

# SUMMER 2018 UPDATE

## 2018 Dues are \$60. Pay by Interac!

### Important Dates

**August 5**

Field Day, 11:00 at the South Park.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED****September 2**

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

### Your 2018 Executive!

President: Bruce Mortson  
Vice-President: Mona Mathews  
Board Member: Rhonda Jenkinson  
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.

### Welcome Summer!

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.

Without each of us paying dues we could lose:

- Our privacy
- Our quiet neighbourhood!
- The beauty of living by the waters of Lake Simcoe.

It doesn't matter if you live on or off the water, we all benefit from taking care of our community. As our community takes care of all of us. If you don't think so, ask a neighbour what someone has done for them over the past year/s. I can name a few. Called the fire department, helped shovel out a driveway, brought in blue boxes and garbage cans so it isn't blatantly obvious that no one is home. Kept watch on others properties. Helped out someone on the lake in need. And the list goes on. That is what our community is all about and in order for us to keep our community we all need to pay our dues.

We need to keep our parks clean and well maintained. We need to be proactive in trouble shooting what could happen if not today then in the future. And why do we care about keeping the parks maintained? We were lucky enough that Mr. McRae many years ago set aside two separate beaches for the enjoyment of all. Once again it doesn't matter if you are on or

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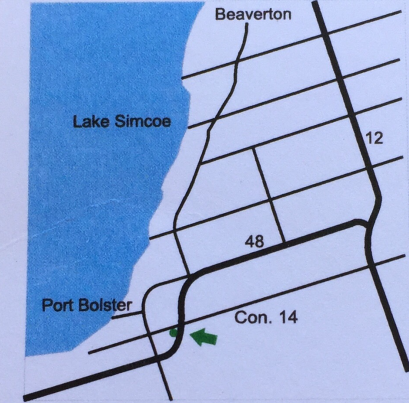
In Ontario, there is a speed limit of 10 km/h within 30 metres of shore. In most cases, this speed limit isn't posted.

## 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.

## Reporting Bad Road Manners

Report Careless driving: <https://>



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off the water, the beaches are open to all. If we don't keep the grass cut, the hedges trimmed and the garbage picked up it then becomes an eye sore, a useless space where anyone can do whatever they like and our property value go down and down. None of us want that. The need to keep these as private beaches is also important for the exact same reasons. If you would like our parks to become public, and the front of your property used as a parking lot and garbage dump, then you are correct.

We are an amazing community, let's keep it that way. Please pay your dues and make sure you contribute your "fair share".

### *A Note from your Beach Association President, Bruce Mortonson*

Welcome to 'The Summer of 2018' which has kept us waiting and has finally arrived!

I would like to remind you of the brave volunteers who serve on your Executive Committee. They are Doug Atkinson, Maria Egnatis, Rhonda Jenkinson, Ward Lindsey and Mona Mathews. This is great group of people who want to work together to make the McRae Beach Association the very best it can be.

Last year was a successful year for the Association. The best accomplishment has already been touched on - our strong Executive. This was the highlight for me, we were able to bring on new people to add new insight and direction to your Board. We were also able to secure new by-laws, enlarge our e-mail communication capability, begin our "Member for Member" business card program, expand our communication with neighbouring Associations, and build a storage shed. We all want to spend the time and effort to communicate to our membership to gain and give support to important park issues.

Where do we go for 2018?:

We may all be wearing rose-coloured glasses but are hopeful that the Dues Collection process (which takes hours and hours and many miles) can be streamlined. By this we mean using e-transfer to forward your dues to the Association. I realize that some do not have this capability, but most do. If you do, please wait for an email outlining specific directions. This does not mean we don't want to meet and talk - this is always welcome. Your Executive will also continue discussions with the McRaes about a possible ownership transfer of the Parks to the Association. In addition, thanks to our new Board Members we will be trying to set up a Member meeting with

The Mayor and our Councillor to voice our issues as it affects McRae Beach. We will also be reviewing "The Field Day" program and improving same. We will address our signs and ensure they are replaced or maintained in good order. And, you can be sure that when other issues arise, you will be advised and they will be addressed.

You will notice that other Board Members have made contributions to our newsletter. As an Association we need and love to hear from everyone, new Board Members and always our membership. We look forward to your participation. Let's continue to keep our community a harmonious, happy and healthy place to enjoy with our family, friends and neighbours.

[Bruce\\_mortson@hotmail.com](mailto:Bruce_mortson@hotmail.com) or #2 Laviolette Ave., McRae Beach

## **A note from the Association Secretary**

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There are a number of Ash trees on our private parks that have unfortunately been touched by the highly invasive insect Emerald Ash Borer. The Town is responsible for removing trees found on municipal property but those on private property fall into the hands of the owners. This means the financial burden falls on the Association as we are responsible for maintaining the parks. This is where an example of where a part of our membership fee is put to good use. We cannot necessarily wait until the trees show extreme signs of the disease therefore they will eventually have to come down.

The importance of keeping our Parks private is recognized by all members. Our private parks keep litter, parking and traffic and rowdy noise pollution to a minimum. This privacy is the backbone and essence of our community which we all relish. Public parks have created havoc in other neighbouring communities. We will continue to appreciate and protect our private parks and count on your support.

**Maria Egnatis, Secretary**

## **Pay Your Dues by Interac**

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Did you know you can pay your dues by Interac E-Transfer? Simply send an Interac payment to [bruce\\_mortson@hotmail.com](mailto:bruce_mortson@hotmail.com). In the "question" put your street address, and "Simcoe" as the password.

## **Check out the Georgina Events Calendar!**

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The Town of Georgina has lots to offer. You can view the full calendar here: <https://www.georgina.ca/getting-active/calendar>

## **Don't Forget the Georgina Post.**

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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>.

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