

S.C.C.A.

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Event dates:

Parks Clean Up
Saturday, May 6 at 10 a.m.
(rain date May 13)

Annual barbeque
Saturday, July 8 at 4 p.m.

Annual General Meeting
Saturday, August 26 at 1 p.m.

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President's Report:



Happy New Year to all our members! I trust you had a good holiday season, and enjoyed our January weather.

For those of you who receive this newsletter by email you will get your annual dues invoice, plus the minutes from last year's AGM by Canada Post by mid February. For the members who do not have email or website access, we will also add a copy of this newsletter in your mailing along with dues invoice plus minutes.

Dues remain at \$140 per year per lot for the fourth consecutive year. We anticipate that, as happened last year, we will need to spend an above average amount in parks maintenance this year, as we have suffered serious tree damage/loss during some major windstorms recently. Costs will include some removal of trees, and the purchase of new seedling tree stock.

Security

As voted upon at the AGM, we will continue to have a Neighbourhood Watch presence in our area during the cottage season. More will follow on this in the spring newsletter.

If you have a fire, medical emergency, or a personal threat, call 911 directly.

Election Year

Every 2 years we elect a new Executive for the SCCA. This is an election year, and your new executive will be voted for at our AGM on August 26.

The positions on our Executive are as follows:

President
Vice-President
Secretary/Treasurer
Parks Director
Recreation Director
Communications Director

A list of duties for each position is included in this newsletter. If you are interested in any of the positions, or need any more information, please contact any member of the executive.

All positions are open during the elections.

At this point in time - Irina Jacobs, Catherine Rutzgaizer and Rick Benz will be putting their names forward for a position. Sue French and Nancy Baboolal will not be rerunning - Nancy after more than 35 years on the exec, and Sue after 14 years. I look forward to seeing

you and working with you this year. Enjoy the winter, and look forward to the spring and summer!

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.



Recreation Director Report

Dear SCCA Members,

I hope you had a great start of the new 2023, and this message finds you well. As Recreation Director for our association, I wanted to take a moment to update you on the events we have planned for the coming months.

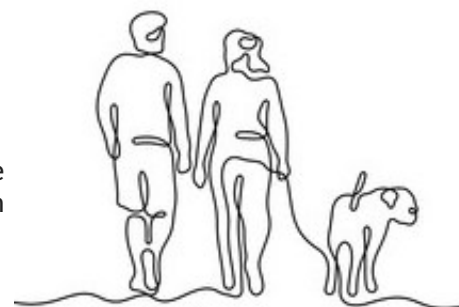
We will be holding a number of regular events throughout the summer, such as Park Cleanup (May 6), Annual BBQ (July 8) and the Annual General Meeting (August 26).

We encourage you to mark these

events on your Calendar and join us for some fun and community building. We will also be looking for volunteers to help at these events.

As always, we value your feedback and suggestions, so please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any of the Board Members with your ideas. We look forward to seeing you all at the beach, in the parks, and enjoying our common spaces together.

Catherine Rutzgaizer



V.P. Report

I want to start my message with thanking our team for creating and supporting our website.

Special thanks to Arek, who spent a lot of hours developing it and to making sure it works, and it looks great! I personally love the design and pictures posted. As it is still a work in progress, we would like to hear any suggestions from our association members on how to improve it and to make it even more useful for them.

To make it even more interesting and educational - we would also ask our members - who've been here for many years, if they would like to share their experiences and historical facts and pictures (white and black or color) about this area or our association with the rest of our SCCA community on our website. I am sure it would be very interesting to have that history to read and find out even

more about their community.

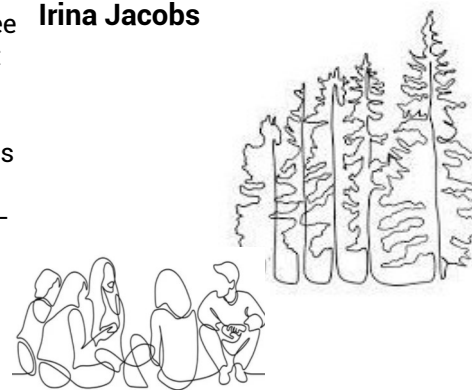
I would like to thank all members of our association for your active participation in the life of our community and to everyone who volunteered their time to maintain and protect our parks.

