

Copper Cliff CAN Newsletter

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Newsletter:

Copper Cliff CAN Meetings

7pm in the library at Copper
Cliff Public School

First Thursday of the month
September to June

All welcome

coppercliffcan@hotmail.com

Letter from the Chair

Spring is here and with it the joy of seeing buds opening, sprouts popping up and of course longer daylight hours. Spring also uncovers bits and pieces of refuse that have collected over the winter. We have a few thoughtful residents who are regular walkers that carry shopping bags along to pick up bits of refuse every time they walk. Over a few weeks that can do a lot to improve the look of our town. I would like to challenge other residents to check around their homes to make sure empty pop cans, food wrappers and other litter is not spoiling the look of their neighbourhoods. We have such a beautiful town that is admired by many. Let's keep it looking its best!

We lost a very good neighbor in April, **Frans Vande Weghe**, better known as Frank. He was known for his "random acts of kindness to keep the town in tip top shape and his long stride walking throughout the town with his wheelbarrow". One of the best ways to remember Frank is to continue his good works and carry on his community spirit.

Up and Coming Events in Copper Cliff

Tuesday, May 17 – **Messy Church** – St. Timothy's Lutheran Church; 4.45 – 7 pm; food and fellowship; all welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult; no charge for meal. For more information call Linda at 705.522.1639.

June 4, 2016 - 10th Annual Copper Cliff Community Yard Sale

Join your neighbours in hosting a garage sale and discover the unique charm of living in our small community! Twenty- two homes were involved last year!

Special venues included two churches, the Perogy Princess, Walford on the Park and a Cobalt Street artist!

To participate this year and have your address on the map, please contact Margaret Julian at margjulian@sympatico.ca or phone 705-682-0342 before May 28th!

Best Start Hub

(Copper Cliff Public School)

Playgroup

Monday
9:00 a.m. – noon

Baby's Day Out

Wednesday
1:00p.m. to 2:30p.m.

Discovery Stages

Friday
9am - noon

Family Fun Nights!

2nd. Tuesday of month
(Contact the Hub to register)
☎ 705-682-9619

Copper Cliff Library

Monday & Thursday
3 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Tuesday: Noon – 5 p.m.

Wednesday: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

NEW! Events for kids!
(Call for dates and details)

☎ 705-682-4520

Let's keep our community safe!

If you notice a street light not working take down the number on the pole. Call Greater Sudbury Utilities at 705-675-7536 and select option 2, then option 1 to report the outage.

Activities for Children and Youth

A Visioning Session was held in Copper Cliff last fall. This was presented by the City's Leisure Services Department. It was an opportunity for residents to express their ideas for projects and events to enhance our community. Many felt that there were not enough activities for young people. Two ideas that came forward were the possible creation of a skateboard park for youth and a splash pad for younger children. These are both expensive propositions and although the City would contribute advice and expertise and possibly some grant money, the bulk of the fundraising would need to be organized by a committee of residents. A committee to champion the skateboard park has been established. If you would like to help make this vision come true please contact the skateboard committee chair, Bev Sloss at slossbk@gmail.com. We still need volunteers to form a committee for the splash pad. To volunteer for the splash pad committee please email coppercliffcan@hotmail.com

Enhancing our Downtown

Sign Toppers

You may have noticed the sign toppers in various areas in Sudbury. Since Copper Cliff is one of the oldest areas in Greater Sudbury which has retained its original character, the Copper Cliff CAN is looking into having tasteful sign toppers designed and installed that recognize the significance of our area: in particular Serpentine Street and Little Italy. The signs will be bilingual according to a City bylaw. Send any comments or suggestions to coppercliffcan@hotmail.com Watch for them!

Banners

Students at Copper Cliff Public School have been busy designing colourful banners to enhance our downtown. Eight designs have been chosen and the winning banners will be hung on brackets on light standards on Serpentine Street, Creighton Road and Godfrey Drive. Thank you to Duplicators for scanning the designs free of charge, to the Volunteer Fire Fighters and Michael Pennie for installing and removing them every year.

Thank you!

Thank you to the community and volunteers for making our 3rd Annual Copper Cliff Christmas Tree Lighting event held in November 2015, such a success. Many residents were once again able to enjoy free horse drawn carriage rides provided by the Sudbury Credit Union, photo opportunities and refreshments! Your contributions to the Food Bank are also appreciated!

R.G. Dow Pool

Family Swim Time
Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 2:25 p.m.

☎ 705-688-3909

<http://www.greatersudbury.ca/living/pools1/public-wwimming/rg-dow/>

..for more pool times.

McClelland Fitness Centre

37 Market St.

Monday – Thursday
6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday
6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday
9:00 a.m. – Noon

☎ 705-682-4556

McClelland Arena

Monday – Thursday
6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday
6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday
9:00 a.m. – Noon

Parent and Tot Skating
Ages 5 and Under
Friday 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Public Skating
Sunday 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Ms.Fits Classes

McClelland Ctr. Hall
To register call 311
Or

Visit a Citizen Service Ctr.
For more information contact
D.Tincombe 705.675.2896

Or
dtincombe@yahoo.ca

Safety for Cyclists and Pedestrians

Watch for it!

