

# McRae Beach Association Inc. Newsletter

## May 2008

### WELCOME TO Summer 2008

I thought it would never come. The snow this year was amazing and we on the executive hope that everyone enjoyed their time in the winter wonderland -- but let us get on with summer and all the fun and activities of the summer season. The first thing is to introduce the Beach Association Executive.

The following people were voted in at the Annual General Meeting held September 6th, 2007, the last meeting of the season.

**President: Terry McGuire - 4 Vine Avenue**  
**Past President: Carole Benson - 64 Blue Heron**  
**Vice-President: Sheila Harrington - 58 Blue Heron**  
**Treasurer: Pat Roughley - 68 Blue Heron**  
**Secretary: Kathy Lindsey - 10 Laviolette Avenue**  
**Parks Rep: 1st Park - George Dzilums - 14 Laviolett Avenue**  
**2nd Park - Victor King**  
**Field Day Co-ordinator: Carole Benson**  
**Bingo Rep: Pat Roughley**  
**Youth Rep: Vacant- please volunteer**

### Now we come to the Volunteer List for the Summer 2008

Please consider volunteering. Our community is only as strong as our volunteers. Knowing your community members means fun, security and safety. Protect yourself, your children, your friends and other family members and visitors --- Join your Beach Association!

**Collection of Beach Fees: Pat Roughley**  
**Coordinator of Volunteers: VACANT Any coordinators willing to take this on?**  
**Field Day: Prize Table: Sheila Harrington and Carole Benson**  
**Recycling: Sharon Snider**  
**BBQ: George Dzilium and Ward Lindsey**  
**Signs: Pat Roughley**  
**50/50 Draw: Pat Roughley**  
**Food Tickets: Jen McGuire**  
**Book/Prizes: Carole Benson**  
**Water Balloons: Sheila Harrington**  
**Face Painting: Ashley Harrington**  
**Bocce Ball: Dino Collura**  
**Corn Roast: George Dzilium**  
**Beach Volleyball: Lubke Storry**  
**Bingo:**  
    **Tables - Terry McGuire**  
    **Money - Pat Roughley**  
    **Caller -- to be decided on day of Bingo**

**Park Reps: 1st park: George Dziliun**

2nd park: Victor King

**Newsletter: Writing: Kathy Lindsey and the Executive**

Printing: Kathy Lindsey

Delivery: Pat Roughley

### **Important Dates for Summer 2008**

#### **MEETING DATES**

Agenda, minutes, notices and newsletters will be strategically placed in the two parks and on the bulletin board at South McRae Beach. Look for them there.

#### **First General Meeting of the Beach Association for the season:**

***Sunday June 29, 11:00 a.m. in the first park. Yes that means YOU -- All McRae Beach homeowners.***

Executive only meeting on June 22nd 11a.m. in the 1st park

Meeting for Executive and Field Day volunteers July 27th 11a.m. in the 1st park

Annual General Meeting of all Beach Association August 31st, 11a.m. in the 1st park-----

This will be the Closing Meeting and Election of officers for the following year.

#### **YARD SALE - June 21 raindate June 22 (always weekend after Fathers Day)**

#### **BINGO Saturday June 28th, 7p.m.**

Sunday August 3rd after Field Day 7p.m.

Sunday August 31st, 6:30 p.m. All bingo nights are in the 1st park.

#### **FIELD DAY: Sunday August 3rd, 11:00 a.m. Field day will be in the Second Park.**

#### **Bingo and Field Day Prizes: .**

We are in need of donations of interest to our membership at large ( children, teens and adults)., As pointed out last year, Scholastic Canada is unable to sponsor us as they so generously have in the past.

Thus your executive has been busily collecting various brand-spanking-new items as prizes for our well-attended BINGO games. Additional donations ( housewares, toys, logo items/clothing etc) will be graciously and gratefully accepted.

