improvement Committee is busy working behind the scenes and will soon have some information and an invitation to the community within the next couple of months. The Beautification Committee will be diligently working with this group to present our village in the best way we possibly can so when people come for a visit, they will want to return or even live here.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

DATES SET FOR RIDEAU LAKES BY-ELECTION

Chantry, Ontario, April 24, 2017 – At the special meeting held April 24, 2017, Rideau Lakes Council passed a By-Law to authorize a By-Election to be held for the Office of Councillor in Ward 1 – Bastard and South Burgess.

Dates for the By-Election are set out as follows:

- Tuesday, April 25, 2017 – Nomination Period opens
- Wednesday, May 31, 2017 – Nomination Day
- Saturday, July 8, 2017 – Advance Poll (10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)
- Friday, July 14, 2017 – Election Day (10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

Candidates: In accordance with the requirements and time limits set out the Municipal Elections Act, eligible individuals wishing to run as a candidate in this By-Election have until May 31st at 2:00 p.m. to submit their nomination papers to the Returning Officer, Mary Ellen Truelove. A Candidate’s package will be provided.

Eligible Electors: Electors in Ward 1 – Bastard & South Burgess will be voting by traditional ballot. There is no mail in ballot or other alternative voting method for this By-Election. You must attend the polling station on the Advanced Poll or Election Day to cast a ballot. The Advance Poll and Election Day will be held in Council Chambers at the Municipal Office in Chantry, 1439 County Road 8. In accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, eligible electors are those that are:

a) At least 18 years old; and
b) Not prohibited from voting under any law; and
c) A resident of Ward 1 or
d) A non-resident of the Township of Rideau Lakes and you or your spouse own or rent property in Ward 1.

Questions regarding the Ward 1 By-Election can be directed to the Clerk at 800-928-2250 extension 293 or by email at mtruelove@twprideaulakes.on.ca.

To learn more about the 2017 Ward 1 By-Election visit our website at www.twprideaulakes.on.ca.

CONTACT:
Mary Ellen Truelove
Clerk, Returning Officer
Township of Rideau Lakes
1-613-928-2251 x293
mtruelove@twprideaulakes.on.ca
Submission Deadline for the July / August Edition Is June 16th, 2017

Beverley Senior Citizens’ Club #460
- Regular meeting with Pot-Luck luncheon on May 24th at noon in the United Church Hall.
- Barbeque luncheon on June 16th at noon in the Bradford Pavilion at Lower Beverley Park.

Delta Agricultural Society
- Regular meeting on May 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fair Office.
- Regular meeting on June 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fair Office.

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
- Doors open tours on May 27th and 28th between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- Milling Demonstration on June 10th at 1:00 p.m. in the Old Stone Mill.
- Annual General Meeting on June 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Old Town Hall.

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.

Lower Beverley Lake Park
- Complete list of in-park events can be found on Page 6.

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #207 and Auxiliary
- Chicken barbeque on May 21st at 4:00 p.m. in the United Church Hall.
- Euchre tournaments are held every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall. Refreshments are served after the 5th game.

SUNDAY SERVICES
Baptist Church 9:30 a.m.
United Church 9:15 a.m.

Lower Sunday of the month is Children’s Sunday