

Spring seems to be playing a catch me if you can game this year – one day summer like and the next we're back in winter's grip. Don't take out your summer clothes yet!

Molly the Moose was a frequent visitor throughout the Lakeview area (and probably other areas as well) and was a willing subject for photographers young and old.



It looks like she may be expecting a little Molly or Mark but not being experts in husbandry we're not sure. Here she is seen doing her thing probably thinking she should be charging a fee!

Conference on Environmental Issues

Harrington was host to the elected officials and Municipal Inspectors/Town Planners of the Argenteuil MRC on May 19th. What better place to have a conference on environmental issues than at Cammac whose building is energy efficient and eco friendly. Attendees were addressed by well informed speakers and had 6 workshops available addressing whatever issues would be of interest to them. This was a first for the MRC and afforded an opportunity for our municipalities to meet and greet and to share ideas and experiences. The visit to Cammac was also a first for almost everyone in the room, save Harrington's representatives, and all seemed to be impressed with the lake, the surroundings and the service accorded by Cammac which is under new management this year.

Welcome Annie Girard joined us May 24, as the Director of Town Planning and Environment. Annie comes to us with a considerable amount of experience working with a neighbouring municipality. Annie is a welcome addition to the team and we wish her all the best in this new endeavour and look forward to working with her.

Public Works The pressure washer which also doubles as a defroster has proved its worth this spring. It was used on 26 culverts to date saving the Municipality a considerable amount of money even when we factor in the hourly rates of our workers.

Garbage and Recycling Our garbage and recycling tonnage figures continue to prove that recycling is the way to go and we must congratulate everyone on their embracing this project so diligently. More recycling bins will be purchased this year to be spread out over different locations and in cases where the bins are overloaded, sometimes immediately after the collection, we will be adding new bins.

The replacement of rusted out and tired garbage bins will be carried out throughout the summer. Your help in keeping all areas around the recycling and garbage bins neat and tidy would be greatly appreciated. As an aside - dead deer or other dead animals are not intended for the garbage bins.

Ecocenter

There has been some confusion as to what the Ecocenter is intended for not to mention the frustration of not knowing its hours of operation. The council has agreed to open the site 5 days a week from Saturday to Wednesday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. commencing June 3rd through to Labour Day Weekend thereby enabling residents to take advantage of this service. Also under consideration, but not yet decided on is moving some recycling bins currently in the park to the Ecocenter. That way we would have a one stop format for disposal of recyclables. To address the Ecocenter's initial intention we list below the materials accepted:

Materials for Construction, Renovation and Demolition: Bricks, cement blocks, concrete, asphalt shingles, cardboard, gypsum etc.

Metals: Aluminum, copper, iron and steel

Green Waste: Branches (up to 6" dia), leaves.

Household Hazardous Waste: Paints, dyes, solvents, oils, pesticides, bases and oxidizers.

Other Materials: Tires (rims removed), empty propane tanks, branches (securely tied in bundles and easy to handle), appliances and furniture made from metal or wood.

Prohibited Materials: Tree trunks and or stumps, sofas, upholstered items, electronic items (computers, televisions, telephones, etc.) Insulation, and asbestos coating.

Note: All materials that are not accepted and end up being sent to the landfill are subject to a charge of \$100/ton, as compared to the cost of putting it in the garbage and disposing of it in the regional landfill at \$41.67/ton.

Project 0-5-30

My Health in Mind also known as Project 0-5-30 is underway, the first step being the formation of a volunteer committee consisting of Jenna Bates, Laurie Cartman, Gilles De Grandpre, George Downing, Marlene Dunlop, June Parker, Dawn Plummer and Deedy Shipton accompanied by Councillor Joan Field. Our initial meetings were rampant with great ideas and now we're in the process of completing our action plan.

Harrington Festival

Saturday, August 13th is the date of this year's **Harrington Festival Day**. Your committee has been hard at work planning activities around this year's theme of a Luau. Limbo Dancing, Hula Hoop contests, horseshoe tournament, etc. and of course inflatable's for children of all ages. There will be a steak dinner accompanied by various salads, dessert, etc. as well as quiet dining music. Tickets for the supper are available from committee members and at the Kilmar and Lost River Dépanneurs.

