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Event dates:

Summer Barbeque:
Saturday, July 2,
at 4 p.m. Park 4

Annual General Meeting:
Saturday, August 27, at
2 p.m. Park 4
Followed by Corn Boil



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President's Report:



Finally the weather has turned, the trees are green, and it looks like we'll have a more open summer this year. We had a very successful parks clean up recently, with more volunteers coming out than ever before. Our annual barbeque is on again, our parks are in great shape, and the beaches are looking good, although the water level is quite low once again. At least we won't have to deal with beach erosion issues this year. Information on our remaining social events can be found in the Recreation Director's report. The Vice President's report includes information on volunteering and Tiny Township initiatives. The Parks Director report covers all issues park related.

Dues – Although most members pay their annual dues of \$140 per lot promptly by the due date of March 31, there are still a limited number of people who have not yet paid, with just a few owing two or more previous years. If you are one of these individuals, remember we need your financial support to maintain our lovely area and to pay for taxes, insurance, parks maintenance, social events, etc. Please be reminded that if your annual dues are not paid, you do not have access to our communal parks and beaches, or social events, until they are paid. If you are in the parks, you will be asked to leave them until such time as your account is current. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.'

Trespassing of non-members – We anticipate that there will still be some people who are not

members of the SCCA who try to use our beaches and parks this summer. We ask that if you see someone in these locations who you don't recognize, kindly politely ask who they are and where they live. Some people will be renters or guests of members, so it is quite possible you just don't know who they are and that they have access to our common areas. If people indicate they are not from the SCCA community, let them know that these properties are private and

Dues Payment: can be paid by direct deposit through e-transfer using info below:
Email address:
sccapayments@gmail.com
Security question: what is this for?
Security answer: lotlevy
Message box:
Please include your name, lot # from your SCCA invoice, and street name and # of your SCCA property.

they need to leave. Just to reiterate, your guests are quite welcome to use the common areas but they must adhere to our SCCA rules.

Neighborhood watch will be patrolling the property once again this year, and approaching people in a non confrontational, informative way. Dan Hopkins is in charge of the Watch, and is looking for members to help work with him this summer. Not too much of your time is required, and it will be a great way to meet your neighbours. Please contact **Dan Hopkins** at sccaneighbourhoodwatch@gmail.com if you wish to help and want more

information. I promise you will find the experience a positive one. **SCCA Website** – In addition to our current communication tools of a periodic newsletter, email distribution of important items, and a Facebook page, we will be introducing our SCCA website, tentatively by July 1 of this year. Sections of this website will include past and current newsletters, events, executive contact information, pictures, safety rules, photos and a blog. The website will be private and will be accessed with your user name and a password. If you wish to have access to the website please send me your name and email, and in due time you will be sent the URL, your user name and your password.

We know that the addition of yet another communication method will enhance our experience here at Sand Castle. I look forward to seeing you all this summer!

Sue French



Parks Director Report:

Hello everyone. It's great that warm weather has finally arrived, and the trees are budding and the flowers growing.

Parks Clean Up was a great success. We had more volunteers than ever before in every park, and we'd like to sincerely thank all of you who came out. The parks are now in good shape for the season. The large wood pile in Park 2 was burned before the clean up week-end, and we planted almost 20 white pine seedlings in Park 2 to start to replace the 10 mature trees we lost there during winter windstorms. Our trees are forever shedding branches and sticks, so please continue to put them in piles as you walk through the park throughout the year.

Wayne Humphries is our new park warden in park 2, replacing Ed Henderson who retired from this role earlier this

year. We still have a number of projects to get done in the parks this year. They include park entrance fence rebuilding, and reroofing the gazebo in park 4.

There will be no fireworks this Canada Day, but we will be holding our annual barbeque again on July 2.

In addition to the port-a-john in the park 4 picnic area, we will be adding a second unit in park 2 as a trial close to the beach. There are more people using our beaches each year, and we feel it is more sanitary to have a unit at this location. Should there be any misuse of this unit or if we have complaints about it, we will have it removed.

