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Thank You One and All

A heartfelt thanks is extended to all the contributing organizations, volunteers, sponsors and participants of the record breaking 2025 Delta Harvest Festival!



200 War Veterans Welcomed at Public Reception in Delta



DELTA

The Township of Bastard and Burgess (South) tendered a complimentary banquet in the Delta Town Hall for all personnel from within the township who served in Canada's armed forces.

About 200 returned men with their wives and guests were present at the dinner that was prepared by the women of the township. The chairperson of the program was Reeve J. W. Newsome, and the special guest speaker was Dr. Olive Russell, formerly of Delta, who now works with the Office of the Department of Veteran's Affairs, Ottawa, spoke on veteran's affairs. Toasts to the King and to the service personnel were proposed by Rev. A. J. Fieldus, of the Delta Baptist Church. Victor Halladay of Delta made the reply on behalf of the veterans. A toast to the brides of war was given by Rev. L. S. Throop of the Delta United Church and was replied to by Mrs. Netterfield Trotter of Chantry. Deputy-Reeve William Preston and Councillors S. Morris and C. Freeman also addressed the gathering.

A sum of money was presented to each of the veterans by Eric Waddell of Portland. Three Polish soldiers, who have been working on the local farms, were guests at the reception and each was presented with a similar gift. Parents of those killed in action were among the guests. Telegrams and letters from a number of boys unable to attend were read by the Reeve. A minute of silence was observed in memory of those killed in action, namely: "Buster" Baker of Portland, Johiel Baker of Philipsville, Douglas Frye of Soperton, Douglas Heath of Portland, Atur Gillespie of Portland, Edward Lapoint of Plum Hollow, Ford Stevens of Portland, Delormie Stevens of Portland, Osborne Tedford of Soperton, and Lloyd Laviolette of Delta.



Photo

The Delta Town Hall was the site of the Veteran's Recognition Banquet for the servicemen of the municipality in December of 1946.



Remembrance Day Service



Members of the Community are invited to join the Comrades of **Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 207 Delta** for a Memorial Service at the Cenotaph in Stone Mills Park on Sunday, November 9th at 11:00 a.m. A lite lunch will be served at the Legion Hall following the Service.

“Why Wear a Poppy?”

by Don Crawford



"Please wear a poppy",
the lady said,
And held one forth, but I
shook my head
Then I stopped and
watched as she offered
them there,
And her face was old and
lined with care;

But beneath the scars the years had made
There remained a smile that refused to fade.
A boy came whistling down the street,
Bouncing along on carefree feet.

His smile was full of joy and fun,
"Lady" said he "may I have one?"
When she pinned it on, he turned to say:
"Why do we wear a poppy today?"

The lady smiled in her wistful way
And answered, "This is Remembrance Day,
And the poppy there is a symbol for
The gallant men who died in the war."

"And because they did, you and I are free,
That's why we wear a poppy you see.
I had a boy about your size,
With golden hair and big blue eyes."

"He loved to play and jump and shout
Free as a bird, he would race about.
As the years went by, he learned and grew
And became a man - as you will too.

"He was fine and strong, with a boyish smile,
But he'd seemed with us such a little while
When war broke out and he went away.
I still remember his face that day."

"He then smiled at me and said good-bye.
'I'll be back soon, Mom, so please don't cry.' But the
war went on and he had to stay
And all I could do was wait and pray."

"His letters told us of the awful fight
(I can see it in my dreams at night),
With the tanks and guns and cruel barbed wire,
And the mines and the bullets, the bombs and the
fire."

"That sure did sound like an awful fight,
But your son - did he come back alright?"
A tear rolled down each faded cheek;
She shook her head but didn't speak.

I slunk away in a sort of shame,
And if you were with me, you'd have done the same;
For our thanks, in giving is aft delayed,
Though our freedom was bought - and thousands
paid!

And so, when we see a poppy worn,
Let us reflect on the burden borne
By those who gave their very all
When asked to answer their country's call
That we at home in peace might live.
Then wear a poppy, be thankful and give!



And the Winners of the Scarecrow Contest Are....



1st Prize

Russel Crow scarecrow made by Kyle Wood, Delta

2nd Prize

Madame Fortune Teller made by Sharon Olivo, Delta

3rd Prize

Scary Straw Man made by St. Paul's Anglican Community Committee (SPACC).



Thank you SPACC for donating their prize money back to the Delta and Area CEC.

New Fire Truck Arrives at Delta Fire Station

Members of Rideau Lakes Fire & Rescue Station One in Delta welcomed a new pumper from Winnipeg's Fort Garry Fire Truck Company.