Although it was scheduled to be built last summer, we have now been assured that our walking/biking trail joining the end of the Balsam Street to the intersection at Hwy. 55 will be a priority this construction season. This has long been a dangerous stretch to navigate by bike or on foot. Once the trail is completed, we will look at beautifying the area and providing one or two benches. This new path will join up with the trail which leads from Copper Cliff to Sudbury.

A Message from Citizens on Patrol

Patrolling the streets of Copper Cliff since 2008, Your CITIZENS ON PATROL (COP) Unit is constantly recruiting. An application is available online at www.gsps.ca for anyone interested in participating in this program. You will be required to attend an interview and participate in a day of training at Greater Sudbury Police Service Headquarters. Successful candidates provide the eyes and the ears for the police through random patrols of the town in a marked COP vehicle. (Uniforms are also supplied.) If you are a community-minded citizen who would like to participate in this vital program, fill out an application today, in time for late April 2016 interviews and early June training.

Good Food Box

Anyone can purchase them! An excellent value: \$8.00 for a small box and \$17.00 for a large box. They can be ordered at the Copper Cliff Library or online at www.goodfoodboxsudbury.ca. Orders must be placed by the **second** Wednesday of each month with pick up on the **third** Wednesday of each month at St. John's Church. Pick up times are 12.30 pm to 1.15pm and 3.30 pm to 5 pm. Phone Linda for more information at 705.522.1639.

The Old Fire Hall

As you may have noticed our historic fire hall has been closed for the past months. This is due to safety concerns which are being assessed by the City Assets department. We are currently awaiting a final report on the status of the building. If anyone is interested in 'Saving' the fire hall, please contact the CAN at coppercliffcan@hotmail.com.

John Cardinal Series

Copper Cliff will again be featured on television. The John Cardinal series is being filmed on Creighton Rd. The series is based on the novels of John Blunt of North Bay. Watch for it on CTV in the fall!

7 Craig St.

Tuesdays & Wednesdays
Meet friends in the lounge
7:00 p.m.

Thursdays: Buffet
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Fridays
Spaghetti & Chicken Lunch
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Event bookings on request
Seating for 260

Weekly Bowling Leagues
Men’s, Ladies, & Mixed
\$2.50 per game.

☎ 682-4513

**COPPER CLIFF CHURCH
SERVICES**

Copper Cliff United Church
Rev. James Clarke
Sunday Service 10:30

**St. John the Divine Anglican
Church**
Rev. Glen Miller
Sunday Service 10:00

**St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic
Church**
Father Patrick Okenyi
Sunday Service 11:00

**St. Timothy’s Lutheran
Church**
Rev. Charles Notling
Sunday Service 11:00

Community Profile!

If you know someone who
should be profiled in our
community or are interested in
writing a profile let us know!

Tennis Anyone?

Years ago, tennis was a very popular sport in Copper Cliff. There was even a tennis club located in one of the large houses above the tennis courts. We have three courts which admittedly are in poor shape but perhaps one or two of the courts could be put into usable condition and we could even consider offering tennis lessons and /or a tennis camp for youth. If you would like to weigh in on this please e mail the coppercliffcan@hotmail.com . We would be pleased to know your thoughts on this topic.

Looking Back

A famous Canadian journalist, Catherine Blake Coleman better known as Kit Coleman came to live in Copper Cliff in 1898 in the very early days of our town. Her husband, a doctor, was hired by the Canadian Copper Company. Kit a well-known journalist was the first accredited female war correspondent and is renowned as a pioneer for women in journalism. She was the first woman to have her own newspaper section which was in the “Toronto Mail”.

Copper Cliff was not the town we know today. At its centre were the roasting beds giving off noxious fumes. People kept chickens and other livestock in their yards. This must have been a shock after the colourful life Kit had led. She moved to Copper Cliff following a stint in Cuba as a war correspondent covering the Spanish-American war. Copper Cliff in those days must have seemed like another planet to her. In her writings she compared it to Siberia.

Here is a small sample from Kit’s Kingdom in which she describes her home and life in Copper Cliff:

“The small frame house stands at the edge of a gully. One half of it is painted green. The other half is not painted at all. The kitchen is large enough for the stove – which is a good thing. The scenery – hills, rocks, stark black poles – the remains of trees sticking up everywhere, and sulphur smoke. As I write in a tiny room, the house shakes and vibrates with thunderous dynamite blasting. You have to draw your water from wells. Water is almost as valuable as it was in Cuba. There are no bathrooms.”.....”.It is cold with the clear awful cold of the north and there are many journeys to the woodshed for coal and kindling.”

Kit and her husband were in Copper Cliff for three years and then transferred to Hamilton. Kit was an amazing and adventurous woman especially for the time in which she lived. You can google Kit Coleman and Kit’s Kingdom There are many on line sites with information.

Do you think Kit would recognize Copper Cliff today?

If you are interested in the history of Copper Cliff, check out www.coppercliffnotes.ca You will find that Copper Cliff has a very colourful history. You might be amazed!