



Welcome to Your Community Newsletter

We hope you don't receive this too late but...**MAY MADNESS** is to be held at the Town Hall on May 12th from 9:00 to 1:00. Sort out your old stuff and purge. Someone else will love it- and you'll be supporting our local library. Breakfast and coffee will be available!

At May Madness, the CWL will be hosting a **BAKE SALE** with all proceeds to go to Cathy Boudreau. Cathy has had some serious health issues and has not been able to work to support herself. Any contribution of baked goods, support of the bake sale and donations would be greatly appreciated to assist this long-time member of the CWL and our community. If you miss May Madness, please contact Linda Chartrand if you would like to help Cathy out.

Bob Labre, wearing his **COMMUNITY FIRE SAFETY OFFICER** hat, will be hosting a fire extinguisher display as well as trading your old smoke alarm for a new one; IF you have proof of HCM residency.

CANADA DAY celebrations are being organized for Old Mackey Park. Join us for a great afternoon together. Bring singing voices, mu-

sical instruments, a lawn chair, and your wonderful selves.

Don't forget the **26TH ANNUAL FISHING DERBY** at Antler's Kingfisher Lodge in Deux Rivieres on August 17, 18, & 19 in support of the Missing Link.

Sunday, August 26 is the date set for the annual **OUTDOOR MASS & BBQ** to be held at Old Mackey Park. This annual event is organized by the CWL to raise money for the Cemetery Board.

The **PATRICIA LAIR RUN/WALK FOR CHARITY** will be held Saturday, May 12, 2012 in Deep River, more details inside.

There are many opportunities for our community to celebrate together. Do join in and become an active participant.

As usual, none of these events could happen without the hours of work from dedicated **VOLUNTEERS**. Community groups are always looking for others willing to help. If you have extra time on your hands and would like to give a little something back to your community, I'm sure you'll be welcomed with open arms.

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COUNTDOWN TO CHANGE

Bag tags have been received in the office and will soon be distributed. Use of tags will commence on June 1, 2012. 1 bag collection limits and tipping fees have started on May 1, 2012. Full enforcement will commence on July 1, 2012. See details inside.

KIDS CORNER

Thanks to Brynn and Ainsley for their fabulous contributions to our newsletter! We look forward to stories, poems, riddles and art from all you - kids and no-longer-little kids.

Did you figure out **how the tiger moth protects itself?**

Answer: It sends off ultrasonic sounds to confuse its enemy, the bat. Amazing, eh?

New question for kids: How does a lamb find its mother?



New question for no-longer-little kids: If you could live someone else's life for one week – just to see what it would be like - would you want to? If not, why not? If so, who would you choose and why?

We look forward to your answers. Send them in and we'll print some of them in the next newsletter.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM



A weekly Children's Program has started on Thursdays at 10 a.m. for pre-schoolers. Details will follow as to place and time.

Thanks to the Vesey Fund-Raising and the Library Board, a mobile corner will be set up in the Municipal Hall for children, parents and caregivers to meet with one another and share stories, music and play.

Thank you, too, to Anne Seck for donating a beautiful felt wall hanging made by Brandy Lekovic, a felt artist from Swisha, with the help of a group of children from an Artists-in-the-Garden workshop in Deep River. Its glorious colours truly make a Children's Corner.

If you would like to join us with your child or grand-child, please contact Cathy at ballaboudreaudc

@hotmail.com.



MONTHLY HEALTH CHECK & WELLNESS CLINICS

The second Wednesday of each month the North Renfrew Long Term Care visits our community centre and provides companionship, entertainment and lunch for our seniors (cost of lunch is still \$5.50!).

In conjunction, the North Renfrew Emergency Services has started a program where they will provide a health assessment for you. They will check vitals: blood pressure, blood sugar levels, heart rate etc. and help you to keep a record so that you (and they) can spot trends or changes that might warrant further consideration by your regular health practitioner. Please come out between 10:00 am and noon, the second Wednesday of each month for your free consultation. For privacy purposes paramedics are normally

BEAR REPORTING LINE

The MNR operates a toll-free bear reporting line at 1-866-514-2327; 24 hours a day, seven days a week from April to November with trained staff determining appropriate response.

