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## Tiny Farm Crawl Returns with Two Events in 2019

by CINDY HASTINGS



In 2017 farmers in the Township of Tiny created Farm Fresh Food Fest to inform consumers and celebrate the food we eat. Last year, with the help of a summer employment grant, our township hired two students to work on The Local Food Project. Their efforts culminated in the first annual Tiny Farm Crawl. A sold-out busload of participants was treated to a rare peek into the inner workings of four area farms — not to mention a chance to do a bit of shopping.

Because of last year's success, we're holding two events this year with more venues: staff have been working on adding businesses such as a wildflower farm and honey producer. The 2019 Tiny Farm Crawl will likely take place in August and October.

### Highlights from 2018

At Monpiero Farm, a large scale cash crop and chicken farm in Lafontaine, Paul Maurice talked passionately about his family farm and the amount of science and technology required to produce a successful crop. He had his extensive farm equipment out on display as well as a handful of adorable farm animals. The farm also showcased a new venture, Cedarpoint Sunflower Oil, which is already generating attention.

That roadside stand we pass at County Road 6 and Concession 11 is the Dubeau Family Farm. Last year Denis gave the group a tour through part of the 50 acres where they sustainably grow a large variety of produce, including corn, tomatoes, beans, carrots and garlic.

Participants didn't know it at the time, but they were able to sample the country's best maple syrup on the tour. Tiny's Windlee Farms Sugar Bush won first place at last fall's Royal Winter Fair. Peter and Anne Lorriman showed the group around their small and efficient operation, which combines new and old techniques.

Bulbs of Fire is a small specialty farm growing many types of garlic and raising unique varieties of chickens. Bart Nagel explained his farming methods and treated the group to samples. There was a wide variety of products to purchase and take home to enjoy.

This is just a sampling of farm crawl delights. Book early to avoid disappointment, as there is already a long list of residents waiting for the official launch date. Information will be posted on the township website: [www.tiny.ca](http://www.tiny.ca). Email Maggie Off at [moff@tiny.ca](mailto:moff@tiny.ca) with your questions and to book a seat on the bus.

*Cindy Hastings is a Tiny Township Councillor.*

## De-Paving Paradise — in Perkinsfield

If your passion for food motivates you to grow your own food, we will have community gardens in Perkinsfield again this year. Thanks to Maggie Off, Tiny's Community Engagement Leader, there will be an exciting new twist. She has secured a \$6,000 grant to "de-pave paradise." This will enable us to remove the asphalt from the old tennis courts and replace it with soil and gardens.

Depave Paradise is a project of Green Communities Canada and local partners in communities across Canada. You can participate in the Perkinsfield "de-paving" on Saturday, June 1. Again, there will be information available from Maggie and on the township website. More information about projects like this is available at [www.depaveparadise.ca](http://www.depaveparadise.ca).



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## On Hand to Help with Invasive Species

by ROBERT CANNING



SSEA and Township of Tiny staff working with local volunteers to help remove invasive spotted knapweed at Lafontaine Beach (Canning, 2018)

Invasive species are here and the threat is real. Has your shoreline been taken over by plants you don't recognize? Do you want to take steps to free your property of intruders, but don't know where to start? Are you interested in giving back to your community and protecting local wildlife habitat?

If so, the Severn Sound Environmental Association (SSEA) is here to help. Thanks to municipal support from the townships of Tiny, Tay, Midland, Severn and Georgian Bay, SSEA created its Invasive Species Program to reduce the impact of these troublesome invaders. We have the expertise to help you identify what species are in your area and to provide guidance on effective removal techniques.

So what does the term "invasive species" mean? Invasives are non-native organisms that have established outside of their historical habitat ranges and negatively impact our ecosystems, society and economy. Plants, trees

and shrubs are common types of invasive species, but insect and fish invaders also exist.

Due to their fast growth rates and tolerance of a wide range of conditions, invasive species often cause problems for property owners. Phragmites, White Sweet Clover and Spotted Knapweed have all established strong footholds on beaches throughout Tiny Township, while Eurasian Watermilfoil is spreading fast and clogging up lakes, rivers and ponds.

If you have multiple invasive species on your property, which should you target first? Do you remove invasive plants before or after they flower? How are you supposed to deal with all the waste? Removing invasive species can be a huge challenge, but a do-nothing approach only prolongs the problem, increases control costs, and allows that species to spread onto adjacent properties. Often, invasive species can be easily removed using hand tools like shovels and clippers, but multiple removal events over consecutive seasons may be required for full eradication. Regulations for removal and optimal control techniques can differ from one species to another, so it's crucial to be well-informed before tackling a problem invader.

Whether you're a concerned citizen, individual property owner or member of a shoreline association, the SSEA is looking to facilitate invasive species management projects within Tiny Township and can assist you with monitoring for invaders and planning your next removal event.

### Getting rid of invasive species waste

Did you know that the County of Simcoe is providing additional curb-side invasive species yard waste collection dates this upcoming July? For more information and to find out about upcoming volunteer opportunities, call the SSEA today at (705) 534-7283. See also the invasive species section under "Our Priorities" on FoTTSA's website: [www.tinycottager.org](http://www.tinycottager.org)

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