

2012

McRae Beach Association Inc.

Newsletter

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Executive 2012

President:	Carole Benson	64 Blue Heron
Co-Vice-President:	Sheila Harrington	58 Blue Heron
	Olga Norman	8 Laviolette Avenue
Secretary:	Clare Hansford	110 Blue Heron
Treasurer:	Pat Roughley	68 Blue Heron
Web Master:	Doug Atkinson	70 Blue Heron
Youth Rep:	Theresa Salt	15 Mellon Avenue
	Olga Norman	8 Laviolette Avenue
Newsletter Chair:	Mona Mathews	7 Mellon Avenue

Important Dates 2012

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.

May 19	Newsletter Meeting, Saturday, 64 Blue Heron, 11 am
June 10	Executive Meeting, 1 st Park, 11 am
June 24	First General Meeting, Sunday, 1 st Park, 11 am
July 29	Meeting for Executive and Field Day Volunteers, Sunday, 1 st Park, 11 am
August 5	Field Day, Sunday, 1 st Park, 11 am
August 5	Bingo, Sunday, 1 st Park, 7 pm [bring your own chairs]
Sept 1	Bingo Saturday, 1 st Park, 7 pm [bring your own chairs]
Sept 2	Annual General Meeting and Elections, Sunday, 1 st Park, 11 am

Last Call...

Looking for volunteers to help erect the new sign on McRae Beach South. The location is already selected. Looking for some muscle, are you willing to help out? Please contact Carole at 64 Blue Heron by June 30th.

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.

There are some spots that still need to be filled for our Field Day.
Join your Beach Association!

Parks Chair	_____	Organize & Run Guessing Game	_____
Corn Roast Chair	_____	Coolers for Hot Dogs	_____
Field Day Coordinators	_____	Face Painting	_____
Get & Return tables from 68 B.H	_____	Organize & Run Lucky Draw	_____
Design Events & Gather Equip.	_____	Parks Rep 2 nd Park	_____
Field Day: Prize Table	_____	Purchase Ice (8 pkgs)	_____
Pylons (4-6)	_____	Neighbours' Event	_____
Barbeques & Cook	_____	Serviettes & Cutlery	_____

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 adult books etc] will be graciously and gratefully accepted. If you have any connections with a book company that might be willing to make adonation / 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 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 field day event prizes. Thank You.

Beach Website

The McRae Beach Association website 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

Ladies of the Lake www.lakeladies.ca

Lake Simcoe Living <http://www.lakesimcoeliving.com>

Ontario Provincial Police Cottage Watch

http://www.opp.ca/Community/CrimePrevention/opp_000271.html

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. Your membership dues for 2012 are **\$50.00** per residence, as voted on at the Executive Annual General meeting in September, 2011. Please make cheques payable to **McRae Beach Association Inc.**

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 or Carole Benson, 64 Blue Heron. Include your name, address, phone number. An email address would also be helpful.

Where do my Membership Dues go ?

Your membership fee pays for the maintenance and grass cutting in both parks, as well as liability insurance mandated by the FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association). Also, the fees go to pay any necessary income tax for our non – profit association and for the Field Day Event etc.

Parks Clean Up Dates

We need one to two hours of your time in the park closest to your dwelling on June 9 and/or June 10 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 10th. Thank you.

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. Hoping to keep the deeded right of access 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.

Waste Collection

Green Bin and Recycling - every Monday. Have bins at curbside by 7 am on the day of pickup, **but not earlier than 8 pm the night before.** 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 28
June 11, 25 July 9, 23 Aug. 7, 20 Sept. 4, 17 Oct. 1, 15, 29 Nov 12

Bag Tag Exemption Weeks- are May 22-25 and September 24-27 [5 bags untagged/ household]

Seaweed - collected bi-weekly 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

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)

- 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.

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

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

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:

905-476-1803 110 High Street,
Sutton West, ON L0E 1R0

Hours: Thurs 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. – 1 pm.