WELLNESS

The ladies have resumed exercise sessions with DVD instruction on Tuesday and Thursday mornings starting at 9:00 a.m. in the community hall. Everyone is welcome; beginners and experienced alike. Wear comfortable shoes and clothes, bring a water bottle and a towel. The current program is a “walking” program although the content will likely evolve over time. GET ACTIVE!

MUSIC GROUP

Several residents are meeting on Sunday afternoons to develop a Community Songbook for use at community gatherings throughout the year. Thanks to Gerald Chaput, a few of us are learning a few tunes for sing-alongs, debuting on July 1st. You sure don't have to have talent to join us - just a sense of humour and a love of music. Bring a musical instrument if you have one - even if you're a beginner. If you'd like to join us, please contact Marion at chaputmarion@yahoo.ca, or call evenings at 586-2270.

COMMUNITY FIRE SAFETY OFFICER

A component of community fire safety is education. At May Madness

It is vital to know what type of extinguisher you are using. Using the wrong type of extinguisher for the wrong type of fire can be life-threatening.

Bob will attend with a fire extinguisher demonstration. Weather permitting, Bob hopes to have tanks so that you can practise putting out a fire.

Come out to speak with Bob and learn how to properly use a fire extinguisher using the PASS process. More info at <http://www.fire-extinguisher101.com/>

A second requirement is to ensure that everyone has a working smoke alarm in their residence and/or sleeping quarters. Bring in your old smoke alarm/detector and proof of residency and receive a new smoke alarm. We do have a limit of one per residence at this time.

In the Community

NEIGHBOUR TO NEIGHBOUR

THANK YOU TO:

: The Missing Link for a wonderful event in appreciation of their volunteers and landowners;



: Melinda, John, Linda, Roseanne, Betsy, Gayle and Gerry (through the CWL) for rising to the occasion and providing a delicious meal on short notice;

: Gerald Chaput for volunteering his time and talent with such a busy schedule;

: Marlene and Jim Gibson for their tireless efforts within the community in all that they do;

: Fran Kelly-Chamberlain and Cathy Sutherland for volunteering as the newest members of the Public Library Board;

: the HCM Public Library Board Members, staff and volunteers. Next time you attend an event or visit the library take a look at the products and services available in such a small community.

The library has grown extensively over the past years thanks to the wonderful individuals who have worked hard to provide this quality level of service. Without the efforts of the board and their fellow volun-

teers this community would be without an extremely valuable resource.

Thank you to all those who volunteer their time to make your library a hub for the community. Without you, the costs of providing the services available would be significantly higher for Council and all ratepayers, most especially with recent budget cuts.

Next time you get a chance, thank your library board, staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication.

WELCOME:

: to Tracy Bruzas and Denis Sal-lefranc, Patrick and Kiera who have moved to Mackey from Swisha;

: to Leona and Charles Fraser who have moved to Stonecliffe;

: to Dave and Cindy Barrington who moved to Mackey last July from the Deep River area;

BEST WISHES TO:

: to John and Trudy Miller in their adventures in Moosonee

: to Lita Therrien – our wise woman, mentor, storyteller, caring neighbour and friend, who has contributed so much to our Townships.

Thank you for all that you have given us of your talent, perceptiveness, and self. We wish you every blessing in your new home in Pembroke.

VESEY'S FLOWERS & BULBS

Thank you to all those who purchased summer flowering bulbs and

flowers for our community fundraising. We hope to have the fall pamphlets available for July 1st.

Please contact Cathy (586-2634) to place orders before September 28th, or place orders through the Municipal Office, Yates Store, or Priscilla Beauchamp in Deux Rivieres. Thank you in advance for your support.