After several discussions with our members, I find that many of you truly love and cherish this place and want to make it even better and more beautiful. We may agree or disagree on certain topics, but open discussion with our members is always helping our executive team to make decisions on your behalf that work for the majority of our association members. Without this participation, it would be difficult to do. Thanks to the members who found time to discuss with us their concerns and to help us to understand what is important for you and your families.

Some issues obviously take longer to resolve than others. We will be doing our best to work on them to achieve good results. I hope that this year will be a great one for all of us and our families.

It is in our power to make this place an even greater community in which to live and to enjoy. Keep us posted and let's all help each other!

Irina Jacobs



Parks Director Report:

Hello all, welcome to 2023!

Firstly, I want to thank all volunteers who came out to build the new fence in the Park 2 entrance. We still have a few more fence repairs, including putting up the rails in Park 2 and rebuilding the Park 3 fence.

Parks Clean Up this year is Saturday May 6th at 10 a.m. and lunch to follow. Let's hope mother nature is on our side for good weather that day, as there is quite a lot of debris in the parks. Rain date is May 13.

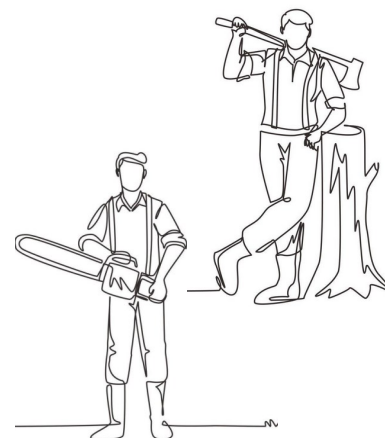
We had a number of trees come down in Park 1 in the past few wind-

storms. Thanks to those who helped do the initial cleanup, with a bit more work to come in the spring.

I am hoping to burn all the wood piles in our parks while there is snow on the ground. Keep an eye on our entrance boards and website for volunteers to help with this task.

As always if there's any danger of trees or concerns please let us know. Until then enjoy the winter and see you all at parks clean up.

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.

- Emergency: Police/Fire/Ambulance: 911

The executive meets at least three times per year – usually for about 2 hours – to discuss SCCA issues including finances, social functions, parks, newsletters, AGM agenda and any government issues that may impact our community. We work in a co-operative and collective manner and aim for consensus in decision making. Although each member has his/her area of responsibility, we all pitch in on many different things when our colleagues need assistance.

President

Schedules executive meetings and prepares the agenda. Chairs executive meetings and Annual General Meeting. Coordinates content and production of newsletter and other written communications. Responds in writing or by phone to queries from SCCA members. Keeps informed about critical community issues in Tiny Township

Vice-President

Works with/assists President. Chairs meetings in President's absence. Undertakes special projects that support the operation of the SCCA. May act as the SCCA liaison with Tiny Township committees and associations.

Secretary/Treasurer

Prepares minutes of the AGM. Coordinates printing/mailing of SCCA newsletters. Collects and maintains records of lot levy payments. Prepares annual financial statement and presents documents at AGM. Receives and processes payments of SCCA expenditures. Coordinates collection of fees at SCCA events.

Parks Director

Coordinates with park wardens re maintenance of parks and annual parks clean-up. Coordinates maintenance of SCCA equipment, and purchases gas, oil, etc for the equipment. Advises executive on purchase of new equipment. Advises on any park needs for contracting special services.

Recreation Director

Plans and coordinates SCCA functions which currently include BBQ for the Parks clean up, volunteers, the annual summer BBQ, the Corn Boil at the AGM. Participates in the general planning and operation of the SCCA.

Communications Director

Responsible for coordinating, editing and posting our communications information for the year. These include the website, email content, Facebook page and newsletter. They are assisted by exec members and any members in the SCCA who maintain our digital platforms.

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 neighbors. 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. SCCA 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.

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.