

The Lakefield Trail Newsletter

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Official Opening, December 2000

L-R: Volunteer Eileen Nolan, Peterborough County Warden Sissy Tanner, Deputy Reeve Mary Smith, MP Peter Adams, Trail Committee Chair Bruce Bellchambers and Councillor John Atkinson.

Lakefield Trail 10th Anniversary Year

The Lakefield Trail 10th Anniversary will take place in 2010. Thanks to a very hard-working group of volunteers, a very supportive municipality, the federal government and community businesses and individuals, the dream of a trail throughout the village was planned and developed, beginning in 1998. The trail project was the lasting legacy left to the village during the 125th Anniversary of the Village during the Millennium year.

During those three years, the whole community came together to see the dream achieved. It was officially opened on the evening of the last council meeting of the Village of Lakefield on December 19, 2000 before the amalgamation with the Township of Smith-Ennismore.

Read more about the development of the Lakefield Trail project on page 3.

First Annual Historical Walking Tour

Over 70 people joined members of the Lakefield Trail Stewardship Committee and the Lakefield Historical Society for an Historical Walking Tour of the Village of Lakefield on September 27, 2009.

Athabelle Tighe, Gwen McMullen, Michael Townsend, Lois Kellar, Brenda Neill and David Glover each told the story of how the Village's history has shaped the community we live in today.

Everyone enjoyed tea and home-baked cookies at the historic steamship waiting pavilion (1909) in Isabel Morris Park at the end of the tour as they let their minds wander back to the time when the Village

was young. The Belle Tones, directed by Mark Hiscox, delightfully added to the celebration of Lakefield's history. A lucky participant won 'From Nelson's Falls to Lakefield,' a book that recounts the history of Lakefield up to 1950.

We look forward to another Walking Tour on the Trail this fall.

∨ *Athabelle Tighe tells about the history of the Hendren Funeral Home and the canoe building industry.*



PolarFest - Guided Night Hike



Over 70 participants took advantage of ideal winter weather conditions on February 5, 2010 to hear Ministry of Natural Resources ecologist and naturalist, Mike McMurtry

share the wonders of nature in winter. Mike led the enthusiastic group of hikers along the Lakefield Trail from the Marshland Centre to the Imagine The Marsh where he explained how owls survive in the winter when food sources hide under the deep snow. Hikers also learned how the frogs survive through the cold winter by turning into “frogsicles” as their tiny bodies actually freeze! Afterwards everyone was treated to another “Fire and Ice” creation by Wendy Wallace and refreshments around a warm campfire on the Lakefield Beach.

^ *Naturalist Mike McMurtry explains to hikers how owls survive in the winter*

What's New on the Trail?

Look for our updated Lakefield Trail brochure available at our booth at local events, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Village Inn.

You can now join the Lakefield Trail on the web at www.lakefieldtrail.ca. We invite you to bookmark our site and visit it often. It will be your new link to what's happening on the Lakefield Trail.

The Lakefield Trail has had a facelift on Rabbit Street in front of the new Trailview apartments. Stop by and check it out!



upcoming TRAIL EVENTS

Earth Hour Lights out from 8:30 to 9:30 - Saturday, March 27, 2010

Earth Week Trail Work Day
Meet at the Shade Shelter, Water Street 9:00 am
Saturday, April 24, 2010

Earth Week Spring Nature Hike
Meet at the Marshland Centre, 10 am
Sunday, April 25, 2010

Trees by the Shore Event
Sponsored by Tree Canada, funded by Majesta, 10 am, Sunday, May 16, 2010

Family Paddle Event
Meet at the Lakefield Beach, 5:30 pm
Thursday, June 24, 2010

Booth at the Jazz Festival
Saturday, July 3, 2010

Booth at the Lakefield Sidewalk Sale
August 14, 2010

Historical Walking Tour
Sunday, September 19, 2010

10th Anniversary Gala
Friday, November 12, 2010, Lakefield College School

PolarFest Night Hike
Friday, February 4, 2011

In addition to these events, there are tree planting and Trail repair activities planned. Dates will be announced in the *Lakefield Herald* when finalized.

Be sure to mark your calendars! More information will be posted prior to each event.

Celebration of Earth Week 2010 on the Lakefield Trail



Over 20 enthusiastic hikers joined biologists Colin Jones and Mike McMurtry on April 19th, 2009 to hear about the awakenings of spring along the Lakefield Trail.

Thanks to chef Bruce Bellchambers, chair of the Lakefield Trail Stewardship Committee and his assistant Heather English from the Recreation Department, Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield, everyone enjoyed a hearty back bacon breakfast. Thanks to the Trent Severn Waterway for loaning us their ‘Species at Risk’ display, which included numerous turtles and snakes in our community that need our protection.