Welcome Newcomers

We extend a warm welcome to all who have made McRae Beach their permanent or summer address since the 2011 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, boat lifts, etc. are to be out of the parks and in the water, or on your own property by June 10. 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.

Free Fire Permits

Fires are only allowed during the day with a fire permit. Free Fire permits are available at Baker's Furniture, located on Pefferlaw Road. Never leave a fire unattended. Please respect your neighbours. Smoke can be annoying.

Garage Sale Permits

You require a permit from the Town of Georgina to hold a garage sale at your residence.

Did You Know?

Windmills on Georgina Island?

The Windmill Park slated for Georgina Island has been put on hold and is not likely to resurface in our lifetime. The work stoppage was due to the government pulling their grant and the public outcry.

Further information visit – <http://www.windfallcentre.ca/pukwis>

Collection of Members E-addresses

Yearly, the McRae Beach Association executive members have items of interest to share with the membership at large. This is generally accomplished through our spring newsletter. Occasionally items may arise between issues of the newsletter. Thus, the executive is in the throes of setting up a **voluntary** e-mail fan-out service. E-mail is an efficient, expeditious and economical way to deliver important information to our members.

As we are just starting up this service there are currently 0 members on the fan-out list.

If you would like to be included, please e-mail your name, e-address and beach address to: m.mathews@sympatico.ca

On the subject line use, "Add me to the McRae Beach e-mail list" If your e-address changes, please inform Mona Mathews ASAP. Your information will be kept **confidential**. When you receive an e-mail from this service it will not show the e-addresses of our beachmates.

Septic Tank Information

Septic Tank Inspections

The Building and Planning Dept. at the Georgina Township offices will be hiring contractors for mandatory inspections of septic tanks in Georgina.

Locations and approximate dates will be decided at a later date. Letters with schedules will be sent to those households involved this year.

Excerpts from 2012 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 reduce 50-80% water per flush.

3. Great Green Tips.

A. Make septic care a priority

If your septic system is mismanaged, you may be leaching raw sewage directly into the groundwater and depending on the location of your septic, directly into your lake. In fact, septic tanks and farms are two of the largest contributors to eutrophication, or the process through which a body of water starts growing more weeds due to excessive phosphorus. So how can you help your lake? Have a septic contractor come in to have a look at your septic to see if it is large enough for your needs, see if it needs any remedial work, and set up a regular pumping and maintenance schedule. It may be costly at first, but think of preserving the clarity of your lake water.

Once you have it done, spread the word among your neighbours either through your cottage association or informal get-togethers. Septic care should be a priority for everyone who wants to preserve precious lake water.

B. Save water and conserve energy

Shower heads and hot water tanks tend to be a bit outdated in a cottage. For a quick water-saving measure, install a low-flow shower head. This will save valuable dollars and it makes sense. If you want to go a little farther, and have enough solar exposure to do it, consider installing a solar hot water heater. This is a good move if you plan on staying at your cottage throughout retirement, as you will cut down on your ongoing monthly bills.

C. Preserve your septic by not killing it with chemicals

Many people think that if their septic is large enough, they can use whatever they like in it. This is not the case. A healthy septic system thrives on anaerobic bacteria, which will not thrive if you use chemicals or antibacterials in your laundry or dishwasher. Healthy cleaning products will also help your septic, as well as your own health. Bleach, CLR, Ajax, and other harsh chemical cleaners should be used sparingly and avoided if possible. Fewer chemicals in your septic mean fewer problems, which can ultimately affect your pocketbook. Think GREEN!

Ask your guests to bring natural, biodegradable shampoos and personal care products and be ready to provide them if your city guests forget.

Summer Recipe

This is a favorite summer side dish at the Mathew's household.

