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Message from the President

I have lived in many locations in my lifetime, both big city and small town, and my experiences with my neighbours have been as varied as the homes I have lived in. I've lived in an apartment where I am always aware of what is on the dinner menu next door, sometimes a blessing to my nose, sometimes not. I've shared a driveway with a number of neighbours, one who would race me to see who would get out and shovel first, and another who enjoyed mountain climbing over the snowbanks to park his car.

I briefly lived in a high rise apartment many years ago, and never did get to know the people who lived on my floor, though I did get to know their music preferences on Friday nights when they welcomed every friend they had to usher in the weekend with them.

My current neighbours are a retired couple. We seem to have developed the perfect relationship. We have just enough fencing between us to allow for privacy, but not so much that it blocks the view of a stalled lawn mower, or a lightning struck tree trunk that requires a chain saw. We've had a number of chats over the fence about the elderly fat groundhog that waddles between my backyard and theirs, and I get great gardening advice from Louis who takes great pride in his yard (sadly there is a world of difference between the look of his yard and mine, but I allow myself some leeway given my lack of time spent at home these days).

I admit that I haven't always made enough of an effort to get to know my neighbours and to check out my environment. I'm reminded of this often when I am told about something or someone here in Carleton Place.

What do you know about your surroundings? Did you know that Carleton Place was originally the village of Morphy's Falls? Or that the original spelling for Carleton Place was missing the "e"? I still haven't walked our portion of the TransCanada Trail, or the Rotary Club Centennial Trail between Appleton and Carleton Place. A friend of my daughter recently stayed overnight with us and told me that she hadn't realized that she had been in Carleton Place when she participated in a fundraising Canal Tour that started in Dow's Lake. She had however heard of the Carleton Place Canoe Club, Canada's oldest continuously running club. (Hats off to Andrew Willows and Ryan Cuthbert who have excelled in their sport and done Canada proud!)

Do you know about our sister cities, Franklin, Tennessee, and Comrie Scotland? They know about us...

We have a hospital that has been acknowledged as the most efficient hospital in Ontario. We've been part of Communities in Bloom, and are home to a beautiful Town Hall, the Victoria School-Museum, and the Canadian Veterans' Hall of Valour . We have internationally renowned perfume distributor Michel Germain Parfums here in town. Arts Carleton Place provides a voice to painters, photographers, potters, musicians, and so much more through their events, including Flippin Art Nights and the Sounds of Downtown.

I will never get to see and know everything that makes this town special, but I am going to enjoy the process. Get to know your neighbours! Who has a special gift or skill? Where can you go on a quiet Saturday afternoon? How do we represent ourselves on the national and international stage? I want you to tell me what I'm missing, who I should talk to, where I should (ok, perhaps I should take that part back...)

Most importantly, Meet me on the Mississippi!!!

Cindy Hobbs



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Office Update

Consumer Showcase 2010

The last few weeks have been a busy time preparing for and promoting the Consumer Showcase 2010 which took place at the Carleton Place Arena on May 15th and 16th. We received great feedback about the need for this kind of show and SOLD OUT of booths for the Showcase. We were able to showcase an exciting mix of service based businesses and retail operations that displayed everything from home reno products and goods and services to food and accommodations.

We are already looking forward to next year and examining all the ways that we can make the show bigger and better for both vendors and consumers. We value your feedback and comments about the Consumer Showcase and look forward to hearing from you about your thoughts for the year ahead. We also are always looking for members who are interested in being involved on our planning committees as well!

For me personally the weekend was very rewarding as it reinforced the importance of supporting each other in our business efforts. Every dollar we spend locally stays in the community and can be reinvested or used to fund jobs that would otherwise not exist. Supporting local business supports and helps us all.

Thank you for supporting your fellow local business owners at the Consumer Showcase!

Summer Networking

We are currently in the midst of planning some networking events for the summer months. If you are interested in hosting an event at your place of business please give us and a call and let us know.

We will be sending out information on our summer events in the next few weeks.

Golf Tournament

Mark your calendars for September 13th. That's the date for our 2010 Golf Tournament. This year the event will be back at the Canadian Golf & Country Club and is sure to be a great time.

More details to follow shortly on this annual event. If you are interested in being involved with the planning of the Golf Tournament please contact Jackie at the Chamber office at 613 257-1976..



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Upcoming Events

May. 22: Opening of the 2010 Exhibit. The Victoria School Museum at 267 Edmund St. opens its 2010 exhibit. Open daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. except Sundays, 1 p.m. to 4, until Labour Day.

Info: 613-253-7013

The entertainment is FREE at St. James Gate every Saturday evening. On **Saturday May 22th** The Diplomats will be on hand to entertain you. St. James Gate is located 111 Bridge Street and they can be reached at 613-257-7530.

Support the Carleton Place **Youth Centre Charity Fashion Show** on **Thursday May 27th** at the Carleton Place Town Hall at 7 pm. The cost for the event is \$5 for youth and \$10 for adults.

