



TRUMPET

newsletter

Summer 2013



You're Invited to the 2014 Bowring Park Centennial!



Michael Power, Chairman of the Bowring Park Foundation, wants you to know that 2014 will be a special year at Bowring Park. It will be the park's 100th birthday and the Foundation, along with the City of St. John's, is planning events to celebrate throughout the year. According to Mr. Power, "The Centennial will be special not only for those people who have enjoyed Bowring Park for years but also for new visitors as it will give them opportunities to experience and enjoy what the park has to offer".



According to Nick Janes and Ashley Power-Stack, the co-chairs of the Centennial Committee, "There will be something for everyone! We want people to come and enjoy their park". Some of the events being planned include a public Easter Egg Hunt, storytelling sessions throughout the summer, winter fun days, and teas for seniors.

"One of the major events being planned that we are really excited about is a re-enactment of Bowring Park's official opening which occurred on July 15, 1914. The Bowring Park Foundation has been fortunate to receive some black and white silent film footage of the actual event from NTV so that will certainly assist in the planning for the re-enactment" Nick informed us.

Ashley continued, "As well, the Foundation has been in contact with one of the attendees at the event in 1914. Although just a baby at the time, 99 year old Victoria LeMessieur-Badcock, has memories of her mother telling her about the event and showing her photos. Indeed, Victoria is a great source of information as she spent most of her childhood summers in the park. Visitors to the Centennial events may get an opportunity to meet Victoria as she has already told us she is planning to attend as many events as possible".



According to Nick and Ashley, you will hear much more about Bowring Park's Centennial in the upcoming months from both the Bowring Park Foundation and the City of St. John's. There are plans for some promotional events during the fall so stay tuned.



AWARDS FOR BOWRING PARK

Bowring Park won in both the "Best Playground" and "Best Place to Take Kids" categories in The Scope's online "Best of St. John's Readers Survey". One can only imagine how many children have played here since the park opened 99 years ago in 1914. It is our hope that many future generations will have an opportunity to play here as well!

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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.

- Have your group enjoy a free tour of Bowring Park.
- 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!
- 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!
- Take time to visit the Caribou Site.
- Sit under the Weeping Beech Tree on the Bungalow Lawn!
- Check out the Skate Board Park!
- Find Whale's Back Falls in the Waterford River!
- Hike the South Brook Trail!
- Have fun 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 to whom the statue was dedicated!
- Bring your best friend for a walk at the Waterford River Off-Leash Dog Park!



Bowring Park Foundation is working on another free event for you to enjoy in Bowring Park this summer,



Storytelling Sessions at the Peter Pan Statue

EVENT DATE	EVENT TIME	LOCATION	GROUP	TYPE OF EVENT
Wed. July 10, 17, 24, 31 & Aug. 7	6pm - 7:30pm	Bowring Park Soccer Field	Youth Frisbee	Frisbee
Thurs. July 11	12:30pm - 3pm	Bowring Park Bungalow	Garden Party	Seniors Garden Party
Thurs. July 11	3pm - 9pm	Bowring Park Bob Whelan Field	Family Fun	Party at the Park
Sat. July 20	1pm - 4pm	Bowring Park Bob Whelan Field	Family Fun Day	Fun Day
Sat. July 20	4:30pm - 6:30pm	Bowring Park Fountain Pond	Family Fun Day	Butterfly Release
Sat. July 27	8am - 5pm	Bowring Park	The Dub Show	Car Show
Wed. Aug 7	6am - 1pm	Bowring Park	Kids of Steel Triathlon	Triathlon
Fri - Sun. Aug 9 - 11	6pm Friday - Midnight Sunday	Bowring Park Bob Whelan Field	NL Folk Festival	Folk Festival
Thurs - Sun. Aug 15 - 18	7pm	Bowring Park Amphitheatre	Best Kind Productions	HONK! The Ugly Ducking Musical
Sun. Aug 11 or Sun. Aug 18 (if inclement weather)	10am - 5pm	Bowring Park	NL Antique & Classic Car Club	Car Show
Sat. Aug 24	8am - 2pm	Bowring Park	Rainbow Run	Run
Sun. Sept 8	1pm - 4pm	Bowring Park	Walk for Paws	Walk
Sun. Sept 15	1pm - 4pm	Bowring Park Bob Whelan Field	Gift of Life Walk	Walk

Call the City of St. John's 3-1-1 or 754-2489 if you require more information.

