



# WALDEN-CANews

## A Note from the Chair

Spring will be in the air soon and our long winter a distant memory! For those winter enthusiasts though, this has been a tremendous year for any outdoor activity including cross country skiing and snowmobiling. Congratulations to the organizers and all the volunteers of the Walden Winter Carnival and Beaver Lake Carnival for another successful year!

In the fall, I told you about our brainstorming session that was due to happen in November. Since that time, a Community Conference Committee has been organized and the volunteers are working very hard putting the conference together. The event is scheduled for April 24 & 25 and the Co-Chairs of this event are Gwen Doyle and Brenda Salo. Look for more information inside the newsletter.

In February, the Walden-CAN hosted "Protecting our Greenspaces" presented by Franco Mariotti, a volunteer with the City of Greater Sudbury Advisory Panel working on this initiative. This is an opportunity for residents of Walden to help identify greenspaces in our community that we need to protect for generations to come. Please go to our website for further information on this initiative and how you can make a difference or email us at [info@walden-can.com](mailto:info@walden-can.com).

*Karen Tait-Peacock, Walden-CAN Chair*

## Municipal Matters

After four months of budget deliberations, residents of the CGS will be faced with a 3.6% Municipal tax increase and a 5.2% water and wastewater increase. I sincerely believe it to be a responsible increase and one that will help in the continued efforts of infrastructure repair. As a reminder, the increase last year was significantly higher and it took a lot of work to keep this increase below 5%. Some of the highlights for Ward 2:

- Permanent funding to add another transit route into the area to eliminate the 4 hour time gap we currently realize.
- Provide one time funding in the amount of \$40,000.00 to upgrade Pine Heights Park.
- Provide funding to upgrade water lines at the Lively Ski Hill to allow for snow making capability to the tune of \$49,500.00.
- Provide funding for the Beaver lake Community Centre to construct a wheelchair ramp and fix accessibility issues at a cost of \$20,000.00.
- Provide funding to the Naughton Ski Trails Assoc. for trail upgrades at a cost of \$10,000.

There were also a number of other local improvements to roads, water and wastewater, parks and recreation, etc. that include improvements to the water tower in the Industrial Park and a splash pad for children in an area yet to be determined.

I have accepted the role as chair of the new Winter Road Maintenance Advisory Panel. I am optimistic that road issues can and will be dealt with. Should any resident wish to contact me regarding concerns you may be experiencing please do not hesitate to call me at 692-5966 or email me at [jacques.barbeau@greatersudbury.ca](mailto:jacques.barbeau@greatersudbury.ca).

*Jacques Barbeau, Ward 2 Councilor*

## Community Conference 2009 Together, Walden-CAN...

The Walden-CAN Community Conference Committee is excited to announce **TOGETHER-WALDEN CAN** on April 24 and 25 at LDSS. The themes and topics are based on input gathered from our November Brain-Storming Session, email, telephone conversations, and a Walden-CAN Survey. Concerns identified were **youth issues, 50+/seniors' issues, health services, safety and security, environmental issues and community development.**

We are pleased to have Franco Mariotti as our Friday Night Plenary Speaker. He has been Co-Chair of the Junction Creek Stewardship Committee, a member of the Healthy Community Cabinet, Steering Committee for EarthCare, and Mayor's Panel on Green Spaces.

We have 15 speakers volunteering their experience and expertise on Saturday for two open forums and eleven workshops.

Our morning forum will be *'The Status of Health Services... in CGS and within Walden'*. David Courtemanche, Executive Director of the City of Lakes Family Health Team, and Ryan Humeniuk, CGS Physician Recruitment Coordinator, will speak to the proposed FHT site and to physician recruitment for Walden.

The afternoon forum will be *'Enhance & Develop, Preserve & Maintain Communities Within Walden'*. This session will be facilitated by the executive board of the Walden CAN.