May 29: Wine'd Around Downtown. An afternoon to visit local restaurants to sample wines and complementary appetizers. Come out and see if your palette agrees! One ticket admits you to all venues, but book early as space is limited. Tickets at Town Hall, Chamber of Commerce Office on Coleman Street, St. James Gate, Brush Strokes, Thirsty Moose and Ballygibblins.

Mike Mundell's Fish Fry is on **Saturday May 29th** at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church located at 39 Bridge Street. The best fish and chips in 100 miles! Serving from 4:30-7 pm. Tickets are adult \$12 and children 6-12 years \$6. Contact 613-253-3195 or koggmoss@gmail.com for more information.

June 12, Lambs down Festival: Ewe are invited to join in on the fun from 10am—2pm for a fun event marking Carleton Place's history as the distribution centre for lambs' wool in Canada. Co ordinated by the BIA and the Canadian Cooperative Wools Growers this outdoor heritage event takes place at the Woolgrowers , 142 Franktown Rd and features dog and lamb demonstrations, sheep shearing a petting zoo and games. Call 613-257-8049 for more information.

CARLETON PLACE HEALTH VILLAGE

Health Care is changing– in our community and for you and your family. Come and learn what's driving these changes. Find out how you can influence the future of your health care system.

Dr. Rob Cushman, CEO of the Champlain Local Health Integration Network (LHIN), the agency that funds healthcare in our community, will speak about our health care system and plans for engaging our community in its evolution. Members of the Carleton Place Health Village committee and representatives of health care providers will be present to gather your ideas and feedback.

Date: Thursday, May 27, 2010

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Carleton Place Arena, Upper Hall

Please RSVP by May 20th.

For more information and to RSVP please

Rebecca Taylor

CP Health Village Committee

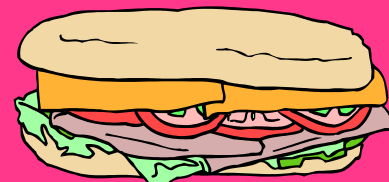
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More New Members....

FATBOY'S

Bridge St, Carleton Place



Fatboy's is a new deli-style sandwich shop that is owned and operated by Kevin and Dana Laviolette. The husband and wife team, along with their children, are following their dreams of becoming small business owners. Kevin and Dana both grew up in a small town, so they love and appreciate the sense of community and togetherness that a town like Carleton Place offers both their family and family business.

Fatboy's will be open bright and early each morning with a full menu breakfast for both eat-in and take-out customers. We will offer a variety of choices for people on-the-go such as breakfast sandwiches, wraps, fresh fruit and yoghurt parfaits. Lunch time at Fatboy's will be a little different than most other restaurants. The approach is much like a traditional deli. Fatboy's will offer a variety of freshly made salads, made-to-order sandwiches with your choice of bread and a wide selection of toppings, Paninis (if you have never had your favourite sandwich grilled on a press, this is a must try!!!), as well as daily soup options. To top it off, we will also have a hot entree as the "Special of the Day" (i.e. Homemade Lasagna with Caesar Salad and Garlic Bread one day, Shepherd's Pie with Garden Salad and Dinner Rolls the next and so on throughout the week). We understand that not everyone has the time or desire to sit in a restaurant for their entire lunch break, so we would like minimize the amount of time you wait to get your food and maximize the amount of time you get to yourselves!

At Fatboy's, we have an extremely strong commitment to customer service and would like to be on a first name basis with as many customers as possible. Our goal for the restaurant is to provide an up-beat, fun and energetic environment to enjoy great conversation over delicious food. We hope to see you at Fatboy's very soon.

Open: Monday—Friday 6am—4pm and Saturday /Sunday 7am—4pm

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TOURISM UPDATE

Invitation for Input

Tourism Interest Groups, like the Chamber of Commerce, are invited to share ideas as we continue to build a "wish list" for Tourism in Eastern Ontario. Tourism representatives including Executive Director Marie White and President Jill Campbell of the Lanark County Tourism Association may be participating in a visioning session for the new region in early June (currently referred to as "Region 11"). When regional projects are put forward for discussion, representatives are equipped to support ideas based on experience, research, statistics and tourism trends in Lanark County. This body of information includes the priorities that were identified following a series of community input sessions or "tourism workshops" held throughout the County in 2007.

Since these meetings, several tourism interest groups have continued to meet on a regular basis; Carleton Place Tourism Team, Smiths Falls Team Tourism, Perth and District Tourism Coalition, Lanark County Museums Network, Lanark Highlands Business and Tourism group, and Pakenham Business and Tourism group. Interested associations are able to have a seat on their local tourism task team. All these groups are in contact with Lanark County Tourism, whose Board of Directors work closely with County Council to communicate on collaborative tourism projects.

If you would like to receive more information about upcoming Tourism meetings or if you require background information on the current Tourism "wish list" for the area please contact Jackie at 613-275-1976.