



The COTTAGES CHATTER

*Our Community
Newspaper*



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2016

Aged to Perfection!

Community Events

We have had a busy summer with many guests and visitors enjoying our community. With our growing numbers, we have become victims of our success with our volunteer recycle program. We have made \$1600 over the summer with much hard work by the volunteers. We have battled wasps, unwashed bottles, broken glass, and garbage but remain proud of our efforts. We would love for more volunteers to help share the load this fall. If you can, please contact Lois, lschutter207@gmail.com and I will let you know how you can help. Special gratitude to: Chris & Gord, Doug & Trish, Bill & Rose, Toni & Neil, Faye & Dave, Pauline & David, Jackie & Larry, Sandy, Robin, Ray & Tina, Anke, & Cheryl & Norm (for making our box). Our community thanks you!

Go the extra mile.
It's never
crowded!

Thursday, September 15 - Welcome New Neighbours Happy Hour
Come prepared to welcome new neighbours and get to know old neighbours a bit better. Bring an appetizer and your beverage of choice to enjoy an evening visiting and relaxing with friends. Join us anytime after 5pm. Don't plan dinner...we will make it the whole evening. Bring your recipe for our Cookbook Project!

Thursday, September 15 - Final Day to submit an application to Stand for Election as a Director of the Stelkia Homeowners Corporation - 2016/2017.
The form is found on the Homeowners Site.

Saturday, September 24 - Board Meeting 10am in The Great Room at The Clubhouse. This will be the final Board Meeting before the AGM. All Homeowners are welcome. Keep informed.

Saturday, October 24 - Annual General Meeting - It is important to attend or if you are unable, arrange your proxy. A complete information package will be delivered at least 21 days prior to the meeting.

Saturday, October 24 - Fall Harvest Potluck - Join us at 5pm for Happy Hour & 6pm Dinner. The Social Committee is supplying the HAM and TURKEY for all. RSVP to Kathy by email ro6196@telus.net with the number attending and if you are bringing an entre, vegetable, salad or dessert. Yes...please bring your recipe!

Saturday, October 29 - Halloween Party Come for some ghoulish fun! 7pm in The Clubhouse. Prize for Best Costume & Best Halloween Appy!!! More info: Rose rmripper@telus.net Be ready to dance the Monster Mash!

Tuesday, November 1 - Social Committee Meeting 7pm @ The Clubhouse Join us for a fun evening of planning and socializing...a great way to participate in building our community spirit.

Thank you to our young people for representing us so well at the Cherry Fiesta Canada Day Parade!



New Dock Lines Installed at Cottages Docks

Several of you probably saw a number of homeowner volunteers at the docks with extension cords, yellow polypropylene line, and hanging over the edge of many boat slips during the summer months. They were busy installing safety lines around the slips whose owners had approved this addition. The safety lines, designed by Robin Battley, are intended to provide a secure “hand-hold” to anyone who finds themselves in the water and unable to swim to a ladder. By installing the lines under the existing wooden bumpers attached to the slips, there is no risk of entanglement with boats, motors or floats.



When the wind comes up unexpectedly and no one else is nearby, these lines have the potential to save a life, whether that of a child or an adult.



So far, 15 boat slip owners have taken advantage of this volunteer program this year, and a new list has begun for another set of safety line installations in the spring. Let’s all be “Dock Wise”. Thank you to the Board of Directors for supporting this safety initiative from the Boat Slip Committee and for covering the minimal costs of materials. Special thanks to the volunteers: Robin Battley, Bill Ripley, Moe Perret, Chris & Gord Stokes, Ray Bozzer, Lois Chutter, Linda Forrester, and Alfie Rajani.

Milfoil Control Followup

Milfoil continues to grow in Osoyoos Lake and requires ongoing control techniques to keep our beaches safe and fun to use each summer. Neil Bousquet joined the Osoyoos Basin Water Quality boat and crew when they did some survey work along the Cottages waterfront. They were able to confirm a large patch of milfoil at the west side of the swimming area which continues beyond our swim platform and buoy line.



Applications made for the milfoil harvester to work in this area may bring results in late 2017. Stay tuned for those updates!

In the meantime, the Milfoil Pilot Project that used rakes, Rubbermaid totes and

wetsuited homeowners in early April can be considered a huge success. In-water surveys over the summer months have confirmed that the pilot area cleared of milfoil has remained virtually clear for the enjoyment of all our tots, teens and other intrepid swimmers. Yahoo!



Look What's Happened at the Cottages!



Granfondo Get Up and Go

On 10 July, our own Gilles LaCroix participated in the annual Prospera Granfondo Axel Merckx Okanagan (PGAMO) in Penticton. This mass cycling event (2747 participants in 2016) ranks as one of the best in North America. Of the four routes, Gilles cycled the Velocefondo (126 km) - a new ride category in 2016. This route was for the climbers and went through Penticton, Summerland, and Okanagan Falls. Then in Oliver, they turned up the challenging Secret Hill Road. Organizers say this is one of the best

“hidden” climbs in the South Okanagan - local cyclists call it “The Wall.”

