

SPRING 2017 UPDATE

2017 Dues are \$60.

Important Dates

June 18

General Meeting, 11:00 at the South Park.

July 15

Meet and Greet Event, 4:00-5:00, South Park.

August 6

Field Day, 11:00 at the South Park.

September 3

Annual General Meeting, 11:00 at the South Park.

New Town Fire Regulations!

Please review the Georgina Fire Department regulations on the park bulletin boards.

No Boats or Lifts!

Boat lifts and boats may not be stored anywhere in the Parks.

Reporting Bad Road Manners

Report Careless driving:
<https://onlinereporting.yrp.ca/RoadWatch.html>

Welcome Spring!

It's that time of the year again when you can be certain that the mosquitos will be out in force plus Beach Association dues are, well due. Every year a lot of you ask "What's in it for me? What do I get for my \$60? The answer is, a lot.

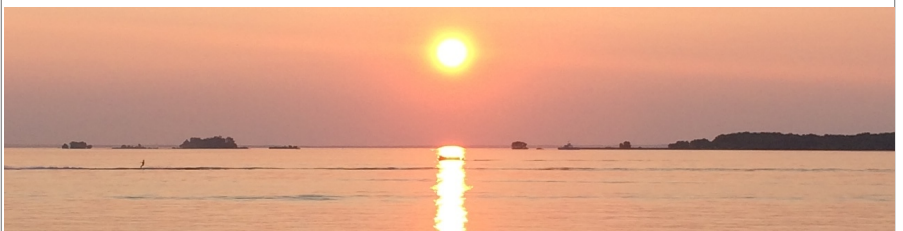
So here's a list of the benefits of having a vibrant McRae Beach Association.

The Association represents our interests to the Town, the Region and the Province as well as to organizations like the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority. When together, our voices are louder and clearer.

The Association maintains the appearance and safety for the parks that we all enjoy and takes steps through policy and by buying insurance to protect us from litigation. Legal opinions on our rules cost money and so does insurance. What's more, these parks are a valuable asset for people on the lake and those across the road. They make our community more desirable.

The Association sponsors community events like the field day. A more active association would let us do more.

Your membership in the McRae Beach Association goes a long way in supporting the activities and strength of our lakeside community. Please make sure you contribute your "fair share".



In Ontario, there is a speed limit of 10 km/h within 30 metres of shore. In most cases, this speed limit isn't posted.

Fireworks in Georgina

Subject to certain conditions, fireworks may be discharged on the day preceding, the day of and the day following Victoria Day and Canada Day. For more information see the Town Bylaws.

Your 2017 Executive!

President: Bruce Mortson
Co-Vice-Presidents: Mona Mathews & Olga Norman
Secretary: Maria Egnatis
Treasurer: Ward Lindsey
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.

Include your name, address and phone number anytime you write.

A Note from your Beach Association President, Bruce Mortson

Welcome Spring, at long last. What we need now is a little less rain, a little more temperature and fewer mosquitos. We know all this will happen! Isn't it great having Lake Simcoe back to the high water mark.

New By-Laws

Your executive has started administering the business of the Association for 2017. The big initiative this year is the revising of the by-laws for the Association. Due to the nature of changes that are happening at McRae Beach we felt that our by-laws should reflect these changes. We thank our neighbours at Duclos Point for allowing us to use their "new" by-laws as our template. The by-laws are extensive and are available at the McRae Beach Association website. Please take the opportunity to review them. There will also be hard copies on both bulletin board of each park. If you are not able to get a copy or do not have e-mail, please ask one of your Executive for a copy. These updated by-laws will be presented at The Annual General Meeting in September for approval and adoption by the membership.

Communicate through Email

Over the winter season your executive has begun the extensive process of assembling the e-mail addresses and contact telephone numbers of our members. We have been relatively successful but still have more gathering to make the list as complete as possible. Through the dues collection process we will be asking each member for this information. The purpose is to make available the spring newsletter via e-mail resulting in less copying expense for the association and the ability to contact the members in an emergency situation on issues necessitating member approval. This information will be held in strict confidence and if you choose not to provide it, that's fine also.

