

2014

McRae Beach Association Inc.

Newsletter

Executive 2014

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President:	vacant	
Co-Vice-President:	Clare Hansford	110 Blue Heron
	Olga Norman	8 Laviolette Avenue
Secretary:	Mona Mathews	7 Mellon Avenue
Treasurer:	Pat Roughley	68 Blue Heron
Web Master:	Doug Atkinson	70 Blue Heron
Youth Rep:	Theresa Salt	15 Mellon Avenue
Field Day Chair:	Olga Norman	8 Laviolette Avenue
Newsletter:	Ward Lindsey	10 Laviolette Avenue

Important Dates 2014

Agenda, minutes, notices and newsletters will be strategically placed at the two parks. Look for them there.

June 29	First General Meeting, Sunday, 1st Park, 11am
July 27	Meeting for Executive and Field Day Volunteers, Sunday, 1st Park, 11 am
August 3	Field Day, Sunday, 1st Park, 11 am
August 3	Bingo, Sunday, 1st Park, 7 pm [bring your own chairs]
August 31	Annual General Meeting and Elections, Sunday, 1st Park, 11am

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	_____
Barbeques & Cooks	_____
Handle recycling	_____
Get & Return tables from 68 B.H	_____
Design Events & Gather Equip.	_____
Field Day: Prize Table	_____
Buy hot dogs & buns	_____
Pylons (4-6)	_____
Sell food tickets	_____

Organize & Run Guessing Game	_____
Coolers for Hot Dogs	_____
Face Painting	_____
Organize & Run Lucky Draw	_____
Serviettes & Cutlery	_____
Purchase Ice (8 pkgs)	_____
Buy soft drinks & water	_____
Neighbours' Event	_____

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 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.

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 www.lakesimcoeliving.com

Ontario Provincial Police Community Watch <http://www.opp.ca/ecms/index.php?id=542>

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, and maintaining a positive working relationship with local government agencies. Your membership dues for 2014 are **\$50.00** per residence, as voted on at the Executive Annual General meeting in September, 2011. For less than \$1.00 per week your membership in the McRae Beach Association indicates your commitment to our community. 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. Include your name, address, phone number. An email address would also be helpful. In addition you can send comments via our webmaster at webmaster@mcraebeachassociation.com

Where do my Membership Dues go?

Your membership fee pays for the maintenance and grass cutting in both parks, as well as beach association liability insurance. Also, the fees go to pay any necessary income tax for our non – profit association and for the Field Day Events etc.

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 or can free, the 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]
July 7, 21 Aug. 5, 18 Sept. 2, 15, 29 Oct. 14, 27 Nov 10

Bag Tag Exemption Week- is September 22 [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 Green For Life 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)
- 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

Georgina Recycling & Waste Collection Calendar

<http://georgina.ca/PDF/2013-ads/2014-georgina-waste-calendar.pdf>

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:

905-596-0557 110 High Street,

Sutton West, ON L0E 1R0

Hours: Thursday 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. – 12 pm.

Free Fire Permits

The Ontario Fire Code (2.6.2.4.) prohibits all open air burning except for small confined cooking fires and other fires that have been “approved” by the Fire Chief. This article describes the policy by which limited open air burning may be permitted.

Open Air Burning Includes

Any fire set outside, other than on a small confined grill, while being used to cook food. Campfires, brush/leaves, burn barrels and construction site fires are examples of open air burning.

Do you know that Open Air Burning requires a permit from the Fire Chief? The fire can't be any larger than 1.2 metres x 1.2 metres x 1.2 metres (4 ft. x 4 ft. x 4 ft). You must have a minimum of 7 metres (23 ft) clearance from any structure, hedge, fence or anything combustible.

You must stay with the fire at all times until it is completely extinguished, and you must provide a means of extinguishment.

Be mindful of your neighbour. You cannot maintain a fire when the direction of the wind may cause either reduced visibility on a roadway or excessive smoke or an odour that may cause discomfort to persons in the immediate area and the fire must be out by sunset.

