

The Gravenhurst Chamber
of Commerce serves as an
advocate for member
businesses, working to
promote and enhance our
community.

Gravenhurst Chamber of Commerce June 2011 Newsletter

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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Georgian Bay Printers is a commercial/retail printing business that provides you with your printing needs. We are happy to work with you to select the right options for your requirements and create quality printing for you. Our Services: digital colour and Black & White copies; offset printing; business cards/flyers/postcards; engineering/CADD Colour and B/W Copies onsite; forms/invoices/letterheads; Finishing services; booklets/yearbooks/student planners; personalized calendars; wedding invitations; labels/stickers/decals/stamps. We believe in working together with our customers to make your experience in dealing with a commercial/retail printer a pleasant one.

Wicks Construction Ltd

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struction of docks, boathouses, additions and new cottages. We are also approved septic designers and installers. We have several barges which make us very competitive on water access properties.

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Our food is good, simple and perfect for everyday living. In the morning we have the freshest coffee in town as well as fresh baked scones, muffins and other tasty surprises. Bored with what's in your cupboard? "Build your own Boxed Lunch". "Shimwiches" guaranteed to fill you up. "Ready to heat or ready to eat*" - Take home meals the way you want them. Call to find out what meals are on the menu daily. We can have your dinner hot and ready to take home.

AFTER HOURS EVENT

COME CELEBRATE **Muskoka Bay Clothing's** new location at 165 Muskoka Rd South, on **Wed. June 29** at **6pm**. Also welcome our newest addition to the BIA, **Well Fed** located at 150 Hotchkiss Street who will be preparing the delicious food you may sample throughout the evening.

RSVP to Brea, 705-687-4432 or
events@gravenhurstchamber.com

Dates to Remember:

- June 23—BIA Parkette work party (p.2)
- June 25 & 26—Tim Hortons Muskoka Powerboat Races at Gull Lake Rotary Park
- June 26—Doors Open
- Jun 26—Music on the Barge
- June 29— After Hours co-hosted by Muskoka Bay Clothing & Well Fed (p.1)
- July 1—Happy Canada Day, Kilworthy Park 11:30—3 pm.
- July 2—Fireworks at Walkers Point Road
- July 7—Energy Seminar Breakfast at Taboo hosted by Veridian (p.4)
- July 9—Antique & Classic Boat Show
- July 22-24—In Water Boat Show & Rib-fest
- July 26—After Hours co hosted by A-Bay Storage & Blooming Muskoka
- July 30—Pirate Fest & Fireworks
- Aug 12-14—Power Boat Regatta
- Aug. 19, 20, 21—Dockside Festival
- Aug. 19 & 20—Steamship Festival
- Sept 30 & Oct. 1—Muskoka Bike Festival organized by The Bike Shop in Gravenhurst

Watch our online event calendar for details of upcoming events and activities:

www.GravenhurstChamber.com



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS CONT'D

Days at the Lake

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BIA PARKETTE GET INVOLVED

This summer you'll see the Gravenhurst BIA driving a project to further develop and beautify the former White Pine property in Uptown

Gravenhurst. They have picked up the rakes from the Blue Skies Network, the community minded volunteers who did such an amazing job transforming the property from a vacant lot to what it is today, with hopes to make the property even more appealing.

If you've passed the property recently you've no doubt noticed the results of extensive weeding and seen some of the newly planted flowers. But this is just a start. Uptown businesses are inviting volunteers to the next work party on **Wednesday, June 22 at 5:30pm** where preparations will be made for fresh sod and new gardens. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, and friends.

If you're able to support the park project, the BIA is welcoming donations from the community to help cover expenses and further develop this vital community space. Donations can be dropped off at Muskoka Bay Clothing at 165 Muskoka Road South - just a tiny stroll from the park itself.

NEW PARTNERSHIP

The Blue Willow Tea Shop and Gadsby's are teaming up and offering lunch & afternoon tea at Gadsby's in Uptown Gravenhurst Wed-Sat 11— 4pm from June to Thanksgiving Weekend. Congrats!