Secret passes the entrance to Covert Farms and then they headed West past the Observatory and back to Route 97 and then back to Penticton to the finish. Gilles placed 11th in his age category and in the top 25% in his ride. He did the ride in 4 hours and 43 minutes, at an average speed of 26.7 km/h.

Do we have any others ready to train to join Gilles next year??



For the route and profile go to: <http://www.granfondoaxelmerckx.com/ride-categories/velocefondo-126km/>

Safety Day – July 4

We are all about Safety here at the Cottages. There was an excellent turnout of homeowners who actively participated in the Fire, Water and AED activities. The siren was activated and quickly alerted construction crew who didn't know it was a test. We had a chance to practice with the fire hose and saw how a fire extinguisher can be used effectively. The defibrillator was demonstrated and questions answered. Beach water safety proved to be a workout as the life ring and heaving lines were tossed. We were ready for our ice cream treats. Thanks to Greg Curnow, Tina Perret, Robin Battley, The Hodgson Family, and Toni Bousquet for your leadership and organization.



Who's Your Neighbour?



Faye & Dave
Smith

Since arriving here in the Spring, Faye and Dave have lost no time joining local events and activities. The ‘common ground’ they feel here, with everyone being ‘new’ to the complex, has made it easy for them to feel at home and connected.

Why choose The Cottages...the view! Their kids introduced the Osoyoos area to them and knew they were looking to retire in BC. They also knew Faye and Dave could not resist the spectacular scenery, lake and climate.

Favourite activity at Cottages...has to be the fishing for Dave, but followed closely by golfing, cycling along the dykes, picnics, and did we mention the scenery? So many things...so little time!

Dream vacation...would be a trip to Australia. A large country where all climates could be experienced in the same trip while also exploring the better known diversity of this faraway land. Australia holds some similarity to Canada in being unique, expansive and picturesque.

Greatest inspiration...Dave, the romantic, says Faye is his inspiration, with her unwavering love and support. Faye's father is hers, who always told her to “live every day as if it were your last!” The quality and richness of those words are mirrored in this couple. Welcome to The Cottages!



Hot dogs, face painting. Paddleboard trials, jaw-dropping watersport demos along with wine tasting, art displays, produce sales plus a lot of community building made for 2 exciting days. Thanks to all the volunteers who made July 30 & Aug.27 a success!



Yeah, Veronica and All!

Summer is over and now is time for a winter project. The Social Committee is wanting to put together a Cottages Cookbook. This will be spearheaded by 2 awesome cooks; Tina Perret, mtperret@gmail.com & Rose Ripley, rmripper@telus.net. They would like us to email our treasured potluck recipes to them or bring a paper copy to our events...bring the food, too! We have many fabulous cooks and how great to share our all time favourites.

Headed for the BBQ! Here's the 2 fish limit for the day. It has been a record summer for the salmon fishery.



BETSY BYLAW wants to remind you: That we are a close community who desire all to be safe and enjoy what we have. We must respect our facilities, care for our property and remember that we are living in the midst of construction. Use common sense, consideration, and above all, value everyone's contribution towards our community's growth!



24 Homes Sold This Year!
148 Homes in Total
Awesome job Sales Team!



Chicken Wings and Football... Coming soon!

Welcome to Our New September Neighbours!

- Eileen Smith #88
- Myron Deis & Nancy Carless #182
- Mike & Susan Tkachuk #191
- Susan & Dave Clubine #281
- Trevor & Patricia Reeves #144
- Mel & Nicky Armstrong #90
- Dimitri & Litsa Kotsalis #109
- George & Diana Holmes #91

Welcome to Our New October Neighbours!
Please join us in our events and allow us to welcome you!
Names will be published in November.

Cottages Weather for Sept./Oct. Socks with Shoes?

Private Property, Please

Just a reminder about respecting each other's properties...Owners expect that their yards are for their own use and not to be used by other owners or guests as a shortcut to the beach or pool. Be respectful of others' privacy and use roads or pathways.

Don't forget It's Always Time for Yoga!

Join us for in The Clubhouse Monday, Wednesday and Friday @ 8am. We love our hour together, stretching, posing...with occasional laughter! All are welcome, anytime you're free.



Namaste.

Regularly check out the Homeowners Website for more information. www.osoyooscottages.com Look under Owner Info.

Peace of Mind Property Management

Are you someone who is a part-time resident or a traveller who would appreciate someone to provide home security, inspection, mail pick-up & more? If this is you...contact Fred Ingaldson – Cottages Homeowner and Full-time resident. Cell (250) 938-1685 fingaldson@gmail.com

Support Our Local Organic Farmers

Organic produce can be delivered to our own door. Local Motive is a Co-op of 20 organic farmers selling their produce through various sized hampers. They also supply honey, bread, dairy, meat & more. Check out their website for more information. www.localmotive.ca Contact Donna Fairhurst #111, email camelot2@me.com or (250) 495-4561 if you might be interested in joining her in ordering or want more information.

Thanks to all our volunteers that help shape our special community!

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