Obtaining Permission to Burn

Permits for Open Air Burning can be obtained from the Civic Centre or at Station 1-4 in Keswick at 165 The Queensway South, Keswick, 905-476-5167 or Station 1-6 at 37 Snooks Blvd. Sutton, 905-722-8252. Remember, if the Fire department is called and no authorization has been obtained, you are liable to pay costs for the Fire department and/or charged under the Open Air Burning By-law, or both. Regardless of authorization, the person that starts the fire is responsible for any effect that fire or smoke may have on neighbouring persons or property.

Planning On Setting Off Fireworks This Year?



Did You Know

1. There is a new fireworks by-law in the Town of Georgina.
2. If you are going to set off fireworks outside of the May and July long weekends you require a permit.
3. To obtain a permit please visit the Clerks Department or call 905-476-4301 ex 2291 for more information.

Poison Ivy

What is it?

Poison ivy is a straggling or climbing woody vine that's well known for its ability to cause an itchy rash. Poison ivy can be found in farm fields surrounding McRae's Beach. It grows and sprouts in thickets, in clearings, and along the borders of woods and roadsides. This glossy perennial can spread by seed or by producing shoots from its extensive underground stems.

Should I be concerned?

All parts of the poison ivy plant, including the roots, contain the poisonous resin 'urushiol'. Contact with any broken part of the plant may cause a reaction. Most people develop symptoms 24 to 48 hours after contact. The extent of a reaction depends on the person's sensitivity and the amount of sap in contact with their skin. The inflamed areas often develop blisters, which leads to intense itchiness.

The rash spreads through exposure to the sap, not from the sores themselves. So a person has to actually come into contact with the sap (not necessarily with the plant) before developing an allergic reaction. Contact with a surface that has picked up sap from the plant (like the fur of an animal) can also result in a reaction.

If poison ivy is burned and the smoke is inhaled, the rash will appear on the lining of the lungs, causing extreme pain

What does poison ivy look like?

The leaves of poison ivy have three pointed leaflets. The middle leaflet has a much longer stalk than the two side ones. The leaflet edges can be smooth or toothed, but are rarely lobed. The leaves vary greatly in size, from 8 to 55 mm in length. They are reddish when they appear in the spring, turn green during the summer, and become various shades of yellow, orange, or red in the fall.

The plant produces clusters of cream to yellow-green flowers during the months of June and July. The berries that appear by September are clustered, round, waxy, and green to yellow in colour. The size of the berries range from 3 to 7 mm in diameter, and they often remain on the low, leafless stems of the plant all winter.

What should I do if I get poison ivy on me?

Wash any areas of your skin you think may have come in contact with poison ivy with soap and cold water. Cold water should be used, because hot water tends to open the pores, increasing the chances of the resin being deeply absorbed into your skin. If soap is not available, vinegar (2 tablespoons in 1 cup of water) or rubbing alcohol (1/2 cup in 1/2 cup of water) can be used.

Perseid Meteor Shower

Just The Facts

Comet of Origin: Swift-Tuttle

Radiates from: constellation Perseus

Active: July 17-Aug. 24, 2014

Peak Activity: Aug. 12-13, 2014

Peak Activity Meteor Count: Up to 100 meteors per hour

Meteor Velocity: 59 kilometers (37 miles) per second

The Perseid meteor shower is known as one of the best meteor showers to observe, producing fast and bright meteors that frequently leave trails, but in 2014, a nearly full moon will upstage the show.

Go Fly a Kite

Kite Flying is great fun and it's easy if you know some kite secrets. So grab your kite and join in the fun. The sky is big enough for EVERYONE!

The first thing you need to do is pick a kite. Fliers carry different types of kites for different winds. Kite fliers enjoy the different experiences each type offers.

Be sure your kite is put together correctly, or it may not fly.

Deltas, Diamonds and Dragon kites fly well in light to medium winds (approximately 10-25 km/h) while Box Kites and stickless-Parafoil kites fly better when the winds get a little stronger (approximately 13-40 km/h).

General Rules for Picking Kite Days:

Because we don't control the wind, we learn to watch for the right kite flying conditions.

