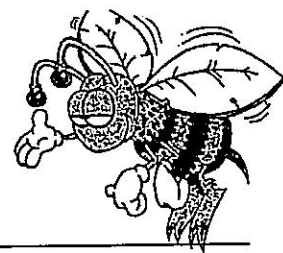


# Local Service Board Buzzer



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## PHELPS UNITED CHURCH

*Morning has broken, like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!*

This hymn is playing in my mind as I think about the activities at Phelps United. We had our annual meeting a few weeks ago and laid out the basis for another year of fellowship and worship together. David Lock was reelected as chairman of the church board by acclamation, with RuthAnne Drenth as secretary and Henry Drenth as treasurer.

Pat Rutledge was recognized for her many years of counting cash for the church, and keeping our bookkeeping on the straight and narrow.

Henry shared the 2023 report of the events at the church, including funds raised through the mammoth apple pie making in November and the basement-clearing community yard sale. And that brought home to me the way the seasons come and go, rolling through years with barely a ripple.

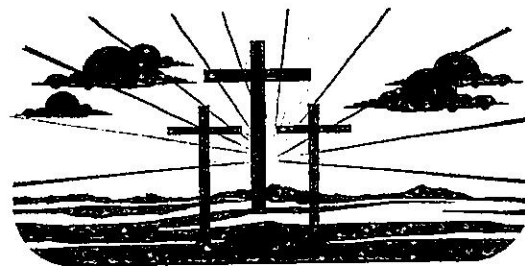
There is a milestone on the horizon for the little yellow church on North River Road, as it will be a hundred years old in 2029. (This makes it just four years younger than the United Church of Canada). The local church began with a meeting of a dozen ladies in 1927, at the home of Mrs. E. Dent. Mrs. Dent was the first president, Mrs. Pearl Baldwin vice president, Miss Blanche Dent secretary, and Mrs. Maude DeForest treasurer. The Ladies Aid of Phelps Center was originally formed to assist new families who were moving into the community by visiting and sewing for them. Meetings were held on the first Thursday of every month to sew, and held a devotional service every Sunday in log school #2, lead by a member of The Shantyman's Association. The group raised funds to build the church by holding concerts and box socials, bazaars and bake sales, and making and selling quilts. The land for the church was purchased in 1928 from John Brown of North Bay.

The church was built in the spring of 1929 and dedicated in August of that year. Members over the years have included many of the matriarchs of local pioneer families, including Mrs. J. Johnston (Marie), Mrs. E. Langill (Greta), Mrs. P. Wardell (Olive), Mrs. A. Miller, Mrs. H. Baldwin (Mary),

Mrs. A Brown, Mrs. W. Haslip, Mrs. Frank Perry, Mrs. L VanKeuren (Bernice), Mrs. A. Funk, Mrs. E. Buckley, Mrs. H. Allen, Mrs. N. Hollingsworth, Mrs. W. Thompson (Jean), Mrs. R. Baldwin (Millie) and Mrs. E. Sheffield (Edna).

The group has maintained its mission of assisting local families and organizations, and broadened it by donating to global causes. Throughout its history, Phelps United has been a quiet force for good in our community.

We've been blessed to see more people attending worship services this winter, bringing new faces and new friendships to the group. Your energy and voices are much appreciated! Wouldn't it be awesome to get a choir started again?!



**Easter**  
**BLESSINGS**

How Adam Got Eve:

Adam was hanging around the garden of Eden feeling very lonely...

So, God asked him, *"What's wrong with you?"*

Adam said he didn't have anyone to talk to.

God said that He was going to make Adam a companion and that it would be a woman.

He said, "This pretty lady will gather food for you, she will cook for you, and when you discover clothing, she will wash them for you.

She will always agree with every decision you make and she will not nag you and will always be the first to admit she was wrong when you've had a disagreement. She will praise you! She will bear your children, and never ask you to get up in the middle of the night to take care of them.

She will NEVER have a headache and will freely give you love and passion whenever you need it."

Adam asked God, *"What will a woman like this cost?"* "An arm and a leg."