THE PATRICIA LAIR RUN/WALK FOR CHARITY

The walk will begin at 9:00 on Saturday, May 12 at the Deep River Arena. There is a choice of 5km, 10km, and 15km routes. The \$25 registra-

All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society and the Deep River and District Hospital.

tion fee includes a t-shirt (pre-registration required for correct size). If you register the day of the event, t-shirts will be on an "as supplies last" basis. There will also be raffles, a bake sale and a silent auction. If you would like to register for the event or pledge a donation please contact Cathy McKay 613-584-9673 bcmckay2@hotmail.com or Betsy Pichette 613-586-2301 or m.bpichette@hotmail.com.

BOOK REVIEWS

Take advantage of your local library...



Ru by Kim Thuy, translated by Sheila Fischman, is a well deserved Governor General's Literary Award for Fiction winner. Thuy's writing is fluid and evocative, describing the transition from war-torn Vietnam to a new beginning in Quebec. Experiences of isolation, brutality, compassion, fear and beauty are expressed as a tapestry in her recollections of past and present. This book of fiction is a gem and a slim read.

Another great summer read for those of us (most of us) over fifty: *I Feel Great About My Hands and Other Unexpected Joys of Aging*, edited by Shari Graydon. Forty-one women reflect on the inevitable process of aging from many perspectives, sharing their struggles and their joys with humour and perceptiveness. Mary Walsh (comic, actor, activist), Lynn Miles (singer), Elizabeth May (politician and activist), and Alison Smith (CBC journalist) are just a few of the contributors to this entertaining and thoughtful collection. Proceeds benefit Medi-aAction, an organization which challenges the stereotyping and underrepresentation of women in media.

MUNICIPAL SIGNAGE COMMITTEE

At budget time Council heard a request from a member of the community to finance a signage project. A committee is to be formed whose members will research our community and make a presentation to Council outlining the details and costs of two signs to be erected at either end of the Municipality. These signs are to reflect who Head, Clara & Maria and its residents were and now are.

Council is formally calling for volunteers to assist in this process. Without volunteers and community input, this project will not likely be completed. If you are interested, please call Melinda or Noella at 613-586-2526.

THE MISSING LINK SNOWMOBILE CLUB

www.missinglinksc.ca

Elections were held at the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday April 10, 2012. The Club Positions for the next 2 year term - 2012-2014 are as follows:

President - Doug Antler

Vice President - David Balla-Boudreau

Secretary - Marlene Gibson

Treasurer - Todd Dowser

ORS Coordinator - Chris Dowser

Signage Coordinator -David Balla-Boudreau

Trail Coordinator - Doug Antler

Response Coordinator -Chris Dowser

Inspection Coordinator -Doug Antler

Volunteer Coordinator -Marlene Gibson

Permit Coordinator -Todd Dowser

Grooming Coordinator -Andy Boissonneault - West end. Brent Allen - East end.

Landowner Coordinator - Marlene Gibson

PR Coordinator -Brent Allen

Trail Patrol Coordinator David Balla-Boudreau

Trail Patrol Person-Andy Boissonneault, Jim Watters

COMING EVENTS

2nd Annual Ball Tournament—June (date to be chosen)

Contact Albert Chartier
613-586-2346

26th Annual Deux Rivieres Fishing Derby—August 17, 18, & 19

Contact Doug Antler 1-705 747-085

In the Community

EMPLOYMENT

2012 will bring two highway construction projects to the area.

We have confirmed that one contractor will be BEI (Bonnechere Excavating Inc.) out of Renfrew. They will require: labourers, office staff/clerks, operators and A-Z licensed drivers.

Send resume and cover letter attention: HR Department by fax to 613-432-1140 or via email to hr@bonnechereexcavating.com. For more information their phone number is 613-432-1120.

The second project was awarded to Miller Group Inc. My attempt at obtaining contact information from them was not returned but listed on their website is:

Miller HR Department
505 Miller Ave PO Box
4080

Markham, ON. L3R 9R8

Phone: (905) 475-6660

Fax: (905) 475-6542

E-Mail: hr@millergroup.ca

CANADA DAY IN THE TOWNSHIPS!

