

Mayor's Message

Maria Tutino

Centennial History: Volunteerism in Baie-D'Urfé

National Volunteer Week (NVW) recognizes the millions of Canadian volunteers who graciously donate their time and energy to help improve the world we live in. This year's 68th annual NVW takes place the week of April 10 to 16.

Baie-D'Urfé citizens have a rich history of volunteerism and community involvement. Volunteers have always worked hand in hand with the Town staff and Council to help make Baie-D'Urfé the special Town that it is.

You will be surprised to find out when some of our still



BUCCA

Historical information obtained from the tricentennial book "Baie d'Urfé 1686-1986", copies of which are available at Town Hall for \$30 plus tax.

This month I would like to draw your attention to one of these, wonderful volunteer organizations that provides an invaluable service well beyond our Town borders. In 1954, four ladies Mrs. W.D. Laird, Mrs. C.G. Coulter, Mrs. P.C. Dawson and Mrs. G. Tait launched the idea of a "Give Once and For ALL" Campaign. The campaign was intended to be a way for the community to provide donations to select organizations serving the Baie-D'Urfé community without the citizenry being bombarded by repeated requests throughout the year. In 1957, the Province of Quebec officially

1902: Citizens successfully petitioned the railways to have the station name "Bayview" changed to "Baie-d'Urfé"

1943: Thomas Moore Chapter I.O.D.E.

1947: Baie d'Urfé Citizens' Association (incorporated in 1960); First News & Views published in July; First Baie-D'Urfé Days (July 19)

1953: First Winter Carnival (February), non-existent for many years, restarted in 2009; Town Council was granted a charter to act as sponsors for scouting (November)

1954: BUCCA (incorporated in 1957); Figure Skating Club (no longer in place)

Mid-1950s: Baie-D'Urfé Baseball and Badminton

1955: Local Branch of Welcome Wagon; Girl Guides; Baie d'Urfé Minor Hockey Association (now Lakeshore)

1956: Boatina Club

1958: Arts and Crafts and Library Association

1959: Yacht Club; Curling Club; Local branch of the University Women's Club

1960: New community swimming pool opened in Coop Area (incorporated in 1974)

1961: Baie d'Urfé Volunteer Fire Department (ended in 2001 due to municipal mergers)

1965: Baie d'Urfé Soccer; Amateur Winemakers' Association (no longer in place)

1968: Tennis Club

1972: Potters' Guild became an independent entity from the Arts and Crafts and Library Association

1973: Library became independent entity (initially part of the Arts and Crafts and Library Association)

Pre-1980: Town Planning Advisory Committee citizen involvement; Building Committee citizen involvement

1981: Rendez-vous (disbanded in 2010, hopefully just temporarily)

1984: Bridge Club

1986: Tricentennial Book "Baie d'Urfé 1686-1986" publication

1990: Bandstand Program – Concerts in the Park

1991: Industrial Park Security Association (December)

1997: Viactive

Pre-1999: Historical Society; Writers' Group; Water Colour Group; Yoga

2003: English Country Dancing

2006: Volunteer Rescue Squad

2008: Junior Council

2009: Volunteer Citizens on Patrol; Youth Choir;

2010: Clogging Group "Quicksteppers"

2011: Traffic Committee citizen involvement (in the works)

vibrant volunteer organizations, associations and community-organized recreational and cultural groups began.

As you can see, most aspects of Town activity and community life have been enriched by the direct involvement of our citizens.

Thank you, one and all, for all you do to make Baie-D'Urfé such a special place to live in, work in, play in and visit.

recognized "The Baie-D'Urfé Charitable Campaigns Agency Incorporated". In 1958, permission was received from both levels of government to allow BUCCA donors to claim their donations as income tax donations.

57 years later and BUCCA is still here fulfilling its original mission. In 1957, BUCCA's receipts totalled \$5500. Since 2006, Baie-D'Urfé citizens have contributed over \$250 000 to charitable organizations via BUCCA. (continued...)

