



Sturgeon Bay Pointe au Baril Ratepayers Association

Newsletter

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President's Summer Update

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Though the fireplace remains on at night, the longer glows of daylight indicate that summer cannot be far away. I am hoping that this newsletter finds all of our residents well and ready for the new season.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is set for July 29. This year there will be voting for 4 positions on our Board of Directors. I cannot stress enough the need to fill these positions with individuals who have the interest and desire to assist us. The time commitment for this task is not onerous, and will require only the time you can afford to give. I am hoping that with these new people will come with new ideas and new ways to fulfill our goals to help sustain our environment and remediate our water. Please step forward and give us the assistance we require! Without these positions being filled, the Association will not remain a viable and vibrant buffer to the Township and may ultimately perish.

The Association has had a busy winter. We remained a vital part of the Water Quality Action Committee, lending our voice and desire to this group. The Association's efforts also received some attention from the editors of COTTAGE LIFE magazine, as we finished in the top ten for groups in the Green Cottager Awards, recognizing those groups

whose efforts have made a positive improvement to the environment. A renewed focus and greater efforts may yet allow us to win this prestigious award in later years.

I encourage all residents to assist our fisheries by building Bass Nests. Full details and material for this project are available from Bill Tedford.

We have again planned to host the Motorless Poker Run, set for August 18 at 2:00 PM. The day will be capped by a BBQ for all participants and an awards ceremony, with the request of a modest donation to assist with the cost. I hope we have an even greater turnout than we did last year for this entertaining event.

The 2007 member stickers will be produced and mailed to all members of the Association in due course. Stickers may also be available for pickup at the AGM at the Community Centre in Pointe Au Baril.

Our efforts to remediate our water continue. The Township recently investigated the services of 2 companies, with a budget and goal to explore the various remediation possibilities for our area. This competition was won by Gartner Lee, who has a three

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Board of Directors

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	R. Keith Gardner ..	705 366-2489	

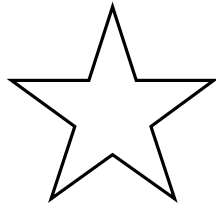
stage plan to approach this study. The accepted proposal from this firm will be placed on the Association website in the near future for your perusal. The Association stands in agreement with Township's new focus, but that is tempered by the knowledge that the Township may attempt to fund this \$48,000.00 study by paying only 25% of total costs, with the balance coming from external sources that may include local improvement taxes for the residents on Sturgeon Bay.

This funding proposal runs contrary to all recommendations made by this Association, who fully expected the Township to fund the study from funds that are currently available in the budget. The Finance Committee did NOT want this as part of the Township budget that was passed on the same date that this proposal was accepted, nor does the Council appear willing to draw from the available Township reserves. At the start of this process so long ago, the Township stated that there was no need to have the remediation efforts added as part of the budget, as funds would be available when the time came. **That time is now!** If you want the Township to follow through with their commitments to have sufficient funding available, phone the Reeve and ensure he knows that we want the Township to fund the study without further taxes or levies imposed on the citizens.

Several councilors from other wards feel that the Association and our Ward 1 councilors do not have the support of the local residents for water remediation. We MUST prove these councilors wrong, and send a strong message that the residents of Sturgeon Bay will not be treated as second class citizens. Show your interest in this process by **PHONING THE REEVE (416-944-1116)** at the earliest opportunity and by attending any public meetings that may be scheduled to address this situation.

Ultimately, whatever the outcome, we as an Association will assist by any means necessary to ensure this study is completed, and that a final remediation solution is found and implemented. If this fails, we will only have ourselves to blame.

The Association must stand firm and united! We must now gather all available resources to ensure our goals are met, and we must expand our membership to include as many residents as we can find. Together we can make some positive changes to our area. This may become our pivotal moment to affect change. Do not stand idly by while the process rolls forward. Step up and assist by standing for election, volunteering for committees, assisting in our efforts, phoning the Reeve and indicating your support for our area and our Association.



Dates to Remember

Sunday, July 29, Association AGM

Pointe au Baril Community Center, 9:30 am registration

- Come to discuss remediation funding and how our Association can provide assistance to the Township.
- Elect/choose 4 new directors. We need YOU.

Saturday, August 18, Motorless Poker Run

2 pm at Tedford's dock (call 366-2898 if you need directions)

- Barbeque/prizes to follow the race. (This year we are asking for a \$5.00 donation towards the barbeque)
- Bring your own drinks.



If you haven't done so yet, please renew your membership now. A membership form is attached. Many thanks.

The Dog Days of Summer

Submitted by Terry Carr

Everyone knows that the “dog days of summer” occur during the hottest and muggiest part of the season. [Webster](#) defines “dog days” as...

- 1 : the period between early July and early September when the hot sultry weather of summer usually occurs in the northern hemisphere
- 2 : a period of stagnation or inactivity

But where does the term come from? Why do we call the hot, sultry days of summer “dog days?”

In ancient times, when the night sky was unobscured by artificial lights and smog, different groups of peoples in different parts of the world drew images in the sky by “connecting the dots” of stars. The images drawn were dependent upon the culture: The Chinese saw different images than the Native Americans, who saw different pictures than the Europeans. These star pictures are now called constellations, and the constellations that are now mapped out in the sky come from our European ancestors.

