



PENINSULA PERSPECTIVES



The Newsletter for Bruce Peninsula Association for Community Living



Life Is Better Together:

A Look Back at a Spring & Summer Full of Smiles

If a picture is worth a thousand words, these pages have quite the story to tell!

The past few months have been filled with laughter, celebrations, adventures, and countless moments of connection. Whether we were gathering around a picnic table, trying something new in the kitchen, enjoying the sunshine at Bluewater Park, or celebrating with friends, every activity reminded us that community is built through the moments we share together.

One of our favourite celebrations is always birthdays! Birthdays are about much more than cake (although we're certainly not complaining about the cake). They're an opportunity to celebrate the unique person someone is, the friendships they've built, and the community that surrounds them. Happy Birthday to everyone we celebrated this season....we loved celebrating with you!

Our taste buds also took a trip around the world during our Nigerian Cooking Classes. From learning new recipes to sharing stories and plenty of laughter, the experience reminded us that food has a wonderful way of bringing people together. There may have been a few new favourite dishes discovered along the way! *Continued on page 3....*





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Of course, no BPACL season would be complete without spending time outdoors. Walks through beautiful Bluewater Park gave us the chance to enjoy fresh air, stay active, and appreciate the incredible natural beauty we have right here in our own community. Add in picnics in the park, visits with friends, community outings, and spontaneous adventures, and it's easy to see why our calendars have been so full.

As you flip through these photos, you'll notice something special. Yes, you'll see smiling faces and fun activities...but you'll also see friendships growing, confidence building, new experiences being embraced, and people living full, meaningful lives as valued members of their community.

These moments may seem simple, but they're exactly what inclusion looks like.

Thank you to everyone who help make these experiences possible. Every outing, every shared meal, every conversation, and every celebration adds another chapter to our story.

Here's to many more adventures together. We can't wait to see what the next season brings!

Take a look through the photos on these pages, we hope they make you smile as much as the moments made us.





Summer Out and About

Every season is a great one, but we especially love Spring and Summer because we can explore every corner of our pretty peninsula. From walks, to picnics, to camping, and simply hanging out....connecting with community is the best!





Community Snapshots



Ribfest was nom...nom....nom.....

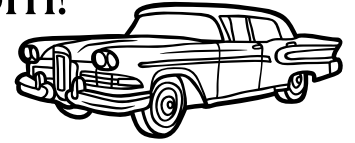
We had an amazing day at Ribfest in Bluewater Park, Wiarton! 🌞🍷



From delicious food to beautiful waterfront views, it was a fantastic opportunity to get out into the community, enjoy great company, and make lasting memories together. Days like these are all about connection, laughter, and experiencing everything our community has to offer.



Sauble Beach Car Show: from classic to custom!



We had a fantastic day at the Sauble Beach Car Show!

From classic cars to custom rides, there was something for everyone to enjoy. It was a great opportunity to get out in the community, admire some incredible vehicles, and spend time together making memories.



Summer Swims: Breast stroke, side stroke, fancy diving too!



Nothing says summer quite like a day at the pool! Whether swimming laps, floating with friends, or simply cooling off on a warm afternoon, our visits to Bluewater Pool have been filled with laughter, confidence, and plenty of smiles. Every splash is another opportunity to stay active, build friendships, and enjoy all the fun our community has to offer.



Cooking Up Confidence!

There's always something exciting on the menu at our Cooking Club! From trying new recipes and learning cooking techniques to sharing meals and plenty of laughs, each class is filled with opportunities to grow, connect, and have fun.

Cooking is about so much more than preparing food. It's about building confidence, developing practical life skills, making choices, working as a team, and sharing something meaningful with others. Every person in the kitchen plays an important role, measuring ingredients, stirring, chopping, setting the table, or serving the finished meal....and every contribution matters. Even friends who just actively cheer us on and tell us how good everything smells!

Through experiences like these, we strengthen our own independence, build friendships, and enjoy valued roles as cooks, hosts, teammates, and lifelong learners. Best of all, everyone leaves with something to be proud of... and usually something delicious, too!



A Recipe for Memories... and a Surprise Visit!

Our summer grilling lesson was certainly one to remember!

Everyone was busy learning the art of cooking on the barbecue...flipping burgers, talking about grill safety, and enjoying the delicious smells of summer. Unfortunately, those delicious smells drifted through an open window... and straight into the smoke detector!

Before we knew it, the fire alarm was sounding and our local firefighters were stopping by to make sure everything was safe. Thankfully, it was just a little too much barbecue enthusiasm!

The surprise visit quickly turned into another learning opportunity. We had the chance to meet our friendly Warton firefighters, learn a little more about fire safety, and even share a few laughs together.

Sometimes the best memories are the ones you never plan. Safe to say... our barbecue lesson was **fire** in more ways than one! 🔥🚒



You're Invited to Our 3rd Annual Spaghetti Social & Supper!

Grab your family, bring your appetite, and join us for one of our favourite traditions of the year!

Our 3rd Annual Spaghetti Social & Supper is just around the corner, and we can't wait to welcome everyone for an evening filled with delicious food, great conversations, and wonderful company.

This free community event has quickly become a family favourite, and it's easy to see why. There's something special about gathering around the table, sharing a meal, and taking time to connect with the people who make our community so welcoming.

Enjoy a hearty supper of spaghetti, garlic bread, and fresh salad, all served with a generous helping of friendship and fun. While you dine, you'll be surrounded by lively Italian bistro music, creating the perfect atmosphere to relax, laugh, and enjoy the evening together.

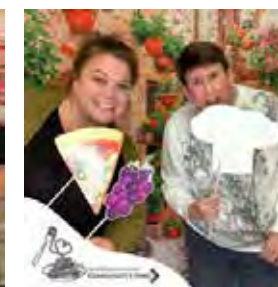
Don't forget to stop by our family-friendly photo booth! It's a fun way to capture memories with the people who matter most and take home a keepsake from the evening.

The Spaghetti Social is about so much more than a great meal. It's an opportunity for families to meet one another, reconnect with familiar faces, share experiences, discover the supports and resources other community members can offer, and strengthen the sense of community that makes BPACL so special. Whether you're attending for the first time or you've joined us every year, you'll be welcomed with open arms (that may or may not have some spilled spaghetti on them 😊).

Space is limited, and to help us prepare enough food for everyone, please RSVP if you plan to attend. Your response helps ensure there's a seat, and plenty of spaghetti, for every guest!

We hope you'll join us for an evening of food, friendship, laughter, and community. After all, the best memories are often made around the table together.





What: Spaghetti Social Supper
Where: Propeller Club
When: Wednesday, Oct. 28th

Space will be limited. You must RSVP to attend.

Serving up a full spaghetti supper complete with family fun photo booth to capture the memories!

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