

THE WINDERMERE GAZETTE

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VILLAGE?

- **Windermere celebrates 100 years since incorporation.** It was founded in 1870, but in 1924, under the leadership of Henry Longhurst, the village applied for independent village status with the government of Ontario. Longhurst became the first Reeve (Mayor) of Windermere.
- **Windermere House** - Open year round. Stop in for a drink or meal at one of their lovely dining options.
 - **Windermere Pub & Patio** - Lunch & Dinner served 7 days/wk. Enjoy the entertainment -Fri.&Sat. 7-10pm
 - **The Rosseau** - upscale dining in a beautiful setting. Open 7 days/week - 12 to 9pm
 - **High Tea** - Sundays in summer, 2-4pm
 - **The Trading Post is open!** Artisanal goods and produce, charcuterie, souvenirs and more.
- **Windermere Marina** -open this Labour Day weekend, and then **OFF-SEASON hours begin** - Thursday - Sunday 9am - 5pm
- **Windermere Golf Club** - open to the public September 3rd. **Restaurant hours:** Sun. - Wed. - 11am - 6pm
Thurs. - Sat. - 11am - 9pm
Wing night - Thursday 5pm
- **Windermere Garden Centre**
Mon.-Fri. - 8 - 5, Sat - 9 - 5, Sun 10 - 4
Lots of fall specials going on. Visit them!!
- **Taylor Farms** - Mon - Fri, 7am - 6pm.
Sat. 9am - 5pm. Closed Sun. Great Cappuccino and Lattes at the cafe!!
- **Christ Church Windermere** -services Sunday at 10:30am
- **Windermere United Church** -services Sunday at 10:30am

This week's "historical interest" article.

Submitted by Stephen Stigler (a Windermere family since 1903)

Noise Pollution

Our off-season recollections of Muskoka are of a land of muted sounds – wind rustling through the pines, soft waves lapping on the shore, accented by the majestic call of the loon. In truth, we also hear the roar of the airplane and over-powered boats, the modern “songs” played loudly on a passing (or worse, stopped) boat’s stereo – the sounds of modern life that can travel quite a ways across the water and are complained about sometimes as “noise pollution.”

Surprisingly, such complaints go back to even the 1880s. A memoir of that era reports annoyance over the constant sound of bells all through the night, every day, on even the stillest night.

The culprits were cows! In the days before refrigeration many families would have fresh dairy courtesy of a family cow, wandering freely in an adjacent meadow, and every cow had a bell, clanging with the slightest movement, even in sleep. When I first came to Windermere in 1947 there was a souvenir of an early cow in our back meadow: the wooden gate to the meadow required two steps to pass through – swing it away then enter, then pull it back and exit on the other side. Easy for a human; impossible for a cow.

Some background on the Stigler family arrival in Windermere

(excerpt from the Windermere Tweedsmuir, Archives of the Windermere Women's Institute, as written by Stephen Stigler)

The first member of our family to come to Muskoka was my great-grandfather Dr. David J. Waller Jr. As the oral history in our family has it, he, while president of a small normal school in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, saw an advertisement in the New York Times and in 1903 brought his family up to Windermere for the summer. At that time the trip to Muskoka took several days – train to Gravenhurst, lake steamship to Port Carling or Windermere, then finishing the trip by land. In later years they were picked up by car – my mother, Margaret Mack Stigler, remembered being driven the last few miles by Henry Crowder in an old Ford over washboard roads. (Henry Crowder is immortalized in the name of the second hole at the Windermere Golf Course--- Henry's Gully !).

After renting at our current location for a year or two, Dr. Waller bought the property from the estate of a Dr. Scott, who, the story goes, had built the cottage to serve as a TB sanitarium, a venture doomed by a classic misjudgment of climate. The point was named “Rothesay,” presumably by Dr. Scott after the island of that name in the Firth of Clyde, 30 miles from Glasgow. (The original Rothesay was a site of a health resort at the turn of the century.) That first cottage was fairly large, with second storey sleeping porches on all sides. It was believed to be haunted by a headless woman, but the evidence for this is slim. For sometime, the only homes in the bay were those of the Waller's and the first arrivals, the Andersons (*now Duncan's* - featured in Vol 14 of the Gazette).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Happy Labour Day Weekend!!

- **August 29th**- Wing night with entertainment @ WGCC.

August 31st - Leach Leslie @ Windermere House

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a lunchtime BBQ at the Windermere Wharf - in support of the Windermere and District Lions Club.

- **August 31st** - Auction of Contents

from the Baldwins Hotel -

ALL proceeds go to the children's playground fund.

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- **Police - Non-emergency**

(705) 645-2211

- **Fire Department**

(705)-765-3156

- **District of Muskoka Office**

(705) 645-2100

- **By-law Office Township**

(705) 765-3156

- **Wharf Master**

(705) 769-3611

- **Windermere Golf Club**

(705) 769-3381

- **Windermere Marina**

(705) 769-3661

- **Windermere House**

(705) 769-3611

- **Taylor Farms**

(705)-769-2368

- **Windermere Garden Centre**

(705)-769-3238

- **Archives**

windermereandareaarchive@gmail.com

- **Lions Club**

windermere@ar2lions.ca

What would you like to see in the Children's Playground at the Village Hall Park in Windermere?

We would love to have your suggestions. If you have ideas, photos, requests, favourite playground equipment photos, please send an email....

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We want your input!!

Important Clearing Auction Sale

Saturday August 31st, 10:30am

The Baldwins Resort

1024 Golf Avenue Road
Windermere, Ontario, P0B1P0

All proceeds from this auction will go towards the new playground in the Village of Windermere

Complete contents of all buildings!
(Partial listing shown here)



Previewing on

Friday August 30th - 2 - 4pm and
Saturday August 31st 9 - 10:30am

Terms: Cash or Good Cheque only - with valid ID.
10% Buyer Premium applies to all sales.
All items must be paid for and removed day of sale.

Auctioneer - Don Colling - 905-877-0117
Owner - Karen Lang - 416-716-8070

Everything must sell!

All proceeds for the children's playground at the Village Hall Park