It takes **many hours** of organization prior to an event but it also takes help of many volunteers during the day. We **heartily thank** the many **volunteers** that helped make the **18th Car Show** a success this year: (apologies if we missed anyone!) Don Hodgins – Muskoka Window and Door, Marg McLaughlin – Muskoka Real Estate, Johl Anderson – Davey Tree Service, Bob Collins – Home Building Centre, Steve King – Pre Paid Legal Service, Dap Thach – DTA Accounting Services, Rosemary King – Vacation Time Real Estate, Laura Meikle – Seasons Change Mechanical, Brad Rundle – Gravenhurst Opera House, Ron Macdonald – A-Bay Storage, Pat Loughhead – Gravenhurst Plumbing AND Gord Durnan, Michael O'Grady, Ron Chaison, John Oake, Henny Brown, LeeAnn Waterman, Laura Easson, Rick Abel.

The **generous sponsorship** that we receive from many businesses guarantees that the Car Show can continue to grow. **Thank you** to our sponsors this year: Wayne's Tire, Northland Auto Repairs – Bob Hoolans, Greavette GM, Muskoka Springs, Gravenhurst Opera House, Gravenhurst IDA, Muskoka Carpet (Garage Living), Gravenhurst Carwash, Eden Place B&B, Gravenhurst Classic Carwash, Painted Kids, Muskoka Music Source, G.B. Services, KJ's Albion, The Donkey Shack & Feed Store and Heritage Heating Contractors.

Special thanks to our title sponsor Gravenhurst Canadian Tire:



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(May 20— June 20 2011)

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 Boat Rentals Canada
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 Gravenhurst Train Station & Glynis' Café
 Keith Johnston Contracting

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 Muskoka Futures
 Muskoka Gateway Gallery
 Muskoka Soul, Destination Cottage Rental
 Northern Lights Canada Employment Services Centre
 Residence Inn by Marriott Muskoka Wharf
 Seasons Change Mechanical Ltd
 Windsor Boat Works Limited

Message from the Manager - by Jodi Holder

The first Music on the Barge concert confirms that Summer is officially upon us. The volume at the Licence Office is increasing and we are beginning to see more addresses from across the province taking advantage of our shorter waittimes and great customer service. We have hired two new staff members, University of Waterloo student Laura Easson and semi-retired Fleming College instructor, Patricia Hewes to help us deliver Visitor Information throughout the summer. Karen Ledsham, when not assisting you in the Licence office, will also be lending a hand. Like our neighbours to the immediate south our foot traffic has been greatly reduced by the streetscape construction. Luckily the end is near and we look forward to shiny new roads and sidewalks to welcome our customers.

However, Car Show really does seem to dominate the month of June in the Chamber office. Please take a moment to see the list of volunteers and sponsors who helped make this event possible listed on page 2. The weather cooperated – just – with rain beginning just as our trophy winners were being announced. If you are following the Chamber on twitter you

would have already read that the 50/50 winner, a gentleman from Bracebridge, donated the proceeds (over \$600) back to the Car Show – now that IS a winner!

Another sure sign of summer is the weekly appearance of Canadian Flags gracing our streets. For thirty years these flags have ‘appeared’ through the stalwart efforts of the Lions Club and business sponsorship. The Gravenhurst Lions Club will be waving their usual fee for flag placement this year in recognition of the recent challenges faced by our business community. Flags will now be flown 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at no charge to businesses. Donations to the program are welcomed, contact flags@gravenhurstlions.org.

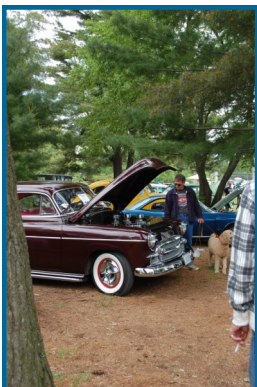
On a personal note, I am a little saddened to announce that I will be leaving my role as Manager of the Gravenhurst Chamber of Commerce. I have thoroughly enjoyed my role at the Chamber and it has been a genuine pleasure to work with the various Directors, staff and Chamber mem-



bers these past four years. I am looking forward to my new career and the challenges it will bring and I have greatly appreciated the well wishes that I have received. The Board has quickly mobilized and the recruitment process to fill the Manager position is well underway. I look forward to working with the successful candidate to ensure a smooth transition period. My final day will be July 28.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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Thursday, July 7th 2011

Registration: 8:00am
Presentation: 8:30am - 9:30am

You must apply for rebates before you start work. We'll tell you how!

**Renaissance Room
Taboo Golf Resort, Gravenhurst**

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**To attend, please RSVP
by Monday, June 27th 2011**

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