BOWRING PARK SWIMMING POOL SCHEDULE July 2 – August 25, 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Everyone Welcome Swim 1pm - 2:45pm	*Lane Swim / Parent & Tot Swim 11am - 12:45pm	Swimming Lessons 11am - 11:45am	*Lane Swim / Parent & Tot Swim 11am - 12:45pm	Swimming Lessons 11am - 11:45am	*Lane Swim / Parent & Tot Swim 11am - 12:45pm	Everyone Welcome Swim 1pm - 2:45pm
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***Note:** there may be no access to slide or some areas of deep end due to rentals. **SWIM DESCRIPTIONS** - Some swimming pools having diving boards, slides, or larger toys. These items may not be available during certain swims for safety reasons. Please see lifeguard on duty for further information on pool rules and regulations.

SWANS

— did you know that...

- ★ swans were first introduced to Bowring Park on July 1, 1946 and that these six swans were donated to the City of St. John's by His Majesty, King George VI?
- ★ males are called "cobs", females are called "pens" and babies are called "cygnets"?
- ★ cobs are usually larger than the pens?
- ★ cobs have a brighter bill and a longer knob at the base of the bill than the pens?
- ★ a group of swans is called a "herd"?
- ★ swans are vegetarians that prefer to graze on grass and plants at the water's edge?
- ★ bread is not good for the swans as it dehydrates them and fouls their water habitat?
- ★ swans are extremely territorial and will drive all birds from the immediate area?
- ★ the Bowring Park Duck Pond is only large enough to support one mating pair of swans?
- ★ swans can often live for 30 years or more?



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)



A ROMANTIC STORY ABOUT THE BIRDS IN BOWRING PARK

as told by Beverly Davis to Bowring Park Foundation Staff

About five years ago, a goose lived in the Duck Pond in Bowring Park. Regular visitors there called the white and grey Snow Goose in the photo below "Goosie" and they gave the name "Fanny" to his duck companion. It was a common sight to see Goosie with Fanny and her ducklings. The story goes that Goosie was very protective of Fanny and the "little ones" so when a male swan caused them trouble, Goosie got on the swan's back and drove the swan away. Goosie passed on June 7th, 2008, but he is still remembered fondly by his human friends.



THIRD NATIONAL TREE DAY

Bowring Park Foundation is pleased to again be one of the City of St. John's partners for National Tree Day on Wednesday, September 25, 2013. This year's ceremony will be taking place in Victoria Park and students from Holy Cross Elementary will be performing.

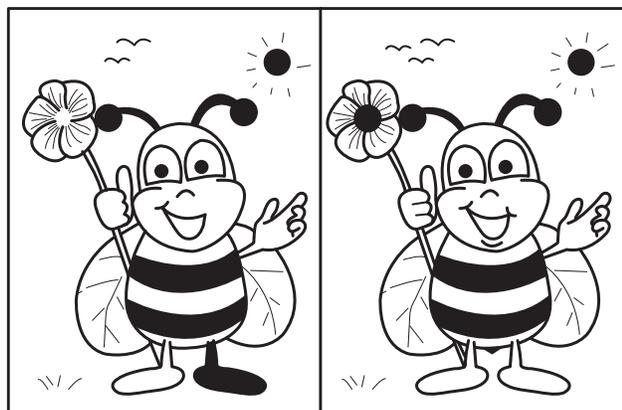
HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN BIRD FEEDER

Supplies: • Large open pine cone • Vegetable shortening, lard, suet • Oats or Corn meal
• Bird seed • Few feet of string.

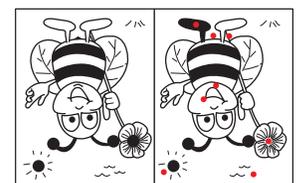
Instructions: • Tie the string to the pine cone • Cover the pine cone with food mixture • Then roll the pine cone in birdseed • Then it's all ready to hang outside!

Food Mixture: • Mix ½ cup vegetable shortening with 2 ½ cups corn meal or uncooked oats until well blended. **Optional:** add dried chopped fruit, or chopped nuts and seeds.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



Spot the 8 differences in the two pictures below, then see the answer key to see if you got them all!



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

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To Book an Event at the

Bowring Park Bungalow



Please Contact **RED OAK CATERING**
(709) 368-6808 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)

LOOK for ST. JOHN'S Calendar of events at 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.

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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.



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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

Membership Fees:

Senior \$10.00, Individual \$12.00,
Family \$18.00