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# The View from Belfountain

July 2009

## FoxTrot, Anyone?



Photo by Bob Weeks



Photo by Sarah Bohan

Belfountain is abuzz over one of the most captivating of signs of spring to grace our environs – a family of foxes has emerged in our midst, much to the amusement of all residents who have seen them trotting along with their prey and hurrying home to feed their pups.

The red fox's latin name is *Vulpes vulpes*, and their average expected lifespan in the wild is two to four years. Omnivores, they feed on rodents, rabbits, birds, small game, fruit, vegetables, fish, frogs, and even, ew, worms. The can grow up to 86 cm long, not including a thick tail that can grow to 55 cm long. Foxes' tails not only keep them warm, they also act as signal flags when communicating with other foxes. Our foxes will grow to weigh as much as 11 kg as adults. A litter consists of two to twelve pups that will need their parents all through the summer months, until they can hunt for and protect themselves.

(Nationalgeographic.com/animals)

### *A Bell on The Cat?*

To provide a level playing field for our feathered friends, kindly hang a bell on any outdoor cat allowed to roam near bird feeders and low-hanging branches! It's the right thing to do!

In support of their notoriety and in our concern for their well-being, the BCO has commissioned some new roadside signs! Generously designed and donated by Jaime Gairdner, the cheery orange signs remind us all to keep an eye out for the ever-present foxes, whilst driving slowly and carefully in the village.

Thank you, Jaime, and thanks to everyone for your written and spoken support of our wild brethren. Numerous fox watchers have added to the local fox lore, reporting that our foxes are learning to read the signs and have been spotted crossing the road exactly where the signs are posted!

Be sure to enter our Fox Naming Contest, and please remember to keep your cats and small dogs safely indoors!

*D. Jobe, A. Elias*



### It's Salamander Festival Time!

*Mark your calendars!*

**Saturday, October 3**

**8 am to 4 pm, rain or shine**

BCO Treasurer, Grecia Mayers, is this year's Salamander Festival Coordinator and has kindly offered to host the first planning meeting.

**Monday 6th July, 2009 7:30 – 9:00 pm sharp  
28 Caledon Mountain Drive**

Please let Grecia know in advance if you plan to attend **519-927-3204**.

**Fox Naming Contest** The hunt is on for the perfect names for the Belfountain family of foxes.

First Prize: A wall salamander, hand-painted by Madelon Stevenson

Second Prize: A Salamander Festival T-shirt

Third Prize: A surprise...

All suggested names will be published in the next *View*.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Suggested Fox Name #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Suggested Fox Name #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this reply to *The View* to P.O. Box 15, Erin, ON N0B 1T0, or deliver to 17227 Old Main St, Belfountain.



## Lots Happening

So how have you liked the month of January so far? The blue squash plants that I dutifully plunked in the ground in late May—the day after an unreasonably late frost—have done nothing. They are sad little specimens

at the moment, but I'm certain that they will develop into glorious Belfountain Blues and one of them will be crowned Ms. Salamander Blue come the festival on October 3rd.

We're moving forward on the first phase of the BCO's effort to turn the village intersection into a beautiful and educational commons that will make us all proud. I thank David Jobe for his ongoing efforts on this lengthy project.

The BCO has been encouraging the OPP to step up its enforcement of speeding and noise infractions in the village. We'll keep up the pressure so that they repeat their village blitz of the June 6 & 7 weekend.

The organizing committee for the annual Salamander Festival will have its inaugural meeting July 6th and I know that more willing hands are needed to help pull off the village's biggest event of the year. To those young and energetic high school students in our midst, come out and join us, and we will give you credit for your community hours. It's a great way to hang out and make a friend or two, while lending your strengths to your village. It's your festival too!

So there is a lot happening! If you are interested in getting involved with the BCO, we'd love to have you on board. We meet once per month, usually on a Wednesday evening.

Get those squash plants in the ground. It's not too late!

