

2011

McRae Beach Association Inc.

Newsletter

Welcome to Summer 2011

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Thank You

The Beach Association wishes to thank Rod Dobson for volunteering to be our President for the year 2010. Effective immediately, Rod has resigned this position, due to family commitments. Last year, Rod ordered and installed the new McRae Beach sign on Blue Heron Drive, as well as new signs for both parks. He will install the new South McRae sign this summer.

The role of President is now vacant.

If you are interested in volunteering your time and effort to our Association, please submit your intentions, in writing, to Pat Roughley, 68 Blue Heron Drive.

We welcome new blood. Thank You

Executive 2011

President:

Past President:

Vice-President:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Web Master:

Youth Rep:

Carole Benson - 64 Blue Heron
Sheila Harrington - 58 Blue Heron
Clare Hansford - 110 Blue Heron
Pat Roughley - 68 Blue Heron
Doug Atkinson - 70 Blue Heron

Important Dates 2011

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.

JUNE 19, Executive Meeting, Sunday, 1st Park, 11am
JUNE 26, First General Meeting, Sunday, 1st Park, 11am
JULY 24, Meeting for Executive and Field Day Volunteers, Sunday, 1st Park, 11am
JULY 31, Field Day, Sunday, 1st Park, 11am
JULY 31, Bingo, Sunday, 1st Park, 7 pm [bring your own chairs]
SEPT. 4, Annual General Meeting and Elections, Sunday, 1st Park, 11am

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. 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:	P Roughley
Newsletter:	P Roughley, B Roughley, C Benson
Printing:	P Roughley
Delivery:	P Roughley, C Hansford
Field Day Coordinator:	C Benson
Field Day: Prize Table:	
Guessing Game:	
Recycling:	
Barbeques:	G Dziliun and W Lindsey
Food:	
Beverages:	
Run Events:	
Signs:	P Roughley
50/50 Draw:	
Food Tickets:	
Books and Prizes:	P Roughley
Water Balloons:	
Face Painting:	
Bingo:	B Roughley and guests
Float:	P Roughley
Parks Reps:	1st Park - G Dziliun - 14 Laviolette 2nd Park - V King - 79 Blue Heron
Bingo Rep:	P Roughley
Talent Demonstration:	
Neighbours' Event:	

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 2011 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. 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/or June 12 at 1:30 pm. Please bring a rake, a shovel, a paper leaf bag, gloves, your muscles and a sense of humor. 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 24th. Thank you.

Waste Collection

Green Bin and Recycling- every Monday. Have bins to curb by 7am, day of pickup. Now accepting aluminum foil trays, empty paint cans, empty aerosol cans, milk cartons, juice boxes

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 2, 16, 30 June 13, 21 July 11, 25 Aug. 8, 22 Sept. 6, 19 Oct. 3, 17, 31

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 30/11)
- 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:

Every Saturday 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 24-27 and September 26-30 [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 ext.280

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 neighbours. 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 2010 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 24. 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: 915 Lake Dr, Jackson's Point,
L0E 1L0 (one block west of Dalton Road) 905-722-8305

Did You Know?

COTTAGE LIFE ARTICLES FROM THE PAST YEARS

During most of the year, there is no such thing as under using a conventional septic system. Given minimal or sporadic use your system will tick along at a low level of activity. It could even sit unused for a decade and still work fine once you start using it again. The anaerobic bacteria will re-establish themselves when there is waste to work on. Remember- have your septic tank inspected and cleaned every three to five years. Don't put garbage or food waste down the toilet as it will decrease the effectiveness of your septic system.

Mosses and lichens are hardy- that's why they're all over cottage country. The only earth friendly way to get them off your wood is elbow grease. [a good scrubbing brush and some lake water] These growths won't cause your wood to rot but they do absorb moisture making rot more likely. Wet lichen can cause slippery surfaces.

Those fertilizers that allow you to grow bigger flowers are the same ones that will cause a proliferation of noxious weeds and algae to bloom in the lake when they eventually make it to the lake.[it doesn't matter whether you use synthetic or organic fertilizer] Planters on or near the lake are problematic if you allow fertilizer to run through them into the lake.

New dishwashers are highly efficient and use much less water and detergent than even the most careful hand washer, which means less grey water going into your septic bed. Whether you wash or use a machine, you'll make the least impact on the environment by choosing a biodegradable detergent that is free of phosphates and chlorine. Use phosphorus-free products for personal hygiene too.

If all Canadians limited their shower time to just 3 minutes, it would save approximately 800 million litres of water each day for a total of 5.6 billion litres of water a week or 292 billion litres of water a year.

Windmills on Georgina Island?

Ten, 80 metre windmills will soon be seen on the northeast side of Georgina Island. Once these windmills are connected to the province's power grid, they will produce power to 7,500 homes and displace 15,000 tonnes of green house gases annually. It will be called Pukwis Community Wind Park. For further information- <http://www.windfallcentre.ca/pukwis>

Excerpts from 2010 and 2011 Recycling and Waste Collection Calendar www.georgina.ca

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. For information on West Nile Virus go to www.york.ca/westnile
4. Mulch is most effective if it is 2- 3 inches deep, leave a space around shrubs and trees.
5. Low flush toilets cut 50- 80% of water per flush.

HAVE A SAFE, FUN- FILLED, WONDERFUL SUMMER!!!!!!

Your 2011 Executive.