Workshops include:

- Bridging the Gap Between our Community and Our Youth
- Improved, Accessible Transportation for Walden
- Aging at Home... Accessible Home Care Services
- Fitness/Wellness Programs in School Gyms
- Reclaim Simon Lake Conservation Area and Protect Our Lakes
- Volunteer Recruitment
- Smooth Move for New GREEN School
- Safety & Security Within Walden
- Maintaining Your Driver's License... For Seniors
- Fundraising, Can We Make It More Effective?
- Increasing Access to Medical Specialists

Delegates from each of our 70+ community groups, service clubs, sports and playground associations, churches, and schools have been invited. Everyone should have pre-registered. However, if you have not, and would like to represent your group, please contact Co-Chairs Gwen Doyle at 692-3021 or Brenda Salo at 866-2919 for more information.

### TOGETHER, WALDEN CAN...

**Raise a Child  
Grow and Develop  
Care for the Elderly  
Promote Safety and Security  
Advocate for Health Services  
Enhance, Preserve, and Protect our  
Environment**



## Snowmobiles and Safety in Walden

To the Residents of Walden:

Recently there have been two serious snowmobile collisions that have occurred in the City of Greater Sudbury, one of which was in the Walden area. These types of incidents are not only predictable, but also preventable. Unfortunately these incidents bring to the forefront, the poor judgment of some people who operate motorized snow vehicles.

Since the inception of the Rural Squad, both units work hand in hand with the S.T.O.P. officer program to ensure safe trails and streets in our community. We are dedicated in reducing complaints and incidents like this and will endeavor to do so in the future.

We have increased our monitoring of this area by snowmobile patrols, spot checks and strict enforcement of the rules applicable to the motorized snow vehicle act. We ask for the public's understanding when they get stopped on their snowmobiles for periodic checks. Producing your driver's license, ownership and insurance for your snowmobile may be an inconvenience, but it is required by law.

Since the mid 1990s this Police Service has been attending Lively High and teaching the youth on snowmobile Safety. This program called "S" Days has been improved over the years and this year it will take place at Lively High again. All aspects of this activity are to ensure safe and responsible snowmobiling.

We hope that snowmobilers can be sympathetic to their community and operate their snowmobiles responsibly and with respect. The recent serious snowmobile/pedestrian accident serves as a reminder of how quickly things can go wrong. These victims unnecessarily suffered substantial injury and pain as well as the loss of their dog.

It is the goal of the Greater Sudbury Police and S.T.O.P officers to make snowmobiling a safe and enjoyable sport.

Yours truly,

S/Sgt. Garry Davidson-Officer in Charge District II

Sgt. Gary Lavoie - Traffic Management Unit

Sgt. Carl Hoeg - Rural Squad



## Nurse Practitioner Clinics

Sudbury District NP Clinics offer all the services that patients can expect from any family practice. The care is delivered by an interdisciplinary team of nurse practitioners and physicians. Nurse practitioners (NPs) are the primary health-care providers for patients accessing health care at the clinic. NPs complete patient intakes, physical assessments and send patients for diagnostic testing. They diagnose and prescribe medication for a variety of illnesses and monitor stable chronic illness. Many of the patients will only need to see their nurse practitioner; however, physicians are available to see patients on site and are also available for consultation with the nurse practitioners when necessary.

SDNPC will soon expand its current team of providers to include a dietician, pharmacist, social worker and a registered nurse in order to better meet the needs of patients. These providers will be hired in 2009 as space permits.

Patients from Copper Cliff, Naughton, Whitefish and Lively should come to the Sudbury site to register and are currently being seen at the Sudbury site pending the completion to the Lively clinic site.

For more information, see our web site [www.sdnpc.ca](http://www.sdnpc.ca)

## Walden Lakes Stewardship

The beautiful lakes in Walden, like all things of value, need care. Each lake has its own character and sad to say, problems almost always caused by human activity.

Eurasian watermilfoil (or milfoil) has been spread mostly by boaters and float planes. Although blue-green algae (or *Cyanobacteria*) exists naturally, it becomes a problem when nourished by fertilizers and faulty septic systems.

Stewardships for Long, Black, Simon, Little Penage, Fairbank and Little Round lakes have been formed. Information meetings for blue-green algae are being scheduled for April 2009. Invitations will soon be sent to you. For more information, call Stephen Butcher at 692-5025 or e-mail [butchersm@explornet.com](mailto:butchersm@explornet.com).

