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Walden-Community Action Network

Winter 2008

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Note from the Walden-CAN Chair

Welcome to an early winter and our last newsletter of 2008! There is a definite chill in the air now. In September, the Walden-CAN participated in the Anderson Museum Fall Fair with great success. Many of you walked away with a brochure on W-CAN and filled out our survey. I'd like to say thank you for stopping by and thank you to the volunteers who gave of their time that day.

In October, the Walden-CAN along with Walden 'Youth for Youth' hosted a very informative Cyber-proofing presentation by Constable Denise Fraser of the Crime Prevention Unit, Greater Sudbury Regional Police. There are a number of different valuable resources available on the internet like on-line internet courses, on-line lingo and acronyms in case you're like me and didn't understand what "lol" meant and what you need to know about on-line games and sharing sites. Please check our website www.walden-can.com for links.

In November, we met with representatives from local community groups to brainstorm and help identify priorities in our community such as parklands, environment, health teams, and youth, to name a few. These priorities will then become the focus of the Community Conference early in 2009. If you have an interest in participating in the Community Conference, we'd like to hear from you. Please email us at info@walden-can.com if you would like more information or wish to participate.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas!

*Karen Tait-Peacock,
Walden-CAN Chair*

Walden-CAN Communication Tools; We CAN Help You!

www.Walden-CAN.com: Thanks to our Webmasters, we **CAN** help you inform the public about activities, fundraising, programs, projects, special events, success stories or issues that you are concerned about. Our website continues to grow and evolve with new pages being added frequently. Each week, Councillor Barbeau, the CGS, Sudbury Public Library, and other contributors in our community send information to our website. These weekly E-updates are then shared with Walden-CAN and CGS contacts. If you would like to receive these E-updates, email

gwen-paul.doyle@sympatico.ca.

Walden-CAN Newsletter: Thanks to our Newsletter Team and the continued support of CGS, we **CAN** print three newsletter issues each year and mail them to each household in Walden. In order to provide community news and information, our volunteers need you to provide information and photos. Email JCarlisle928@hotmail.com.

Monthly Sudbury Star Column: Thanks to Don MacDonald, Editor of The Sudbury Star, we **CAN** contribute a monthly column about programs, issues, success stories, and more that is happening in Walden. We try to have a different focus each month. The column is also posted on www.Walden-CAN.com & www.URSudbury.com To provide copy, email gwen-paul.doyle@sympatico.ca

*Gwen Doyle,
Walden-CAN Communications Coordinator*

Councillor Barbeau's Municipal Matters

It has been an incredibly busy fall with a lot of great things happening within the community and the CGS. I would like to acknowledge two very special groups. The Walden Bantam REP team took to the streets and raised \$1700 for Special Olympics. And, in an emotional display of respect in Tom Davis Square, the Walden Irish Army Cadets #2964 honoured the severely injured Corporal William Kerr as their thank you for serving our country in Afghanistan.

After meeting with the MTO a few months ago, the location (Fielding Rd. or Southview Drive) of the Hwy 17 overpass is still not decided. It is expected that an announcement will be made soon.

Plans to eliminate the foul odour over Lively from sewage sludge in Vale INCO ponds are on track. The date to complete this project is the end of 2010.

Soon, after advocating change for bussing and health care in our community, I hope to announce positive progress on both fronts.

A new winter road maintenance option will be presented to council calling for the replacement of contractors servicing rural areas, with 17 full time employees. The increased cost has a payback of better service and safety.

I remind all residents to call me with their concerns and questions. Calling 3-1-1 will also connect you with all city departments. Best wishes for a safe and happy Holiday Season.

Jacques Barbeau, Councillor, Ward 2

Our 7's And 8's at L.D.S.S.

We wanted to see how our young scholars are doing at their new digs at Lively District Secondary School. Principal Judy Noble had given us the tour of the new Intermediate wing during the summer, so we asked Mr. John Peacock, one of the Intermediate teachers, to show us around again, now that the program is up and running. All is progressing well, though we hope that by the time you read this, the 30 new computers will have arrived.