Then Adam asked, *"What can I get for a rib?"* - **Of course the rest is history.....!!!!**

## Phelps and District Golden Age Club

Happy Spring everyone! Hope everyone is enjoying this unusually early Spring!

Pancake/French Toast Breakfasts are now the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. This schedule seems to be working well for everyone.

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.

Phelps Golden Age Club has been offering a senior's Chair Yoga program (60 and over). The V.O.N. has been doing this program at no cost to us. Because it is free we have limited it to members only and ask for a \$2 donation to help with our operating costs. We are accepting new members.

Phelps Golden Age Club received a \$500 SOYF Healthy Aging grant which we used to purchase 4 chairs and some hand weights for Yoga and we were able to hold a painting class offered by Sandy Mannering the last week of February. This class was free. I believe 14 people attended and everyone seemed happy with the experience.

Next Foot care clinic at the Golden Age Club is March 27<sup>th</sup>, last Wednesday of the month. For more information or to make an appointment call Amanda Ostrowski at 249 358 4347.

On April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9-3 the Golden Age Club will be holding a Spring Cleaning/organizing day. If your teenager still needs Volunteer Hours this is the perfect opportunity. We will provide a Hot Dog lunch. Some of the things that need done – windows, ceiling fans, cleaning behind appliances, organizing the shed, pump room and the back room where the yard sale donations and wool are stored. Everyone is welcome! If you have a spare hour that day, we could use the help.

We would like to thank Steve Chenier for doing such a great job of plowing the driveway at the Golden Age Club this winter.

Our neighbour who keeps the snow off the roof and often cuts our grass in the summer, thank you. A big thank you goes out to Cliff Hunter for installing another 2 Electric Heaters for us.

We are lucky to live in a community where people are so kind and helpful.

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, but mostly being such a reliable and capable Secretary, Carole Johnston for being our smiling face at the door, Don Johnston for taking care of our garbage and recycling and Rick Nicholson for looking after our Maintenance needs.

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 Fred Robinson.

St. Patrick's Day fell on a Sunday this year but we celebrated at the Pancake Breakfast on Saturday the 16th. We had a little something extra on the Pancakes, decorated tables, and even had a Door Prize.

The next lunch will be Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>; lunch will consist of Fish, buns, coleslaw, potato salad and dessert. These lunches are members only, the meal is provided by members and the Club. The cost for members is \$7. The food is always good and the company great.

Spaghetti Supper will be held on April 27, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$15. This event is **SOLD OUT** but Take-out meals are still available. Be sure to order yours in advance. We will not be doing last minute orders, we don't have workers to handle this.

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, Yoga, and use of the hall once a year for private functions.

### STINGY OLD LAWYER

A stingy old lawyer who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness was determined to prove wrong the old saying, "You can't take it with you."

After much thought and consideration, the old ambulance-chaser finally figured out how to take at least some of his money with him when he died.

He instructed his wife to go to the bank and withdraw enough money to fill two pillowcases. He then directed her to take the bags of money to the attic and leave them directly above his bed.

His plan: When he passed away, he would reach out and grab the bags on his way to heaven. Several weeks after the funeral, the deceased lawyer's wife, up in the attic cleaning came upon the two forgotten pillowcases stuffed with cash.

"Oh, that old fool," she exclaimed. "I knew he should have had me put the money in the basement."

## Happy Spring!

Dorothy Jessup, President  
Phelps & District Golden Age Club

## PHELPS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Phelps Township is in danger of losing an eighty-one year old piece of its history. The Phelps branch of the Women's Institutes of Ontario is considering disbanding, due to a lack of membership.

The group is best known for providing the land for the community's school, library, fire hall, and recreation centre. The land was originally purchased in 1946 as a sixteen acre parcel from Fred Rowley for a community park. A non-share capital company was formed in 1947 to hold the property in the name of Phelps Women's Institute, with the trustees being Mrs. W. Phillips (Gertrude), Mrs. Joe Lennox (Mary), Mrs. Fred Smith (Hilda), Mrs. F. Malmloff (Phoebe), Mrs. M. Deneau, Mrs. George Clarke (Dorothy), and Mrs. John Johnston (Marie).