Fort Garry Fire Trucks is Canada's oldest and largest manufacturer of high-quality fire apparatus and since its inception in 1919, it has produced and delivered 1500 trucks across the country.



As part of maintaining strong fire protection for the community, fire trucks in Ontario are scheduled for replacement every 20 years which ensures reliable and up-to-date equipment when every second counts. This truck is a 2025 Freightliner M2 106 Plus.

Monday Morning Coffee

Be sure to stop by the United Church Hall for some coffee, treats, and fellowship every Monday morning between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

There is no charge, but a free will donation is appreciated.



Terry Fox Run, 2025



The 2025 Edition of the Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research was held in Delta on Sunday, September 14th.

Based at the Delta Fair Grounds, the event began with the registration desk opening at 8:00 a.m. From there, participants embarked upon their 10 km scenic walk / run through the Village and Lower Beverley Lake Park.

Thank you to all the participants and volunteers who supported this year's run. In total, \$4,305 was raised with the Seasonal Campers of Lower Beverley Lake Park contributing \$2,080 (48%). Congratulations to all!

Photo (left to right)

Team Lower Beverley consisted of Seasonal Campers Steve & Marie Sudds, Susan Perkins, Event Organizer Yvonne Gray (Olson), Larry Winters, Ben Winters and Lawrence Perkins.

Thank you one and all for your support and encouragement throughout the years!



National Truth and Reconciliation Day "Orange Shirt Day"

September 30th was National Truth and Reconciliation Day. It was a day for all Canadians to acknowledge and accept the true history of the country, and to inspire reconciliation between and amongst Indigenous Peoples and all Canadians.

All people should be more honest, more respectful, more inclusive, more loving...more Canadian. People must acknowledge, accept, and do better. Everyone can equally share this great nation.

Photo: These orange t-shirts were proudly displayed by Howard French at 22 King Street, Delta.

Lower Beverley Lake Park Seasonal Campers Support Delta Food Bank

The Seasonal Campers of Lower Beverley Lake Park made their annual donation to the Delta Food Bank.

The campers held a 'hot dog' barbeque on August 3rd at the Bradford Pavilion as part of their annual craft / vendor event. Next year's event will be held on August 2nd.

Photo (left to right): Delta Food Bank Coordinator Jana Curtis received the donation from Park Manager William Morris.



Delta's Got Talent 2025

Delta United Church is proud to present the annual *Delta's Got Talent* competition, which will take place on Friday, November 14th and Saturday, November 15th at 36 King Street in Delta. This exciting two-night event will showcase performances by talented musicians and artists from across the region, competing for a grand prize of \$500.

How It Works:

- On Friday evening, contestants will perform in front of the panel of judges, and the audience will vote to select the top twelve acts.
- On Saturday, the top twelve acts return to present a second performance from which the three finalists will be selected.
- The top three acts on Saturday will perform again at the end of the evening for the grand prize.
- Finalists should prepare three distinct acts in total to be eligible for the prize.

Interested performers are invited to register by emailing dgt.register@gmail.com or contacting by Chris Whitty at 343-585-5277.

Returning for a fourth year, the panel of esteemed judging will include the following:



- Arie Hoogeboom, Mayor of Rideau Lakes
- Rachel Marks, Executive Director of the SPARC Network
- Dennis Whitty, Ottawa Valley Country Music Hall of Fame inductee

Local singer, songwriter and entrepreneur Tao Hipwell will host the showcase.

Evening admission is \$25 at the door each evening. Doors open at 7:30 PM.

There will be performances by Tao Hipwell, Dennis Whitty and other local artists, musicians and wannabees, so, whether you're a fan of live music, local talent, seeing some of your neighbours make fools of themselves, or simply looking for a lively evening out in November, *Delta's Got Talent* promises entertainment and community spirit.

**DELTA'S
GOT TALENT
2025**

**Live Auditions: Fri. Nov. 14
Finals: Sat. Nov. 15**

First prize: \$500

7:30 pm. Delta United Church
36 King St. Delta Ontario

Tickets \$25
at the door

Email:
dgt.register@gmail.com
to register to compete!