Katie Cuthbertson, the voice on the P/A announcements, and Chris Ball were the student hosts. They talked candidly and enthusiastically about the new situation of grades 7 and 8 from George Vanier and Jessie Hamilton, being a school within at school at L.D.S.S. This dynamic duo explained their daily program, the routines, and for the most part, the advantages of the new accommodations. Chris was especially happy that hockey was now a school sport. They stressed that all activities, sports and clubs, except one initial assembly, are separate from the high school.

The Technical teacher who starts in November will have his students build hydrogen powered model cars – shades of Buck Rogers. In my day, we made fruit bowls. Mine was used to hold screws in the garage.

Mr. Cory Ross has a band of over 60 at a time. Katie marveled that he was always able to pinpoint any problem areas and correct them. From a cacophony of chaos he creates music.

Fortunately, the "Smooth Move" planned by Ms. Noble and her staff worked well. The teachers are excited about the school year. We especially thank John Peacock for his enthusiastic hosting and help.

By Forbes Stoodley

École St-Paul Is Growing and Growing

School boards throughout Ontario situated outside of the Greater Toronto Area are losing students by the thousands. Projections for the next five years are not good, as student enrolment will keep decreasing. However, in Lively, we have a school that is doing quite well when it comes to enrolment. École St-Paul on Sixth Avenue is not following that tendency. Enrolment in September jumped from 83 students to 108, which represents a 30% increase. An extra classroom has been added and an additional teacher was hired. The school is also studying the possibility of opening a full time French language daycare centre that would be run by Walden Day Care. The projections for the next five years are very good, as the numbers will keep increasing.

There are many reasons for this good news. The construction industry is booming in the Walden area. Many new families have arrived. There will be many new homes built in the next few years, which will again bring many new students. The small school has a family atmosphere where everyone knows each other and children are given individual attention. Anyone wishing to know more call 692-4696.

By Charles de la Riva, Principal

New Green School in Sudbury West

Rainbow District School Board held a sod turning ceremony on October 30th to mark the start of construction of its second green school. Located on Sixth Avenue in Lively, the school will offer English and French Immersion programs for students in JK to Grade 6 from George Vanier Public School and Jessie Hamilton Public School.

With this new school, the Board is exploring the possibility of building a carbon neutral facility, where the energy that is used is equal to the energy that is produced. This would be achieved by incorporating solar panels and wind turbines into the design.

The new school in Sudbury West will accommodate 500 students in 49,247 square feet over two floors. The school will also house a daycare facility.

Castellan James & Partners Architects Inc. is designing the school. Ameresco Canada Inc. is overseeing the construction with a targeted completion date of the fall of 2009.

*Nicole Charette,
Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning,
Rainbow District School Board*



YOU MATTER! Walden-CAN is looking for feedback about what is important to you, the residents of Walden. Please take a few minutes and visit www.surveymonkey.com and complete our survey. If you would rather speak to someone, please call 692-3021.

L.D.S.S. 50+ Years Reunion

Come celebrate 50+ years of Lively High Secondary School. This reunion is open to recent graduates and to those whose memories of high school might be a little foggy. We are going to welcome Hawks of all memory capacities on May 15/16/17, 2009 (Victoria Day Weekend). We know that if you attended Lively High, your memories must be great ones. LDSS Reunion Committee is also looking for volunteers. Because this reunion will involve the entire community from Anderson Farm to the High School, any volunteers will be welcomed and appreciated.

We are hosting a 'Meet and Greet Dance' at the arena both nights, kids activities at the high school, memorabilia displays sure to provide a blast from the past, and a brunch hosted by LDSS athletic and student groups on Sunday morning. There will be interactive displays at Anderson Farm. Golf is also available for those energetic folks as well.

