



# TRUMPET

newsletter

Summer 2012



## BOWRING PARK SPLASH PAD

Hours of Operation  
Daily - 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

(Unsupervised Area. Water Shoes Strongly Recommended. No Food/Drinks, Pets, Climbing, Smoking, Alcohol, Bikes or Skateboards)



## BOWRING PARK SWIMMING POOL SCHEDULE

July 2 – August 26, 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Everyone Welcome Swim 1pm -2:45pm	Lane Swim / Parent & Tot Swim* 11am - 12:45pm	Everyone Welcome Swim ** 11am -12:45pm	Lane Swim / Parent & Tot Swim* 11am - 12:45pm	Everyone Welcome Swim ** 11am -12:45pm	Lane Swim / Parent & Tot Swim* 11am - 12:45pm	Everyone Welcome Swim 1pm -2:45pm
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\*Note - there may be private lane rentals in some lanes.

\*\*Note — there may be no access to Deep End or Slide due to private rentals in some areas.

## SUMMER EVENTS CALENDAR

EVENT DATE	EVENT TIME	LOCATION	GROUP	TYPE OF EVENT
Sunday, July 1	2pm - 6pm	Bowring Park – Field by Amphitheatre	Elim Tabernacle	Family Day
Saturdays & Sundays, July 7 - August 12	2pm - 3pm	Bowring Park – Cabot 500 Theatre	Shakespeare by the Sea Festival	Theatre Festival
Saturday, July 21	10am - 6pm	Bowring Park – Bob Whelan Field	Newfoundland Athletic Dog Association	AAC Agility Trial (Dog Agility Competition)
Sunday, September 9	7am - 1:30pm	Bowring Park	Ovarian Cancer Canada	Ovarian Cancer Canada Walk of Hope

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## THINGS TO DO IN BOWRING PARK THIS SUMMER !

*Park maps are available at the Bowring Park Lodge which is located next to the park's East Entrance.*

- Feed ducks and swans at the Duck Pond and Fountain Pond!
- See beautiful plants at the Conservatory!
- Play a game of tennis!
- Have a picnic at the Bob Whelan Field!
- Enjoy a game of Lawn Bowling!
- Play a game of soccer with friends!
- Check out the plays at the Cabot 500 Theatre!
- Ring the Bell that was once used by Bowring Park Superintendants to let park patrons know that the park was Closing at 10 pm!
- Take some time to examine the Beaumont Hamel Replica Plaques at the Caribou Site!
- Sit under the Weeping Beech Tree on the Bungalow Lawn!
- Check out the Skate Board Park!
- Find Whale's Back Falls!
- Hike the South Brook Trail!
- Enjoy yourself at the Fully Accessible Playground!
- Cool off at the Splash Pad and Swimming Pool!
- Take pictures by the beautiful Shadow Pools!
- Check out the Peter Pan Statue to see if you can find the name of the child for whom the statue was dedicated!
- Bring your best friend for a walk at the Waterford River Off-Leash Dog Park!



*A photo of the recently upgraded Skate Board Park in Bowring Park.*

### DAYS IN OUR HISTORY

- June 9, 1988 — English Oak planted by Prince Edward
- July 1, 1946 — Six Swans were introduced to the Duck Pond
- Aug. 29, 1925 — Peter Pan Statue was unveiled
- June 24, 2000 — Opening of the St. John's Cabot 500 Theatre
- July 1, 2009 — The Beaumont Hamel Memorial Plaque Replicas were unveiled.

## CITY OF ST. JOHN'S RESIDENTIAL COMPOST PROGRAM

Free compost was first offered to residents on May 18, 2012, at the parking lot at Quidi Vidi Lake and at the west end parking lot at Bowring Park where Christmas trees and fall leaves are collected. These areas were open to the public for hand-loading only. Approximately 20 tandem loads of compost were collected by the public during the duration of the program.

Most were obtained by residents for use in their home gardens. Some loads were provided to community food growing groups. The program officially ended June 26. The response to this program has been overwhelmingly positive and the City may consider offering it again in the Fall.



## HOW TO MAKE A HANGING BASKET FOR FLOWERS

- Choose a coco-fiber lined hanging basket and a good quality potting mix.
- Fill your hanging basket with potting soil to about half way up.
- Add a good slow release fertilizer to the soil in your hanging basket.
- Gently remove the flowers from their trays and loosen the roots that appear tangled or matted.
- As you are filling your hanging basket with potting mix - make sure you leave a 1-2 inch lip from the top of the soil to the top of your container.
- Add a rigid chain to use for hanging the basket.
- Once your hanging basket is planted, it is time to give it a gentle watering. Try not to use water that is too cold as this will shock the plants.
- Also avoid putting the plants that have been watered in a full sun situation as they are likely to burn. For the first few days, hanging them in a sheltered position, with lots of morning sun is an ideal approach.

## THE BEECH TREE AND RUSTIC BENCHES

Bowring Park was graced by the presence of the Governor General of Canada, Viscount Alexander, on August 29th, 1949. This would be the first time the Governor had ever visited Newfoundland. On his visit to the park, he planted the Copper Beech tree that still stands today. It is located near the horse trough. Underneath the Beech tree you will find a Commemorative plaque. Surrounding this lovely tree are benches that were hand crafted from young spruce trees. The design for these benches was originally used for all the furniture, fences and bridges in the park. This is a great area to sit and relax while visiting the park.



