

2010

McRae Beach Association Inc.

Newsletter

Welcome to Summer 2010

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Greetings to all McRae Beach Association members. As we look forward to Summer 2010, you will soon see the new McRae Beach signs at South McRae and where you come onto Blue Heron Drive, as well as new signs in both parks.

The Executive will be striving this summer to increase association membership from all McRae Beach residents. In this effort, we will be endeavoring to share with everyone what we are doing and what we are about. Please be encouraged to communicate any issues you feel your Association should be aware of or that may be of a collective interest to all members.

Regards, Rodney Dobson

Executive 2010

President:	Rod Dobson - 24 Blue Heron [elected 2009 as per Constitution Guidelines]
Past President:	Carole Benson - 64 Blue Heron
Vice-President:	Sheila Harrington - 58 Blue Heron
Secretary:	vacant
Treasurer:	Pat Roughley - 68 Blue Heron
Web Master:	Doug Atkinson - 70 Blue Heron

Important Dates 2010

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

Executive Meeting- JUNE 20, Sunday, 1st Park, 11 am

First General Meeting- JUNE 27, Sunday, 1st Park, 11 am

Meeting for Executive and Field Day Volunteers- JULY 25, Sunday, 1st Park, 11am

Annual General Meeting and Voting- SEPTEMBER 5, Sunday, 1st Park, 11am

FIELD DAY- Sunday, August 1st, 1st Park, 11am

BINGO- Sunday, August 1st, 1st Park, 7pm [bring your own chairs]

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.

Volunteers Needed

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
Newsletter:	Pat Roughley, Brad Roughley, Carole Benson and Rod Dobson
Printing:	Pat Roughley
Delivery:	Pat Roughley
Field Day Coordinator:	Teresa Salt
Field Day: Prize Table:	Sheila Harrington and Carole Benson
Recycling:	Sharon Snider
Barbeques:	George Dziliun and Ward Lindsey
Signs:	Pat Roughley
50/50 Draw:	Pat Roughley
Food Tickets:	vacant
Lucky Draw:	vacant
Book/Prizes:	Pat Roughley
Water Balloons:	Sheila Harrington
Face Painting:	Ashley Harrington
Corn Roast:	George Dziliun
Bingo:	Brad Roughley and guests
Money:	Pat Roughley
Parks Reps:	1st Park -George Dziliun -14 Laviolette 2nd Park – Victor King – 79 Blue Heron
Bingo Rep:	Pat Roughley
Youth Rep:	Vacant

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 2010 are \$40.00 per residence. Please make cheques payable to

McRae Beach Association Inc.

Prizes Needed

We are in need of donations of interest to our membership at large. [Children, teens and adults] Additional donations [House wares, toys, logo items/clothing, and new books etc] will be graciously and gratefully accepted. 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. 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 68 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 68 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 Field Day event prizes. Thank You.

Web Site

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 www.mcraebeachassociation.com. Just find it once and then bookmark it so you can easily refer to it.

Other websites of interest:

Federation of Ontario Cottagers www.foca.on.ca

Cottage Life www.cottagelife.com

Ontario Provincial Police Cottage Watch

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, 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 Clean Up Dates

We need one to two hours of your time in the park closest to your dwelling on June 11 and 12 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 June 27th. Thank you.

Waste Collection

Green Bin and Recycling- every Monday. Have bins to curb by 7am, day of pickup.

Garbage Collection- every other Monday---1 bag free, rest must have tags--up to 4 bags - have in bags or rigid containers at curb by 7am

Leaf and Yard Waste-[include NO GRASS CLIPPINGS] May 10, 29
June 7, 21 July 5, 19 Aug. 16, 30 Sept. 13, 27 Oct. 16, 25

White Goods & Large Article Pickup- call Turtle Island Recycling at 1-866-421-5625. Each item must be tagged

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 Raven shoe 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.

