

PIKE BAY NEWS

From the Pike Bay Community Association (PBCA)

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THE YEAR AHEAD

*Dads are most
ordinary men
turned by love
into heroes,
adventurers,
storytellers, and
singers of song*

Pam Brown

Longer and warmer days encourage different activities. Victoria Day weekend saw many of our friends returning and a great deal of activity in our village.

Special thanks to the many volunteers that help clean and polish the centre in preparation for our first official event of the season – our Annual General Meeting (AGM) held May 28th. It was so wonderful to see so many familiar as well as new faces at our meeting. We had lots to talk about and everyone had great input.

We are excited to get the Community Centre up and running after sitting relatively quiet the past few years. We have a wide array of activities that we would like to offer and volunteers are appreciated. If you would like to share an interest in a formal or informal format let us know. And yes, the very popular on-line auctions will continue but with a break in July and August so that we can focus on different activities in the centre.

We appreciate your input on the monthly newsletters so let us know if you have any ideas. Thanks to Chris Sheppard for his recent contributions about setting up a new email provider (May) and Anti-virus/malware in this edition. We are hoping Chris can do a face-to-face workshop for us later this summer.

HAPPY FATHERS' DAY – Sunday, June 18

Happy Fathers' Day to those that are or will soon be called DAD. Whether you celebrate with visits, cards, phone calls or just quiet memories we hope you have a splendid day!



CANADA DAY 2023

SATURDAY, JULY 1

1:00 – 3:00

PIKE BAY COMMUNITY PARK

Live music, activities, draws, hot dogs, cupcakes

Wear your red and white with pride.

Donations gratefully accepted.

It will be a fun time to catch up with old friends and meet some new neighbours. There is limited seating so bring a blanket or lawn chair. Walking and biking are encouraged - feel free to add to the festivities by decorating your wheels!



PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SCAMS & FRAUD

from the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre

<https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/protect-protegez-eng.htm>

Scammers can target any Canadian or Canadian business. Here are some tips and tricks to protect yourself or your business from scams and fraud.

Remember, if it seems too good to be true, it is. If you are reading this online you can click on each of these points for more information.

- [Don't be afraid to say no](#)
- [Do your research](#)
- [Don't give out personal information](#)
- [Beware of upfront fees](#)
- [Protect your computer](#)
- [Be careful who you share images with](#)
- [Protect your online accounts](#)
- [Recognize spoofing](#)

ANTI-VIRUS, ANTI-MALWARE SOFTWARE

PBCA MEMBERSHIPS

Membership renewals have been coming in and many of you have included extra donations, and lovely notes of support – thank you!

Just a reminder that the current memberships expired at the end of May. The annual fee is still \$20 per household and can be e-transferred to our treasurer at pbca.treasurer@gmail.com – or you can porch drop at Kathy's 783 Pike Bay Road (the pretty yellow place on the S bend). If you have had any changes to your contact information, please be sure to let us know. We have lots of new neighbours so feel free to share. New friends are always welcome!



ONLINE AUCTIONS

The next auction will run June 11-17th with pickups on the 18th.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2906739236098534>

The auctions will take a break through July and August and return for September and October.



by PBCA member and IT specialist Chris Sheppard

I am often asked questions about the above and here are a few of my answers.

Q. Does Windows 10/11 have any anti-virus/anti-malware protection?

A. Yes it does – it is built in to the Windows operating system and is updated via the standard Microsoft updates process. It is free, it does work but like anything free, it has its limitations. For those just browsing the web and checking emails on a casual and infrequent basis – it is fine. For those Users who are routinely downloading files, use Internet Banking or buy consistently on line – it will NOT be sufficient.

Q. What anti-virus/anti-malware software should I consider as many are free?

A. One important thing here to remember. After the free trial period with virtually all of the software – there will be NO real-time protection from anti-virus/anti-malware threats. This means that whilst you are using your computer, the anti-virus/anti-malware software is not protecting you. You would have to use the free software to scan manually and frequently to have any consistent protection.

For basic protection, I recommend Malwarebytes provided you purchase it after the 14-day trial – for complete protection. There are often coupons and special offers available for Malwarebytes. I have used this myself many times as a tool to check for viruses on client computers (during the 14-day trial period).

If ANY anti-virus/anti-malware software is installed it will disable the built-in Windows anti-virus/anti-malware software. Once the anti-virus/anti-malware is removed – it will re-engage the Windows anti-virus/anti-malware software automatically.

Q. Perhaps I should use one of the big-name anti-virus/anti-malware programs like; Norton, AVG, BitDefender?

A. These are all certainly very good anti-virus/anti-malware programs but they have two characteristics that you need to be aware of.

Firstly, they are very ‘intense’ programs and often Users will complain that their computers are very slow after installing the software. Secondly, without configuring properly – some of your programs may not work as they did before or sometimes not at all. If this is the case, it is better to have a professional configure the operation of these programs for you.

Q. Should I install more than one anti-virus/anti-malware program for more protection?

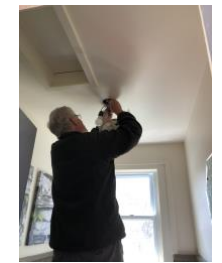
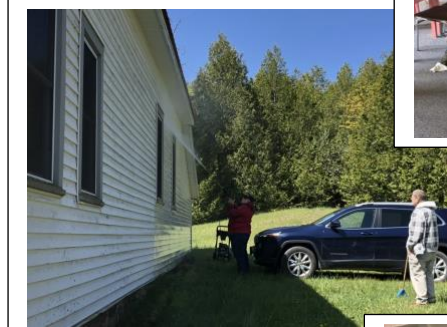
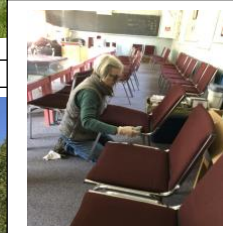
A. No – only ONE anti-virus/anti-malware program should be running at any time. If you install a second (or more) anti-virus/anti-malware program – it will interfere with all others with unpredictable results. Uninstall any anti-virus/anti-malware software and reboot your computer BEFORE trying another program.

Q. Should I renew my subscription for my anti-virus/anti-malware software when it expires?

A. Yes – otherwise your anti-virus/anti-malware program will not be aware of and/or NOT detect any new threats.

*COMMUNITY
CENTRE
CLEANUP*

*Thanks to many
volunteers our
beloved
community centre
is ready for re-
opening!*



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