

DELTA PILOT.



November ~ December 2017

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Available online at <http://www.beverleylakepark.com/events.html>



Celebrating the Season



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 18th, Delta Park will be open for tours on five consecutive Saturday nights. More than 90,000 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 Delta Fair Grounds on ½ hour intervals starting at 5:00 p.m. Patrons may still walk through the park by entering at the Boat Launch gate.



ADMISSION RATES

(Inclusive of HST)

ADULTS: \$5.00

(13 years of age and older)

YOUTH: Free

(12 years of age and under)



Date	Meals served at the United Church Hall starting at 4:00 p.m.	Price
November 18 th	Lasagna, garlic bread, Caesar salad, dessert and beverage	\$11.00 p.p.
November 25 th	Spaghetti, garlic bread, Caesar salad, dessert and beverage	\$11.00 p.p.
December 02 nd	Shepherd's Pie, garden salad, roll, dessert and beverage	\$11.00 p.p.
December 9 th	Beef Stew with biscuits, garden salad, dessert and beverage	\$11.00 p.p.
December 16 th	Turkey Dinner	\$17.00 p.p.

Reservations, required for dinner on December 16th, can be made by contacting Pat at 613-928-2712 or via email to harymary@ripnet.com before the Monday prior to the dinner.

Take outs will be available each evening.

Tours of the Old Stone Mill will be available each night between 5:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.



Christmas Gift Table
and
Public Washrooms
will be available
at the Old Town Hall.



DELTA COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE



As many will recall, members of the Delta Community Improvement Committee (DCIC) recently participated in the First Impressions program as sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs through which, the communities of Delta and Batawa were twinned. Following reciprocal visitations, the first impressions of both communities were shared amongst residents during an Open House forum in February at the Old Town Hall.

One of the main weaknesses identified for the Delta community was a lack of an online presence. While individual websites are available for Lower Beverley Lake Park, the Delta Mill Society, the Delta Fair and others, there was no one umbrella site which united and promoted the village itself as community travel destination.

Following recommendations presented in the Batawa visitation report, the Delta Community Improvement Committee with support through the Township of Rideau Lakes Community Improvement Plan (CIP) engaged the services of graphic artist and web site designer Julie Garneau. As a youth, Julie lived in Delta before leaving to complete her post secondary studies in Ottawa. Subsequent meetings were held between Julie, the Committee and members of the general public to discuss potential marketing strategies.

A Message from Julie.....

This “**DO DELTA ONTARIO**” logo was selected due to its overwhelming liking from both the community meeting as well as the Survey Monkey public questionnaire. This is more than just a logo - it’s a call-to-action, and promotes what Delta has to offer. The same font was used for the DO and the ‘Delta, Ontario’ to help create a visual connection of how the DO also stands for Delta, Ontario.

Finalized colour scheme for the website

Blue - represents the two lakes that meet in Delta, a focal point in our community.

Grey - depicts the Mill’s stone structure, the anchor of Delta.

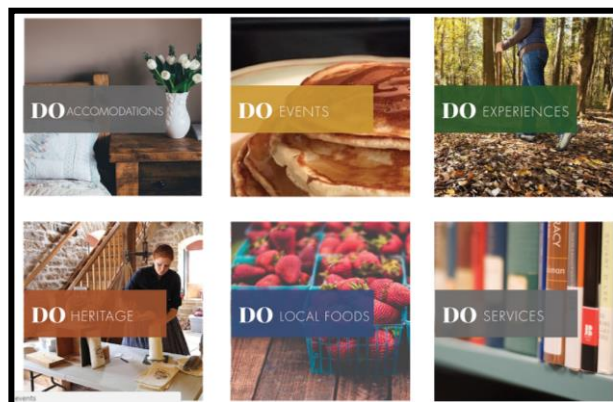
Golden Yellow - represents warmth as well as wheat which was the original economic foundation for Delta.

Burnt Orange - was chosen to represent brick, a large number of houses in the community are red brick – a symbol of our heritage.

Green - symbolizes land and the abundance of nature.

Check out the website and help spread the word: DO DELTA ONTARIO at www.deltaontario.com

Thanks to everyone who participated in this project. We have a lot more to do but this is a great start!



CANADA 150 MEDALS PRESENTED to LEEDS-GRENVILLE VOLUNTEERS



The Brockville Arts Centre was overflowing with community pride on October 11th as volunteers from across the United Counties of Leeds-Grenville received Canada 150 medals.

