

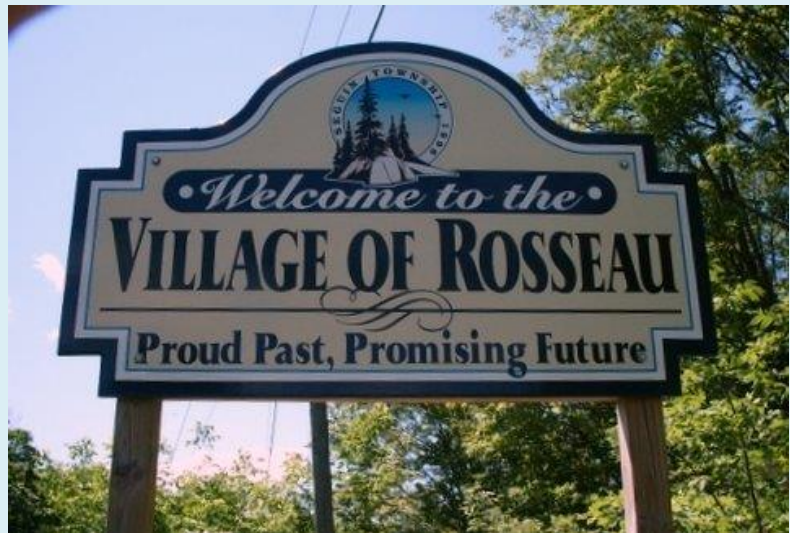


THE LIGHTHOUSE NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2020

Summer 2020 is shaping up to be a summer like no other. With the entire Province on lockdown until June 30th, we still do not know exactly what we will be able to do and how much of our normal cottage activities we will be able to enjoy. We do know that all summer camps are closed this year which, in and of itself, could greatly reduce the number of people who come to the Lake Rosseau North area.

The LRNA will be issuing 3 newsletters this summer in an attempt to keep you updated on what is and is not happening. We hope these will help you plan your summer schedule. And we hope too that it will encourage you, whenever and wherever possible, to support Rosseau businesses and services by shopping local. They need our support more than ever before. Let's all do what we can to ensure Rosseau stays healthy in every sense of the word!

One thing this crisis cannot impact is the natural beauty of our area. Whether you are out on the water or trekking through the woods, enjoy all the beauty on offer. And if you see something of interest, sign onto iNaturalist.ca - an online platform, affiliated with the Canadian Wildlife Federation, where the average user can record and share what they see in nature, meet other nature watchers, and learn about Canada's wildlife. Anyone who is able to take a picture with a smartphone or digital camera can contribute to a growing wealth of knowledge about Canadian species and help conserve our natural world. These discoveries are then vetted through NatureServe Canada to end up in the hands of decision makers and academics who can use this vital information to further the cause of conserving our wildlife.



SUMMER HOURS AND SERVICES AT THE NURSE PRACTITIONER LED CLINIC - ROSSEAU SITE

We are delighted to advise that the Nurse Practitioner Led Clinic (also known as the Rosseau Nursing Station) will again be open on weekends during the summer starting Saturday, July 4 and continuing until Monday, September 7.

Due to COVID-19, to ensure the safety of patients and staff alike the Clinic will not be accepting walk-ins. Patients needing care on the weekends between July and September between 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM will need to call in advance (**705-732-1095**) to book an appointment.

The staff at the Clinic request patience from the Rosseau community at this time as they work to clean appropriately between each patient; appointments will therefore be more spaced out than usual.

All visits, both during the week and on weekends, must be booked in advance for appropriate screening to be completed over the phone prior to booking an appointment. To lessen the spread of COVID-19, appointments will be provided in person, or as appropriate over telephone or virtually at the discretion of the Nurse Practitioner. The waiting room will be limited to one patient at a time, and patients will be requested to wait outside or in their vehicle. Patients will be required to use hand hygiene at the door and to wear a mask (provided).



HELPING ROSSEAU VILLAGERS IN NEED

The COVID crisis has had a severe negative financial impact on many families in Rosseau that will continue due to season long closures of events and activities and the resultant loss of employment opportunities. The LRNA Board has allocated \$4,000 to help out and is working with Reverend Peter Simmons at the Church of the Redeemer in Rosseau to ensure support is available for families in need. In addition, a donation of \$1,000 has been made by the LRNA to the Salvation Army Food Bank in Parry Sound. They are currently providing food to 15 local families.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE VILLAGE

Muskoka Lakes Marine is open with full services including fuel and marine supplies. They are encouraging use of their new curbside pick-up and payment on account options and are working with local suppliers to develop and implement creative solutions to ensure Covid compliance.