*By Forbes Stoodley*

## Community Helps Walden Food Bank

In 1988, The Walden Food Bank moved from three area churches to the Tennis Court Building on 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Lively.

The schools in Walden all organize Food Drives to stock our shelves. Other community partners help with Food Drives: Greater Sudbury Fire Department, Greater Sudbury Volunteer Firefighters, Kampana Bells, Walden Winter Carnival, Tree Lighting at the Anderson Farm Museum, and the Lively IDA Pharmacy. In addition, we have some very generous families, who donate throughout the year and especially at Christmas time. We also receive the proceeds from the sale of Christmas Trees at Pine Hill Lumber.

Because we have a Membership with the Sudbury Food Bank, we can use our Membership Card to purchase items at National Grocers and receive an additional 5% discount. The Walden Lions also gives us money to purchase supplies from Lively Kwik Way. This consists of eggs, margarine, milk and bread. We also purchase ground beef from Battistelli's Y.I.G. and various items we may require.

The churches of the community are also generous with food and money. We have a weekly pick-up at St. Pius X and Battistelli's Y.I.G.

Each year in March the Walden Food Bank participates in a Canada-wide Survey called 'Hunger Count'. The results of this Survey are used to make politicians and the public aware of the number of people using the Food Banks.

Our General Meeting for Election of Officers and appointment of Board of Directors and for presenting our financial statement for the year 2008, will be held at the Food Bank (Lively Field House) on April 30th at 7:00 pm. Open to public.

*Lyn Demers, President, Walden Food Bank  
692-9207*

## Theatre, of Course!

Beaver Lake Community Theatre is certainly alive. A very successful dinner theatre recently had the audience in stitches. Fred and Greta Harju, Bob and Anita Thomson, Ian Vautour, Alek Luopa, and of course, Petey Luopa showed us why a live production is the best.

But guys, who did steal the pulla?

The Windmill Theatre really needs more men, yes, stout-hearted men. Phone Linda Morgan at 866-0037 to set up an audition. Rehearsals are in the Cornerstone Community Church. The on-stage performance will be in June.

*By Forbes Stoodley*

## Who Has Smelled The Wind?

The City of Greater Sudbury has been using Inco tailing ponds in the Lively area to dispose of waste activated sludge. This has, over time, created summers of discontent when fair weather brings foul.

Last year, a coherent water resonator was tested with some success. This resonator boosts oxygen levels, thus increasing biological activity. The result is reduced generation of hydrogen sulphide odours. Along with the addition of Bioxide and lime spread around the shoreline of the tailings pond, a better air quality should result. An air monitor has been installed.

Trucks carrying waste activated sludge will access the dumping site via Municipal Road 24. Local sludge trucks will still travel through downtown Lively. But we need a permanent solution.

A Biosolids Management Plan is recommending the construction of a centralized biosolids facility at the Sudbury Wastewater Plant on Kelly Lake Road at a cost of 30-40 million dollars. This will produce a Class A biosolids/soil-like product that could be used in land reclamation. Options for short- and long-term storage will be considered.

Perhaps, in the near future, odours drifting through Lively and environs will be barbecued spareribs.

Additional information available at: [bad.johns@greatersudbury.ca](mailto:bad.johns@greatersudbury.ca) or [sscott@rvanderson.com](mailto:sscott@rvanderson.com).

*By Forbes Stoodley*

## Waters Mennonite Church—50 Years

Saturday & Sunday, June 6 & 7, 2009

Waters Mennonite Church will be celebrating 50 years as a congregation. Saturday will be an "Open Door" event to display the work of the Mennonite church and to explore the history of Anabaptism, the Waters church, and our corner of Lively. On Sunday, our morning worship at 10:45 will celebrate with former Pastors and others who have shared in this congregation over the years. All are invited to drop in and share in this celebration.

[mail@watersmennonite.org](mailto:mail@watersmennonite.org), or [www.watersmennonite.org](http://www.watersmennonite.org)  
705-692-7655.