The Leeds-Grenville award was commissioned in the spring by MP Gord Brown and MPP Steve Clark following an announcement by the Federal Government that there would not be a commemorative medal to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary as had been the case with the 1967 Centennial and the 125th Anniversary in 1992.

The community nominations were reviewed by a four-member independent selection committee. It was noted that while 152 individuals were being recognized, there could have been many, many more recipients based upon the amount of community work being carried out by the residents of Leeds and Grenville.

Delta area recipients included Anna Greenhorn and William Morris. Anna was recognized for her lengthy civic involvement and her contributions to municipal heritage through her commitment to the Delta Mill Society while William was recognized for his long-term contributions in the areas of education, economic development and civic involvement within the Rideau Lakes community.



TERRY FOX RUN for CANCER RESEARCH

The 2017 Edition of the Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research was held in Delta on Sunday, September 17th.



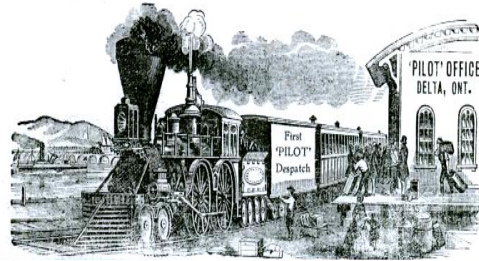
Based at the Delta Fair Grounds, the event began with the registration desk opening at 8:00 a.m. Participants walked / ran through the Village and Lower Beverley Lake Park throughout the morning.

A total of \$3,329.15 was raised at this year's Delta event with a record \$1,498.15 coming from Lower Beverley Lake Park camper sponsorships. Since the campers started supporting this cause in 2003, a total of \$16,400 has been collected within the park.

THANK YOU for YOUR SUPPORT

First issued on February 28th, 2011, this version of the *Delta Pilot* has been promoting the activities of Delta's not-for-profit and charitable organizations for the past seven years. While all of the expenses incurred with producing and distributing the Pilot were initially covered by the Lower Beverley Lake Park Management Board, an invitation was once again extended to all of the organizations in Delta to join with the Park Board to ensure the longevity of the Pilot.

TOOT! TOOT! TOOT!



Thanks to the combined generosity of the following organizations, the residents of Delta and area have been able to receive the Delta Pilot in 2017.

Beverley Senior Citizens' Club #460, Delta

Delta Agricultural Society

Delta Baptist Church

Delta Mill Society

Delta United Church

Lower Beverley Lake Association

Lower Beverley Lake Park Management Board

Rideau Lakes Public Library

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #207 and Auxiliary

Township of Rideau Lakes

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SEASONAL CAMPERS DONATE \$23,000 TO PARK



The Seasonal Campers' Recreation Committee at Lower Beverley Lake Park recently donated a record breaking \$23,000 to the park to cover all expenses associated with the children's programs and activities offered at the park this summer along with a portion of the two new playground climbers which were installed in June. Funds were raised through bingos, raffles and various catering projects.

Photo (l-r): Park Manager William Morris, Park Board Member Penny Sawyer, Campers' Recreation Chairperson Rose Hyland and Seasonal Camper Liaison Al Moorhouse.

DELTA FAIR RAFFLE

7 Cubic Foot Freezer with \$200 Meat Package and \$100 Gift Basket from Valley Custom Cutting



Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

Draw Date is December 22nd, 2017

License Number M801003



Anyone interested in purchasing tickets can contact Tracy Perrin at 613-802-1054

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE



Members of the Community are invited to join the Comrades of **Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 207 Delta** for a Memorial Service at the Cenotaph in Stone Mills Park on Saturday, November 11th at 11:00 a.m. Refreshments will be served at the Legion Hall following the Service.

If you wish to place a wreath on behalf of an organization or a loved one, contact Pat Phillips at 613-928-2712 or via email to harymary@ripnet.com

"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!



"Instilling a Passion for Our Heritage"



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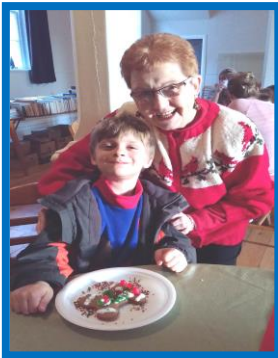
The 2017 season was very busy this summer with thousands of visitors coming to tour the Old Stone Mill from countries all over the world including Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Sweden, Korea and even Turks & Cacaos as well as many communities within the United States and Canada.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 3rd annual Harvest Festival. By all accounts, it was a huge success with even the weather cooperating. The 2018 festival date is September 29th.