Wind that is too strong or too light is difficult to fly in. A flag or windsock is handy to help you see the wind. About 8-40 km/h is best for most kites (when leaves and bushes start to move, but before it really starts to blow).

Flying is most fun when the wind is medium so you can do more than just hold on. You can make your kite dance across the sky by pulling in and letting out the line.

Flying Space should be a clear, open area. Stay away from roads, power lines or airports. Open fields, parks and beaches are great for flying kites. The more room you have, the more line you can let out.

Remember that as the wind goes over and around trees and buildings, it gets bumpy and difficult to fly kites in. Watch out for kite eating trees!

No Storms: Never fly in rain or lightening. Electricity in clouds is attracted to damp kite lines and foolish kite fliers.

Geographic History of Lake Simcoe

Lake Simcoe was formed by glacial melt water and is southern Ontario's largest interior lake.

It's length is 48 km and width is 29 km, it's maximum depth is 41.5 m. It's east and west sides are eskers (coarse gravel ridges) and shores are drumlin hills formed by a mix of granite, sand and gravel deposits left by the retreating glaciers.

Also left behind were wetlands, swamps and marshes like Holland Marsh and Keswick Marsh that formed in the depressions.

Raised beaches of sand and gravel are all around the lake, most prominent at Barrie.

Legal & Common Sense

We extend a warm welcome to all who have made McRae Beach their permanent or summer address since the 2013 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 licensed and not run at large at all times.
- Parking and camping within our parks are prohibited.
- Use of our parks is restricted to McRae Beach residents and their guests only.
- When using either of our parks, please take your garbage home.
- **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/h when entering or exiting this area. Many residents have placed buoys at the 100' mark to assist in identifying the swimming area.
- The noise by-law for Georgina is in effect for 24 hours a day. Residents are to regulate their noise as to not disturb surrounding neighbours. If the noise becomes bothersome and/or lasts for several hours, the town by-law officers can be reached Monday to Friday at 705-437-2210 or 905-722-6518. On weekends the York Regional Police can be reached at 905-895-1221 or 1-866-876-5423.

NOTICE!

630 Georgina properties to fall under new septic inspection laws.

www.yorkregion.com



Georgina Community Events 2014

- July 1 **Georgina Canada Day Celebrations** (2 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.)- Join us at The ROC for a day full of exciting festivities for the whole family! Enjoy live entertainment, children's activities, inflatable's, food and so much more. Fireworks start at 10 p.m.
- July 12 **East Coast Lobster Party** at the Georgina Trades Training Centre, 5207 Baseline Rd, Sutton. (6-11pm) www.gtti.ca (BBQ chicken is an option)
- July 12-13 **Purple Turtle Art Festival** at The Briar Meadow. Come see our local artisans, as well as those from other areas of Ontario. Parking at the site of the former Red Barn. www.purpleturtlearts.ca
- July 19 **Music In The Park** – Jackson's Point Parkette. Local musicians will be showcased from 1- 5pm. Bring a chair, relax and enjoy
- July 26 **Festival On High** – High Street in Sutton. Vendors and entertainment, fun for the whole family. Includes the annual duck race at the Black River dam. www.festivalonhigh.com
- August 7-10 **159th Sutton Fair and Horse Show** www.suttonfair.com
- August 9 **Music In The Park** – Jackson's Point Parkette. Local musicians will be showcased from 1- 5pm. Bring a chair, relax and enjoy
- August 16 **Painted Perch Festival** – Jackson's Point Parkette. Whole family fun.
- August 16 **Splash Floating Festival** – De La Salle Park.
- August 22 **Eaglewood Folk Festival** – 9715 Morning Glory Road. Pefferlaw.
- September 20 **Georgina Harvest Dinner** – Sutton Fair Grounds. Pefferlaw.
- September 20 **Harvest Festival** – Georgina Pioneer Village. www.georgina.ca
- September 27 **Stiletos and Sneakers** – Georgina Ice Palace Keswick. For Women of all ages.
- September 27-28 **Georgina Studio Tour** – Visit area artists. www.georginastudiotour.com
- Further information is available on our beach website. www.mcraebeachassociation.com