They saw images of bears, (Ursa Major and Ursa Minor), twins, (Gemini), a bull, (Taurus), and others, including dogs, (Canis Major and Canis Minor).

The brightest of the stars in Canis Major (the big dog) is Sirius, which also happens to be the brightest star in the night sky. In fact, it is so bright that the ancient Romans thought that the earth received heat from it. Look for it in the southern sky (viewed from northern latitudes) during January.

In the summer, however, Sirius, the “dog star,” rises and sets with the sun. During late July Sirius is in conjunction with the sun, and the ancients believed that its heat added to the heat of the sun, creating a stretch of hot and sultry weather. They named this period of time, from 20 days before the conjunction to 20 days after, “dog days” after the dog star.

The conjunction of Sirius with the sun varies somewhat with latitude. And the “precession of the equinoxes” (a gradual drifting of the constellations over time) means that the constellations today are not in exactly the same place in the sky as they were in ancient Rome. Today, dog days occur during the period between July 3 and August 11. Although it is certainly the warmest period of the summer, the heat is not due to the added radiation from a far-away star, regardless of its brightness. No, the heat of summer is a direct result of the earth's tilt.

Electronic Newsletters

Many of our members now receive a newsletter notification by email when the newsletter is posted on the web. This results in substantial savings to the association. If you would like to receive your newsletter this way please email me at kidston@sentex.net with your name and email address. Thanks.

Cathy Kidston, editor

Sturgeon Bay Pointe-au-Baril Ratepayers Association

Membership Form

2007 / 2008

Our membership year runs from July 1st to June 30th. Fees are \$70.00 per property, which includes one voting membership. Annual Associate Membership (non-voting) is available to non property owners – members of your family, friends, relatives, and visitors at \$25.00 per member. Your Association looks forward to your continued support during 2007 / 2008

Name:	
Home Address:	
City:	Postal Code:
Home Telephone:	Cottage Telephone:
E-Mail Address:	Electronic Newsletter Notification YES / NO
Cottage Address	
City: Pointe au Baril	Postal Code: P0G 1K0

Membership Calculation

_____ Full Membership Dues @ \$70.00	
_____ Associate Membership(s) Dues @ \$25.00 (List Names & Addresses on Bottom of this Form)	
Donation	
TOTAL	

Please complete and return with cheque or money order to:

Sturgeon Bay Pointe-au-Baril Ratepayers Association
P.O. Box 183, Pointe-au-Baril, ON, P0G 1K0

THE PRIVACY ACT:

The Privacy Act became law January 1, 2004. Our understanding is that we are allowed to compile, keep or share a mailing list as long as it is:

- Gathered with the knowledge and consent of the individuals involved
- Collected for a reasonable purpose
- Used only for the reasons for which it was gathered
- Accurate and up to date
- Open for inspection for the individuals involved
- Stored securely

Our interpretation is that we are in compliance. Should any individual wish to have any information removed from our Mailing List / Directory, please direct our Treasurer, Helen Tedford, to do so.

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Current Members 2006-2007

Adamanda Custom Builders
Brian Adams/Melanie Whetham
Shane & Gail Ardiel
Wolfgang Bestig
Ernest & Gloria Bradford
Steve & Kathy Bradford
Dave & Sonja Brown
Greg & Ellen Brown
William Burgess
C. C. Kennedy Company Limited
Neil & Judy Cameron
Terry & Audrey Carr
Robert & Lisa Cleghorn
John & Barbara Cochrane
Allan Coughlin
Jose Cuoto
Mary Jo Cullen & Torfin Hansen
John & Patty Czarny
Terry Desmasdon*
Desmasdon Boat Works
Bill Draper*
Angus Dunphy
Eleanor Duthie & Paul Adamson
Lawrence & Judy Earl
Stephen & Barbara Elliott
Jonathan & Jackie Evans
Jerry & Pat Evoy
Gordon & Diane Froggatt
Keith Gardner
Kim Garnet & Suzie Arsenault
Bob Causton & Judy Gast
Charles Green
Walter Guderian
Harbour View Patio Café
Ken & Mavis Hodgkin
John & Barbara Hodgson
Ian MacLeod & Jane Sheppard
Margaret Jennings
Bill & Lauralee Kennedy
Phil & Cathy Kidston
Tom & Gerry Kirton
Bernd Kuhnert
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Karin Levitt
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Terry & Kathy Lunan
Tom Lundy & Jan Papineau
Brian MacDonald
Rowan Marsh and Andy Skerlec
Michael & Jane Marshall
Mirian McAllister & Larry Rodenizer
Doug Miller
Dave & Kim Montgomery
John Mueller
Jack & Doreen Newall
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Lloyd & Pat Posno
Peter Pylypiv
Vada Robinson
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Eric & Debbie Rohrbasser*
Rolar Construction
Brian & Hilda Rolph*
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Ted Simmonds
Martin & Vera Smits
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Bill & Helen Tedford
Heather Trakalo
Jim & Linda Wagler
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Joe Williams
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Steve Zakreski
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