

# Harrington Herald



Another Summer is fast getting by us! As warm as it has been many activities have kept us busy and scrambling to keep on top of things and trying to cool down!

First order of business is of course to congratulate Mr. Jacques Parent and Mr. Peter Burkhardt who were elected Mayor and Councillor respectively in the recent by-election. We look forward to working together for the continued betterment of Harrington.

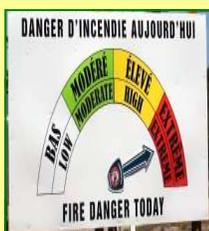
## PUBLIC WORKS

The civic number project was completed and as mentioned in our last issue there have been inconsistencies some of which were minor and others which will entail more time to resolve i.e. changes of address which will be more realistic in situations where the mailing address is all together different from the actual location of the property or where the main entrances of properties which are situated at intersections are on a different road. Our Public Works Director, Neil Swail, will be addressing these situations. The welcome signs have been installed and actually look even better than the sketch that was printed in our last issue.



## FIRE DEPARTMENT

With the exceptional warm and dry weather this late Spring and Summer fire danger has been a grave concern. You have probably noticed the sign at the town hall indicating the level of fire danger. When the sign is set at **extreme** there is to be **absolutely no open fires**. The sign is a standard SOPFEU design and was installed by our Public Works Department. Good job.



The gardens in front of the town hall have this year taken on a different character what with the pieces of driftwood and rocks scattered amongst the flower plants. They look absolutely beautiful – great job Yves!

## ECO CENTER

The Eco-center has been operating on summer hours and has been somewhat active. A number of loads of branches, which formerly were sent to Sterling along with construction materials, have been put through our chipper thereby reducing our costs of shipments to Sterling.

A gentle reminder – the eco center also accepts hazardous household materials, propane tanks, paint and oil cans – please do not leave such items at the garbage and recycling bins.

This summer is proving to be a bumper year for garbage. The tonnage seems to be going up. Consequently when depositing your household garbage in the bins please check the other flaps on the bins – if the first flap (or door or whatever it should be called) appears to be full you will find that more than likely by opening the other flaps there will be space at the back of the bin that can accommodate your refuse. Leaving bags on top of the bins (when it appears from opening the first flap that it is too full) is an open invitation to animals to spread everything everywhere thereby making the garbage sites unsightly which was what we were trying to avoid by buying all the new bins. Let's all strive to keep Harrington neat and tidy.

Also large garbage pickups (furniture, mattresses, appliances etc ) are scheduled for August 30 and October 11. Please call the Municipal office to register for pickup at 819-687-2122 local 3 or at the toll free number 877-787-2122 local 3.

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## Town Planning and Environment

Environment Day on May 25<sup>th</sup> was a very well planned event. Free trees were available in the large tempo all separated and identified as to their suggested use and benefits particularly to encourage healthy shorelines and lakes. Lunch was supplied followed by a seminar with guest speaker Robert Lapalme who explained the cycle of water and the importance of protecting our waterways. Thanks go to Sandrine, our Town Planner and her temporary assistant, Melissa for all their work in organizing this successful event.

As you are all well aware a letter was sent to all constituents from whom we had not received, since 2008, proof of cleaning of their septic tanks. More than 40% of these property owners replied questioning why the Municipality would send such a letter. Under Article 13 of the regulations governing the emptying and treatment of waste water, Q2r.22, states that all septic tank installations used by seasonal residents should be emptied every 4 years and installations used year round should be emptied every 2 years. The same regulation prescribes that the Municipality must respect and apply this regulation hence the need to follow up as we did.

Our biologist inspector has made the rounds of waterfront properties and in some instances left memos on the condition of the shorelines. The exercise is an effort to ensure that your shoreline respects the regulatory norms and helps to protect against erosion of river banks. If you have any questions in this regard please contact Melissa Galipeau-Deland at 819-687-2122, local 25.

Please note that construction of docks, stairs or any other work along the shoreline requires a permit and any such construction cannot be done with treated wood.

## Upcoming Events

### Lost River

**August 18<sup>th</sup>** – Pork Dinner hosted by the Golden Age Club and the LRCC. Dinner at 6:00, BYOB – donation \$15.00 per person.

**September 2** – Labour Day Breakfast, 9:00 – 12:00 donation \$6.00 per person \$3.00 for children

**September 27** - Oktoberfest dinner/dance, donation \$17.00 per person

**October 7** – Breakfast 9:00 – 12.00

### Harrington Valley

The Harrington Golden Age Club will be hosting a bingo on **August 19<sup>th</sup>** at 1:30 P.M.



## Small Town Girls

This project initiated last year to raise funds for the Lost River Community Center on the occasion of its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013 finally came to fruition in May. The calendar with its bevy of beauties was launched on June 1<sup>st</sup> with a BBQ party. The calendar girls were on hand to autograph all calendars sold and by the end of the evening were beginning to experience writer's cramp! Thank you to all our supporters and to the Board of Directors of the LRCC who tirelessly supplied the



hamburgers and hot dogs. We still have some calendars available – contact Norma Davis at 819-687-2255 and she will be happy to accommodate.



## Canada Day

Once again the Board of Directors of the Lost River Community Center took on a very ambitious celebration starting with the regular July breakfast which featured crepes with strawberries and whipped cream. Before breakfast was even finished another crew of volunteers was on hand to prepare for our customary Canada Day celebration which included the ever popular free hot dogs and soft drinks.

At noon 6 members of the Arundel Royal Canadian Legion formed an honour guard and raised the flag during the singing of our national anthem. The Mayor, Mr. Jacques Parent, addressed the citizens in attendance followed by a short address by Ms. Lise Proulx the Liberal candidate in our riding.

The LRCC and the Dale Milway Downing scholarship awards were presented to two deserving candidates, Bailey Bennett and Chelsey Campbell – Congratulations!

What with games for children and adults, a face painter, a Hockey Puck piñata and Alexine Wiegand's traditional Canada Day Cake it was a very successful day all around.