*Nicola, your prez*

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## Design Charrette Update

Many residents attended the village design Charrettes, to weigh in on the plans for improvements to the village centre. We are deeply grateful to Belfountain resident Juergen Partridge and to Derek Tiessen of Glen Echo Nurseries, for donating countless hours of site visits, planning and drafting to our efforts.

The charrette was a thought-provoking process, and we thank everyone who participated and shared their vision for the centre of our village. Thanks to Juergen and Derek's example, other community members have come forward and offered to make their own individual contributions of resources, materials or services, towards the eventual completion of our main intersection.

At present, Mr. Partridge's overall plans have been adopted for phased implementation, as funds

become available. Phase 1 will focus on the Pergola Interpretive Centre on the south west corner. This includes relocation of the notice board and the removal of the east flowerbed, and construction of the pergola backdrop. The work is tentatively scheduled to begin this summer, **while our search for the perfect location for the tourists' portable toilets continues, at the July 22<sup>nd</sup> BCO meeting, open to all Belfountain, residents, 7:30 pm sharp, at the Community Hall.**

Phase 2 will revolve around the raised gardens, and finally, phase 3 will incorporate the directional signposts and centerpiece sculpture.

*D. Jobe, A. Elias*

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## In-Town Traffic: Information IS Power!

Within weeks of taking office June 1<sup>st</sup> as Detachment Commander of the Caledon OPP, Rose DiMarco, accompanied by Officer Sweeney, conducted a preliminary traffic and noise survey of Belfountain on June 11th. In a friendly exchange of concerns and ideas with David Jobe and Nicola Ross, many strategies for managing speeders and noise-polluting motorcycles in the village arose.

The issue of motorcycle noise hinges on Section 75 of the Ontario Highway Traffic Act (OHTA), which states that 'every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a muffler in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise and excessive smoke, and no person shall use a muffler cut-out, straight exhaust, gutted muffler, Hollywood muffler, bypass or similar device upon a motor vehicle'. Another part of Section 75 states 'nor shall the driver at any time cause the motor vehicle to make any unnecessary noise'. As well as being applicable to mufflers, this can also be applied to the squealing of tires and loud stereo systems. As straightforward as this may sound, it is a challenge to identify modified motorcycle exhaust systems, and to amass the human resources needed to write the sheer volume of tickets required to deter use of our roads by these modified bikes.

To date, meeting outcomes include enhanced community liaison actions to educate police on how to identify, interact with and ticket noisy motorcyclists, additional duty police officers who can be hired at \$55 per hour to ticket loud motorcycles, and enhanced OPP enforcement of in-town speeders.

Noise and vibration issues might also be dealt with under Town Of Caledon noise and nuisance bylaws, and this alternative is currently under exploration.

If you have some original ideas and would like to contribute to solving our noise problems, please join us for **our next BCO meeting Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 pm at the Community Hall!**

*D. Jobe, A. Elias*

### Welcome New and Returning BCO Members!

*Thank you to all of our resident donors for your generous contributions to the BCO.*

Your BCO Executive is now in place, with a few Board positions yet to fill. We had a terrific response to the spring membership drive, and we are now 53 members strong! If you'd like to contribute to and participate in the life of Belfountain in a more profound way, by becoming a BCO member or a board member, please let one of us know. There are 3 resident and 1 business board seats still vacant, to date. Each board member has a vote. We meet one evening per month for about ninety minutes. The next BCO members meeting will be July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 pm, at the Community Hall. Any resident who has a question or concern may have it added to any BCO meeting agenda. See you there!

*D. Jobe, A. Elias*

#### BCO Executive:

Nicola Ross	President	519 927 0523
Sarah Bohan	Internal VP	519 316 0060
David Jobe	External VP	519 927 3434
Grecia Mayers	Sec. & Festival Coordinator	519 927 3204
Alan Seymour	Treasurer	416 868 6284



## COMINGS & GOINGS...

**James and Myfanwy Douglas** have sold their Wayside Inn, one of Belfountain's heritage gems. A terrific send-off is planned for Jimmy and Myfanwy on **Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, from 6 to 9 pm**, to be hosted by Brian & Linda Moorcroft and coordinated by Grecia Mayers. Watch your community bulletin boards and your In Box, for further details!

