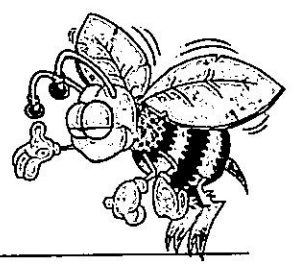


# Local Service Board Buzzer



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Hello Redbridge Readers:

Are you ready for the next saga of pioneering in Redbridge? I chose this one family because some of the descendants still live here which makes it very interesting to hear when and how it began back on September 7, 1925.

Four men, including Ralph Reaume, pitched their tents by the North River. They cut and hauled logs from the bush by hand - no horses! When one log cabin was built, they all lived in it until the next one was built. In the spring, Mr Reaume began to cut and peel logs for his own home. Mr. Funk came with horses to help get everything in position using moss to chink between the logs. All the furniture was made by Mr. Reaume. There was no bridge over the North River so all goods from stores had to be carried across a log felled for that purpose. That was the beginning (not easy!)

Next time I'll have to tell you about the Phelps Athletic Association formed in 1947 that created a huge beneficial impact on our area.

Books to read while you wait for better weather are still available here in large numbers in all sections including the childrens area downstairs. Here's a review of a few that sound very exciting!

*The Nightingale* - Kristin Hannah

This is a panorama of World War II. Illuminating a part of history seldom seen: the "woman's war" tells the story of two sisters separated by years, ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path in German occupied, war-torn France. A heart breakingly beautiful novel.

*To Tell You the Truth* - Gilly MacMillan

This author also wrote *The Great Alone* which we also have.

This is a spell binding book about a missing child, and about a life of a writer. Bold, suspenseful and impossible to put down. It will stay with you for a long time!

*I Michael Bennett* - James Patterson & Michael Ledwidge

Detective Bennett arrests South American crime lord Manuel Perrine in a deadly chase. From jail, Perrine vows to rain terror down upon New York City. His men create chaos - police are shot, judges murdered. Bennett realizes that everyone he loves are under threat as well as him being a target. This might be dangerous to read at bed time if you wish to sleep peacefully!

Don't forget to check on Wellington and Belvedere downstairs kids. They get very lonely when they don't see you - Lincoln, Rebecca, Ayva and Cayden and all other young folks, and they always look happier when you have been there!

See you at the Library!

Bev Reynolds, C.E.O.



## PHELPS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Spring is almost here and the weather seems to be getting nicer and nicer out. With this in mind, we would like to remind everyone that as of April 1st there is no daytime burning permitted until October 31st. If you wish to burn, there are a couple of things to remember:

- Burning is to be done between 7 pm and 7 am
- The pile cannot be any bigger than 2m x 2m x 2m (6ft x 6ft x 6ft)
- Burn only 1 pile at a time
- Keep the pile at least 2m (6ft) from any flammable materials
- Have tools or water on hand to contain the fire at the site
- Make sure a responsible person attends the fire **AT ALL TIMES**

For more information, please go to <https://www.ontario.ca/page/outdoor-fire-rules-and-permits>.

We appreciate your continued cooperation and support and hope that this season is a safe one for everyone.

Come see us on April 8th at the Rec Centre for the Easter Egg Hunt and BBQ and meet our great team.

Melissa Moulder  
Fire Chief

This poem was printed in 2019, but is worth a reprint

*Dear Mother:*

*As I look back on my life I find myself  
wondering....  
Did I remember to thank you for all that you  
have done for me? For all of the times you  
were by my side to help me celebrate my  
successes and accept my defeats?  
Or for teaching me the value of hard work,  
good judgement, courage, and honesty?  
I wonder if I've ever thanked you for the simple  
things....the laughter, smiles and quiet times  
we shared.  
If I've forgotten to express my gratitude for any  
of these things, I am thanking you now and  
want to express my love for you!  
And I'm hoping that you've known all along how  
very much you are appreciated.*

**HAPPY Mother's DAY**

## PHELPS LOCAL ROADS BOARD

Winter took its time arriving this year, however it did finally settle in by mid January delivering several messy snow storms and a couple of freezing rain events. The MTO and equipment operators did a great job keeping the roads drivable before and after each storm event. As the winter control season comes to an end and the warm weather moves in, we are expecting a particularly bad frost heave and pothole season, due to the many freeze and thaw cycles throughout the mild winter.