Older residents of the community will remember Phelps Women's Institute's Memorial Hall, which stood near the site of the Fire Hall. The Hall was built in 1950 and was the scene of many dances, penny sales, Halloween parties, community fundraising events and receptions over the years. The Hall was the original home of Phelps Community Library, which began in 1965 with the basement as the storage location for books received from a travelling book mobile operated by Algonquin Regional Library Service.

The cairn was erected on the park grounds in 1956 and stands to this day as a memorial to veterans from the township who served in the Canadian military.

Phelps Women's Institute was also instrumental in bringing hydroelectric power to the township in 1950, after five years of petitioning. Petitions were also circulated by the group to have a dangerous bridge at Feronia replaced (completed in 1951) and to support the creation of a federal health and retirement fund which would later become the Canada Pension Plan.

The group compiled the Phelps Tweedsmuir History which gives the story of the pioneers of this township as well as newspaper clippings of local events from over the years. The history is currently housed at Phelps Public Library and can be viewed on the library's computers.

In conjunction with other Women's Institute groups of Nipissing District, the group provides a \$500 annual scholarship to a Nipissing University student.

Women's Institute groups across Canada have been struggling with low membership. Having begun as a rural organization seeking to empower and educate women living on farms, the organization accomplished a great deal for the communities in which it flourished. With a focus on rural problems both in Canada and worldwide, Women's Institutes struggle to be relevant to younger members and those without rural roots.

So what does this mean for Phelps Women's Institute?

The group is currently down to four members and truly needs an infusion of energy from the community to keep going. We need people, we need ideas, and we need your support. The group will hold a meeting on April 9 at 10 a.m. in Phelps Public Library. Please contact Agnes Wardell at 705-663-2661 for details. We hope you will consider becoming a part of this historic and worthwhile group.



## PHELPS LOCAL ROADS BOARD

With the changing of the seasons and an early spring, the gravel roads are prone to potholes, and frost heaving. Gravel road maintenance is always challenging during the spring thaw. Maintenance windows are limited due to the fluctuating temperatures that fall below freezing at night combined with numerous rainy days that soften the road surface. During this transitional period, grading can only be completed when the road surface is firm, otherwise it creates rutted muddy conditions.

Half load season began at the beginning of March, imposing load restrictions that will remain in effect until mid to late May.

In April, the board will convene with the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to devise the work plan for the area. Further details will be communicated in the summer Buzzer, newsletter and through our Facebook page.

Contact info: 705-663-1350 or email to [phelpslrb@gmail.com](mailto:phelpslrb@gmail.com)

*Have a safe and Happy Easter Holiday!*

## PHELPS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Hello Everyone - Although the weather has been a bit mixed up, spring and summer are just around the corner - I hope. Usually nicer weather and driving conditions mean more customers at the library and we're always glad to see that.

This article begins with the story of another Phelps Township pioneer family. This one started in 1923 and involved Percy Wardell who lived in Dunnville at the time.

In the spring of 1923, Percy Wardell saw an ad in the Dunnville Chronicle stating land in Phelps Township was for sale at 50¢ per acre. He came to North Bay to file on lot 14. When purchased, to receive your deed, a house, at least 16 x 24 ft. had to be built and 15 acres of land had to be cleared. In September, Mrs. Wardell (Olive) came with Blanche (5), Cecil (2) and Jean (5 mos.). There had been an error in the concession lines but within the year they were able to settle on the correct lot and were reimbursed for the mistake. Son James was soon born in North Bay.

A large two story home was built on that lot with a hip roof made from cedar shake shingles. The original log cabin was brought to the new lot and used for a barn. Stump fences were upturned around the fields for 5 cows and three horses to keep them under control and away from gardens. They also had chickens and pigs. Deer were plentiful. Mrs. Wardell shot one, her first deer here!

Loads of wood would be taken into North Bay and food and supplies brought back. School was held in a log school on North River Road.

Stanley was born at home. Mrs. Chas. Perry, a neighbour served as midwife. Sadly, he only lived 5 ½ years, passing away from an appendicitis and was buried in the Feronia Cemetary. Then later, when Mr. Wardell, SR, passed away, Percy and family sold their lot and moved back to Dunnville. They stayed for 5 years and Norma was born there and then thankfully he purchased lot 10, conc. 4 where he built another home and barns and cleared the land.