Saturday Night Vidalia Onions By Paula Deen (Can be Prepared on BBQ or oven)

- 1 large Vidalia Onion per person
- 1 tablespoon butter per Vidalia Onion
- 1 beef bouillon cube per Vidalia Onion
- Pepper to taste

Instructions Prepare a fire in a charcoal grill. Trim a slice from the top of each Vidalia Onion, and peel the Vidalia Onion without cutting off the root end. With a potato peeler, cut a small cone-shaped section from the center of the Vidalia Onion. Cut the Vidalia Onion into quarters from the top down, stopping within a half inch of the root end. Place a bouillon cube in the center, slip slivers of butter in between.

Wrap each Vidalia Onion in a double thickness of heavy-duty foil. Place the Vidalia Onions directly onto the hot coals and cook for 45 minutes.

Do you have a favourite recipe? Something that your family loves, it may be something that has been passed down in your family and holds special memories for you. Your Association is looking for recipes to put together for a little "McRae Beach Recipe Book". Please submit , along with your name and address to m.mathews@sympatico.ca . Thank you.

This is the only time we will see and live this event!

This year, July has 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays. **This happens once every 823 years.**

July 2012						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Fun

30 DR. SEUSS
Quotes that Can
Change Your Life



- 1 Today **you are You**, that is truer than true.
There is no one alive who is **Youser than You**.
- 2 Don't cry because it's over. **Smile** because it happened.
- 3 **Why fit in** when you were born to stand out?
- 4 Today was good. **Today was fun.**
Tomorrow is another one.
- 5 You'll miss the **best things** if you keep your eyes shut.
- 6 **Think and wonder,**
wonder and think.
- 7 Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting. So... **get on your way.**
- 8 **Unless!**
- 9 **THINK!** You can think
any **THINK** that you wish...
- 10 If you never did, you should.
These things are fun and
fun is good.
- 11 You have **brains**
in your head.
You have **feet in your shoes.**
You can **steer your self**
any direction you choose.
- 12 **You are you.**
Now, isn't that pleasant?
- 13 Sometimes the questions are complicated
and the **answers** are **simple.**
- 14 It is better to **know how to learn** than to know.
- 15 Everything stinks **till it's finished.**
- 16 The more that you read, the **more things** you will know.
The more that you learn, the **more places** you'll go.
- 17 **A person's a person,**
no matter how small.
- 18 **I meant what I said**
and I said what I meant
- 19 Only **you** can control your future.
- 20 **Be awesome!** Be a book nut!
- 21 **Be who you are** and **say what you mean.**
Because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.
- 22 **Oh, the things you can find**
if you don't stay behind!
- 23 **It's opener,** out there, **in the wide, open air.**
- 24 **Teeth** are always in style.
- 25 Today I shall behave,
as if this is the day I will be remembered
- 26 **Will you succeed?**
Yes you will indeed! Ninety-eight
and three-quarters percent guaranteed.
- 27 From there to here, and here to there.
funny things are everywhere.
- 28 **Step with care** and great tact.
And remember that **Life's a Great Balancing Act**
- 29 **Unless someone like you cares** a whole awful lot,
nothing is going to get better. It's not.
- 30 **You're on your own.**
And you know what you know. And **YOU** are
the one who'll decide where to go...




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Toothpick ... to remind you to pick the good qualities in everyone, including yourself.

Rubber band ... to remind you to be flexible. Things might not always go the way you want, but it can be worked out.

Band-Aid ... to remind you to heal hurt feelings, either yours or someone else's.

Eraser ... to remind you everyone makes mistakes. That's okay, we learn by our errors.

Candy Kiss ... to remind you everyone needs a hug or a compliment everyday.

Mint ... to remind you that you are worth a mint to your family & me.

Bubble Gum ... to remind you to stick with it and you can accomplish anything.

Pencil ... to remind you to list your blessings every day.

Tea Bag ... to remind you to take time to relax daily and go over that list of blessings.

Wishing you love, gratitude, friends to cherish, caring, sharing, laughter, music, and warm feelings in your heart throughout the remainder of 2012.

Have a Safe and Fun filled summer ! - Your Beach Association