Because of the low water levels, the boat dock and ramp will not be installed at the current time. We will review this periodically if the water rises.

The ramp is open for members to launch their kayaks, canoes and paddleboards, but is closed to motorized boats.

This is just a reminder that fires are not permitted on our beaches. Someone had a fire on beach 2 recently, and luckily it did not spread to the park.

As always if you have any concerns please call or email me. Keep enjoying the parks and have a happy and safe summer.

Rick Benz



IMPORTANT TOWNSHIP CONTACTS, TELEPHONE NUMBERS & NEW FIREWORKS BY-LAW!

Tiny has a new fireworks by-law. Fireworks are now only allowed on Victoria Day, Canada Day, New Years' Eve and New Years' Day. If the weather is inclement on Victoria Day or Canada Day, fireworks can be set off on the next calendar day. Fireworks are only to be used from dusk to 11 p.m., with them allowed from dusk to 1 a.m. only on New Year's Eve. Fireworks are not to be used when there is a fire ban or winds over 20 kmh. Do you need help on who to call with problems that may require: Township By-Law enforcement, garbage /recycling, OPP Assistance etc? Don't ignore the problem, call the relevant number below.

- Township Office / General Enquiries: 705-526-4204
- By-Law Officer: [24 hours] 705-526-4136
- For confidential complaints about burning during a fire ban, burning leaves, improper garbage disposal, disturbing/excessive noise.
- Animal Control : 705-549-2289 Recycling/Garbage Collection: 705-735-6901 or 1-800-263-3199
- For information about schedules and acceptable materials.
- OPP: Non-emergency: 1-888-310-1122

For confidential complaints concerning road safety - including speeding or reckless driving, snowmobiles, unlicensed ATV's and off-road/trail bikes on roads, disturbing/excessive noise, suspicious persons or activities, and other safety and security concerns.

Recreation Director Report

Thanks to everyone who helped out at the recent Parks Cleanup, and who came for the barbeque afterwards.

This was my first event as Recreation Director, and I really enjoyed meeting more of our members. Our next event is our annual Barbeque, which will be held on Saturday, July 2 at 4 p.m in the Park 4 picnic area. Since we have not had a barbeque in the last two years, we have a surplus in our social event fund, so we will not charge members and their immediate family – consisting of their children and grandchildren – for this event. Soft drinks and water will be free, and wine and beer will be available for a price. If you want to bring guests to the barbeque who are not immediate family, you will be charged \$5 per person.

Your executive and volunteers will be responsible for the cooking of the entire meal. The menu is:

Beef
Chicken
Green salad
Cole slaw or potato salad
Baked beans
Rolls
Dessert

If you wish to bring a contribution to the meal, people like to try your international dishes or personal favorites. There is no need to bring anything, but we've always had fun trying your contributions!

In order to make this event work smoothly, we will need volunteer help, for one hour shifts. Information can be

found in the Vice President's report. In order for us to plan supplies properly, please send me an email if you plan to attend, with number of people you will be bringing. I will need this information by June 15. My email is scca.tiny.rd@gmail.com. Thanks for your help. Here's to a great summer.

Catherine Rutzgaizer



V.P. Report

In order to maintain our vibrant and cohesive community, which we feel the SCCA is, we should focus on three important things for our community. The first is being an active member of the association and volunteer for our community, the second is open and respectful communication, and the third is knowledge of the community, both our immediate area and the larger community.

Volunteering- In order to make our community work, we do need help from our members, as the five executive members and four park wardens need a lot of help from our wonderful members. And we are not afraid to ask for it! Nobody is getting any younger here! 😊

Here it comes, volunteering:

For our **July 2** barbeque, we will need volunteers for one hour shift for the following "shifts":

Set up at 1 -2 p.m.

Cooking – we will let you know the times needed once we have an approximate headcount.

Serving from 4 to 5 p.m

Clean up from 7 to 8 p.m.