**Bonnie Lea, Harrison and Duncan** departed the village recently and are much missed. In her own words, "I don't know how to start to express how thankful my family is for all the help you provided us throughout our time of need. My boys and I will always remember how much support our community provided us. The lesson we have learned is about life's genuine qualities and needs, and how important relationships are. Our six years at Belfountain School will be carried with us always, a special memory as we carry on in the years to come." Thankful! Bonnie Lea.

### Goods Exchange Day

What do an aquarium, a windsurfer board and a CD player have in common? They are all reusable! Our inaugural Reuse and Recycle drive May 23<sup>rd</sup> was a great success. Over a dozen households gave treasures galore away, 5 truckloads of household goods were diverted to recycling instead of ending up in landfill, and the Humane Society got a very nice dog cage! Thank you to Greyed Rainbow Painting for the fuel and vehicle support, and to the fabulous hands-on recycling crew at the Cataract transfer station, who assisted with our repeated off-loading! See you again next year for the second annual Goods Exchange Day.

*Amanda, Nicola, David, Sarah, Cate, & Stacey*




### Under 21

Mercedes McCann will be attending Mayfield Secondary School this coming fall.

Enterprising 14 year old Mercedes has taken St John's Ambulance Babysitting and First Aid Courses, including Level B CPR for Adult and Infants. She has her own local transportation and is available to walk dogs, provide babysitting services and be a mom's helper. If you need an extra set of hands, she can sweep, mop, vacuum and do dishes while you get on to other things. "Also, I can cook easy meals, especially Kraft Dinner" she eagerly volunteers. Dog Walks start at as low as \$3 to \$5, and child care rates vary according to the number of children. 'I can always negotiate,' Mercedes admitted shyly, 'I might show favor customers who have Cheesy Doritos on hand!' She enjoys sculpting in clay and abstract painting, and when she isn't working or going to school, Mercedes plays soccer for fun and swims to keep cool. She hopes to study and work with dolphins one day. For dog walking, mom help and child care, please reach Mercedes at 927-7724.

### Swap & Sell

1.  Show your Salamander support by hanging a hand-painted decorative metal salamander at your door! Just \$15.00, contact Madelon Stevenson: [madelonstevenson@rogers.com](mailto:madelonstevenson@rogers.com).
2. Vendors Needed! If you have a product or Service to feature at the 2009 Salamander Festival fees are just \$20 and spaces should be booked by **September 4<sup>th</sup>**. Call Grecia at 519-927-3204.
3. Have good home for a ping pong table if you are giving one away. [Sarah.bohan@rogers.com](mailto:Sarah.bohan@rogers.com).
4. Visit [Freecycle.org](http://Freecycle.org) and sign up for the Erin and Caledon networks! It's an astonishingly fast way to locate needed items or recycle unwanted ones.



### Belfountain Village Church

Wed. 7:30 pm, Quest Bible Study

Thurs. 9 am, Prayer Gathering

Sun. 9:30 am, Worship & Children's Church

Our mission is to become a wholesome community of believers in Jesus Christ, joyfully serving Him and enthusiastically making Him known. 519-927-3165.



## Squash Growing Contest

*The 2nd Annual Belfountain*

Grow your own squash (any variety you'd like) this summer and enter the Squash Growing

Contest at the *Belfountain Salamander Festival*.

### Contest Categories:

- *Biggest Squash*
- *Smallest Squash*
- *Oddest-Shaped Squash*
- *Most Colourful Squash*
- *Most Animal-looking Squash*
- *Most Human-looking Squash*
- *Just Plain Ugliest Squash*

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Town of Caledon

Belfountain Public School

Belfountain Village Church

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Belfountain Inn, Belfountain

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Best Western Hotel, Orangeville

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Tuesday 4-8      Wednesday 10-2

Thursday 1:30-8      Saturday 10-4

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