



MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER FROM TOWN HALL

Mayor's Message

Maria Tutino



THIS MONTH'S COLUMN WILL SHOWCASE OUR COMMUNITY IN PICTURES!

IN THE NEWS



› **Spyros Priniotakis** celebrating his 90th birthday with aplomb, dancing with family and friends

› Special thanks to **Guido Socher** for his excellent initiative to digitize former Baie-D'Urfé mayor Thomas



› Council welcomes newly elected Councilor Heidi Ektvedt who was sworn in on June 7th

NEW MINI LIBRARY AT PICARDY PARK



› First "Take a book, leave a book" miniature *Red Barn Library* makes its grand entrance at *Picardy Park*, thanks to the Baie-D'Urfé Library

ANOTHER EXTRAORDINARY BAIE-D'URFÉ DAYS WEEKEND ...

› Congratulations and much heartfelt thanks go to **Betsy Benoit Williamson**, the Baie-D'Urfé Citizens' Association and all the **volunteers** and **sponsors** who helped make it such a huge success!





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Council Communiqué

Lynda Phelps



Herb Pidcock may not be a familiar name to our younger citizens, but he has been volunteering in our community since 1970, beginning, like many, with *Whiteside-Taylor Parent Participation*. In his words, "we soon learn that 'participation' was not just a word in the name".

He was a member of the *Baie-D'Urfé Curling Club* where members are encouraged to volunteer help with the catering.

At *St. Georges Church* Herb was involved in summer fund raising fairs, and the *Couples Club* event with their "deadly joy-juice punch." (there must be a great story there!)

Herb, a chemical engineer, started his career working in the UK in the pulp and paper industry, mainly designing and building new plants in Europe. The company transferred Herb and family to Montreal in 1965. When they immigrated to Montreal, they sold their house on the south coast of England and decided to buy a small house on a big lot. Baie-D'Urfé became their home.

Herb also ran successfully for two terms on the Town's council. While on board, one of their projects was to build a Bandstand at the *Fritz Community Centre*. For 10 years, Michael Dawson volunteered to organize the Summer Concerts. *He then asked Herb to replace him, which he did for 17 consecutive years.*

Today, Herb is a volunteer on the Library's executive committee as chairperson of the Books committee.

According to Herb, "I feel so lucky to live in a town where volunteers can do all these interesting activities that keeps us engaged in the community. I think that its more



healthy, unlike so many other places that only have professionals." Herb is just one healthy guy.

For our recent by-election, five citizens ran as councillor candidates with a 26% voter turnout (average by-election turnout is normally 5% to 10%). Both these facts are a healthy indication of our community's commitment to municipal life. Congratulations to each candidate, who all took the event seriously, worked on their presentation, and did many kilometers trying to reach out to as many citizens as possible.

By now most of you know who has been elected. **Mrs. Heidi Ektvedt** is the newest member of our Council. Although a councillor's opinion in the *News&Views* are not always representative of all council members, I do know that Heidi will be welcomed by all and we will be working with her to bring her up to date with all our files. We are happy to have another hand on deck.



A question posed during the "meet the Candidate night" was whether Council was considering Town Hall renovations in this mandate, so the answer is yes. The feasibility study has been done. We wanted to be sure the old house structure was still in good shape. Although there are many renovations to be done, the structure can be used. There will be upgrades to meet today's standards. There will also be an addition to accommodate the growing number of staff. Once we are closer to the final stages, which will likely be in 2020, the public will be consulted before work begins.

Also an update on the berm. This project is on time, we expect work to start in September, and construction gods willing, to be completed by the end of this year. There will be another presentation to citizens before actual work begins.

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Environmental Review



RAGWEED & POISON IVY ALLERGY SEASON

These two types of weed can be the source of many discomforts!

RAGWEED

This plant grows along roads, sidewalks and on lawns burned by calcium.

Common ragweed is the most widespread species and is the main cause of hay fever. The best way to prevent allergies reaction is to pull out the plant, since it is the pollen that causes the symptoms. Unlike poison ivy, ragweed is harmless for your skin. **The best period to pull it out is before blooming season beginning mid-August.** Its pollen is the cause of allergies for one Quebecer out of six.



POISON IVY

Poison ivy sap contains urushiol, an allergen that causes a painful skin rash (allergic contact dermatitis). The urushiol is present in all parts of the plant, except the pollen. The offending substance is released when the plant is damaged.

The best way to avoid contact with the plant is to be able to recognize it!

One must be wary, as poison ivy grows in many forms: in **shrubs, ground covering,** or as a **climbing plant.**



HEIDI EKTVEDT

A heartfelt thanks to the many residents who opened their doors to me during my campaign. I was thrilled to meet many passionate citizens who kindly took time to share their thoughts on our lovely community. While I did my best to connect in person, I look forward to meeting those I have yet to meet.



Following the by-election results, I have been touched by many warm phone calls and electronic messages. In true Baie-D'Urfé style, my family received a delightful surprise of homemade cookies via special delivery leaving my children once again in awe of the kind spirit of our community.

I have received with warm welcomes from the town Administration along with introductions to most of our town employees. A special thanks to Carole Dumoulin, Lucille Angers and Cassandra Comin Bergonzi for their roles in anticipating the needs of a new council member.

It was straight to business, once I was officially sworn in, with fellow council members along with Mayor Tutino offering their time to ensure I was briefed for my first Council meeting, which followed two days later.

The next steps will include a discussion with council regarding the assignment of portfolios and I look forward to informing residents of what those will be.



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What's New!

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REMINDER: ALL UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE (mattresses, bedsprings, sofas and armchairs) DO NOT belong in the Bulky items collection but in the Household garbage collection.

› NEXT BULKY ITEMS: **JULY 8**

CANADA DAY



Town Hall and the Public Works building will both be **CLOSED** on **Monday July 1st** for *Canada Day*.

SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK

Family Summer Theater presents

Measure for Measure

by the *Repercussion Theater*

Thursday, July 11 at 7 p.m.

at Fritz Park

(bring your own chair)

In case of rain, the performance will take place at the **RED BARN**.



JULY - SUMMER CONCERTS



Our program continues with:



- ▶ The **Lakeshore Concert Band** Thursday July 4th at 7:30 pm
- ▶ **Ariana Nasr & Curtis Thorpe** Thursday July 18 at 7:30 pm
- ▶ The **One Love Project** Thursday July 25 at 7:30 pm

At the bandstand in the *Fritz Memorial Park* or at the *Red Barn* in case of rain. **Don't forget to bring your chair!**

CYCLISTS, USE YOUR REFLECTORS!



The return of the summer season is back and so is the frenzy of cycling.

Whether for recreation or utilitarian ends, today's enthusiasm for cycling requires extra caution especially on busy arteries. As our roads are not meant to be race tracks, it is essential to **respect regulations** and alert motorists of your presence at all times, especially if you are riding with a child. Adding **reflectors** and **lights** to your bike or wearing proper cycling clothing with **reflective strips** can prevent serious accidents and even save lives! While not mandatory in Quebec, it has been proven that **properly fitted helmets** can reduce by 85% the risk of serious head and brain injuries. Never forget, regulations target both drivers and cyclists!

Learn to share the road and good cycling season!



JUNIOR COUNCIL



NEXT MEETINGS:

› **July 2nd and 30th**

› **Monday, August 19**

At Fritz Community Centre

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