The Board will be meeting with the MTO on April 28th to discuss the funding available for 2023 and identifying the work to be completed within the limited budget. There is some carry over work from 2022 to complete, there is more gravel to spread on Songis Road which will continue this summer, along with some brushing. After the budget has been finalized, we will be posting the details on the Redbridge website.

A reminder to anyone with construction plans or requiring heavy truck delivery this spring, half load season lasts until the end of May or early June, please wait until the posted signs come down, fines will be issued for violations.

We would also like to take this time to wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Thank you.

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***What Makes A Dad***

*God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it .....Dad.*

**Happy  
Father's  
Day!**

## THE VETS CLUB

We hope all are appreciating the advent of spring - it seems like it's been a long winter!

We wanted to thank the Rec Center for allowing us to promote our Club at their recent Winter Wonderland. It was very well attended and a great success for our community!

We would also like to express our condolences and wishes for improved health to Sheila Jessup, who as many know, has been a long standing volunteer for many committees and organizations in our community, including a member of the Board of Directors for the Vets Club and a key player making all of our events possible!

Financially we are still afloat, having weathered the majority of the winter heat costs. We will need to be planning more fundraising events and memberships, as these are our only source of income for the Club. This Club has hosted many social gatherings, sports and recreational activities for our township for over 50 years, all through donations and volunteers and fundraising. And we need our community support now more than ever!

As most of you know, we absolutely need to plan some renovations to address accessibility, including building a new ramp to the upper hall to enable access for dances, parties, and various events. As well, we need to renovate (aka gut) one washroom on each of the 2 floors to accommodate folks with accessibility challenges. We are currently planning to build the ramp in June 2023 once the frost has left the ground for the footings etc and we hope to tackle the washrooms this fall. We are currently costing out these projects, and once approved by the Board, we will need all the help we can get, both funding (donations of monetary and possibly some materials) and volunteer help (both skilled labour in any aspect of construction as well as unskilled). We will be brainstorming the details at our upcoming Board meeting at the beginning of April. Stay tuned for some community outreach information coming in April. Please consider helping however you can, as this is the only large hall facility in our community as well as our official designated Emergency Management site!

As far as events, we continue to enjoy the True Country Boys matinee on the last Sunday of each month, with so many thanks to Ervil Boreland! We hope to resume some Saturday music nights with a mix of rock, blues, and folk music from some great local talent this spring - stay tuned.

We are so happy that Snowshoe Golf was able to resume this year! It was a good turnout and mild weather, and of course we all had full bellies thanks to Judy Wardell and several other volunteers cooking up a storm!

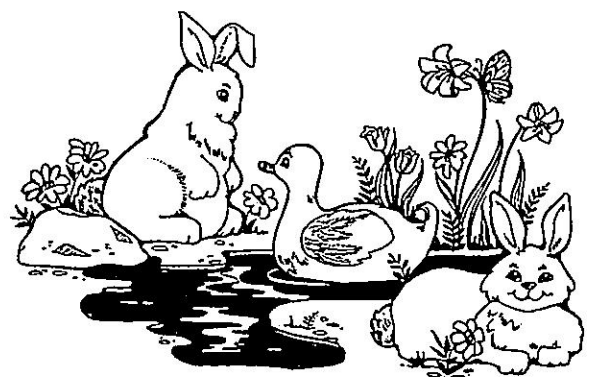
Our next Paint the Town Red-bridge fundraiser will be held March 25, so we're looking for a good turnout for a fun night painting and sipping!