About this time - 1926 - there was a forest fire. Mrs. Wardell placed all her possessions and furniture in a wagon to get them to safety. Luckily, local men were able to put it out in time although the fire did destroy the home of Charles Baldwin.

In the next few years, Edgar and Raymond were born and finally the last family member Ronald.

Following all this, years later, when the kids grew up and marriages began, starting with Edgar and Cecil and continued to occur with other homes being built in the same general area, their families have continued to grow and the Wardell name is very prevalent in our community which has always been - and still is - a very good thing. There is a lot more detail in the Tweedsmuir History.

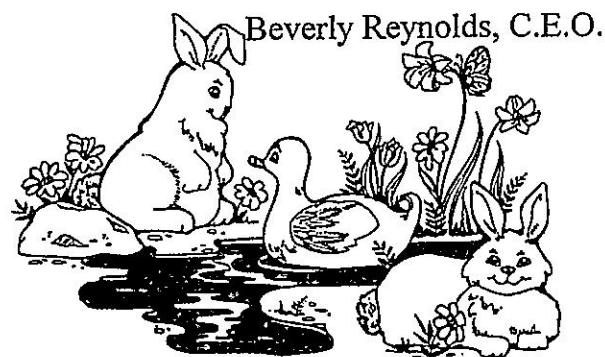
In the last few weeks, there has been unusual activity at the front of the library and now you will certainly notice a tall tower at the front corner. This apparatus, accoring to Ontario Library Services, will increase the productivity of the library computers by 10%. That should enable any of us to access information or data that we can't on some of our own systems. This includes video conferencing, remote learning or anything else the internet has to offer. Time will tell how it all works out!

I hope there are some out there that are still interested in books. My favourite one since the last Buzzer is *Now You See Her* by James Petterson. Four people have initialed this book and some one wrote Wow! Exciting! Words used to decribe this novel - pulsating, visceral, mesmerizing - invigorating - spine chilling!  
**Want to read it yet?**

*Homecoming* by Kate Morton - a highly anticipated new novel. The story begins on the grounds of a grand country house in Adelaide Hills where a terrible discovery is made and a baffling murder investigation occurs. Years and generations later, a true crime book is found containing a shocking connection between this family and that long ago horrible event. The Turner Family Tragedy - which was never solved. Intricate and spellbinding!!!

There are many other new exciting stories as well as dozens of new magazines. Don't forget the computer stick (\$40.00) that contains the Tweedsmuir historical stories of the area. There is also a whole wall of DVDs for your entertainment.

Hopefully, we'll see you soon.



Ah, Spring...

Beverly Reynolds, C.E.O.

## PHELPS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Happy almost spring everyone!!!

With the nicer weather slowly approaching, we would like to remind you that Open Air burning Regulations will be applied again as of April 1st. This means no open air burning (including in burn barrels) from 7 am - 7 pm. Although you don't need a permit to burn wood, brush, leaves or wood by-products there are a few things that must be done in order to do it safely.

- Only one pile is to be burned at any one time
- Burn only a single pile at any one time
- Ensure the pile is less than two metres from any flammable materials
- Have tools or water on hand adequate to contain the fire at the fire site
- Ensure a responsible person tends the fire at ALL TIMES until it is extinguished

With the rise in forest fires over the past few years, it is very important that we be prepared and remain cautious. Please keep an eye on our Forest Fire Rating board at the Fire Hall for updates throughout the season and if there are any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Lastly, we are still looking for volunteers at the Fire Department for different roles. If you or someone you know is interested in helping out, please come by any Wednesday night at 7 pm for more information.

Have a great spring and remember, stay Fire Safe.

Melissa Moulder  
Fire Chief



*Happy St. Patrick's Day*

Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up to heaven he said, "Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of my life and give up me Irish Whiskey!"

Miraculously, a parking place appeared.

Paddy looked up again and said, "Never mind, I found one."



Murphy told Quinn that his wife was driving him to drink. Quinn thinks he's very lucky because his own wife makes him walk.