If you are interested in helping, please let any one of our executives know and they will confirm your assignment closer to the date. We greatly appreciate any help we can get. Our park clean up was a huge success and we are very proud of all our members who helped us and keep cleaning our parks.

There will be certain parks maintenance which will need volunteers later in the year – fence repairs, and potential park 4 gazebo roofing and rehabilitation. You can volunteer for these events once we confirm the dates and times. We will post them via email, on the entrance boards and on Facebook.

There may be other occasions where we need help, and we will alert you to the need if/when it occurs.

Communication – We communicate to you via email, the entrance boards, our Facebook page, newsletters and the upcoming website. Website details can be found in the President's report. If we don't have your email, we do need to have it for quick communication to you in

case of emergencies or

information you need to know. If you would like to join our Facebook page, please contact one of us and we will be more than happy to help you. Please, feel free to post on our Facebook page and upcoming website.

Knowledge of your community – We communicate to you the status of the SCCA, and some of the top Tiny Township and government activities via our Facebook page. However, it is your responsibility and in your best interest to be informed of what is happening in our greater area. Things that are always being debated in the Township area are short term rentals, noise, beach access and helping to maintain pristine water and green spaces in our little mighty town. Keep informed by logging onto the Tiny Township website: tiny.ca, on a regular basis. A great deal of information can be found reading information posted on the Tiny township committees.

Irina Jacobs



SAND CASTLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 2022 RULES AND REGULATIONS

We are very lucky to live in a lovely area of Ontario, and it is rare to have properties with access to four parks, four beaches and a boat ramp to enjoy. More houses are being built in the SCCA, and more people are living here full time, which means that our communal areas are becoming busier than ever. Because each of us are partial owners of these areas, and share ownership with 140+ other families, it is important that we respect the area that we share with our neighbours. Please be considerate and respectful of our SCCA community and the beautiful nature we have available to enjoy.

In order for us to fully enjoy our shared spaces, it is important for all of us to be aware of, and abide by the following rules for the parks, beaches and ramp:

SCCA shared properties are to be used only by members of the SCCA who have paid their annual dues on a timely basis. Your guests and renters may also use the property. Boat ramp members must be present if guests or renters are using the boat ramp.

Fires and barbeques – are not allowed in the shared spaces. Please feel free to have picnics, but do not include foods that need to be cooked on site.

For fires that you have on your personal property, you must have a fire permit issued by Tiny Township. Please do not burn if the wind is blowing more than 20 kph. If there is a fire ban in the Township you cannot have a fire. Do not dispose of ashes in the parks as this is a fire hazard.

Beaches and Parks – please leave the beaches and parks at the end of your daily visit as you've found them. Do not leave any garbage, chairs, beach toys, kayaks, canoes etc. on the beach. There will be a portable toilet in Park 4 again, so please use it or your own homes when nature calls – do not use the beach as a toilet.

We had hoped to do a trial providing fixed kayak/canoe racks at the beaches, but our lawyers and insurer have ruled against it for liability reasons.

If you take your pet to the beaches or through the parks, please ensure they are leashed, and you clean up their waste.

If you choose to smoke on the beaches or in the parks, please be respectful of other SCCA members that are present. Please smoke a respectful distance from others and remove all cigarette butts when you leave.

Please remember that the beaches are shared, and relatively small, so for the enjoyment of all SCCA members, please be respectful and share the space.

SAND CASTLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 2022 RULES AND REGULATIONS (cont'd)

Parks – do not dispose of your yard waste or leaves in the parks.

Motorized Vehicles – are not allowed in the parks/beaches. The only exception is SCCA vehicles which are required for parks cleanup, maintenance and security/patrols.

No camping – on shared property.

Loud music – please keep your volume to a low level.

We thank you for adhering to these rules, which apply to all homeowners, renters and guests. You are responsible for any damage on shared property, whether it is caused by you, your guests, or your renters.

Thank you for your adherence to these rules.