*Dave Nicol, Pastor Waters Mennonite Church*

## New CGS Staff Liaison

The Walden-CAN welcomes Sherri Moroso, who was recently hired as a Community Development Coordinator with the Community Development Partnerships Section of the City of Greater Sudbury. She is the new Walden-CAN Liaison with the City. Sherri and her family have resided in Walden for the past 16 years. She is looking forward to working with our CAN and encourages you to contact her should you have any questions, comments, or concerns about the community. 674-4455, ext 2449 or email at [sherri.moroso@greatersudbury.ca](mailto:sherri.moroso@greatersudbury.ca).

## The LDSS 50+ Reunion

May 15, 16, 17, 2009

No, it isn't just for those over 50. All graduates of Lively High (LDSS – Lively District Secondary School), if you haven't already done so, should contact Mary Purvis at [mlpurvis@hotmail.com](mailto:mlpurvis@hotmail.com) (692-3747) or Tannys Loughren at [tloughren@laurentian.ca](mailto:tloughren@laurentian.ca). Check it out at [www.livelyhighschoolreunion.com](http://www.livelyhighschoolreunion.com).

And yes, Virginia there will be jump-jive music!

*By Forbes Stoodley*

## Walden Ski Club Very Close to Goal

The Walden Ski Club has been working hard to raise the \$107,000 needed to purchase and install snowmaking equipment for the Lively Ski Hill. Thanks to Councillor Jacques Barbeau, we are getting very close. He spearheaded an allocation of \$49,000 from the City budget for 2009. We are only \$12,000 away from our goal.

Local businesses continue to donate. We are still operating the concession stand at the ski hill to help raise a money as well. We ask anyone interested in donating to please contact Kelly at [waldenskiclub@hotmail.com](mailto:waldenskiclub@hotmail.com) or 556-0198.

*By Kelly Demers*

## Citizens On Patrol

The Walden Citizens On Patrol Program is composed of volunteers, who work together to keep an eye on homes and businesses within Walden. This Program has been active within the Walden area since June 2008, and logged over 4,300 km in six months.

Volunteers for Dispatch and Mobile Observation Team positions are currently needed to expand and sustain this Program in Walden. Application forms are available at the Walden Storefront and on line at [www.police.sudbury.on.ca](http://www.police.sudbury.on.ca).

## A Lonely Little Petunia in an Onion Patch

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Our neglected public flowerbeds, signage and parks don't encourage beholding. Even our famous "Welcome to Walden" loons lie unnoticed somewhere. The flower garden fronting the former town hall is magnificent with weeds. Trees in the planters look forlorn.

We Waldenites are a friendly lot. Our surroundings should be the same. One of the priorities this spring should be restoration. Community groups along with material grants could do it.

Yes, We Walden-CAN!

*By Forbes Stoodley*

## Walden Youth For Youth

Walden Youth For Youth welcomes our new Coordinator, Susi Knezaurek. Susi has much previous experience working with youth at risk. We do have a great bunch of young people in regular attendance at our Centre. Both of us anticipate many good experiences.

Our recent community volunteer work includes canvassing for the Lion's Christmas Telethon (\$360 raised) and shoveling snow for seniors.

We've hosted sessions on snowmachine safety, internet safety, sexual assault, and alcohol, led by the Sudbury Police and the Sudbury District Health Unit.

We've taken a stand against bullying by all wearing pink on February 25.

To prepare for summer jobs, internships, and volunteer work, sessions on writing resumes and cover letters were held.

Walden youth in conjunction with our university and colleges, initiated a Youth Teaching Youth program. Our young people outlined their career interests and invited graduates to share insight about respective programs. A second phase will include speakers currently employed in these fields.

Lastly folks, any donations of furniture and electric guitars would help us. We thank you for sharing with Walden's youth.

*June Eppe and Susi Knezaurek  
Walden Youth For Youth*



**Walden-CAN Executive 2008-2009**

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**Special Thanks**

Walden CAN would like to thank Mary-Lou Coffee for her contribution to the Executive Board since 2005. Mary-Lou has recently resigned, but will continue to be an integral part of the community and in her position at the Walden Day Care in Lively.

Also, Allie Peacock has stepped down as secretary, but will continue to serve as the Youth Representative for the CAN. Our thanks to her as well.

The Walden CAN would like to welcome Gord Key as a new member of the Executive. He and his wife, Barbara, built a permanent home in Walden two years ago. Gord is a retired hospital administrator from Huronia District Hospital in Midland. His experience will be of great benefit to Walden to establish more health care practitioners in Walden.

