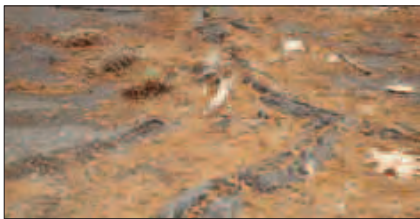




# The Lakefield Trail Newsletter

Spring 2009



## Root Damage to the Trail

Maintenance and safety of the Trail is priority one for the Stewardship Committee. We have been blessed with an abundance of natural wonders along our Trail. Occasionally the "natural wonders" interfere with the safety of the Trail. This year we hope to repair damage to a portion of the paved section of the Trail along Hague Boulevard caused by the growth of neighbouring tree roots that could cost up to \$20,000 to repave the damaged section. We need your help. If you would like to donate to this ambitious project, please contact the Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield Recreation Office, (705) 292-7034. Watch for our eager volunteer crew hard at work in that area this fall.

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## Earth Week Activities on the Trail



On Wednesday, April 22, 2009, people around the world will join in celebration of Earth Day. Earth Day is meant to inspire awareness and appreciation for our Earth's fragile environment.

Get active and celebrate Earth Week 2009 on the Lakefield Trail, Sunday morning, April 19th with MNR biologist, Colin Jones and Natural Areas Ecologist, Mike McMurry as they share nature's awakenings. The "frogsicles" have "thawed," adding their voices to the Sounds of Spring orchestra. Hear the amphibian chorus of the Spring Peepers

and the Leopard Frogs. Hear the excited chatter of birds as they return from their winter vacation. Catch a glimpse of birds returning or passing through to their summer breeding grounds. Witness the awakening plants as they begin to leaf and bloom.

Meet at the Marshland Centre at 10 am for a brief orientation, followed by an interpretive hike along the southern shores of Katchewanooka Lake to the Doug Sadler Viewing Tower at the Imagine the Marsh wetland area. As an addition to the guided nature hike this year, you can purchase a back bacon on a bun breakfast served by the Lakefield Trail Stewardship Committee.



*Jerry Ball (left of scope) points out a distant Bald Eagle's nest on Katchewanooka Lake.*

## TRAIL TALK



^ The family of Walter Walker, Master Canoe Builder, donated a bench in honour of his 100th birthday November 4, 2007.

### More Benches and Trees

Five new benches were donated for installation along the Trail in 2008, along with two new mature trees being planted. Often these donations are in memory of a loved one or to mark a special occasion or celebration. The benches have proven to be very sturdy and maintenance free. Only native species of trees are planted. Do consider a donation in honour of a special person.

### ∨ Work Day on the Trail

Bruce Bellchambers and Tom Muskett spread limestone screenings along the Trail. Thanks to everyone who came with shovels in hand to help at our several Work Day events.



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 [edbarber@nexicom.net](mailto:edbarber@nexicom.net)



### PolarFest - Guided Night Hike

Wendy Wallace captured the spirit of Winter on the Trail with her spectacular "Fire and Ice" display. Over 60 enjoyed a winter's evening on the Trail with Ralph Ingleton followed by a crackling campfire, hot apple cider, cookies, and roasted marshmallows. Special thanks to Kathy Reid from ORCA who explained their 50th anniversary plans for this year.



## uncoming TRAIL EVENTS

**Earth Hour** - March 28, 2009  
Lights out from 8:30 to 9:30 pm

**Earth Week Nature Hike**  
April 19, 2009, Meet at the Marshland Centre 10am

**Earth Week Trail Work Day**  
April 25, 2009 (rain date May 2)  
Spreading limestone screenings, tree planting.  
Meet at the Shade Shelter 9 am

**Booth at the Jazz Festival**  
July 4, 2009

**Booth at the Lakefield Sidewalk Sale** - August 15, 2009

**Historical Society Walking Tour**  
September 27, 2009

**Fall Tree Planting**  
October 17, 2009

**PolarFest Night Hike**  
February 5, 2010

## STEWARDSHIP committee



### Regional Trail Development Workshop December 5, 2008

Penny Hebert and Marilyn Kerr attended a Regional Trail Committee workshop hosted by the Land Information Ontario/Ministry of Natural Resources, Trans Canada Trail Ontario, and the Ontario Trails Council. They were able to discuss features of our Trail that make it unique among the network of trails in our area and to make many valuable contacts with trail management experts.

**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.

## Our Local Heroes ED BARBER & HEATHER ENGLISH

When the amalgamation between the Village of Lakefield and the Township of Smith-Ennismore took place, Ed was assigned to work with our committee, attending meetings, facilitating purchases, providing the accounting services and general oversight, as our Stewardship committee is a sub-committee of the Recreation Department. Having overseen the development of the Ennismore Waterfront Park trail in 2000, Ed was familiar with many of the issues which arise with trails, including such things as washouts, vandalism and litter pick-up.

When Heather became Ed's Administrative Assistant, she then took over the responsibility of attending our committee meetings and being the staff liaison for all Lakefield Trail business. Heather has developed the Friends of the Trail database, keeps the financial records of the committee and provides invaluable contacts within the township, for the resources needed on trail maintenance projects. She even provided her expert BBQ skills at Trail-a-thon 2008.

Chairperson Bruce Bellchambers says, "They are always there whenever we need a hand."

Thanks so much to Ed and Heather for your ongoing expertise and assistance that you provide. We couldn't do it without you!