FREE ENTRY

**Christmas
CRAFT
MARKET**

MUSIC, CANTEN & GIFTS

GET YOUR GIFTS AND DECORATIONS
WHILE SUPPORTING LOCALS

NOVEMBER 15TH, 2025
FROM 9 AM TO 2 PM

OLD TOWN HALL - 8 LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE PARK
ROAD
AND DELTA LEGION - 32 WILLIAM STREET



Instilling a Passion for Our Heritage"

Box 172, Delta, ON K0E 1G0
Telephone: 613-928-2584

The Delta Mill Society experienced a busy tourist season this year with a 25% increase in visitations to the mill compared to 2024 data. The increase is due in part to the Doors Open program in August and the Delta Harvest Festival in September when visitation numbers literally doubled compared to last year. The increase in visitors during the Harvest Festival can be attributed to new event signage that was installed along area roadways Highway 15. The new signage made travellers aware that there was an interesting event in Delta on the last Saturday in September. As usual, the guestbook was full of positive comments about the great experience visitors had in Delta.

The regular season concluded on Labour Day with the four summer interpretive staff (Gillian, Corinne, Lilly and Charlotte) all receiving glowing praises from visitors.

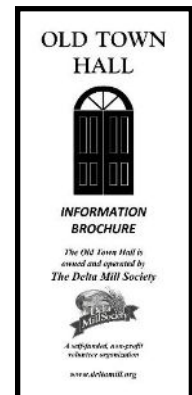


Moel Benoit handed down the former Old Town Hall sign to Rebecca Rothwell.



During the 'Doors Open' program in August, the Old Stone Mill was filled with quilts courtesy of a partnership with the Stone Bridge Quilters from Lyndhurst. The quilts were displayed throughout the mill and looked spectacular against a background of stone and wood. The new 3rd floor photo exhibit opened just in time for visitors to enjoy during Delta Fair. This exhibit will be expanded and available for viewing during the 2026 Delta's Maple Syrup Festival in April.

Over at the Old Town Hall, a Makers Market proved to be very popular during the Doors Open program. Signage was added to new gable entry which clearly identifies the Old Town Hall. A new interpretative brochure has been created about the Old Town Hall, which tells the story of how the women of Delta saved the hall from burning down in 1888 and why there are cat paw prints visible on some of the hall bricks. A digital (PDF) copy of the brochure is available on the Society's website at www.deltamill.org/history.html



During November and December, the Old Town Hall will once again be the home to various seasonal events.



A *Holiday Craft Fair* will be held on Saturday, November 15th between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. There will be vendors offering a variety of crafts, arts, customs items, gifts, decor and much more.



A Christmas Concert will be held on Saturday, December 20th. Details are currently being finalized. Once completed, information will be posted on the 'Events' page of the Society's website (www.deltamill.org/events.html) and to Facebook (www.facebook.com/DeltaMill).

Harvest Festival Bread Baking Contest

There were numerous entries in the Harvest Festival Bread Baking contest that was held at the Old Stone Mill. Congratulations to all the participants.

Results

Artisan Bread: 1st Place - Mike Preczner

Sourdough Bread: 1st Place - Zoe Cardinal

Regular Bread (Youth)

1st Place - Victoria DeKroon and Adrianna McKerlich

Fancy Bread (Youth)

1st Place - Barrett Cardinal



Brian's Gift Angel Christmas Tree

Bringing Holiday Joy to Children in Delta.

Children's names are now being collected for submission to Brian's Gift Angel Tree! This wish helps ensure every child in Delta experiences the magic of Christmas by receiving a toy gift.

If you or someone you know needs a little extra support this season, please submit the following information via email to briansgift@yahoo.com

Child's First Name

Age

Gender

Parent/Guardian Name, Phone Number & Email Address

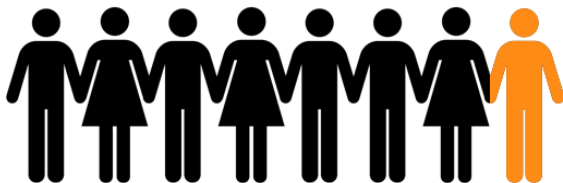
The deadline for the submission of names is Sunday, November 16th, 2025. Each child will receive a gift this Christmas, thanks to community support and Brian's wish.

Are you interested in purchasing a gift for a child? The Angel Tree will be located at the Bastard Coffee House after November 16th. Support is simple....take a tag and then return your unwrapped gift (with the tag attached) to the tree before December 17th.

Additional information is available by emailing briansgift@yahoo.com or by calling 613-349-7874.

If getting the flu shot could save even one life,
isn't that worth it?

Stop the spread, **get the shot.**



December is a very busy month at the **Delta Food Bank.**

The 2025 Build a Mountain of Food Campaign, which is sponsored by RCL Automotive, the Hinton Auto Group, Your TV Smiths Falls, Hometown News and 88.1 myFM, will be supporting area food banks to help fill the shelves for the holiday season.