ALL WASTE MANAGEMENT - log onto- www.georgina.ca

Bag Tag Exemption Weeks-
are May 25-28 and September 27-30 [5 bags untagged/ household]

Seaweed- collected as yard waste, in paper bags or rigid containers, no lid [dry first]

Illegal Dumping- If you witness illegal dumping, note license plate number, date, time and location of activity --fines up to \$10,000
Phone- 905-476-4301

Household Hazardous Waste-
call -1-877-464-9675

Electronic Equipment Recycling- call 1-877-464-9675 [www.york.ca/waste]

Fire Permits

Fires are only allowed during the day with a fire permit. Fire permits are available at Baker's Furniture, located on the road to Pefferlaw. Please respect your neighbors. Smoke can be annoying.

Welcome Newcomers

We extend a hearty welcome to all who have made McRae Beach their permanent or summer address since the 2009 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 40km/h.
- 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 June 27. 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 meters (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 10km/hr when entering or exiting this area. Many residents have placed buoys at the 100' mark to assist in identifying the swimming area.

Important Phone Numbers

CANINE CONTROL: 905-722-3452

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

MEDICAL CLINICS: Georgina Medical Centre 905-722-3251

Family Health Centre of Pefferlaw 705-437-2057

GARBAGE: 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: Robert 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)

Did You Know?

4 ways to shrink your cottage energy bill From **"Take-action tips for cottaging more lightly" By Steve Stockton**

1. Retire that old beer fridge - It's been great for your overflow beer stash, but that ancient fridge in the boathouse is sucking more than four times the electricity of a newer, energy-efficient model, and costing you almost \$130 a year (or a few two-fours). Be a greener beer drinker and retire the clunker. At the very least, unplug it between visits and definitely over winter. As for the kitchen fridge, another energy hog if it's 10 or more years old, keep it out of the sun, away from the stove, and in an area that allows air to circulate to improve its efficiency. Also check the door seal: If it isn't tight enough to hold a piece of paper in place when closed, repair or replace it

2. Switch the cottage wattage - Even the few table lamps and overhead lights that illuminate the corners of your cottage would cost a lot less to you and the environment if you switched from incandescent bulbs to compact fluorescent bulbs. They last up to 10 times longer and use about one-quarter the electricity. Turn off inside lights and other electrical equipment whenever you leave the cottage.

3. Don't be a night polluter - Floodlights and other high-wattage outdoor bulbs are energy eaters, they are inappropriate at the cottage. They cause light pollution on our lakes, messing up the mating and feeding behavior of wildlife, reducing boaters' ability to see navigation lights, and stealing our view of the stars. Replace them with low-wattage lamps; and turn them off unless you really need them

4. Plant a tree or two - Green giants are great insulators of the cottage. Plant deciduous trees on the south and west sides of the cottage, to provide shade in summer and let sun inside throughout the winter. Conifers on the north and northwest sides block cold winds in winter with their thick evergreen boughs.



Excerpts from 2010 Recycling and Waste Collection Calendar www.georgina.ca

1. Each ton of recycled paper saves three cubic yards of landfill space, and up to 31 trees.
2. Don't forget to return your LCBO beverage containers to The Beer Store for a full deposit refund.
3. Grass cycling can help your lawn choke out weeds by denying them the light and air. Leaf mulch helps retain moisture in soils by reducing soils exposure to sun and wind and slow evaporation.
4. Rainfall and over-watering can cause excess pesticides and chemical fertilizers to run off via storm drains into our waterways, where they can harm the health and habitat of fish and aquatic organisms.
5. For information on West Nile Virus go to www.york.ca/westnile
6. The average Canadian home has 25 or more products using standby power- devices that are consuming electricity 24 hours a day, 365 days a year even when turned "off." These devices such as T.V's, DVD Players and Computers can add 10% to your annual electricity use.
7. ****Canadians take home more than 55 million plastic shopping bags each week. ****

Have a very safe and fun summer.