**In the past our field day participation prizes, with thanks to Scholastic Canada, have been books or books accompanied by a toy. The executive would very much like to continue that tradition but needs your help. If you have any connections with a book company that might be willing to make a donation/ partial donation to our non-profit beach association, please contact a member of your beach executive as soon as possible. NOTE: WE NEED NEW BOOK DONATIONS, we thank all our members in advance for any donations.**

If you work for, own and/or patronize a company that would like to donate any item(s) to our Beach Association, please bring the donation to 64 Blue Heron at your earliest convenience. Perhaps you yourself would like to make a personal donation. Please attach a “donated by” card to your item(s) and drop it/them off at 64 Blue Heron Drive . All donations will be formally acknowledged and all will be used as Bingo, lucky-draw or in the case of books, as event prizes. Thank you.

**Do you have agenda items or concerns that you would like discussed by the Beach**

Association? Please submit them in writing to Pat Roughley, 68 Blue Heron. Please include your name, address, phone number, email would also be helpful if you have one.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

Your membership in the McRae Beach Association is an important part of our continued role that the Association plays. Your membership ensures that we can provide a ready collective voice when needed in order to meet our mission. As an Association, our overall goal is to maintain the recreational value of the McRae Beach community by protecting the ecological resources of the lake, actively promoting boat safety, organizing social and recreational activities, participating in and supporting FOCA [Federation of Cottager's Association] and maintaining a positive working relationship with local government agencies.

**Beach Association Membership Dues remain the same as last year**

Your membership dues for 2008 are \$40.00 per residence.

They will be collected by Pat Roughley, our treasurer, after the Victoria Day holiday weekend.

**MCRAE BEACH WEBSITE?**

The McRae Beach Association web site is designed for those who are new to the Beach, for seasoned beach members and for those who live permanently at the Beach. The web address is <http://www.mcraebeachassociation.com> . Just find it once and then bookmark it so you can easily refer to it often.

**Other web sites of interest:**

Federation of Ontario Cottagers <http://www.foca.on.ca/>

Cottage Life <http://www.cottagelife.com/>

Ontario Provincial Police Cottage Watch

[http://www.opp.ca/Community/CrimePrevention/opp\\_000271.html](http://www.opp.ca/Community/CrimePrevention/opp_000271.html)

### **Grass Cutting in the Parks**

J.J Enterprises (17 McRae Beach South) is looking after cutting and trimming the grass in both parks as per the following schedule: In May, June and July the grass will be cut 4 times per month. In August, September and October 3 times per month.

As many of you are aware, the parks we enjoy belong to the Estate of Thomas McRae. Wanting to keep the deeded right of access to such parks in the hands of those who live or cottage on the original McRae farm, we, as an Association, have agreed to look after the upkeep on such lands.

### **Parks Cleanup We need one to two hours of your time in the park closest to your**

dwelling on June 7th or 8th.at 1:30 pm. Please bring a rake, a shovel, a paper leaf bag, gloves, your muscles and a sense of humour. Together we can make a difference for all to enjoy.

NOTE: long grass indicates debris to be removed. It would be really helpful if all docks could be out of the parks by that time. Thank you.

### **Other information on Property and Park clean-up**

1. There is a fine for placing brush, etc.across the road from you property. It is against a local bylaw to do so.
2. Garbage must be placed in containers and that 1 (one) bag is removed free of charge and all subsequent bags must have a green sticker /tag on them.
3. Fires are only allowed during the day with a fire permit. Fire permits are available at Baker's Furniture, located on the Road into Pefferlaw. Please respect your neighbours. Smoke may be annoying.

### **Province stars project to revive Lake Simcoe**

Work is starting on a long-term strategy to protect the waters and fish of Lake Simcoe from pollution from shoreline development. The Province yesterday announced an interim cap on how much treated sewage can go into the lake as it prepares legislation.

Critics criticized the cap as higher than effluent levels now but said the real fight will be to get permanent protections by limiting development.