The Build of Mountain of Food campaign will be set up at the Delta Country Market mid-December. All donations collected will go directly to the Delta Food Bank. During the past few years, there has been an increased demand for food bank support. Please consider contributing to the food bank as it provides necessary assistance to the many faces of hunger within the community.

Christmas hamper distribution will take place in December at the Delta Food Bank. Anyone in need of food supplies to help make it through the Christmas holidays is asked to call either Linda Gifford at 613-213-4828 or Jana Curtis at 613-349-6464.

Volunteers are an integral part of the Delta Food Bank. The committee is seeking additional volunteers who can carry bags/boxes of groceries in and out of the food bank and are willing to assist in all facets of the running and maintaining the food bank. A volunteer with advertising, fundraising and administrative skills would be a tremendous asset to the committee.

Volunteers with the Delta Food Bank would like to thank all the individuals and organizations that continue to donate throughout the year as their contributions assist in providing essential monthly items to those in need.

Located at St. Paul's Anglican Community Centre, 77 King Street in Delta, the Food Bank is open on the second Tuesday of each month between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Trivia Night at the Bastard Coffee House

Come out and have some fun! Hoping to see many of the regular players along with some newbies! A warm welcome to all!

Doors open at 5:00 p.m. with games starting at 5:45 p.m.
Bring your smarty pants and see you there!



November 28th
December 26th



Winter Road Reminders

- ✓ **Pushing snow across roads / streets is not only a safety hazard; it is against the law.**
The Ontario Traffic Act states that "No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing to do so from the Ministry or road authority responsible for the maintenance of the road." R.S.O. 1990, c H8, s. 18.
- ✓ **Overnight parking is prohibited on the roadways between 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. from November 15th to April 1st.**
Please help the snowplow operators do their job by not parking on the street.



Farmer's Breakfast



Come and enjoy a morning of fellowship and a delicious breakfast at the Harmony Lodge Hall in Phillipsville on the 4th Tuesday of each month. The menu includes bacon, sausage, eggs, hash browns, baked beans, pancakes, toast, juice, coffee, and tea for \$15.00 per person. There is only one sitting at 8:00 a.m. so be sure to come early and get your seat!



Breakfast dates include November 25th and December 23rd. For additional information, contact Len Vincent by calling 613-928-2671 or via email to vlenvincent@sympatico.ca.



<p>1</p> <p>Water fresh trees daily</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Check all lights before decorating</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Make sure smoke alarms work, replace if 10+ years old</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Install a carbon monoxide detector- it's now the law</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Develop and practice a fire escape plan</p> 	<p>6</p>  <p>Use extension cords safely</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Give space heaters at least one metre of space</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>Avoid using real candles- go flameless instead</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Keep matches and lighters out of kids' reach</p> 
<p>10</p>  <p>Watch what you heat- pay attention to your cooking</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Encourage smokers to smoke outside</p> 	<p>12</p>  <p>If under the influence of alcohol, avoid cooking or smoking</p>





Lower Beverley Lake Park

146 Lower Beverley Lake Park, Delta, ON K0G 1E0

Phone: 613-928-2881

Email: info@beverleylakepark.com

Website: www.beverleylakepark.com



2026 Camping Reservations are now being accepted by calling 613-928-2881 and leaving a message.

Campers may also submit their reservations online by completing the website registration form at www.beverleylakepark.com. Confirmation calls will be returned on Wednesday mornings between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Reservations for the 2027 camping season will be accepted after January 1st, 2026.

Employment Opportunity at the Park

The Lower Beverley Lake Park Management Board is now accepting employment applications for the position of Acting Treasurer. This is a permanent part-time position with a flexible work schedule that fluctuates during the camping season.

A copy of the job description and application details have been posted on the municipal website: <https://www.rideaulakes.ca/town-hall/services/employment-opportunities/employment-opportunity-lower-beverley-lake-park-acting-treasurer>

The deadline for applications is 4:00 p.m. on November 14th, 2025.

The Management Board and Staff congratulate Park Secretary-Treasurer David Schur on his recent appointment as the new Treasurer for the Township of Rideau Lakes. Dave has been the Treasurer for the Park Management Board since 2004, but he will be vacating this position following his October 14th appointment as municipal Treasurer.

Do You Use the Park While It Is Closed?

Residents walking through the park and nature trails or using the playground equipment are reminded that they are using the facilities at their own risk. Remember that the park is not an off-leash dog park; dogs must be kept on a leash, and owners must clean up after their dogs. Doggie bags are to be placed in the waste receptacle at the gate house. Do not leave dog waste along the roadside for staff to clean up.