Volunteers and Dues Needed

As in other years, searching for volunteers remains a priority. We always need good people. This year is no different.

You are also aware by now that the dues have been increased from \$50.00 per year to \$60.00 per year. Your executive has maintained the old rate for the last 5 years. Costs have increased and issues continue to arise that will require funds – Ash Bore Disease and HST are examples. In addition, your Executive has also identified a need for a small structure for the storage of Association paraphernalia. We will gratefully accept donations toward the purchase of this

structure! Our bank balance increased slightly in 2017 and will be discussed in more detail at the June 18th Spring General Meeting. Delivering your Annual Dues to a member of the Executive would be greatly appreciated. Also please note we have included a list of Service Providers that are Beach Members that you can call upon for your needs. This service has been included for a fee to assist in covering our printing costs. To be included for 2018 contact one of your Executive

Please remember the dues keep us afloat and the Rules & Regulations are designed to benefit all of our members and adhering to these is essential to the continued well-being of our Association. We are all very lucky to live in such a thriving and special community with two beautiful waterfront parks. Enjoy!!

Don't be a stranger – Say Hello!

Bruce_mortson@hotmail.com or #2 Laviolette Ave., McRae Beach

Upper York Region Sewage Solutions Plant

It is time to get informed about the Upper York Region Sewage Solutions plant that is being planned for East Gwillimbury. Once completed this plant is expected to pump 40 million litres of treated water into Lake Simcoe every day. The plant has been in the planning since 2009. As you can imagine the issue is charged with emotion and lots of data and opinions. The reality is that the growth of York Region requires us to process the waste that we create. Even here on McRae Beach we are under increasing pressure to update and maintain our septic systems to keep the water safe. For us, the quality of our life and the value of our homes is directly dependent on the quality of the lake. The plant is expected to be among the most technically advanced in the world. It is an important tool in helping to manage the phosphorus flow into the lake which in turn will help manage the weeds in the water.

On May 14, 2017 the Toronto Star published an article reflecting the viewpoint of our Chippewa neighbors on Georgina Island. You can read the article by going to this link: <https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2017/05/14/georgina-island-residents-raise-concerns-over-proposed-sewage-plant.html>

This is a time to get informed. Your Beach Association will be monitoring this carefully and working with others to make sure your opinions and concerns are heard.

Legal & Common Sense

We extend a warm welcome to all who have made McRae Beach their permanent or summer address since last season. As a reminder to those of us who have been around for some time and for our new arrivals:

- Town of Georgina requires dogs to be leashed or otherwise restrained at all times.
- Parking and camping within the two parks is prohibited.
- Use of our parks is restricted to McRae Beach residents and their guests only.
- 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 are to be out of the parks and in the water, or on your own property by June 10. Boat lifts are not permitted in the parks.
- The noise by-law for Georgina is in effect for 24 hours/day. Residents are to regulate their noise as to not disturb surrounding neighbors. If noise is bothersome and lasts hours, the town by-law officers can be reached at 705-437-2210. On weekends call the York Regional Police 905-895-1221 or 1-866-876-5423.

Check out the Georgina Events Calendar!

The Town of Georgina has lots to offer when your eyes and thoughts turn away from the lake. There is so much going on this summer including the Farmers Market every Sunday at 9:00 at the Link in Sutton, Youth-a-Polooza, Red Barn concert series, Music in the Street, The Ones Vehicle event, Music in the Park, The Georgina Studio Tour, and the Sutton Fair and Horse Show! You can view the full calendar here: <https://www.georgina.ca/getting-active/calendar>

Don't Forget the Georgina Post.

Did you know that Georgina has a bi-weekly newspaper that is published right here in Pefferlaw? Yes we do! It is called the Georgina Post and it is available for free at businesses around town. You can also read it on the web at <https://thegeorginapost.wordpress.com>.

Thank You to Village Business Services on High Street in Sutton

A special thank you to community member Shauna Gray for printing this year's newsletter at her business, Village Traditions and Village Business Services in Sutton. There she offers complete desktop publishing, office supplies, fax and Fedex services along with unique gifts, clothing and art supplies.

MAN AND A TRUCK

- Dump runs
- Moving
- Light carpentry & landscaping

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