### **CONSIDER A TRIP TO SEE LIVE THEATER:**

Stephen Leacock Theatre, 130 Gwendolyn Boulevard, Keswick,

<http://www.town.georgina.on.ca/dpt-leisure-theatres-slt-showtimes.aspx>

OR

Red Barn Theatre, Hedge Road, Jackson's Point, Ontario

<http://www.redbarntheatre.ca/> <<http://www.redbarntheatre.ca/>

*Tips for a Green Cottage excerpted  
from the Cottage Life website  
article by Steve Stockton  
of Cottage Life.*

## **WAYS TO CUT DOWN AND CLEAN UP YOUR RUNOFF**

**Replace hard, paved surfaces with more porous ones** Instead of asphalt or concrete surfaces for paths and drives, use wood chips, small pebbles, permeable paving stone, or anything else that allows runoff to soak into the soil. You can also plant a small rain garden, a planted depression designed to catch overflow water around paved areas.

**Stock up on greener cleaners** **What goes down the drain and into the septic can still make its** way to the lake. Many detergents and soaps on the market contain phosphates, so watch what you buy. As well, avoid using household chemical cleaners, which destroy the beneficial bacteria that break down the waste in the holding tank. There are much less harmful alternatives now, with the proliferation of products with green certifications, such as the federal government's EcoLogo (see Green Resources link) and the comeback of DIY cleaners, like baking soda, vinegar, and lemon juice (for recipes, visit [www.lesstoxicguide.ca](http://www.lesstoxicguide.ca)).

## **WAYS TO RECYCLE OR REUSE COTTAGE STUFF**

**Reduce your hoard of old runners** **Nike will take any brand of used running shoes** and grind them up into Nike Grind, a material used for sports tracks. Mail them to Nike Recycling Center, c/o Reuse-A-Shoe 26755 SW 95th Ave., Wilsonville, OR 97070.

**Make your leftover paint last longer** **Tip cans of unused paint upside down (make** sure the lids are on tight) and it will keep for years; the paint creates an inner seal around the lids, so air can't seep in and dry it up. When you've finally used up your latex paint, don't toss the cans; just leave their lids off, let the paint dry completely, and use them as storage containers in your shed.

**Refuel away from the water** **When you need to top up gas tanks, such as chainsaws,** generators, pumps, and boat engines, do it well back from shore, preferably over a tray and in a shelter with a hard floor. Use a rag for mopping, to make cleanup easy.

**Don't put soap in the lake, ever** **Even if a soap says it's phosphate-free and biodegradable,** don't assume it's safe for the lake. The soap can be harmful to fish and other aquatic animals; all "biodegradable" means is that it's capable of breaking down (with the help of soil bacteria) into its constituent parts. However, do use this type of soap if bathing on land, and dump the wash water well back from the lake, so it doesn't filter down as runoff.

## **WELCOME NEWCOMERS**

We extend a hearty welcome to all who have made McRae Beach their permanent or summer address since the 2007 season. As a reminder to those of us who have been around for some time, and FYI to our new arrivals:

- Georgina Township requires dogs to be leashed or otherwise restrained at all times
- parking and camping within our parks are prohibited
- the speed limit on Blue Heron Drive, McRae Beach South and all side streets is 40 km/h
- the water from the pumps in both parks has been deemed NOT POTABLE
- when on/in the water PLAY SAFELY! Swimmers and sailboats always have the right of way
- all docks, boatlifts, etc. are to be out of the parks and in the water, or on your own property by July 2nd. This will assist the grass cutter to do his job and park users to pursue their enjoyment of this space.
- for safety reasons and the pleasure of all, no vehicles are to be left in the parks. Please park along the road or return your car to your dwelling after launching.
- the first 30 metres (100ish feet) from the shoreline are deemed restricted and as such boats and PWC operators are reminded of the need to keep their speed down to 10 km/hr when entering or exiting this area. Many residents have placed buoys at the 100' mark to assist in identifying the swimming area.