Harrington Compost Program

Currently we are effectively sending some of our Harrington tax dollars to the dump. Obviously, there are much better uses for this money, and council is working to reduce this avoidable expense.

On a provincial basis we know that compostable materials such as fruit and vegetable peelings represent up to 40% of the total tonnage of garbage produced by a normal household. This is a substantial amount, and reducing this tonnage from the garbage stream we currently pick up, transport and pay to dump will result in substantial net savings to the municipality.

Council is currently looking at various alternatives to implement a composting program in Harrington. As with most issues that concern our community interests, the success of this money saving program depends entirely on citizen cooperation.

So far council discussions have centered on a two pronged approach. We are considering making home composting bins available, at cost, for home composting. We are also studying the possibility of setting up a few neighborhood units in strategic locations for multiple household use. Another consideration is helping businesses in Harrington set up composting programs as well as looking at having compost units available for community use at the Écocentre.

The major cost of composting is in the transportation. Therefore, the more home composting achieved, the greater the saving. Dumping fees are also substantial. We recently calculated that a 20% reduction of our compost volume would result in \$5,000 direct yearly savings in dumping costs. Transportation savings are harder to estimate, but would also obviously be substantial.

Home composting has been a successful money saving solution for large and small municipalities world wide, for more than a decade throughout North America. We will keep you informed on the development of this program, and hopefully, we can start saving money starting this summer.

We will give you more information as it becomes available, in the meantime, any information or comments you would want to make on this issue would be very welcome.

Harrington Valley Golden Age Club

Congratulations goes out to the Board of the Harrington Valley Golden Age Club who were successful in obtaining a grant from the Federal Government's New Horizons Programme which will enable them to replace their septic system. A lot of work went into preparing the necessary documentation and kudos to all who contributed to this task.

Lost River Golden Age Club

The President of the Lost River Golden Age Club, Barbara Hill, is retiring in June after 10 years of dedication and total commitment to its members. We will miss her.

A new Board was elected at the May 2nd meeting. They will be meeting in June to plan the year's events.

Anyone interested in assisting as a volunteer or if you have some ideas as to what you would like to see us participate in please contact Jim Field at 819-687-8159 or Alexina Wiegand at 687-819-3016.

Harrington Valley Community Center

The HVCC sponsored a Mystery Dinner Night in April . The hall was beautifully decorated with white tulle intertwined with white mini lights. Dinner was provided by Maria Di Placido and by all accounts it was great. Everyone enjoyed wracking their brains to discover who amongst them were the murderers.

The evening was a great success and there were calls to repeat the idea of a Mystery Dinner next year.

The HVCC will also be celebrating **Canada Day** on **July 1st** with a parade, various contests and a Bar-B-Q. A fun day for the whole family.

Lost River Community Centre

The Centre celebrated Volunteer Appreciation Week with an afternoon reception at the Center on April 16th. Our volunteers (and where would we be without them) were greeted at the door and presented with a tote bag, made from recycled materials of course, which was printed with the LRCC logo along with the inscription "Volunteers care not only with their time, but also with their hearts, THANK YOU for being you!"

In keeping with the inauguration of the Municipality's Your Health in Mind project the refreshments served leaned heavily towards fruits and vegetables but also included the more sinful desserts!

It was not, however, a day off for the Board who prepared all the food and set up the hall in such a welcoming manner. Thank you all for everything!

All in all a pleasant relaxing afternoon where our volunteers could socialize rather than running around serving and cleaning tables.

The Center will be holding their annual **Flea Market on June 24th**—come and discover hidden treasures! **Canada Day** will of course be celebrated on the day— look for some surprises (like a wet t-shirt contest?).

Harrington Hurricanes Our **Harrington Hurricanes** will be paddling again this year in the Dragon boat races. All funds raised go to the Cedars Cancer Institute. Last year our team raised **\$20 000** making them the fifth highest fundraisers in the event—not too shabby for a non –corporate team. On July 23rd there will be a Roast Beef Dinner at the Lost River Community Center to help the team to match or better last year's effort. Come on out and enjoy a delicious dinner and support our team .

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