## PHELPS VETS CLUB

Hurray, we made it through a super mild winter and it's spring!

Just a huge thank you to all those who donated at Christmas to enable us to provide Christmas Food Hampers again this year! Your thoughtfulness has made for a happier Christmas for those struggling in our community.

Your Vets Club board members have been planning various upcoming events.

The annual Snowshoe Golf event continues to be a hit - with many many thanks to those organizing and running it! Set for Saturday, March 16, this year it'll be quite different given the need for mud wear, but a little bit of mud doesn't stop us Redbridgians! We are running a couple of 50/50 draws for fundraising as well. Good luck to all! And many thanks to Judy Wardell and Sheila Jessup for preparing our delicious home cooked hearty meal!

On Saturday, March 23, we'll be hosting another Paint the Town Red-bridge paint night - a beautiful spring bouquet of pussy willows! Again all proceeds help support the Club.

The True Country Boys and several well known musicians continue to offer a music matinee with great toe-tapping tunes, usually monthly on a Sunday afternoon. Thank you so much Ervil Boreland and all the band members. C'mon out and enjoy great tunes, food and comradery!

The Vets Club and the Rec Center have partnered together to plan a Trivia Night at the Vets, hopefully this spring in April/May timeframe. How well do you know your trivia? Get a team together and come out for a fun 'educational' evening with friends and family! More to come as details are finalized; watch the Redbridge General Store sign and Facebook for posts. If successful, we can run this periodically.

We are still looking for a Line Dance instructor or leader for a great evening!!! If you've thought this looks like fun, come out and try it! If anyone knows of someone who is able to 'lead' a group, we'd appreciate hearing from you!

We're also working on a Darts Tournament for darts players in the surrounding communities; it'll be a full day with food provided. Look for the advertising on this once we get a date secured, and plan for a great day of darts!

## PHELPS COMMUNITY REC CENTRE

Regarding the Accessibility Projects, this spring/summer we are focussing on the main floor of the Club, redoing one washroom and replacing the external door with a wider system to accommodate those with mobility devices. At the same time we'll consider further renos to improve insulation, open up more floor space and freshen it up, similar to the upstairs hall that was done a few years ago. As well, we are investigating acquiring a used stairlift system to allow easier access to the upper hall. If anyone knows of an available stairlift, please contact one of the board members. Given insurance issues, we are not building an outdoor ramp to the second floor at this time.

We are also exploring government grants to help us address our aging building needs to improve efficiencies in heating costs, etc.

And for those who may not have been in recently, we now have our 'Memories in the Stars' installed upstairs. This allows you to purchase a 'star' in memory of a loved one who has passed, for \$100 for members.

Our Annual General Meeting for members and a Christmas potluck supper were held in December, along with Elections. Board members for 2024 are Clinton Clark (President), Judy Wardell (Treasurer), Sandy Mannering (Chair of the Board), Lynn Wilson, Sheila Jessup, Gord Mulcahey and Ervil Boreland.

Memberships are due and very much needed. At \$25 it's an easy way to support your volunteer run club to continue to offer programs and events for our community. We can now accept e-transfers for your convenience to:

[phelpsvetsclub@gmail.com](mailto:phelpsvetsclub@gmail.com)

Happy Spring!

Sandy Mannering  
Chair

*Easter Greetings*  
TO ONE AND ALL



As April approached, my heart sank. Misery was on the way. During housecleaning week, when my mother caught spring cleaning fever, we didn't even have regular meals. The carpets were taken to the yard for beating. All the windows were washed, inside and out. The cupboards were emptied and scrubbed and all the dishes washed.

One year I suggested we just do a room at a time, instead of the whole house at once. My mother was horror-stricken. She said that would be like washing your foot and calling it a bath.

We've made it all the way back around to spring and we're so happy to see the sun shining and hear all the birds chirping again! The days are once again getting longer, and warmer temperatures are on the way. We have already "sprung" into action at the Rec on a few items and we're excited to share some info and updates with you.

### New Committee Business:

The Rec Committee is currently working on our events for spring/summer 2024. We meet quarterly to discuss future events, Rec maintenance and community planning projects.