Once again we shall be celebrating Canada Day down at Old Mackey Park from

12 - 4 pm. with music, barbecue, games, face painting and the famous children's parade. Bring sun screen, lawn chair and your neighbourly self, and listen to the sounds of *Com-*

JULY 1, 2012 FROM 12:00-4:00
FOOD, FUN, AND HOPEFULLY
SUN, CELEBRATE CANADA IN
YOUR COMMUNITY

mon Ground by the waters of the Ottawa River.

We welcome anyone who would like to share his/her talent on stage. Contact Marion at chaputmarion@yahoo.ca, or just come on up and do your thing!

Bring pictures and stories to share at our Local History Booth. Dress up, down or wacky, and have fun together in one of the most beautiful spots in the world.

This year, in an effort to ensure that all residents feel welcome and have the opportunity to participate, Council is considering as-

sisting with transportation for residents from Deux Rivieres or Bissett. If you would like to attend our community celebration but have challenges with transportation, please let our office staff know and we can make arrangements to have someone pick you up and take you back home. Call Melinda or Noella at 613-586-2526 or email twpshcm@xplornet.com and let us know who you are, and how many people would require a ride. We will make arrangements for you. In order to ensure that we have adequate service, please contact us no later than June 15, 2012. Come, be a part of your celebration.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Looking for a way to obtain your community volunteer hours? The Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria along with the HCM Library Board have agreed to provide supervised activities and tasks which will allow high school students to obtain their required volunteer hours. For more information send your request to twpshcm@xplornet.com for review. We hope to have more details in the near future but are very flexible in time and activities required.

MEET & GREET

Wanda and Richard Baril!

Wanda and Richard moved to Deux Rivieres from North Bay about 11 years ago, making Yvon Duchene's home theirs. Richard first came to the area with a few friends from southern Ontario to the Little Beaver Hunt Camp, and eventually became co-owner of what became Judy and Omer Beaulieu's home, just east of Brent Road.

When he and Wanda met, they often stayed at Coleen Carrier's Bed and Breakfast for fishing and hunting excursions. They loved the area and knew that this was the place they wanted to be. The pines, rock and water were deeply familiar and Home.

On a visit to Deux Rivieres with Wanda's parents, both couples found themselves inquiring about properties for sale. Wanda's parents actually bought first - same day, but first!... Wanda's mum now lives in Las Vegas, but when they travelled there with the intention of spending most of the winter in the warmer and dryer climes, they missed the haunting northern landscape and with a sense of relief returned to our crisp clear cold.

When Richard retired from Union Gas after 35 years, they moved in. Richard says that from the first day he arrived, he wanted to be out with the chain saw and work-

ing his own land. He checked with Yvon to make sure he was OK with cutting the big tree which obscured his view of the river, and the tree was soon down. The land and the river set deep in his bones.

Wanda was raised in the Oshawa/Cobourg area where she and her family spent some time on the lake and in the bush; she wasn't all city-slicker. She moved to Toronto and eventually knew that she had to get out. After reading an ad for a log house on 30 acres in Sundridge, she, as a single mom with her 4 year-old son, went to check it out. It was love at first sight. They moved into the house complete with tractor, and tried hobby farming. Wanda learned how to heat with a wood stove, raise animals, sell eggs, and put down garden produce, and although the learning curve was high, they both thrived in that environment. The need for a job eventually became a priority, and, in a couple of years, they moved to North Bay where Wanda worked as a personal care worker for Castle Home Seniors' Residence, as well as in private home care. She presently works part-time for the Algonquin Nursing Home in Mattawa, and volunteers part-time in palliative care. Wanda's 3 children have gifted her with 3 grandchildren, with another on the way. They all live in the Vancouver area, soon, hopefully to be joined by Richard's son who is presently working his way around the world on cruise ships.

When Wanda and Richard met through a mutual friend, they felt a deep connection for each other right away. Wanda was drawn to Richard's gentle quiet nature, and Richard to someone with whom he could share his love

for the outdoors. Theirs is a relationship that continues to grow, discovering new aspects of themselves as they forge their lives together in a lifestyle that challenges and nurtures.