All proceeds from this reunion weekend will directly benefit LDSS students. For more information or to sign up you can contact Mary Purvis at mlpurvis@hotmail.com or 692- 3747 or Tannys Laughren at tlaughren@laurentian.ca. Thank you in advance for your interest and please check out our website at www.livelyhighschoolreunion.com

By Tannys Laughren



Walden Wake-Ups



Who Has Seen The Wind(mill)?

Walden's Windmill Theatre is alive and looking to find a new venue in which to rehearse and perform. The present accommodation in the barn loft at Anderson Farm has been deemed as unsafe for more than 40 persons by the Fire Marshall. As the cast and crew could be at least that – well you see the problem. Linda Morgan and her troupe of thespians want to stage a production in the spring.

Perhaps Mayor Rodriguez should build the proposed Performing Arts Centre in Walden. That would do us nicely – and Linda would be pleased.

By Forbes Stoodley

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Our "New Bag Bad", "Old Bag Good" is working. Even the checkouts at the hardware and convenience stores have been heard to ask "Do you need a bag for that?" Environment-conscious people say 'no!' The LCBO uses paper bags now (of course, I was there to get medicinal brandy – for a sick friend).

Now as good stewards of our environment, we should work to get rid of Styrofoam, especially those packing peanuts that stick to everything. Styrofoam is a petroleum product that doesn't decompose until the next "Age of Aquarius". At the present time, they are not recyclable, so just sit in the landfill waiting for the "new dawning".

By Forbes Stoodley

Penage Road Women's Institute

Annual Friendship Morning
Saturday, February 28th, from 9am - 1pm

NEW LOCATION:

The Beaver Lake Sport & Cultural Club.
For details, call Dorothy Pattison at 692-3965

Walden Lions Club

We would like to invite anyone interested in serving your community to join us on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at Fielding Park at 6pm. Come join us for Tim Bits and coffee and get involved. New members are always appreciated. For more information, contact us at 692-4490.

Penage Road Community Centre

Did you know that the Penage Road Community Centre is available for private party rentals? You are invited to come in and look around and see if this location would be good for your special event. To book the centre or to view the facility, call Ira-Jane at 866-2989.

Walden Youth For Youth: How You Can Help!

Walden Youth for Youth will be fundraising for the Lion's Club Children's Christmas Telethon on Sunday, December 6th. The youth will also be in the community going door-to-door caroling on several evenings mid to late November. Adult volunteers are greatly appreciated for these outings.

Walden Youth for Youth Centre is looking for donated musical instruments. We are especially interested in guitars, acoustic or electric. We are also looking for donations of digital or disposable cameras so that the youth may learn some photography and media skills. Community support of our youth-run program is always needed. If you can help, call 692-1777 or email, june.epple@city.greatersudbury.on.ca

*June Epple, Coordinator
Walden Youth for Youth Centre*

Snowmobiling with Walden Sno Runners

The Walden Sno Runners will be 20 years old this year. In December of 1988 a group of local snowmobilers got together to form the local snowmobile club to develop and maintain local trails and promote safe family activities involving the sport of snowmobiling. As part of the Sudbury Trail Plan, the club maintains and patrols about 90 kms of trails from the north end of Fairbank Lake to Penage Lake and the south end of Whitewater Lake to Lively and between.

Join us for our 20 Year Anniversary Dinner Dance, November 29th, Lively Golf and Country Club contact Stan Fenton at stanfenton@gmail.com.

Walden Day Care

The Walden Day Care would like to thank all of the people and businesses that offered their support for the "Quilts in the Community" fundraiser. You made it a success!

Walden-CAN Executive 2008

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WINTER WONDERS IN WALDEN



Christmas Tree Lighting

The Anderson Farm Museum & Heritage Society is pleased to announce that we will once again be welcoming the Christmas season in with our annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, December 13th beginning at 6:00 pm. There will be Christmas carols, hot chocolate, toy displays, wagon rides and of course Santa Clause.

