

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.
In Park 4.

Annual General Meeting
Saturday, August 26
at 1 p.m. in Park 4.



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President's Message:



Welcome to summer 2023! This is my last message to you, as I will not be running for a position at our AGM in

August. It has been my pleasure and honor to work on the SCCA executive for the last 14 years. I hope that in some small way I have made a difference here and have made your experience in the SCCA a good one.

Our annual barbeque will be held on Saturday, July 8, in Park 4 - rain or shine. We do have tents available should it be raining so we will be comfortable regardless of the weather. Details of this day can be found in the Recreation Director's report.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held, rain or shine, on Saturday, August 26, 2023 at 1 p.m. in the Park 4 picnic area. You can read more details about this in the Vice President's report. The purpose of our AGM is to update all members on what has been done during the previous year, review our financial statements and brief you on plans for the upcoming year. It is also your opportunity to pose questions to the Executive Members, and

make your ideas known to us and your fellow members. It is important that you attend, as this is your Community and you should know what is going on and have a say in its future. If there are any items that require a vote, each lot owner who is up to date on their lot levy payment is entitled to one vote. If you own multiple lots, you will have a vote for each lot owned and for which your lot levies are paid. This is also a social occasion for us, so please stay after the meeting for our Corn Roast. This also is an election year for executive members, so we will be seeking to fill the following positions:

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

All positions are available, and any member in good standing i.e. who is up to date on lot levy payments, can put his/her name forward. Irina Jacobs, our current V.P., will be putting her name up for President. Catherine Rutgaizer, currently Recreation Director, will be putting her name forward for Secretary/Treasurer. Rick Benz is interested in stay-

ing on as Parks Director.

Prior to the AGM, you will receive an agenda for the AGM, as well as the financial statement for our fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. Along with this newsletter, you will find some attachments, including an agenda for the AGM. If you have any items which you would like to add to the agenda, please send them to my attention and they will be added.

We are working on editing and modernizing our **Constitution and By-Laws**, which are currently almost forty years old. There are sections which have to be changed, as they no longer meet the requirements under the new Ontario Not For Profit Corporations Act, which we have to follow. We hope to have suggested changes by the AGM, or if not, shortly thereafter. Any changes have to be voted upon by the membership.

Sue French

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.

V.P. Report

I want to wish everyone a very nice and happy summer, and would like to thank all members of the Association who helped with parks clean up. Thank you for keeping our parks and beaches clean and safe.

A friendly reminder to all our members that this year is an election year for our association executive committee. We would like to see as many members as possible at our AGM in August. If you want to make a difference, this year is the year to come and voice your opinion and vote. The AGM is August 26, 2023 at 1 p.m. in Park 4. Our traditional corn roast will immediately follow the AGM.

Recreation Report

Dear SCCA members! The summer is upon us, and I trust that like me, you love this most beautiful and relaxing time of the year. Our parks and beaches are great places to enjoy nature. Walking, watching the birds, enjoying blooming flowers, and relaxing by the sound of waves are great ways to take some time off from your everyday routine, and relax, while connecting with nature.

In May we had the first community event of this year. Lunch after the cleanup of the parks was a pleasant get-together for the SCCA community members. Thank you to all who helped in the parks, and who joined the lunch. It was nice to reconnect with neighbors, meet new people, and get to know SCCA members a little better.

This year two of our most experienced executives are planning to retire from their positions. Sue and Nancy are stepping down from their roles. I would like to mention that under their leadership and help from other members - our Community Association remains strong and vibrant. Just a few of their achievements: organizing and maintaining association finances and payments to the insurance, taxes and collecting association fees; organizing several events throughout many years, maintaining and organizing legal papers and issues for the association; starting our own website, modernizing our constitution in accordance with a new century;

I am now looking forward to the Annual BBQ on July 8th starting at 4 pm in Park 4. As in previous years, your executive and volunteers will be responsible for the cooking of the meal. The menu includes:

Beef and chicken
Green salad
Cole slaw or potato salad
Spanokopita
Rolls
Dessert

If you wish to bring one of your favourite dishes to add to the menu, please feel free to do so. We always love to taste your food and see what you bring! The BBQ is free for SCCA members in good standing and their immediate family (children and grandchildren). Cost for any guests is \$5 per person. Soft drinks and water are included, wine and beer are

and many other everyday tasks that may seem minimal and insignificant at the first glance, but essential for the function of this community and the maintenance of our beautiful environment. I would like to thank them for the amazing job they have done.

If any of our members are interested in any of the 6 positions, please let one of the executive committee that you are interested. All positions will be voted on at the AGM, and you should have someone nominate you at the AGM during the actual election. Bring yourself and your ideas to this meeting.

Irina Jacobs

available for a cost. We will need some volunteer help for this event. If you are interested in giving us an hour of your time, for setup, cooking, serving or clean up, please let an executive member know. As your recreation director, in light of the upcoming beach season, I'd like to remind you to enjoy the beach responsibly, supervise small children, leave the beach clean, and be mindful that we share this space with our neighbors. The most important - please enjoy the season while the weather is beautiful.

Catherine Rutgaizer



Parks Director Report:

Hi everyone!

First let's say thanks to all the volunteers and parks wardens for parks clean up. We had lots of people out and it was a success. The lunch afterwards was also fun!

As mentioned in our last email - as we have so many trees that came down in the winter, and others that are dead that need to be taken down, we have contracted the services of a professional tree removal company. They will not only cut down and cut up the trees by the middle of June, but they will also take away all the debris in the burn piles in the parks. We have decided that it is

no longer safe to burn these large piles in our parks

We still have a few projects on the go, which include fence repair in park 3, and finishing the rail installation on the path-way from Bluewater to Park 2. Spraying for poison ivy is ongoing, as it seems to grow everywhere here. For our new members we have 4 parks in our community, and each park has a warden who is responsible for grass cutting and general maintenance. Park 1 lies between Sunrise Court and Bluewater Court, and I am the warden for this park. Park 2 is between Bluewater Court and

Moonlight Court, with Wayne Humphries as the warden.

Park 3 is between Moonlight and Crown Court, and the warden is Allen Landriault. Park 4 lies between Crown Court and Park Lane, with Bill Schumacher as our longest serving park warden there. As always, I want to say thank you to the wardens for all their hard work.

Hope to see you all at our picnic and as always, if you have any concerns please don't hesitate to contact me.

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.