

March 2008 Community Newsletter



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****LATE BREAKING NEWS!!!**** CBC TV's "The National" will be including a feature on the Eden Mills Going Carbon Neutral Project on Tues March 11th at around 10:20 PM (unless bumped by last-minute news items)

Eden Mills & Our Natural World Speaker Series – 2 dates in March!

At the Eden Mills Community Hall. Light refreshments served. All ages welcome. A donation of a twoonie per person is appreciated (children under 12 are free). All proceeds to the programs and services of Eden Mills Community Club.

Thurs March 13 @ 7 pm "Everything you wanted to know about bird-watching... but were afraid to ask" Guest speaker **Kevin Kerr**, who has had a fondness for birds since the tender age of four, will provide a crash course in 'birding', exploring the basics of bird identification, optical equipment, and, of course, where to go to observe birds.

Thurs, March 27 @ 7pm Janus and Nadjiwon

Village artist Janus along with Chippewa Elder and artist Nadjiwon will be speaking about their art and the cultural and natural environment.

It's almost Spring..(don't look out your window)

And that means the **Annual Spring Garage Sale** must be just around the corner (behind the piles of snow). Mark your calendar! Sat, May 10 from 9 am – 1 pm at the Hall. Donations of gently used items are needed so, when the spring cleaning starts...please consider putting items aside. If you would like to volunteer for this important club fundraiser, please call Wendy at 856-1089.



Spring Miscellany is on Sat Mar 29 at 8 pm at the Hall. An evening celebration of poetry, prose, music & art. Performers include Janice Kyluk Keefer, Erin Robinsong, Josh Willoughby, Marie Davis Zimmerman, Jeremy Shute and many more. Original art by local artists will also be on show and for sale. Tickets cost \$15.00. Tea, coffee, juice and baked goods will be served. Donations of baked goods are greatly appreciated. Clean up crew needed. More details will be posted on community bulletin boards or contact Kit at 856-1188 or emmpca@sentex.net.

The Sap is Running! Do you have any maple trees on your property that you would like to tap? We will process all sap donations in the sugar shack behind the Community Hall. Donations of wood, especially long branches or old decking, would also be welcome. Call Jenny Kitson at 856-0591 to volunteer or if you would like to help with sap collection and boiling. All maple syrup proceeds go to the Community Club.

Celebrate Community, Celebrate Spring! A fundraising dinner in support of the Eden Mills United Church will be held on Sat, April 12 at 6 pm at the Eden Mills Community Hall. Menu will focus on locally grown food including a vegetarian entrée. Ticket prices: Adult (12 yrs+) \$15, Children 6-12 yrs \$8, Under 6 free, Family rate \$40 (2 adults&children) For tickets & information, call Mabel Parker 856-4095



Help wanted!

We still need some kitchen/serving volunteers for the fundraising tea room **Sunday May 4**. Student volunteer hours? Volunteers also needed **Saturday May 31** to help with the annual Community Club fundraising lunch for the Cycling Club. Please contact Chris at 856-2811.

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Items for the newsletter can be submitted at the monthly community club meetings held the first Tues of every month or sent directly to newsletter@edenmills.ca.

The next regular meeting of the Eden Mills Community Club is on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 @ 7:30 pm at the Hall. All members are welcome.

Table Tennis Club - young and old, female or male, skilled or novice - ALL very welcome to join in the fun every Wednesday evening from 7:30PM in the Hall.

Garden Club - No meeting in March. We are looking forward to Luc Bourgeois' presentation on April 15th - "From your yard to your plate - Vegetable Gardening 101". Everyone is welcome. Call Sue at 856-2413 for more information.



Highlights from the Eden Mills Going Carbon Neutral Project

Watch for upcoming Eden Mills Going Carbon Neutral newsletters for full details on all projects.

Household Footprint Survey - In spite of winter storms and a very short timeframe, we have had a remarkable response to the survey: -- **52% of households participated!!** Thank you all!

Surveys are still being received, and the results are being tabulated **now**. Huge thanks to Linda Melnick and Brenda Taylor who invested many hours in this project. Our sincere thanks also to the students from the University of Guelph who structured the survey and are analyzing the results.

Youth Group - Sat, April 19 The Youth Group is hosting an *Earth Day Carbon Neutral Celebration*. Trees will be planted in the morning either at your own home, approved Township Land, or local farms. There will be a community lunch followed by an afternoon series of creative arts workshops, all with environmental themes.

Cancelled: The March 11th Youth Group meeting due to March break. Next meeting is March 25, 7 pm at the Hall.

Tree planting - The Tree Committee is pleased to announce that we have 1842 trees to give to the community to plant. These trees are all native to the Eden Mills area and include ash, maple, spruce, cedar and white pine.

Geothermal Workshop - Thank you to Glenn and Libby Little, Jack Darmon and Richard Lay for making the geothermal workshop held on February 23 a fully informative experience. More than 50 people were in attendance, including representatives of geothermal companies.

Rural Ontario Municipalities Association - Eden Mills Carbon Neutral (Charles Simon, Libby Little and Tim Laing) made a 30-minute presentation to more than 700 spellbound representatives of R.O.M.A. at the Royal York Hotel on February 26. The presentation featured a video of the Children's *Carbon Neutral Chorus*, now live on the website. Bravo to Linda Hendry, Doug Jamieson, Les Zawadzki, John Cripton and our beautiful children!

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Hall Cleaning Schedule 2008

Volunteers needed for the month of May! Please contact Sue Martyn (856-2413)

- March 21/22 Jean & James Brown, Laura Brown
- April 4/5 Charles & Anna Simon, Debbie Lou & Fred Ludolph
- April 18/19 Linda Hendry & Les Zawadzki, Wendy Smith & Steve Simpson

As the Hall is often rented on the weekends, if it is possible please clean Friday evening or Saturday morning or check with Sue Martyn (2413) for the best time!!

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