2026 Park Website

Ready or not 2026, here we come!

Please visit the website at www.beverleylakepark.com for a complete list of next year's park activities and services. See you then!

Looking To Dispose of Unwanted Metal Materials?

The Delta United Church is collecting scrap metal, copper, and lead acid batteries as a fund-raising project. Metal materials may be placed inside the container at the farm of Pat Phillips, 718 Daytown Road, Delta while spent batteries and wire may be placed beside the container. This recycle bin is NOT intended for regular garbage.



Additional information is available by calling Pat at 613-928-2712.



CHANGE YOUR CLOCK
Sunday, November 2nd
2:00 a.m.



Delta Legion Hall Is the Place to Be!



There is something available for every member of the family!

EUCHRE held every Friday evening starting at 7:00 p.m. (Doors open at 6:00 p.m.)

SUPER EUCHRE held monthly on the second Saturday at 12:00 p.m.



~Ball-O-Ween Dance~

Saturday, November 1st
Delta Legion Hall, 8:00 p.m. to Midnight

Come out and have a ball!
If you played ball this summer in the Delta Mixed Slo-Pitch League, admission is free.

\$10 per person for non-players.

Prizes awarded for
Best Single and Best Couple/Group costume!



Christmas Begins With



Christ

Join Us for Christmas Eve Service
December 24th at 5:00 p.m.

Delta United Church



Notes from Paula and Sue Ward One Councilors, Township of Rideau Lakes



Councillor Paula Banks
Email: paulainpolitics@hotmail.com
Phone: 613-284-0238

Councillor Sue Dunfield
Email: 736SueD@gmail.com
Cell: 613-802-1415

Welcome to winter...get those snow tires on and be safe everyone!

The Delta and Area Recreation Society (DARS) is thrilled to have the rink boards repaired and painted by the municipal staff, in which the related expenses were shared with the municipality. The rink area is once again safe and attractive. Hopefully Mother Nature will provide a good skating season this winter!

The newly formed Municipal Parks and Recreation Committee is addressing recommendations from the Delta Community Enhancement Committee to investigate the use of QR Codes throughout the village and to investigate a four-season public facility for community events. Township and County Staff are working together on establishing safe 'No Parking' zones.

Your Council representatives attended the 14th Annual Rural Recreation Association meeting where a strong message to establish a municipal Youth Advisory Committee was recommended. This concept will be discussed and given consideration at the next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.

Whereas Council and Committee of the Whole meetings are now virtual due to some inappropriate behaviour in the public gallery, residents are welcome to watch these meetings online. Contact the Municipal Clerk via email to mtruelove@rideaulakes.ca or by calling 613-928-2251 extension 293 for additional information.





Beverley Senior Citizens' Club #460

- Meeting on November 26th for a pot-luck luncheon at noon in the United Church Hall.

Delta Agricultural Society

- Meeting on November 24th in the Fair Office at 7:00 p.m.

**Deadline for Next Issue
December 19th**

Delta Athletic and Recreation Society

- Meeting on November 18th and December 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Recreation Centre.
- Visit with 'Santa' on December 20th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Recreation Centre.

Delta Food Bank

- Open on the second Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in St. Paul's Community Centre.

Delta Mill Society

- Holiday Craft Fair on November 15th between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the Old Town Hall.
- Christmas Concert on December 20th in the Old Town Hall.

Delta United Church

- Sunday Worship Service at 9:15 a.m.
- Monday morning coffee and treats from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Church Hall.
- Delta's Got Talent on November 14th and 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary.
- Christmas Eve Service on December 24th at 5:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary.

Delta United Church Women

- Meeting on November 19th at 11:00 a.m. with a pot-luck luncheon in the Church Hall.
- Christmas dinner on December 11th with social time at 5:00 p.m. & a 6:00 p.m. meal in the Church Hall.

Good Food Box

- Fresh fruit and vegetables are available at wholesale prices for all community members. Contact Liz at 613-928-2902 for information.

Harmony Lodge

- Farmer's Breakfast on November 25th and December 23rd at 8:00 a.m. in the Harmony Lodge Hall.

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #207

- Ball-o-ween Dance on November 1st from 8:00 p.m. to midnight in the Legion Hall.
- Remembrance Day Service on November 9th at 11:00 a.m. in Stone Mills Park.
- Meeting on November 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall.
- Super Euchre on November 8th and December 13th at noon; doors open at 11:00 a.m.
- Euchre games played every Friday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall; doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Royal Canadian Legion Auxiliary, Branch #207

- Craft and Bake Sale on November 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Legin Hall.
- Meeting on November 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall.



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