Mayor's Message (continued)

You will see in this month's News and Views BUCCA's campaign ad. The selected charities are all worthy organizations that have served our citizenry well over the years and whose survival is essential to serve the ever-increasing needs of our aging population.

The words written by our volunteer historians in 1986 still hold true today: *Baie-D'Urfé was the first town on the Lakeshore to carry out this type of campaign. We trust that it will continue for many years to come, not only saving our residents the necessity of answering the doorbell several times during a month when someone calls requesting a donation, but also reminding us of the needs of those less fortunate than ourselves.*

Let's heed BUCCA's call. Every penny you donate goes directly to your charity of choice.

Centennial Activity - Skating with Vincent Damphousse

In honour of the Town's Centennial, the Baie-D'Urfé Curling Club is organizing a skating session with none other than retired NHL player, Vincent Damphousse.

The ex-Habs player (with whom he won the Stanley Cup in 1993) will be on the ice Sunday, April 17th, 2011 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Take advantage of this unique opportunity to skate with a pro and enjoy a free lunch including two slices of pizza and a soft drink, compliments of the Town. Please confirm your presence by contacting the Curling Club at 514 457-5900 or by e-mail at baiedurfecurlingclub@gmail.com before April 13th, 2011. Limited space available. See you there!

Centennial Activity - Junior Council Spring Celebration

Last year, students from local schools, with the help of the Junior Council, produced a spectacular display of decorated eggs for the first Town Spring Celebration. The eggs were so popular that we had to showcase them once again this year!

If you are a member or a prospective member of the Junior Council, we invite you to join Mrs. Wanda Riordon, along with Junior Council members Teague and Riley Riordon, Victoria Dunlop, Sophie Lebrun, Zak Arseneault, Ryan Gariepy, Adam James and Amanda Fester who will be decorating Town Hall on April 11th, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. Please contact Mrs. Nathalie Hadida at nhadida@baie-durfe.qc.ca to confirm your presence.

3rd Annual Pothole Challenge - April 11 to 15

The Junior Council Pothole Patrol will be on duty again this year. Invite your children, whether they are current or aspiring members of the Junior Council, to participate in the Pothole challenge. I will personally pay 5\$ to the first youth to signal a pothole in which Laurence, the town mascot can sit.

The youth who calls in the largest pothole (regardless if it is smaller than the minimum size) will get a \$40 Subway gift

certificate.

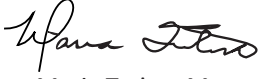
I will be counting on our excellent Public Works staff to repair the streets before the eagle eyes of our youth descend on the streets of Baie-D'Urfé searching for, I hope, the elusive pothole.

All potholes must be signaled to Carole Lecours at 514 457-2877.

Good luck to all!



The next regular municipal council meeting will take place Tuesday, April 12th, at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.


Maria Tutino, Mayor

Centennial Activities

Garden Tea Parties

Baie-D'Urfé garden enthusiasts plan to host three afternoon Garden Tea Parties for residents as part of the Town's Centennial Celebrations. The event's chief co-ordinator, Mr. Ron Cryer, says tentative dates have been set for July 9th, August 6th and September 10th. Tea parties will take place from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the gardens of participating Baie-D'Urfé residents.

To add a touch of class and sophistication, organizers are hoping to use real china. Anyone wishing to donate old china teacups and saucers and even teapots may do so by contacting Ron Cryer by e-mail at _____ or by phone at 514 671029.

Volunteers are always welcome!

Last Reminder - Hosta Giveaway

April 28 from 8 a.m. to noon

April 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

As mentioned in previous editions of the municipal newsletter, the Town is giving away free Hostas to all residents in honour of Earth Day and the centennial. You can still reserve your Hosta: simply fill out the coupon on page 8 of the February edition of the News and Views and return it to the Town. You can also download it off our website under the Community Life tab. Once reserved, remember that you will have to go to Public Works April 28th 2011 between 8 a.m. and noon or April 29th, 2011 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. to pick up your plant.