This April 22, we will be hosting a new event - a Trivia Night at the Vets, in partnership with the Rec Centre. This will be a lot of fun, with teams participating in various trivia questions whilst enjoying laughter and refreshments! We are hoping it will be a hit amongst all ages, so we hope to see you there! Watch the Store sign and, of course, our Facebook sites within the community.

To become a member to support our Club, please drop in anytime we're open for cards, darts and special events - Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights - at a low cost of \$25/year. Members (of 1+ years) are able to use the hall for a personal gathering or party free once every 2 years.

Your Vets Club wishes you all a wonderful Spring!

The Vets Club Board



*Easter Greetings*  
TO ONE AND ALL

How True!!!

I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.

Employment application blanks always ask who is to be called in case of an emergency. I think you should write, "An ambulance."

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.



## Phelps and District Golden Age Club

Happy Spring everyone! I'm sure it is out there somewhere or maybe it blew away with the gale force winds!

Our deepest condolences go out to the Nesbitt family who lost both Clayton & Rolly in less than a week.

The Sheffield family; who lost their mother Loreen. And the Allen family who lost Diane (Allen) Ryan. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

The Golden Age Club would like to send a big Thank you to the Phelps Fire Department for sharing four of your dedicated Fire Fighters with us on Sat. March 4<sup>th</sup>. These wonderful Ladies & Gentleman were a big help and a pleasure to work with. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

### **Pancake Breakfast Announcement:**

Pancake/French Toast Breakfasts are now the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month. This change came about to accommodate the Rec. Centre, thanks to Karin Sandula, I think this solution will work for everyone.

So you no longer have to look up dates just check the calendar 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month. Breakfast consists of 3 Pancakes or 2 French Toast, 3 Sausage, Orange Juice & Tea or Coffee for \$7. Pancake/French Toast Breakfast gift cards are now available. They can be purchased at the Golden Age Club.

**Exciting News:** Phelps Golden Age Club will be offering a senior's exercise program. The V.O.N. has offered to come to the Club to provide this service. The details have not been finalized but we are hoping to have things in place within the next couple of weeks. We will advertise as soon as we know more.

Next Foot care clinic at the Golden Age Club is April 5<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to make an appointment call Amanda Ostrowski at 249 358 4347.

We would like to thank Steve Chenier for doing such a great job of plowing the driveway at the Golden Age Club this winter. Don Johnston for keeping the doorways cleaned out and to the kind person who has been removing snow from the roof.

Thank you to Karin Sandula for being such a hard working Vice-President, Ellen Boulet for doing such a great job of our finances, Ilene Ranger for doing so many things, the most recent, becoming our new Secretary, Rick Nicholson for taking over the Maintenance position. Thanks Lena for putting up with us as long as you did. And all the other people who put in so much time and effort to make things run smoothly.

A draw for a free membership was made at the last meeting and Ellen Boulet was the winner.

The 50-50 Lucky Lotto is an on-going fund raiser for the Golden Age. There are 100 squares on the board. You can purchase squares for \$2 each. The draw is made when all the squares are full. The winner receives \$100.

The latest winner was Rick Nicholson.

The Golden Age Club Member Lunches have resumed. The first being a St. Patrick's Day Lunch which was of course held on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

The next lunch will be Good Friday; lunch will consist of Fish, buns, coleslaw, potato salad and dessert. These lunches are for our members, the meal is provided by members. The food is always good and the company great.

Spaghetti Supper will be held on April 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$15. Tickets must be purchased in advance. This event sells out fast, be sure to get your ticket early.

If you are interested in becoming a member or want any other information regarding the club, please contact -

Dorothy Jessup, President at 495-6841, Karin Sandula, Vice President, 663-2696, Ilene Ranger, Secretary, 663-2238, or Ellen Boulet, Treasurer at 663-2218.