Crossroads Restaurant is open for curbside and dockside pickup. The outside patio is also open with appropriate social distancing measures in place. Reservations are required. Hours are Wednesday through Sunday 11:30 - 11:00.

Crossroads Gourmet Shop is currently closed. However, all the yummy products from the shop are still available through the restaurant.

Rosseau General Store is open 7 days a week. Monday through Saturday 8:00 - 6:00 and Sunday 9:00 - 5:00 The store is Covid compliant and offers both curb side pickup and delivery options in addition to in-store shopping. Great news - you can still get your ice cream fix this summer! Although the **Rosseau General Store Ice Cream Shop** is not yet open, it will be reopening soon. Hours have not yet been determined.

Hilltop Interiors is Covid compliant and open for business with new and exciting stock arriving daily. Stop by to say hello to Lena and her staff including the two design students who will be working throughout the summer.

TWB is now open on weekends in June. Look for the exciting new look of the combined **TWB and Cabin** stores - soon to be completed. Summer hours will be extended throughout the week starting in July.

The Area Gallery is now open on weekends.

Cottage Law will remain closed again this summer.

The Craft Room is open for business Wednesdays through Sundays until the end of June. The other days of the week they are busy making masks that are available at the store for a donation to the West Parry Sound Health Centre. At the end of the month they will be open 7 days a week. Please wear a mask. Watch for information on a planned Porch Concert Saturday July 4, weather permitting.

Second Story Book Shop is currently closed but watch for its reopening closer to the end of June. Please wear a mask when planning to stop by.

The Antique Store is also currently closed but will be open and be ready for another fun season of browsing for unusual finds closer to the end of June.

Muskoka Bees and Trees Cafe will unfortunately remain closed for summer 2020. Watch for news of its reopening next year.

The Chip Truck is open Thursday through Sunday (Thursday 11:30 - 6:00; Friday and Saturday 11:30 - 6:30 and Sunday 11:30 - 5:00.)

Rosseau Bakery is also open 7 days a week (Monday through Friday 6:00 - 9:00; Saturday 7:00 - 9:00 and Sunday 8:00 - 6:00)

Cheeky Fibre will be open Fridays and Saturdays starting June 19th. Details re hours are posted on the building. Please wear a face mask.

Rosseau Retreat Bed and Breakfast will be open to guests beginning June 20th. Minimum 2 nights stay. Breakfast will be served following the health and safety guidelines set by the government.

Northern Landing Bed & Breakfast is closed indefinitely.

OTHER VILLAGE NEWS

We are delighted to let you know that the ever popular **Rosseau Friday Market** will take place this summer starting Friday June 26th. It will be slightly scaled back due to Covid 19. It is anticipated there will be 28 food vendors and 24 craft vendors spaced 10 feet apart. Attendees will be screened prior to admission by By-Law Officers. Hand sanitizing stations will be located throughout the market area. At this point we have no information on limits to the number of market attendees, but would suggest you be prepared for a possible delay.

Movie Night in Rosseau is on hold for 2020. When the Seguin Township buildings open to the public and the Emergency Order is removed, Kelly Collard will schedule Movie Night in Rosseau starting sometime in 2021.

In December 2019 the **Rosseau Historical Society** launched their 3rd book titled "Rosseau: House Histories Part I". This book can be ordered at a cost of \$40 through their website at www.rosseauhistoricalsociety.com. The 2 previous books (Rosseau - The Early Years and Rosseau - Then and Now) are also available.



SOMETHING FUN TO DO IN THE VILLAGE

Did you know there is a self-guided **Historical Walking Tour of Rosseau**. The Historical Society has developed an interesting and informative walk around the Village highlighting its historic roots. Go to www.rosseauhistoricalsociety.com to download maps and instructions. Spend some time really getting to know Rosseau!

THE ROSSEAU HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY HEALING GARDEN – TRIBUTE TO RAY WHELDON

The Healing Garden located adjacent to the Rosseau Nursing Station will undergo a revitalization in order that it may be dedicated to Kay and Ray Wheldon. Planning is underway and the work should be completed by the end of June. The LRNA has donated \$500 to assist the Horticultural Society with this initiative.

Sadly, Ray Wheldon passed away 28 March 2020 at the age of 83. He had been a key member of the Rosseau Horticultural Society for many years and had been integral in the creation of the Healing Garden. The purpose of the Healing Garden is to give those attending the Rosseau Nursing Station and the Rosseau Community a place to contemplate and reflect if and when required to obtain solace when dealing with medical issues.