**The following information is on Garbage and Recycling in Georgina.  
We hope it is helpful**

### **GARBAGE DAYS on Duclos Point are Mondays**

Garbage Collection is provided every other week. Collectable materials shall be at the curb no earlier than 8:00 p.m. the evening before collection and no later than 7:00 a.m. on the day of collection. If garbage is set out in a rigid container, and has a tag, please have tag secured to the bag inside container, not to the container.

**Recycling and Green Bin is picked up weekly. There is no limit to the number** of Green Bins or Blue Boxes that can be placed out for collection. Collection times may vary. To ensure collection all materials must be out at the curb before 7:00am. For links to information on what items can be recycled please see the link on the McRae Beach website.

**Large Articles & White Goods - are picked up on the first Friday of the month, the**

item must have a garbage tag - white goods are appliances or metal and you must call first for pick-up of white goods to 1-800-465-5914

**Leaf and Yard Waste - Yard Waste Collection is biweekly (Apr. to Nov.) on garbage day.** Must be put in kraft paper bags or tied up. Paper bags are available at Canadian Tire, Home Hardware, Home Depot, etc. Do not use plastic bags.

### **Spring and Fall Waste Exemption Week**

Each spring and each fall, the Town of Georgina designates one week as Bag Tag Exemption week to assist in the cleanup around your house. Each household is entitled to set out up to five (5) bags or rigid containers or large articles out at the curb without having to affix a garbage tag. This year, the Bag Tag Exemption Week will be:

***Spring Week: May 26, 2008 to May 29, 2008***

***Fall Week: September 8, 2008 to September 11, 2008***

**Seaweed (Duckweed) Pick-up-Residents may place aquatic weed waste in** kraft paper bags for free curbside pickup on our regular Monday garbage day. It is suggested that seaweed be dried prior to placing in yard waste containers. No telephone call needed.

### ***Yard Waste Drop-off Facility***

***Miller Waste Systems, 1351 Bloomington Rd, Richmond Hill***

- Summer Hours(April 1 to November 30/08)
- Monday to Friday 7:00am-6:00pm
- Saturday 7:00am -5:00pm
- Winter Hours (December 1 to March 31):
- Monday to Friday 8:00 -4:00pm

***Georgina Transfer Station & Household Hazardous Waste Depot***  
**(23068 Warden Avenue, Georgina) (1 km north of Ravenshoe Road (Regional Road 32) on the west side)**

### **Hours of Operation**

Monday to Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Note: All Facilities are closed on statutory holidays in Georgina.

### **Hours of Operation Household Hazardous Waste Depot:**

Second Saturday and last Saturday of every month from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Closed Statutory Holidays

**WE HOPE YOU HAVE A SAFE AND FUN SUMMER 2008**

**Information Phone Numbers for the Sutton & Pefferlaw Area**

**CANINIE CONTROL: 905-722-3452**

**CHILDREN'S AID: 1-800-718-3850**

**MEDICAL CLINICS: Georgina Medical Centre 905-722-3251**

**GARBAGE:** Family Health Centre of Pefferlaw 705-437-2057  
Sutton 905-722-6516

Pefferlaw 705-437-2210

**HOSPITAL:** Southlake Regional Health Centre 905-895-4521

**HYDRO:** (after hours, emergencies): 1-800-240-9436

**MAYOR::** Rob Grossi 905-476-4301

**MP (Federal): Peter Van Loan 905-898-1600**

**MPP (Provincial): Julia Munro 905-478-2572**

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES: Town of Georgina, 905-722-6516**

**NEWSPAPER: Georgina Advocate 905-476-7753**

**POISON INFORMATION CENTRE: 1-800-268-9017**

**POLICE: (non-emergency): 705-437-1221**

**POLICE (OPP): 1-800-263-2277**

**WOMEN'S SHELTER: Sandgate Women's Shelter 905-722-4043**

**GEORGINA FOOD PANTRY: 905-722-8305 915 Lake Dr, Jackson's Point,  
ON L0E 1L0 (one block west of Dalton Road)  
Hours: Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm**