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“What a Busy and Exciting Summer!” - Orma Bleeks, President, ACB

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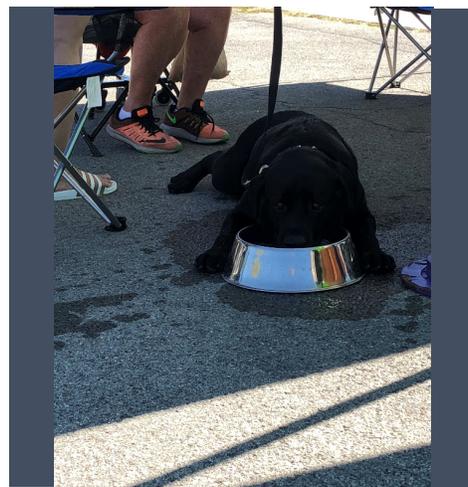
Crystal Beach Farmers Market

Open 'til December

Our Crystal Beach Farmers Market continued to attract more residents to sample Sandra Rae's Jambalaya and jalapeno corn bread muffins as well as her yummy Peach Cobbler. Our display includes a wide variety of recycled jean purses, monogrammed glasses and t-shirts to order, handmade jewellery, organic alternative health products, hand-sewn women's apparel to order, specialized wooden signs, local scenery cards and



prints, a lush assortment of local garden vegetables, fresh fruits and plants, baked delicacies from Rolling Scones and new this month healthy house plants with answers to dealing with those *finicky* plants from our Green Thumb Fran. We also enjoyed children (and adults) chalk drawing on the pavement and the sounds of local singers singing our favourite tunes.



Our new Market Manager, Diana Williamson, has instituted a “Dog of the Day” contest with some adorable dogs competing for a prize from Pet Valu – a dog bath and a comb. This past week Squirrel Dog Treats donated some dog cookies for the runners up. (So difficult to decide!) Diana also secured a basket of specialized dog food from Carnivore's Cupboard in Port Colborne for the ‘fastest dog’ in the CB 5K Run/Walk which occurred on Thanksgiving Saturday.

We Received a \$75,000 Grant!



In late August we received the exciting news that Ontario Trillium Foundation awarded us the \$75,000 Seed Grant, applied for in March. To achieve this we partnered to form a collective comprised of Advancing Crystal Beach (as lead applicant), Beachcombers Seniors Association and The Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre. Our official name is **The Greater Fort Erie West Community Hub Task Force**. (Please help us choose an acronym.) We formed a steering committee representing each of the three organizations and have hired an experienced consultant, Rick McLean, to conduct a study about the feasibility of a Community Hub in the west end of Fort Erie. A Community Hub could encompass health services, getting lab work done, legal services, and a gathering space for social/recreational activities. Rick will be meeting with a wide range of provincial, regional, and municipal government staff as well as service providers to assess needs and possibilities. He will also be conducting focus groups with residents to gather data about our needs, wants, and opportunities.

Tell Us What YOU Want To See Happen In Crystal Beach!

It is imperative that we hear from **EVERYONE** about what you would like to see in a Community Hub which would be available to everyone in Fort Erie. **The focus groups will start after the October election.** We will receive the completed study at the end of January 2019 and will hold an information session in February to update everyone on the results. The grant money allows for an Animator, a Community Developer, to be hired to further the recommendations of the feasibility study and clarify next steps in the process.

Crystal Beach is Getting ART DECO

You may have noticed all the fabulous art stylings around town? That's because we've been hard at work beautifying Crystal Beach. Angela Stadelman approached Phil Smith about painting the doors on his building at 400 Derby Road; the blah brown wooden doors turned into flowers under her brush. Jane Seaborne-Davies joined in the fun of painting and as passersby strolled past and liked what they saw, so did about 40 or 50 other people. Many people said they weren't artists but look what has been created! The painting spread to Trixie's Wall on Erie Road (west end of South Coast Cookhouse). Angela had various sized wooden tiles cut (4x4, 6x6, 12x12) and handed them out to anyone interested in painting a tile to their liking. Angela and Jane have mounted the tiles on a 4x8 sheet of plywood donated by Wayne Otten at Turkstra's. Spar varnish was applied over the entire surface in Joan's garage and Phil Smith is scheduled to mount the Work of Art on the west wall of The Little Spa building on Derby Road. **The UNVEILING is scheduled for 11am on October 13 followed by our October ACB Community Meeting (11:30am) in the back room of the South Coast Cookhouse down the street on Derby; everyone welcome.**