Currently our committee is comprised of four community members. However, we need to expand our committee and our community volunteers to continue offering events and keep up with Rec maintenance. If you are interested in volunteering at the Rec, please email [phelpsrec@outlook.com](mailto:phelpsrec@outlook.com)

We always recommend volunteering and learning what the Rec is all about before joining the committee. Each fall at the LSB's (local service board) elections meeting you can find out more about being elected to the Rec Centres Committee and about our community. This is a very important meeting for all residents to be a part of. We will post more about this meeting as the time draws closer.

Additionally, please see some of our volunteer positions that are available below in the "volunteer opportunities" section. If you are interested in any positions, please email us. If you don't see anything that interests you, but you're still interested in helping PLEASE reach out to us and we will find something that suits you!

### Past Events:

Thank you to everyone who joined us this year at the Phelps Community Christmas tree lighting and all those who entered our community lights contest. We hope to continue running these events in the future.

### Current Events:

#### Easter Egg-stravaganza

- Saturday, March 30th, - 10:30 am til 2 pm  
(EGG HUNT STARTS AT 11:30 a.m.)

The Phelps Community Rec Centre, along with the Phelps Volunteer Fire Dept. will once again be hosting our Easter Egg-stravaganza for the community.

This is one of our favourite community events, where EVERYONE of all ages is welcome! We will be having a community BBQ, serving hamburgers and hot dogs with a drink for \$6.00. You can also enter our 2-buck cluck draw for your chance to win some prizes! The GOLDEN EGGS are back with special prizes for the kids and don't forget we have OVER 1000 EGGS TO BE FOUND! There will be a few other kid's activities happening, this is a great morning out. THE EGG HUNT STARTS AT 11:30 AM Hope to see you all there!

### Spring Yoga - Starting March 19th (6 week session)

First off, we'd like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to Julie Robinson for all her hard work and dedication to bringing this AMAZING opportunity to our community. We have run yoga almost all winter long and it has been going amazing. She is an INCREDIBLE instructor, and we are so lucky to be able to offer yoga right here in our community. Big round of applause for Julie and all her hard work. Also thank you so much to Phelps Public School, the amazing principal and custodial staff there, without whom this event wouldn't be possible. Thank you to the Golden Age Club for letting us host an emergency session there a few weeks back. We were unable to use the school during a snow day and the Golden Age kindly let us make use of their facility.

With all that being said, we are offering one more spring yoga session starting March 19th.

Classes are every Tuesday, from 6:30 pm til 7:30 pm at Phelps School. Registration can be done by email at [phelpsrec@outlook.com](mailto:phelpsrec@outlook.com) and the cost is \$70.00.

The class will run for 6 weeks (no class April 2nd for Easter), and registration is required.

Please bring your own mat and blanket.

### Phelps Farmers Market

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 you garden, delicious jams, jellies or other goods? We want you!

If you're interested in being a vendor at the Farmers Market, please contact Amanda by email [phelpsrec@outlook.com](mailto:phelpsrec@outlook.com) or 705-358-8073.

We're hoping once again to run our community's farmer's market. You can mark these dates in your calendar: May 25th, June 22nd, July 13th, August 24th and September 28th. As always, we will have special events and activities happening at each market. Make sure you come by, check it out, support our amazing local vendors. Keep an eye out for more details to come!

We're also looking for a volunteer who is interested in becoming a Market Coordinator or helping with the market. If you're interested in this position or would like more information you can see our "Volunteer Opportunities" section below, check our Facebook, or email for details.

### Redbridge Roots Garden Group

Our communities garden group is back at it again and since spring has sprung, they are well on their way to planning this year's garden projects and crops! They have BIG plans this year and have already set out to add 6 additional raised beds.

Once again, our garden group will be looking for donations of items to help them during the season. Some items they are looking for are as follows:

Soil, hose, small garden hand tools, mulch or wood chips, Home Depot Gift Cards, monetary donations, seeds, perennial plants and more.

This year, we are also hoping to partner with the school to usher in the next generation of gardeners!

DON'T FORGET they are also looking for seedlings. If you're planting for your own garden this spring, please consider starting a few extra plants for our community garden! If you have questions about the community garden or are interested in volunteering, please email the Rec.

