



### MAYOR'S MESSAGE – JUNE 2006

Baie d'Urfé wouldn't be the same without its volunteers. They contribute so much to the town and are a large part of the unique identity of the town. We are truly fortunate to have so many groups, each helping in their own way to keep this town a great place to live. I'd like to mention a few, in no particular order.

The Citizens' Association, under the leadership of Ralph Nener, does great work in promoting community spirit, by keeping citizens informed on what is going on in the town, and by holding community events such as Baie d'Urfé Days, this year organized by Lyman Canning. Check out their schedule of planned events for the weekend of June 16 to June 18 and join in the fun!

Then there is BUCCA, run by Ada Colomb, 2006 Campaign Chair (and main driving force behind BUCCA for many years with the support of Jack Watson) and current President Ella Peplowski. BUCCA has provided a service to residents and raised large amounts of money for charities for more than fifty years now. Last year alone about \$60,000 was collected for charity.

We have a new Volunteer Rescue squad, run by Peter Neville. They will be in evidence at Baie d'Urfé Days, helping with security. We are now up to 15 members, a fine group of men and women that includes citizens from Baie d'Urfé and from neighboring towns, and even a member from our commercial sector. A big thank you to coordinator Peter Neville and a warm welcome to all of you: Conor Belanger, Ross Bisailon, Lyman Canning, Andy Csisztu, Ken Curtis (Pincourt), Bryan Gillis, Rex Hygate, Valerie Labreche, Dave Lindsay (Vaudreuil-Dorion), Doug MacDonald, Kim MacDuff, Andy Nguyen, Simon Paquin, (yes, that Simon Paquin, our local pharmacist), and Dan Thauvette.

Nathalie Pedicelli has offered to organize a Neighborhood Watch Program, a valuable service that will enhance the security of our community. She can be reached at 457-1900 or by email at [npedicelli@sympatico.ca](mailto:npedicelli@sympatico.ca).

The town has a new website, set up by another volunteer, Richard Gregson, who has spent many hours working on it. You can check it out at [www.baie-durfe.qc.ca](http://www.baie-durfe.qc.ca). There you will find the latest news from the town and information on Council meetings etc. Your comments and suggestions are welcome by email at [info@baie-durfe.qc.ca](mailto:info@baie-durfe.qc.ca)

For anyone wanting to get fit in a natural setting, Debbie Côté, a certified jazzercise and fitness instructor, has offered to provide twice-weekly classes for free this July on the beautiful grounds of the Fritz Farm. Open to all! Starting July 3<sup>rd</sup>, they will be held Monday and Wednesday mornings at 9am. For more information, please call Debbie at 457-2721.

There are volunteers at work every day in the Library (a very dedicated and hard-working group chaired by Cloudagh Bassermann), as well as those involved in so many other organizations around the Town. There are also citizen volunteers serving on various Town committees, including the Planning Advisory Committee (Philip Cumyn, Paul Egli and Herb Pidcock), the Building Committee (Doug Lightfoot), the Whiteside Taylor Building Committee (Walter Dorion), and the summer concerts (Herb Pidcock again).

If you are interested in joining the ranks of Baie d'Urfé's volunteers, please call Town Hall at 457-5324 or contact any of the organizations mentioned above.

#### What's new in the Town?

The new fire station at 330 Surrey will be formally inaugurated on Saturday, June 17, at 10am. Following the inauguration, the local firefighters are holding a special Open House for the citizens of Baie d'Urfé to coincide with Baie d'Urfé Days, from 11am to 4pm. The Fire Department has made a big effort to respect the unique character of this town and to meet our needs. Let's make them feel welcome in our community and show our support by attending the Open House in large numbers.

Keep an eye on your local park – by the end of the summer you should see something new there. Very little money was spent on our parks during the last four years, and the Town is making a big effort this year to improve the state of our parks. Some of the parks will have major pieces of new equipment this year, and all parks will see some improvements.

There are still spaces available in the Red Barn camp for this summer. Please call Michelle Sauvé at 457-5406 for more details or pick up a registration form at Town Hall.



Have you noticed any colorful fire hydrants around the Town lately, especially along the route of the Baie d'Urfé Days Parade? In the spirit of community involvement, and to celebrate our first Baie d'Urfé Days since the demerger, volunteers from the three schools in the Town (Alexander von Humboldt, Dorset, Joseph Henrico), as well as the Maxwell Residence and Whiteside Taylor Daycare, have undertaken to decorate our hydrants. All of the hydrants along the parade route should be completed in time for the parade, on June 18. Take frequent walks on the parade route and enjoy the Baie d'Urfé art display as it progresses!

Our next Council meeting is on Tuesday, June 20, at 7.30 p.m. at Town Hall – hope to see you there!