Memberships are \$10 a year. This entitles you to attend our Members only lunches, Potlucks, and use of the hall once a year for private functions.

**Never underestimate the power of Scripture.**

**An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening at church service when she was startled by an intruder. As she caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables, she yelled, "STOP! ACTS 2:38!" (Repent and be baptized, in the name of the lord, so that your sins may be forgiven.)**

The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell scripture at you."

"SCRIPTURE?!" replied the burglar, "She said she had an AXE and TWO 38's!"

*Happy Spring!*

Dorothy Jessup, President  
Phelps & District Golden Age Club

## **Phelps Community Rec Centre**

Greetings to all our Phelps families, friends and neighbours. With the days getting longer, more sunshine and warmer temperatures on the way we have certainly sprung back around to one of our favourite times of the year! All of us at the Rec are ready for spring and for all the fun things that are to come! We've got a lot of plans and events happening at the Rec so let's get started! To register for any events call or text 705-358-8073 or email  
phelpscommunityreccentre@hotmail.com

### **Easter Egg-stravaganza - Saturday, April 8th**

The Phelps Rec Centre and Fire Department are having an Easter event for every bunny!

Come join us at the Rec on Saturday, April 8th from 10:30 a.m. till 2 p.m. for our Easter Egg-stravaganza.

Please remember to bring your own basket, and if you're lucky, you may find the golden egg!

The egg hunt will begin at 11 a.m., there will be lots of treats and eggs to find!

The Phelps Fire Department is BBQing hamburgers and hot dogs with a drink for \$5.00. You can also enter our 2-buck cluck draw for your chance to win some prizes!

Come on out and enjoy this wonderful family event!

### **BINGO for Fun - Sunday, May 7th**

Bingo for Fun is back! Will be held Sunday, May 7th from 1 p.m. till 3:30 p.m. at the Rec.

We play 10 games and you get 2 cards all for just \$10.00.

You can bring your own dabber or buy one at the Rec, the canteen will be open.

Must be 9 years or older.

(registration is not required, it just helps us. So, if you get a chance give us a call.)

### **Trivia Night**

We're so excited for this event and to be teaming up with the Vets Club for trivia night.

Gather up some friends, come play a few rounds of fun trivia, enjoy some drinks and treats.

Trivia Night is for everyone, and you can register your team of 2 - 8 players.

Trivia Night will take place at the Vets Club (64 Allens Road)

**Saturday, April 22nd - Doors open at 7:30 pm**  
Registration is \$8 per person - and each team will receive a charcutier board to snack on!

**You MUST register by Friday, April 14th**  
(All registered must be legal drinking age - Cash bar)

Come on out for this fun, new event and play for your chance to win some serious bragging rights and prizes!

### **Farmers Market Vendors**

Are you an artist with beautiful work to sell? A baker of yummy treats, breads or more? Do you make soaps, candles, handcrafted woodwork, home decor? Want to sell vegetables from your garden, delicious jams, jellies or other goods? We want you!

**If you are interested in being a vendor at the Farmers Market, please contact Amanda at the above mentioned numbers.**

### **Phelps Rec Centre Farmers Market & B-Rec-fasts**

That's right, it's back! The Phelps Farmers Market has some amazing vendors for you to check out and we'll be running our B-Rec-fasts at the same time! Come for a really enjoyable morning out in the community, get breakfast, support some local businesses and have a wonderful time! Also come enjoy special musical guests and other family events happening this year.

**The Market is 8 a.m. till noon and B-Rec-fast run from 8 a.m. till 11 a.m.**

Breakfast comes with eggs, bacon, home fries, toast and coffee or tea for only \$8!