CHRISTMAS AT THE MILL

Lit up with festive candles as part of *Celebrating the Season*, the Old Stone Mill will be open between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Admission to the mill is free; donations are appreciated.

Be sure to visit our Christmas Gift Table in the Old Town Hall where the Public Washrooms will also be available.



KID'S GINGERBREAD CRAFT FAIR

Hosted by the Delta Mill Society on December 2nd between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., children accompanied by their parents are welcome to have fun decorating gingerbread cookies at the Old Town Hall. Cookie supplies will be provided at no charge. As the children enjoy an afternoon of decorating cookies, parents can enjoy a hot drink while listening to Christmas music and shopping in the gift shop. Hotdogs and soft drinks will also be available for purchase.

Contact cathy.livingston@sympatico.ca for additional information.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Plan to be part of Delta's Festive Christmas Craft Market on December 9th in the Old Town from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. There is no admission charge so people are encouraged to come, browse and maybe even pick up a gift or two for someone special from a variety of crafts and giftware that will be offered for sale by local vendors. Homemade chili and refreshments will also be available from the Delta Mill Society to warm shoppers as they browse or sit down to dine.

The rental cost for a 6' table for the day is only \$10. Contact the Mill Society via email to info@deltamill.org or by calling 613-928-2584 before November 30th to reserve a table.



PLANNING BEGINS FOR 2018 DELTA FAIR

While this year's Delta Fair concluded just four months ago, the Delta Agricultural Society is already making plans for the 188th Anniversary edition.

A Board of 25 Directors, 30 Associate Directors and 4 Junior Directors were recently elected at the Annual General Meeting. Committees are responsible for organizing next year's fair which will be held from July 26th to the 29th.

Officers for the upcoming term include Art Cowan as President, Melinda Held-Cowan as First Vice-President, Brent Rathwell as Second Vice-President, Tracy Perrin as Treasurer, William Morris as Secretary and Yvonne Landon as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.



DELTA COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

On Saturday, November 25th, the community of Delta will be hosting the 23rd annual "Delta Country Christmas" event featuring the Deltones Community Choir.

The event will start at the Baptist Church at 6:30 p.m. with a short walk to the United Church and then onto St. Paul's Church before returning to the Mill Drive Shed. There will be choir anthems and carol singing amidst the Christmas story narrative with children dressed in biblical costumes representing the key people in the Christmas story.



From humble beginnings in 2007, 'Build A Mountain of Food' now collects food and cash for the food banks within 11 local communities. Last year alone, 164,695 lbs. of food, and \$108,982.41 in cash was collected over a six-week campaign in the towns and villages of Almonte, Carleton Place, Perth, Lanark, Smiths Falls, Westport, Elgin, Portland, Merrickville, Athens, and Delta.

This year's campaign is dedicated to the memory of Doug Good and Mike Carty who were strong supporters of the Build a Mountain of Food Campaign.

The Delta Food Drive will be held at the Delta Country Market on December 16th between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

DELTA BRANCH of the RIDEAU LAKES PUBLIC LIBRARY

18 King Street, Delta, ON K0G 1E0

Phone: 613-928-2991

Website: www.rideaulakeslibrary.ca

Facebook: www.facebook.com/rideaulakespubliclibrary



It was wonderful to have so many people put on costumes and their best poses for the heritage photo booth at the Delta Harvest Fair.

This photo is the general store in Chantry and the little guy posing is actually the great-great grandson of the owner on the right. Technology is mind boggling!

Library staff continue to partner with volunteers with the **Rideau Lakes Local History Centre** to help digitize local collections of photos and documents. For additional information, contact Sue via email to rideaulakeshistory@gmail.com. The centre is open on Thursday afternoons between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 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, printers and fax services.

When the colder weather hits, we will have coffee, tea and hot cocoa available at the Branch.



Rideau Lakes
PUBLIC 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.

DELTA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

It has been a lovely fall and the flower barrels have looked great throughout the summer season; however, volunteers will soon be cleaning them out as we prepare for Christmas.