Kay Sarrazin and family quickly adopted them into their family and are responsible, too, for introducing them to karaoke which they both enjoy. They love to hear stories of the history of the area, and Charlie Campbell has provided much lore. As Richard says, they always seem to be preparing for winter – searching, cutting, stacking wood, and enjoy every minute of it. Feeding and watching the birds, fishing, gardening, playing euchre and visiting with good friends all provide the sustenance they need to live rich lives in this, God`s Country.

And enrich our community they do. A course they took when in North Bay had an incredible impact on their decision to live a value-conscious life style. They do not believe in `religion` per se, but both consciously choose to live life according to basic Christian principles. At a candlelight Christmas Eve service at the Anglican Church in Deux Rivieres, they invited anyone who was interested to share with them in this discussion-based course, and thus began a close relationship with Carl and Laurel Lentz. Both couples attend the Mattawa Christian Fellowship Church, a community guided by an emphasis on people, rather than religious dogma.

Richard shares with us some of his guiding principles: live and let live; accept people for who they are; rule by example rather than by

tongue; do unto others as you would have them do unto you

and go fishing.



DEEP RIVER AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The DRDCF is a public charitable organization that distributes grants to charities, municipalities and educational institutions. The Foundation has, so far, \$600,000 in endowment Funds which are invested long term.

The earnings on this money is disbursed annually. In 10 years, the Foundation has disbursed \$80,000 in a variety of different areas.

The foundation serves the whole area from Deux Rivieres to Chalk River, including Swisha. Many people have donated money to the Foundation to accumulate the \$600,000 and we have recently launched a campaign to get to \$1,000,000. This will allow the foundation to award more grant money into the broad community to serve local needs now and into the future.

Please visit our website (drdcf.ncf.ca) to learn more about the Foundation works and how to donate.

Andrew White, President, DRDCF

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Beginning May 1, 2012 a user pay or “pay as you throw” system was implemented. The general components of this system include:

- ◆ Tipping fees for all users for all garbage aside from one **FREE** bag per residence per week and four **FREE** bags per business per week;
- ◆ A prorated number of bag tags will be provided for cottagers/seasonal residents;
- ◆ **FREE** recycling—for all users, all recyclables and any volume;
- ◆ For introduction—5 extra **FREE** bags of waste for the remainder of 2012;
- ◆ Compensation of up to 75% of the cost of a composter to a maximum of \$50 per container or material required to build a composter. Bring your receipt in to the municipal office to receive a refund. Initially the program will only be available to permanent year round residents of HCM.
- ◆ Those with cottages may receive compensation under certain considerations. Please see municipal office staff for details.
- ◆ Only tagged bags of garbage will be collected road side—one per residence, four per business. Any further waste will have to be self hauled to the disposal sites.



- ◆ Any number of recyclable materials will be collected road side for **FREE** or recyclables may be dropped off at the disposal sites.

WHY PAY AS YOU THROW?

This program has been implemented to enforce the principle of “generator pays”. The less waste you produce, the less you pay. The ultimate goal is to extend the life of our landfill sites by encouraging waste diversion through the use of various **FREE** municipal programs.

BAG TAGS

Bag Tags have been ordered and delivered to the municipal office. Staff will soon be in a position to mail out tags to full time residents and cottage/seasonal property owners. Due to the size of the tags, residents who are able can save the municipality some money by picking their tags up at the office.

Land owners, without camps/trailers etc. will not be mailed tags. Nor will all those with MNR Land Use Permits as we are not privy to your mailing addresses. Allowances will be made for these individuals as the season goes by. By the next mail out, hopefully all exceptions and challenges will be worked out and we will mail the required number of tags to you or have you pick them up at the municipal office.

Don't worry, if for some reason, you are late receiving your tags, exceptions will be made for the first few weeks, full implementation and penalties will not begin until July 1, 2012 however; tipping fees at the landfill sites and collection limits are now in effect.

RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES FOR 2012

January	9, 23
February	6, 21-Tuesday
March	5, 19
April	2, 16, 30
May	14, 28
June	11, 25
July	9, 23
August	7-Tuesday, 20
September	4-Tuesday, 17
October	1, 15, 29
November	12, 26
December	10, 24

GARBAGE COLLECTION DATES FOR 2012

Deux Rivieres

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Bissett Creek

Tuesday 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Stonecliffe

Thursday 11:00 - 12:00 noon

Mackey

Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**Times are approximate, please be sure you have your material out on time. If you have any challenges with your collection service, speak to our attendant or call the office.*

DISPOSAL SITE HOURS

Bissett Creek Road Site

Tuesday 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm (3 hours)

Saturday 12:45pm - 3:45pm (3 hours)

Stonecliffe Site – Kenny Road

Thursday 12:45pm - 4:15 pm (3.5 hours)

Saturday 8:30 am to 12:00 noon (3.5 hours)

SAME HOURS YEAR ROUND

MUNICIPAL HAZARDOUS WASTE

Due to the costs of amending our Certificate of Approval for storage at the Stonecliffe Disposal Site, Council has withdrawn its application. What this means is that each individual is responsible for storing their own hazardous material until the next scheduled collection day. **The date is set for Saturday, June 2, 2012. The collection will take place at the Stonecliffe/Kenny Road landfill site from 10:00 to 1:00. Please mark this date and bring all of your hazardous materials to dispose at this time.**

Upon withdrawing our application, we were reminded by the Ministry of the Environment that we have an obligation to perform spot checks to ensure that no hazardous materials are being deposited into our site. This means that at any time, Bill may mark a bag col-

lected at your drive and/or dropped at the site by you to determine whether recyclables or hazardous materials are contained inside.

Materials that should not be landfilled but instead saved for the Municipal Hazardous Waste Day include: **antifreeze, lighter fluid, Lye, batteries**

Brake fluid, Mothballs, Chemical strippers

Nail polish remover, Chlorine bleach

Propane tanks, Contact cement, Paints

Pesticides, Drain cleaners, Pool chemicals

Fire extinguishers, Prescription drugs

Flea collars and sprays, Solvents

Herbicides, Insect repellent, Spot removers

Insecticides, Stains and finishes, Kerosene

Toilet cleaners, Lawn chemicals

NEXT NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS:

PLEASE HAVE IN BY JULY 15th, 2012. Send to Melinda at twpshcm@xplornet.com or Cathy at ballaboudreaud@hotmail.com. If you have a business, big or small which you would like us to showcase for you, please forward your information for inclusion in an upcoming newsletter. *Thanks!*

EMAIL LIST If you would like to be on our community email list for quick access to notices of events happening in the Townships, please contact the Municipal Office. Please note that this form of notice is used in addition to and not instead of the mandated methods including posting on the municipal bulletin boards and the website. What normally occurs is that when a poster is created and posted on line, it is also sent via email. It is the intent of staff to keep email addresses secure by using BCC however; errors may occur.

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www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca

Send Newsletter contributions, suggestions, completed surveys or bulb orders to Cathy Ballaboudreau at ballaboudreaud@hotmail.com, or drop them by #36892 Hwy. 17, Mackey.

You may also drop information off at the Township Hall in Stonecliffe, care of Melinda, or email twpshcm@xplornet.com.

For a County level on-line newsletter you can subscribe to Ottawa Valley Business news at admin@ovbusiness.com.



The Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria have recently adopted a newly amended Procedure By-law. The new by-law includes changes to the method and rules surrounding addressing council through deputations. Please review the entire document on line at <http://www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca/By-laws> under the 2012 by-laws tab. There are also written rules for public meetings. For your information... **14.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS**

14.1. Public meetings required to be held under municipal by-laws or provincial or federal legislation may be held from time to time.

14.2. If other legislated rules or procedures apply to those meetings, those procedures shall be followed. In the absence of other defined rules or procedures, public meetings will be chaired by the Presiding Officer who will hear from each member of the public who wishes to speak.

14.3. Rules of decorum as they relate to deputations and civil procedure as listed elsewhere in this by-law shall be followed by all those speaking at a public meeting.

14.4. Each person will be allowed no more than 5 minutes to speak at a time.

14.5. Following public input, Councillors may ask questions of the public presenters or staff but the topic shall not be debated until after all public input and questions have been received.