Walden Winter Carnival Come and Join the fun as we celebrate our

35th Anniversary

Thursday-Sunday February 12-15

Comedy Night
Cardboard Box Derby at Lively Ski Hill
Kids' Mania
Senior's Social
Valentine Youth Social
And Much More

Visit us at www.waldenwintercarnival.com
or call Wayne St. George at 692-4224

Make it the best year yet and volunteer to help!

Walden Figure Skating Club

The Walden Figure Skating Club has the pleasure to host Rainbow Skate, January 16th-18th at the TM Davies Arena in Walden. This is the annual Rainbow Region Inter Club Competition and includes all of the skating clubs within the Sudbury Region, including the clubs from Verner, Massey, Manitoulin Island and Espanola. This competition comes to Walden only once every six years and the WFSC plans on making this event a truly memorable experience for both competitors and spectators alike. The theme for this year's competition is "Shoot for the Stars" and is meant to inspire our young skaters to follow their dreams much like our own Meagan Duhamel and her recent success with her pairs partner Craig Buntin on the international skating stage.

The Friday night of competition offers a great night of entertainment for spectators as this is when the Carnival lines compete. A carnival line is a type of synchronized skating and can have upwards of 25 skaters on the ice at once. Walden will have a number of teams competing in the carnival line as we showcase some of the numbers from our upcoming ice show, 'Walden Goes to Camp Rock' on April 5th. As with any large competition, we will be looking for volunteers to help make this a success. For more information about Rainbow Skate or about how you can help please contact us at interclub@waldenfigureskatingclub.ca or check out our website www.waldenfigureskatingclub.ca. Come out and support your local skaters!

By Geoff Gingras, Publicity Chair

Snowmaking Almost a Reality For Lively Ski Hill

For the past three years, the Walden Ski Club, in partnership with the City of Greater Sudbury, has been working hard to get the Lively Ski Hill up and running again. The weather, however, has not been cooperating. Last year, the Club decided that installing snowmaking equipment would increase the hill's ability to open and remain open, even when Mother Nature has decided otherwise.

Fundraising raised the \$43,000 needed to purchase the snowmaking equipment. This was done throughout the community, as well as with donations from Councilor Jacques Barbeau, the City of Greater Sudbury, and local businesses and companies. We would like to give a warm thanks to all those who have given generously.

The snowmaking process requires a great deal of water and at present, the only water source available is the residential line for First Ave. and Eastern Ave. If we were to hook our water line to this system the residents on these streets would lose significant water pressure and that is not acceptable.

The solution presented by the City is to have our very own water system installed so we do not disturb the service for the residents. Unfortunately, it will cost approximately \$80,000 to have this work done. The City has generously decided that if we can raise half the funds needed (\$40,000) by this spring, they will match it and proceed with installing the water line in time for the 2009-2010 ski season.

Therefore, we are embarking on another fundraising campaign. We will be contacting businesses throughout the Greater Sudbury Area asking for donations as well as accepting donations from citizens. A special donors' wall will be designed and displayed in the chalet to showcase those who have given generously to the ski hill. If you or your business are interested in helping the community of Lively have a sustainable ski hill once again, please contact Kelly at 566-0198 or email kelloqs6@hotmail.com.

We would also like to mention that even though we will not have the snowmaking running this season, if we get adequate snow fall this year we will still be able to open the hill for everyone to enjoy! So let's pray for snow!

Walden Ski Club

Beaver Lake Winter Carnival

Thursday-Sunday February 12-15

Thursday Evening: Euchre Tournament

Friday Evening: Spaghetti Supper from 5 to 7 p.m.
Opening Ceremonies with Walden Figure Skaters,
Finnish Male Choir, and Fireworks!!!

Saturday Morning: Pancake breakfast

Saturday Afternoon: Jug curling, Sleigh rides,
Boot throw, and Rolling pin toss

Saturday Evening: Murder Mystery Dinner

Sunday Morning: Pancake breakfast, Kid's fishing
derby, 50/50 Draw, and Silent auction

For more info contact Robert Luopa, 866-5168, or
luopar@rainbowschools.ca