

Fall 2011

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Fall Newsletter

Allenford Gateway Sign Complete

The Allenford Improvement Associate is proud to show off the new gateway sign located on the east end of the village.

The sign is the first gateway sign in all of Bruce County to be completed as part of the Bruce County way finding signage initiative.

The sign cost in total almost \$20,000. It was paid by extensive fundraising efforts by the AIA, grant and beautification money obtained from Spruce the Bruce, Arran-Elderslie, and South Bruce Peninsula.

There was a generous private donation from John & Joy Hanbidge of Allenford.

The sign coordinates with the AIA's parkette at Hwy 21 and Allenford Road, as part of the branding process that was completed by South Bruce Peninsula and

Bruce County.

The AIA has been recognized by Bruce County, local radio stations and newspapers for their efforts in completing the sign.

Nickason Plumbing and Heating for their efforts both in labour and monetary.



AIA would like to thank John & Joy Hanbidge, South Bruce Peninsula, Arran-Elderslie, Bruce County, Nicholson Design, Terry Kirkland, and Ron

The Ribbon Cutting ceremony took place Sunday, May 22, with dignitaries present from both municipalities as well as contractors, the Hanbidges and the AIA.



Rubber Ducky...you're the one!!!

The Annual Rubber Duck Race was a huge success this year.

500 Ducks were pre-sold and released to the wild Sauble River on May 22.

Winners of the race were, Aiden Watson, Joanne Matches, Ross Lamont, and Cyndie Rands.

On the same day the AIA

hosted a fundraising BBQ for a local child who recently had heart surgery. AIA raised \$600 to give to the family to help with costs of travel and food while down at Sick Kids Hospital.

We hear baby William is doing very well.

Watch for next years tickets on sale at

Aiken Bros Home Hardware.

Pictured here are some of the 500 ducks bobbing on the Sauble River near the Thomas Street bridge.



Want to get involved? Call any of the AIA board members to see where you can help. Volunteer, make a donation or become a member.

Allen-Fest!!!!

Allenford celebrated Canada Day with the first Annual Allen-Fest June 30th and July 1st this year. It started off with a big bang. Literally. Fireworks at dusk following a couple riveting ball games at the Allenford Ball Park.

July 1st at the Allenford Curling Club, participants took part in a "Minute to Win it" Tournament. Twelve teams of four competed by completed seemingly simple tasks with-in 60 seconds. There was also a BBQ, pancake breakfast, horseshoe tournament, kids bike parade and games. About 400 people attended the festivities.



St. Patty's Day Fun-Spiel

Everyone was in a green mood at the AIA's St. Patty's day Fun-Spiel in March.

AIA hosted the first annual St. Patty's Day Fun-spiel in March of this year. It was a very fun day, with costumes, prizes and some awesome Irish stew from the Green Door Café.



Check for updates on upcoming events on the sign at the community Park Hwy 21, in front of the ball diamond!



New Flag Pole at Community Park

The AIA obtained a flag pole for the Community Park. It was installed in time for our Canada Day celebrations. Special thanks to Jay Kirkland who donated the pole to the AIA,

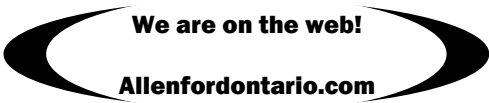
and to Rodney Nickason and Mike Fisher for getting and erecting it. It is a nice site to see when driving into Allentford.





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Things to Come....

The AIA is working with the SBP Heritage Committee to plant trees, shrubs and lay stepping stones to the new stone bench at the Allenford United Church Cemetery.

The AIA is also working on erecting Christmas Lights in the village, hopefully this holiday season. We encourage you to decorate your homes to really spruce things up for the passers by.

Watch for information on the Annual St. Patty's Day Fun-Spiel at the Allenford Curling Club, March 17th, 2012.

The annual Rubber Duck race down the Sauble River here in Allenford will take place in late spring 2012, watch for the opportunity to purchase your duck tickets for your chance to win cash!!

Allen-Fest Canada Day Celebrations will take place in 2012 on July 1st at the Community Ball Park.

AIA will once again provide flowers for the flower boxes and bridge boxes next year. Thank you to all those who looked after the boxes for us this year.

AIA will continue to work with both municipalities to complete all of these projects and more.

How Can You Help?



If you want to help make a difference in the community please contact one of the board members listed above. We are always looking for new board members, volunteers for events, feedback and ideas from the residents of Allenford.

The AIA meets about once a month and perform the events listed above. If you can make time for your community please let one

of the board members know.

Are you a member? With a \$10 household membership fee you help the AIA to keep you informed with newsletters, meetings and the website. There is no obligation to volunteer or attend meetings, you are simply keeping yourself informed.

We thank everyone who

has given us their ideas, input, volunteered, attending events, and donated to the AIA. Without your support we couldn't have completed everything we have.

Be proud to say you live in Allenford!!!