Biologist Colin Jones and hikers on the Trail



Trail trees are not only an attraction to hikers but to the beavers too!

More Trees for the Trail

Funding from Majesta, a sponsor of the Tree Canada program, has allowed the Trail Stewardship Committee to plan a major shoreline restorative tree-planting project this year. Watch the *Herald* for our tree planting bees coming this spring and fall.

REMINDER: When hiking, a winning hiker attitude includes: safety, respect, and relaxation. Leave the Trail cleaner than you found it. Carry out all litter. Keep pets leashed.

The Lakefield Trail is 10 Years Old!

Join in celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Lakefield Trail. These photos show just a handful of the individuals, businesses and events that came together to make the project a huge success. Thanks to the Millennium Bureau of Canada, the Village of Lakefield and the fundraising volunteers who made the \$500,000 project happen. Watch for more details about an upcoming gala event that is being planned for the fall.

We are always looking for great photos of people enjoying themselves on the trail. If you have a photo you think we could use, please e-mail it to us at info@lakefieldtrail.ca



Sweetheart Quilt Raffle donated by Dorothy Thompson



^ 125th Anniversary Gala at LCS



Sale of the Century in Winfield Shores ^



^ Trail Sub-Committee, SEC, 1998



^ Volunteers show their support for a vision

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Peter Adams announces Millennium Bureau of Canada Funding



<< Leadership Corporate Donors SGS Research and Savage Arms



^ Trail-a-thon 2000 student participants



^ Trail-a-thon 2000 corporate participants

Our Local Hero MARY MARSDEN

Mary Marsden has been a supporter of the Lakefield Trail for many years. Her first involvement was when she and her husband Don helped Don's Aunt Dorothy (Thompson), organize the "Sale of the Century," a giant yard sale in Winfield Shores in 1999, to raise funds for the building of the trail. Mary and Don lived in Thornhill at the time and took their weekends to assist Aunt Dorothy in the run-up and day of the sale, making sure that all items were clean, transported, well displayed and sold at the best price possible.

Also, Mary was the editor of the "Especially for Seniors" recipe book, that Dorothy had authored and sold to raise funds for the Lakefield Trail. The yard sales continued on for several years until finally, when Dorothy Thompson passed away at 92 years of age in 2006, Mary and Don chose to purchase her house on Stewart Drive and retire in Lakefield.

Since then, Mary has become a regular volunteer with the Lakefield Trail Stewardship Committee, cheerfully spending time helping at all events.

"Mary is very positive and has a very pleasant manner, making her great fun to be with and a good friend to many." states Bruce Bellchambers, Chairperson. In the fall of 2009, she worked hard to start a new event, the "Historical Walking Tour on the Lakefield Trail."

There is no doubt that Aunt Dorothy would be very proud of Mary Marsden for her support of the Lakefield Trail.



Mary Marsden, Trail Hero 2010

TRAIL TALK

BEL Rotary approached the township to find ways to link Bridgenorth, Ennismore, Lakefield and Peterborough through a series of cycling and walking trails. Council approved the establishment of the Trail Development Committee, consisting of representatives from BEL Rotary, the township and other community groups. The group has been meeting over the past year, and has identified the 2.25 km Hilliard Street unopened road allowance (from the end of Brumwell to the 5th line) as an exciting kick-off opportunity. It is already used as an informal trail and

will soon be made into a formal, groomed trail with proper parking at either end. Public meetings have taken place, and comprehensive Trail Use and Development Guidelines and a Stewardship Plan have been formulated. These, along with the proposed funding plan, were recently approved by Council for endorsement of the project. Hiking and biking trails promote healthy lifestyles through physical activity, and provide affordable, accessible recreation.

For more information, please visit: www.smithennismorelakefield.on.ca.



Partnering with BEL Rotary leads to development of the new Bridgenorth Trail link to Peterborough

The Lakefield Trail needs you!

Volunteer and be a part of the Lakefield Trail! This is your opportunity to help share your experiences, be a part of a team, learn new skills and develop lasting friendships. Volunteering for the Lakefield Trail allows you to choose from a variety of opportunities with a level of commitment that suits you, such as:

- Become a Lakefield Trail Stewardship Committee member. We meet once a month in Lakefield.
- General Trail maintenance, spreading limestone screenings, sweeping paved sections of the Trail, litter pick-up.
- Carpentry work.
- Lend a hand at our booth at the Lakefield Jazz Festival and August Sidewalk Sale.
- Install Benches and Landscaping - plant trees & bushes.

If you have a couple of occasional hours to spare and are interested in supporting the Lakefield Trail, please contact Heather English, Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield Recreation Department, 292-7034, info@lakefieldtrail.ca.

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