**Make sure you put these dates in your calendar and come to the Farmers Market!**

**Saturday May 27, 2023**

**Saturday June 24, 2023**

**Saturday July 29, 2023**

**Saturday August 26, 2023**

**Saturday September 30, 2023**

### **Winter Wonderland**

We just wanted to say a quick thank you to everyone who came out to our Winter Wonderland event this year. It was so much fun and it was so good to see so many residents and community members out enjoying the day. Thank you to the amazing people who helped us prepare for the event and to all our incredible volunteers! It's a lot of work to put on events like this and they do such an amazing job. We could not have events like this without them.

To all our sponsors, we are so incredibly thankful for your support, we really can't thank you enough.

## PHELPS UNITED CHURCH

Thank you to McConnell Lake Campground, Mincon, Dougs Rental, Kustom Kreations, Toy Doctor, Holmes Family Labs and Aultman Rentals. Also we were so happy to have the Phelps Fire Department, Vets Club and AR Donuts join us this year. As always thank you to the Phelps Public School for allowing us to make use of their parking lot. Thank you to Mr. Riley at Village Clydesdales for coming, and again to the community for your support!

### Community Garden

The community garden project has been started and is underway thanks to a group of amazing volunteers. Big changes will be happening at the Rec as we get closer and closer to spring. Shortly we will be posting a list of materials, items and donations we are looking for on the Recs Facebook page. If you're interested in being a part of the gardening club, please see our Facebook page for details or contact Amanda at the above mentioned numbers.

### Rink

It was a hard year for the rink weather wise but thank you to our relentless volunteers who helped with the rink this winter. It's a lot of work to get the rink up and going, thank you to our volunteers who made and maintained the ice, cleared the rink, worked the canteen and more. Our community is full of wonderful people and we couldn't do it without you!

**As always in the spring we can't express enough to stay away from the pond and river at the Rec. The pond becomes very dangerous as the ice melts, and the river water starts to move very quickly. It only takes a moment for an accident to happen, so we ask that you please avoid these areas. The pond is use at your own risk, never leave children unattended or unaccompanied.**

Well that about does it for us at the Rec for now, we have even more great events happening this spring/summer so make sure you keep an eye on our Facebook page, sign at the store and the Phelps Township Website for all the amazing events happening in our community!



Spring is just around the corner, promising the chance to do all those things we have been dreaming of all winter. In fact, just thinking about all the work ahead makes me tired!

In the middle of all the coming hustle and bustle, Phelps United invites you to take time for yourself every Sunday morning and nourish your soul. Come for a morning of peace, joy, and fellowship at the little yellow church.

Things tend to happen in the background at our church. For example, we helped to support a family escaping from the war in Ukraine with donations of money and household articles. We also support Hope Awaits, a local men's shelter. This year we are donating funds to help earthquake victims in Turkey, Syria and Afghanistan. We are a small church, but we make a difference.

Sunday morning services will continue all summer, under the leadership of David Lock and Frances Morris. You will hear our church bell ringing at 10 a.m. every Sunday. We would love to have you come and see what it's all about. Everyone is welcome.

### A Truly Canadian Joke

Bob and Doug decide to go ice fishing. They head out, find a nice spot, cut a hole in the ice, and stick in their poles.

Suddenly, a loud voice booms from above, "THERE ARE NO FISH HERE!!!"

Bob and Doug look around, look at each other, and look up, and they don't see anyone.

"I suppose we'd better move then" says Doug. They get up and find another spot on the ice, cut a hole and stick in their poles with great hopes of fresh Walleye. Once again, the voice booms from above, "THERE ARE NO FISH HERE!!!"

They look around, look at each other, then look up. Again, they don't see anyone. "We best find another spot," says Bob. So they gather up their equipment, choose another promising spot on the ice, cut a hole, and stick in their poles.

Once again, the loud voice booms from above, "THERE ARE NO FISH HERE!!!"

They look around, look at each other, then look up, again seeing no one. Doug calls out. "GOD IN HEAVEN, IS THAT YOU?"

The voice responds, "NO! THIS IS THE SKATING RINK MANAGER! THERE ARE NO FISH HERE!!!"