### EarlyOn Program

The EarlyON program continues at Phelps School on Thursdays from 9:30 am til 11:30 am.

This is a FREE, drop-in program and is offered to children from birth to age 6. You can see the full schedule on the EarlyON North Bay and area's Facebook page, or you can contact them at 705-474-8910.

### Rec Reminders

Please remember to stay clear of the pond and creek on the Rec grounds during Spring. The water is COLD and moves very FAST. Please never leave your children unattended, keep your pets safe and stay off the ice.

Also, just a reminder that the road around the Rec gets VERY muddy in the spring and we ask that you avoid using it as much as possible. The particularly bad spots are located at the back, behind the Rec along the creek. We have in the past closed the road, so stay tuned on our Facebook for road conditions.

### Volunteer Opportunities:

The Rec Centre is 100% operated and maintained by volunteers. The volunteers run all the services and events such as the Farmers Market, Community Garden, movie nights and more! Without volunteers, the Rec would **NOT BE ABLE TO OPERATE**, and all these great services would disappear. If you are interested in volunteering at the Rec, or within our community in some capacity, please reach out. We will find something for you to do that you are comfortable doing. If you are interested in more information, you can see the Rec's Facebook page. We have a photo album with all the positions available and additional information about the jobs. If you don't have Facebook, please email the Rec and we will send the information to you. These positions will be updated as they become filled or available. We hope this will also help us communicate better with parents or students who need volunteer hours.

Breakfast Prep Crew - 3 to 4 hours, once a month, evenings

Rec Organization & Cleaning Crew - 3 to 4 hours, once a month, evenings (flexible)

Farmers Market Coordinators - 5 to 10 hours per month, March to September

Rec Event Photographer - 4 to 5 hours per month (depending on events)

Community Breakfast Crew - 5 hours, once a month, Saturdays 7 am till 12 noon

Bottle Drive Fundraiser - 4 - 6 hours per month, Saturdays (drivers & deliveries)

Rink Repairs and Maintenance - Couple of hours per year

Garden Club - 1 - 2 hours per week or every other week

Again, we can never thank our volunteers enough for everything they do! The Rec is a labour of love, and you all have shown how much you love our community through your service; We can't do this without you.

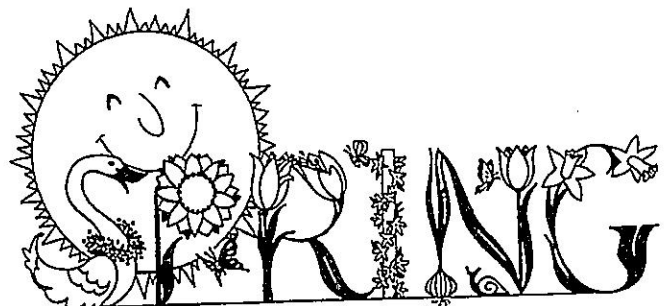
### Community Info Resources:

Where can you find information on events?

- Buzzer (comes out 4 times a year)
- Sign at the Redbridge Store
- Phelpstownship.ca
- Facebook
- LSB Meeting (once a year)
- Email [phelpsrec@outlook.com](mailto:phelpsrec@outlook.com)
- @phelpscommunityrecentre (PCRC)

That's it from all of us at the Rec. We have lots of things in store for you this summer! Come on out and enjoy everything our community has to offer, many of the groups work so hard to put on special events that make our community an amazing place to live. Please consider getting involved and volunteering at any of the amazing groups we have within our community. The more volunteers we have the better our community becomes. With your help we can continue to offer activities and events right here in our community.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support us, we look forward to seeing you all this summer at the Rec and be sure to follow our facebook and the store sign for ALL community updates and event info!



### **Words of Wisdom:**

The quickest way to get things done is to take your time.

Everything gets easier with practice except getting up in the morning.

There are no degrees of honesty.

It takes just as much energy to wish as it takes to plan.

Rejoice not only for what happens, but also for what doesn't.

Peace is not the absence of conflict but the ability to cope with it.

Grandparent - something so simple that a child can operate it.