*Ed Barber (left) - Director of Recreation and Heather English (right) - Recreation Department Administrative Assistant, are local heroes, when it comes to their ongoing interest and hard work for the Lakefield Trail.*

## Bridgenorth Trail Development Committee



*Photo courtesy of Ruth Kuchinad*

The Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield recently formed a Trail Development Committee, to specifically look at the opportunity of developing trails in the Bridgenorth area. They have chosen to focus first on the unopened road allowance at the north end of Hilliard Street, between the 5th and 7th Lines of Smith. The public has been informally using this township-owned road allowance for many years, to enjoy a quiet walk through woods and wetland areas.

The Lakefield Trail Stewardship Committee is represented on this committee by Bruce Bellchambers, bringing his invaluable trail experience. BEL Rotary is an important partner in the project, having already donated \$2,000 towards the cost of the development of the plan for the Hilliard Street entrance to the trail.

## Trail Maintenance



### Sorry for the inconvenience!

This portion of the Lakefield Trail from Reid Street to the Lakefield Fire Hall has been closed, due to the construction of 50 units of affordable housing for seniors, by the Peterborough Housing Corporation. Plans include the restoration of this section of trail to its original state, once the construction project is complete.



*Thank you to local artists who donated their arts and crafts for last year's raffle.*

### "See You On The Trail" Raffle

Through ticket sales at our booth at the Jazz Festival, the Shamrock Festival, and the Lakefield Sidewalk Sale, \$1,317.00 was raised to help repair tree root damage along Hague Point. Congratulations to Bill Dumitt who won a watercolour by Wendy Wallace, Gary Huycke who won a paddle donated by Bruce and Barbara Bellchambers, Ruddy Massimo who won a stained glass stepping stone by Joan Hebert, and Ron Twigg who won a gourd birdhouse designed by Barbara Bellchambers.

Over \$13,400.00 has been donated so far, towards the maintenance and future enhancements of the trail, by the following list of donors:

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Elizabeth Anderson          | Molly Edwards             | Doris Hunt                   | Sandy McCracken-Wilson    | Callie Stacey             |
| Lynda and Wayne Andrew      | Margo Fines               | Hyland Family                | Murray & Beryl McDiarmid  | Bill Steffler             |
| Doug, Helen and Elsa Batten | Paul Follett              | Curry Jefferson              | Angus and Doreen McLean   | Val Strain                |
| John and Rosalind Barker    | Stephanie Ford Forrester  | & Associates                 | John and Bid Milligan     | Dave and Diana Twiner     |
| Sandra and Ralph Bean       | Sara Fosbery              | Environmental Services       | Karl Moher Financial      | Shirley Twist             |
| Bruce and Barb              | Denis and Fran Gagne      | Bev and Doug Kennedy         | Patricia and David Morton | David and Margaret Walsh  |
| Bellchambers                | Louise Goueffic           | Marilyn Kerr                 | Tom and Martha Muskett    | Martha & Richard Whatley  |
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| Janice Wuerch               | Carl and Nancy Green      | Lakefield District Secondary | Lynda G. Parsons          | Bill Woolfrey             |
| George and Marilyn Brown    | Carrie Greenlaw           | & Intermediate School        | Pat Pope                  | Robin Young               |
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| Bill and Gail Corbett       | Penny and Ray Hebert      | Lakefield Lioness Lions      | Sally Scott               | <b>Honorary Friends</b>   |
| Moira and Chris Davies      | Joan Hebert               | Lakefield College School     | Helen Searle              | Dorothy Thompson          |
| Aileen and Mike Dean        | Hendren Funeral Home      | Barbara & Merrilyn Lindsay   | SGS Lakefield Research    | Alasdair & Wendy Wallace  |
| Julie and Kirk Dillon       | Hicks-Vanderkamp Family   | Val Lockhart                 | Sunblockers               | Bruce McMahon             |
| Hugh and Kim Dobson         | Wilf and Gail Hughes      | David and Joan Logan         | Dot and Don Smith         | Happenstance Books        |
| John and Marlene Dunford    |                           | Betsy and Bob Matheson       | Mary and Al Smith         | & Yarns                   |
|                             |                           |                              |                           | Don & Mary Marsden        |

## Volunteers are needed

The Lakefield Trail Stewardship Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the following committee activities:

- Lakefield Trail Stewardship Committee member. We meet first Thursday of every month in the Centennial Room, Memorial Hall in Lakefield, 7 pm.
- Carpentry work for the two Shade Shelters on the Trail
- General Trail maintenance, spreading limestone screenings, sweeping paved sections of the Trail, litter pick-up
- Lending a hand at our booth at the Lakefield Jazz Festival and August Sidewalk Sale
- Installing Benches
- Landscaping - planting trees & bushes

If you have a couple of hours to spare once in a while and are interested in supporting the Lakefield Trail, please contact Heather English, Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield Recreation Department - Phone: 292-7034 or hseabrook@nexicom.net.

## Are you a Website Designer?

We've talked about the idea long enough! The website address has been registered as lakefieldtrail.ca.



Now we need a volunteer. If you are familiar with designing in Dreamweaver, then please contact the Recreation Department at hseabrook@nexicom.net or by calling 292-7304.

## pass it ON!

If you know anyone who might like to **BECOME A FRIEND of the trail**, please pass this newsletter on.

Name _____		
Address _____		Box# _____
City _____	Province _____	Postal Code _____
Name to appear on Donor List _____		email _____

All donations are gratefully accepted, but the following are suggested amounts

\$20    \$50    \$100    \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to give my time (ph#) \_\_\_\_\_

A charitable income tax receipt will be issued for donations of \$20 or more.

Payment options:

I have enclosed a cheque payable to: Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield

I have enclosed cash (Please do not send cash via mail)



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*Thank you for your support.*

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