**An African Adventure in Walden**

Penage Road Women's Institute is presenting Lynn Bulloch, reporter and anchor of CTV Northern Ontario News, as guest speaker on April 19<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Penage Road Community Centre.

Lynn, as one of the winners of a national journalism fellowship, will be in Liberia in western Africa March 6-15. She will report on the work of Leo W. Gerrard, International President of the United Steelworkers, in the field of working conditions, wages, and health and safety regulations in Liberia. Please join us to hear Lynn speak of her experiences in Africa. For more info, call Dorothy Pattison at 692-3965.

**Penage Road Community Centre****Annual General Meeting**

Tuesday, April 7, 7:30 pm

Review of the year and Election of Officers.  
 All welcome. Contact: Mr. Terry Little 866-5728

**Earth Day Road Clean-up**

Saturday, April 25

Arrive at Centre at 9am to be assigned your one km of road. This volunteer job has taken place since 1990. Call Gary 866-5190 for more info.

**Flea Market**

Saturday, May 2, 8am - 2 pm

To obtain your table, call Nancy 866-2229

Refreshments available

**Mothers' Day Dinner and Auction**

Saturday, May 9, 5-7 pm

This is a fundraiser for the Centre.

Register: call 866-2989

**Walden Art Club****39<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Show & Sale**

Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 12:00 until 8:00

Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 10:00 until 4:00

Tom Davies Community Centre

FREE ADMISSION

Our 'Spring' show is a more formal type of show where our Walden Art Club artists exhibit and sell their new original works in mediums such as watercolour, collage, acrylic, pastel, ink, pencil, encaustic and/or mixed media.

Our club, which was formed over 40 years ago, strives to actively promote art and art appreciation among the membership and the community, and support other art clubs and organizations in the region.

If you are interested in being a member of the Walden Art Club or would like information about our club activities, including the painting of the Mosaic Mural please contact Kerry Mitchell (692-7612).

*Lois Poulin, President*

**Fairbank Lake Campers Assoc.**

Annual General Meeting

April 23, 7pm at Fielding Memorial Park

All camp owners welcome!

**Whitefish District Lions Club**

The District is hosting its A-5 Convention 2009 at the Radisson Hotel on April 3-5. It is an opportunity to meet other community volunteers involved with Lions. Lectures will assist in leadership and communication skill building which assist us when working with the community and their activities. We are also involved with "Dog Guides" and their Annual Walk with you dog will be May 30<sup>th</sup> at Bell Park.

The public may not be aware that our location has medical equipment (such as canes, crutches, wheel chairs, walkers, etc) that is available to the public at no cost. We are having them serviced and cleaned so that they are in great shape when requested by the needy. Call Lion George Rees at 866-2894.

We also will be continuing to volunteer at Boardwalk during the summer. Monies raised provide us the opportunity to fill financial requests for many purposes, which are presented to the board each year.

In June, our new executive is chosen for the following term of duty. Our Membership meets every 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 at the old Town Office in Whitefish. Anyone requiring more information can call our Club President, Lion Marilyn Shames @ 866-0381 or our secretary Lion Lorraine McLeod @ 866-5757. Our mission at Lions is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

**Walden Lions Club****Volunteer Fair**

May 23, Anderson Farm

The Walden Lions will be hosting a Volunteer Fair for the general. All are welcome. Come and meet the folk who help Walden be a better place to live. Free Admission. For more info contact Claire Hobden at [hobden@personainternet.com](mailto:hobden@personainternet.com), or at 692-4490.

Also, The Walden Lions Club will be at area businesses for their 'Toll Gate' during the month of June asking for loose change for Walden's charities.

**Beaver Lake-Spring Events****An Irish Celebration: "Here's to Winnie"**

April 4<sup>th</sup>

Roast Beef Dinner and Dance

Music by The Irish Capers

**Spring Fair**

June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

Spaghetti Supper, Euchre Party

Rubber Boot Golf Tournament

Steak Dinner and Dance

**Juhannus Festival**

June 21<sup>st</sup>

featuring Iona Reed

For more info, contact Brenda Salo 866-2919