

# FALL 2014 UPDATE

## Annual General Meeting Update

### ATVs on Public Roads

Know the law in Ontario! You cannot ride your ATV on the road. You can ride on the shoulder if you are licensed, your vehicle is licensed, and you are wearing a helmet. Know the law. Police are ticketing residents.

### Stop Means Stop

Police are also targeting the "Stop" sign at the corner of Blue Heron and Duclos Point road. If you fail to stop, you will probably get a ticket.

### Reporting Bad Road Manners

Seeing someone driving too fast, parking illegally, or carelessly? Jot down the license number and report illegal or dangerous activities here: <http://www.yrp.ca/roadwatch.aspx>

### Emergency?

DIAL 9-1-1

### *We are looking for a President!*

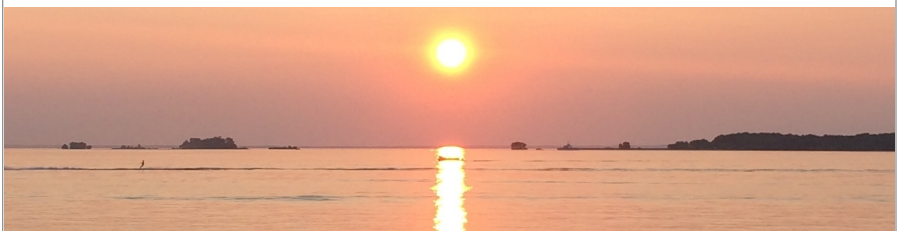
The Beach Association Executive will be meeting Thanksgiving Weekend to elect a President. We are looking for good candidates! The job requires about three hour per month in the summer, one hour per month May and through the Fall. You should be interested in the community and have a desire to help make it a better place for all. If you are interested, send along your name, address and phone number to [webmaster@mcrabeachassociation.com](mailto:webmaster@mcrabeachassociation.com).

### *...and make sure to pay your dues!*

Membership is at an all-time low this year with only 70 of 146 property owners paying their dues. The Association spends several thousand dollars per year on your behalf. This includes maintaining the parks and purchasing liability insurance that helps protect us all if someone gets injured in the parks. What's more, we even get a little fun with annual bingo and Field Day for the kids. Make sure you pay your fair share. Dues will remain unchanged at \$50 per lot for 2015.

### *Thank You John Silva!*

We had a great Field Day this year and we couldn't have done it without John Silva! We've sent John a thank you card and a small gift card on behalf of all of us. Again, thank you John!



The Town of Georgina permits "Family" fireworks to be discharged around Victoria Day and Canada Day. Use on any other day requires a license. You must have a fire extinguisher handy, and you may only light them on your own property. Most importantly, please use common sense and courtesy.

For more information see:  
[www.georgina.ca/pn-bylaws.aspx](http://www.georgina.ca/pn-bylaws.aspx)

### Your New Executive!

President: To Be Elected  
Co-Vice-Presidents:  
Maria Egnatis & Olga Norman  
Secretary: Mona Mathews  
Treasurer: Pat Roughley  
Newsletter: Chris Thompson  
Webmaster: Doug Atkinson

### Contacting Your Beach Association

Do you have agenda items, concerns or ideas for the McRae Beach Association? Submit them via email to [webmaster@mcrabeachassociation.com](mailto:webmaster@mcrabeachassociation.com). Include your name, address and phone number anytime you write.

Don't forget to ask to sign up to our email list!

Thank you.

### *Just a Reminder...*

Open fires, fireworks, barbecues are prohibited in the parks. Also remember to take your trash home with you!

### *Docks Out of the Parks by October 26*

We are running into issues with docks and boat lifts in the parks. We want to make sure that everyone with property off the lake gets their fair access to the lake. We'd like your opinion on how many docks should be permitted in each park and how residents can apply for the available space. Send us your thoughts.

If you do have a dock in place, you will need to remove it from the water, and from the park, October 26, 2014. The Beach Association reserves the right to remove any docks, boats or other items illegally stored in either Park.

### *We would like to keep in Touch via email*

Producing a printed version of this newsletter is expensive. We would prefer to keep in touch via email three or four times per year. If you would like to receive this email, please send a quick email to us at [webmaster@mcrabeachassociation.com](mailto:webmaster@mcrabeachassociation.com) along with your name, local address, and alternative address and we will add you to this distribution.

### *Dark Skies Initiative*

Do you remember when you first came to Lake Simcoe? Do you remember when the skies were filled with stars at night? Do you remember when the only lights on the island were at the ferry dock? Do you remember seeing the aurora from your dock? I do, and I want to see the skies at night again.

The night lighting of urban civilization has obliterated the natural glory of a star-filled night. The only time many Canadians ever see the stars is while in "cottage country". Even here, local lights at night are now so pervasive that the stars are invisible.

I am trying to gauge interest in participating in the Dark Sky Initiative. Under this voluntary-initiative you would receive information about outdoor lighting that can minimize light pollution. We would ask the town of Georgina for street lighting that is more appropriate for cottage country. If you want more information, send a note to [christopher\\_thompson@mac.com](mailto:christopher_thompson@mac.com).