
PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATE



Liam Baudais and Tod Baudais ready for the Dundurn Parade.

Canada Day Celebrations

Canada Day Celebrations were a great success this year. The wind cooperated by blowing the smoke away from our festivities. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee entered a float into the Dundurn Parade (shown above). It was great to see many great floats and lots of Thode residents enjoying the parade. They may have gotten some extra candy thrown their way by our helpers Liam Baudais and Alexander Barry.

The festivities continued in our Village Centre with a free BBQ lunch, courtesy of Village Council. Thanks to Michael Schell and Lawrence Smith for cooking for us!

There were a tonne of kids attending this years events and they really enjoyed the variety of activities provided for them.

The Apollo Jump bouncy castle combo with slide kept them entertained for hours. Thanks to the Culture Club for supervising the bouncy castle activity!

Face painting was provided throughout the afternoon. Thanks to Shelley and Chase Wesolowski (and friends) and Megan Fehr. Many of the kids took advantage of their artistry.

The kids also enjoyed a fish pond. Thanks to Stacey Syrenne for supervising this activity.

Big thanks to Larry and Marleen Cook and Jocelyne Smith for helping set up, serve and clean up!

We would like to send special thanks to

Canadian Heritage and

Village Council for their financial

support in making the day such a success!!!



Bottle Drives

Last July, we began a monthly bottle drive to pick up Sarcan refundable items at the curb. Our last Sarcan bottle drive drop off was for items collected between February and May which raised \$505.75. A total of \$1,922.80 has been raised since we started the curbside bottle drives last July. Thank you for your contributions!! Funds raised are going towards a Sport Court for our community.

To help with our efforts, please have your Sarcan refundable items to the curb by 8:00 am. These include bottles, cans and tetra pak lined juice boxes. Milk jugs and other recyclables should go into the blue bin in the storage compound. Please remove lids from all bottles. If you forget to set out your items, you can still place them at the old bus shelter in the storage compound.

Special thanks to the generous residents in our village who take the time to pick up, sort and haul items to Sarcan for refund: Corrine Knudsen, Hugh Pineault, Larry and Marleen Cook and Nathalie Baudais. We would really appreciate additional help; please join us in making the Sport Court a reality for our Village.

Canada Day Fun



Spring Clean-Up



Ryan Bradley getting a helping hand from Renner and Maureen Zimmer separating day lilies.



Many volunteers (Terry and Fay Anderson in foreground) working hard to clean up our park space.



Mayor Alan Thomarat and Maureen Zimmer cleaning up plant beds.

Recycling



Marleen Cook, Nathalie Baudais and Corrine Knudsen with the February to May recycling haul.

Really Big Thode Spring Clean-Up

In early May, the Village held it's first Really Big Thode Spring Clean-Up. We had many residents participate by clearing out their homes / yards and filling up the big red bins provided.

We also joined together to clean up our shared spaces. We raked up loose leaves and branches; planted flowers in the new beds; trimmed the shrubs; washed windows; swept; placed mulch; and much more. Our Angel Park, beach and Village Centre area look so tidy! Thanks so much to everyone who pitched in!!

In appreciation of the volunteers, Council provided a free BBQ lunch. Many came to have a bite, exchange boat launch keys, meet EMO committee and socialize with their neighbours. We hope to make this an annual event. It's a great way to jump start the summer season.

Boat Poker Rally & Summer Wrap-Up Party

Last year we organized our first ever Boat Poker Rally and Summer Wrap-up Party. It was a huge success and raised **\$4,500** for our Sport Court. We are now planning for the second Boat Poker Rally and are aiming for even more success than last year. The Summer Wrap-Up Party will be held immediately after the Boat Poker Rally.

Saturday August 22

Boat Poker Rally Registration: 10am-11:30am

Prizes and giveaways: throughout the evening

Start and Finish at Village Centre

1st Prize: \$1,000 Minimum

Early Registration (by August 14) and Ghost Hand: \$40

Poker Hand: \$50

Chilli Contest (watch for upcoming details): 6pm

We are recruiting volunteers to help us make the event run smoothly. Contact Nathalie Baudais (306) 986-9175 for details.