# DID YOU KNOW ?

## Bowring Park's Duck Pond...

- ★ is almost completely man-made and is fed by the Waterford and South Brook Rivers?
- ★ was designed by Rudolph Cochius and completed in June 1913?
- ★ was originally called Boat Lake?
- ★ was created primarily as a place for leisurely boating trips?
- ★ has to be dredged every few years to remove the silt that is carried down river and deposited?
- ★ had a small island at the centre of the pond which has over the years been redesigned?
- ★ was rehabilitated in 2004 and the Grand Concourse Authority (GCA) received the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects Regional Honour Award for the planning, design and construction associated with this project?



The Duck Pond in the 1960s.



The Duck Pond today.

## LOOKING BACK AT BOWRING PARK FOUNDATION HISTORY

### First Project: Bowring Park Conservatory

In 1947, an Ornamental Greenhouse was constructed in Bowring Park through the generosity of Sir Edgar Bowring. This was originally a working greenhouse supplying Bowring Park with its many plants and flowers. The two greenhouses that were once located in the west end of the Park also served this purpose, and in fact supplied all the City of St. John's parks with vegetation. Today, the City relies on tenders from local nurseries to provide their parks with vegetation.

In 1996, the Ornamental Greenhouse was reconstructed as a Conservatory (a display showcase for plentiful vegetation). This project was made possible by a bequest from Doreen Hall, a local lady who had a passionate love for flowers and plants. At the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Conservatory in November 1996, John Murphy, the Mayor of St. John's, told the gathered audience that "when Doreen Hall died in 1986, she left \$36,000 to the City of St. John's, earmarked for Bowring Park... We invested it wisely in the bank. We were delighted the Foundation suggested that we use this money to create this Conservatory".

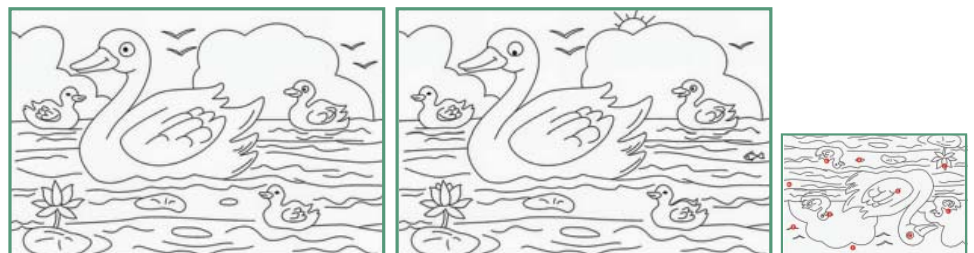
Local companies also partnered with the Bowring Park Foundation to contribute to the success of the restoration of the Conservatory. These included: Thomas Glass of St. John's (in-kind donation of \$20,000); Newfoundland State Inc. (in-kind donation of \$15,000); Holland Nurseries and Woodland Nurseries (plant donations).

The next time you visit Bowring Park, take some time to visit the Conservatory and view the vibrant plant life, such as the thick English Ivy, delicate Mexican Lace and many types of ferns that are aptly named Mother-in-Law's Tongue, to name a few. The Conservatory is located behind the Bowring Park Lodge on 305 Waterford Bridge Road and it is open throughout the summer from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.



## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Spot the 10 differences in the two pictures below, then see the answer key to see if you got them all!



## WORD SEARCH

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- BELL
- BUNGALOW
- COMPOST
- CONSERVATORY
- DUCK FOOD
- DUCK POND
- GAZEBO
- SKATE PARK
- SOCCER FIELD
- SPLASH PAD
- SUNDIAL
- SWAN
- SWIMMING POOL

The Bowring Park Foundation was established in 1995 as a not-for-profit organization under the patronage of the late Mr. Derrick Bowring. Its mandate is to assist the City of St. John's with the restoration, preservation and development of Bowring Park.

### Bowring Park Foundation's Partners

Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency	Husky Energy
City of St. John's	Marie's Mini Marts
Coady's Metal Works	MUN Botanical Garden
Conservation Corps NL	New Dock
D. Hall Estate	Newfoundland Power
Grand Concourse Authority	Royal Bank of Canada
Hickman Saturn Isuzu	United Way of NL
	VOCM Cares Foundation

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To Book an Event at the

*Bowring Park Bungalow*




Please Contact **RED OAK CATERING**  
 (709) 368-6808    [www.redoaknf.com](http://www.redoaknf.com)

Direct your inquiry regarding holding a function on the grounds of Bowring Park to the City of St. John's.

CALL 3-1-1

WHEN 3-1-1 IS UNAVAILABLE, CALL (709) 754-CITY (2489)

 for ST. JOHN'S Calendar of events at [www.stjohns.ca](http://www.stjohns.ca)

Duck food can be purchased throughout the year for \$1 a bag at Marie's Mini-Marts in St. John's and surrounding areas. All proceeds go back into projects for Bowring Park.

Please note that the Foundation does not recommend feeding bread to the ducks as it dehydrates them and fouls their habitat. 



The Power of **community**

Our history of community involvement stems from the devotion our employees have to the places they call home. With locations throughout the island, the power of our contributions can be seen from coast to coast.

At the heart of everything we do is a desire to strengthen our connection to our customers and communities.

We are a proud partner of The Bowring Park Foundation.

 [newfoundlandpower.com](http://newfoundlandpower.com)  1.800.663.2802

**Bowring Park Foundation Memberships**

Membership forms are available at the Bowring Park Foundation Lodge; located next to the East Entrance or they may be downloaded at [www.bowringpark.com](http://www.bowringpark.com)

**Membership Fees:**  
 Senior \$10.00, Individual \$12.00,  
 Family \$18.00