The Russell Park flower bed has been a great addition to the community. Thanks to all of the volunteers who participated in the creation of this bed as it is truly lovely. Special thanks to Bob Sawyer for donating the rails and to Grant Ross for building the rail fence. The wagon wheel purchased from Merton Phillips looks great. Daffodil and tulip bulbs have been planted in special places as to provide a burst of colour in the spring. Plans are underway to plant more perennials in the spring; we welcome any donations.



Thanks to everyone who decorated their properties for the Harvest Season. The winners of the Harvest Decorating Contest, which was sponsored by Mensen Farms, were Robert & Julie Coon and Gerardus & Julie Van Muyen.

Thanks to all the residents who keep our village looking so warm and welcoming. It won't be long before the village utility poles, gazebos and trees will be decorated for Christmas thanks to efforts of the Lower Beverley Lake Park staff.



**MUNICIPAL NEWS from
Councillor Cathy Livingston**

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Telephone: 613-928-2796

Where has the summer gone? We sure can't complain about the beautiful weather we have been enjoying this fall as the flowers are still blooming amongst the pumpkins on my veranda.

Council has been busy and we will be soon starting 2018 budget deliberations. As part of the pre-budget consultation, residents can complete an online survey to share their suggestions for future projects.

We have many projects in progress which are part of our strategic plan for hamlet vitality; these are just some of the highlights...

- ✓ Our CAO has received a grant to continue working on the "Servicing Study" which uses the Jubilee Block in Delta as the model.
- ✓ The CRCA and MNRF are working on a study of the flooding of the Upper Beverley Lake.
- ✓ The Delta Beautification Committee did a great job this year with the flower planters and the creation of the new flower bed in Russell Park.
- ✓ Through Council support and the Community Improvement Plan (CIP), Delta now has its own website www.deltaontario.com. Check it out!

Plans are being finalized for the reconstruction of Elgin's Main Street from Rideau District High School to Highway #15. This project is being shared between the Counties and the Township. The South Crosby Recreation Committee is fund raising for a new concrete rink surface.

New concrete sidewalks are being installed along Water Street in Portland and Council is still reviewing available options for dock renewal in the Portland Harbour.

The municipality and the residents of Newboro will have an opportunity to provide landscaping ideas for work to be completed around the County bridge which crosses the Rideau Canal.

The Economic Development Committee have set a work plan for next year with one of the principles being "How can we help you?" Don't be afraid to ask Staff for their help as they are there to help you with your questions and they will do the best they can to work with you.

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee hosted a very successful Doors Open program in August with over 3500 combined visits to the 19 sites within the municipality which included the Old Stone Mill, the William Bell House and St. Paul's Anglican Church.

Delta Legion Branch #207 will be hosting a Remembrance Day Service on November 11th at the Cenotaph in Stone Mills Park at 11:00 a.m. Come out and remember all of those people who made the great sacrifice so that we may live in freedom and thank all those who continue to serve our Country and keep us safe.

Staff at Lower Beverley Lake Park have been stringing Christmas lights ever since the park closed for the season on Thanksgiving weekend. Be sure to attend 'Celebrating the Season 2018' which starts on November 18th. Between park staff and the Beautification Committee volunteers, the village will once again be beautifully decorated for Christmas.

Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year!

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE for the
January / February Edition Is December 15th, 2017**

Beverley Senior Citizens' Club #460

- Regular meeting with Pot-Luck luncheon on November 22nd at noon in the United Church Hall.
- Regular meeting with a catered meal on December 12th at noon in the United Church Hall.

Delta Agricultural Society

- Regular meeting on November 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Fair Office.

Delta Baptist Church

- Remembrance Day Service on November 5th at 9:30 a.m.
- Christmas Eve Service on December 24th at 6:00 p.m.



November 5th at 2:00 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.
- 'Build A Mountain of Food' drive on December 16th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Delta Country Market.

Delta Mill Society

- See Page 6 for a complete listing of events.

Delta United Church

- UCW Meeting on November 15th & December 20th at 11:00 a.m. in the United Church Hall.
- Christmas Eve Service on December 24th at 5:00 p.m.; there is no morning service.

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

- See Page 1 for a complete listing of events.

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #207 and Auxiliary

- Remembrance Day Service on November 11th at 11:00 a.m. in Stone Mills Park, Delta.
- Euchre tournaments are held every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall.



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



LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE PARK MANAGEMENT BOARD

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