



## **Today's News !**

### **A blast from the Past...**

#### **The Executive !**

President: Rhonda Wood

Vice-President: Mona Mathews

Secretary: Maria Vlachos

Treasurer: Ward Lindsey

Webmaster: Doug Atkinson

Standing Member: Jane Kidner

#### **Important Dates:**

Our spring meeting date  
is in Park 1 May 30, 2021

Annual General Meeting:  
in Park 1 August 29th, 2021

#### **Contacting Your Beach Association:**

If you have any questions or  
concerns for the McRae Beach  
Association please do not  
hesitate to email us via

[webmaster@mcraebeachassociation.com](mailto:webmaster@mcraebeachassociation.com)

Please Include your name,  
address and phone number.



## **Message from the Executive**

Welcome to returning  
cottagers and also to our Year  
around residents. The past

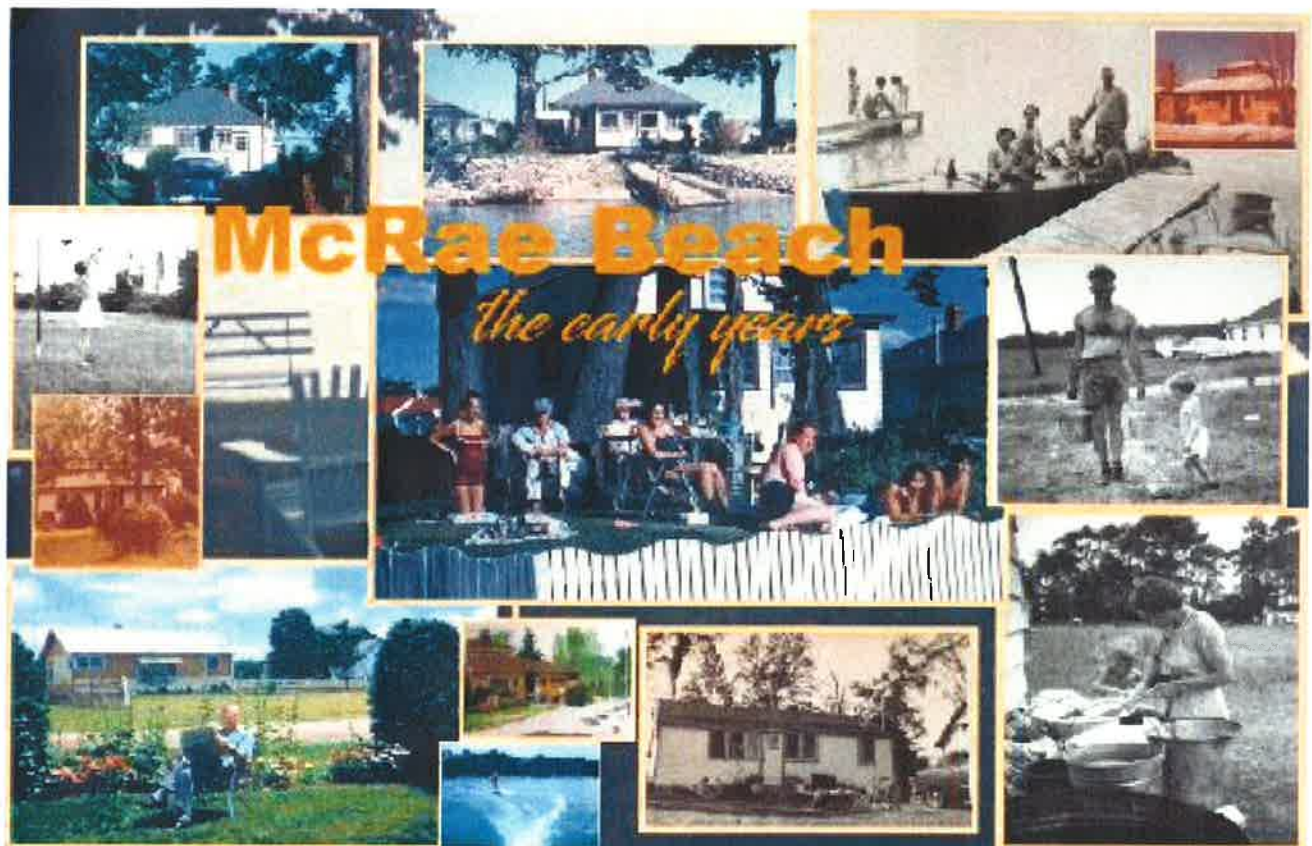
year has been very hard on everyone and it looks like it will  
continue into the future for quite some time. I imagine our beaches  
will be sought out by non-residents and I would like to remind  
everyone to be very careful when asking people to leave the park.  
Please ensure they are not a beach member and if they are not  
please call local police number to have them removed. We do not  
want any violent encounters in our neighbourhood. Call  
1-866-876-5423 for non emergency matters. Stay Safe and Well.

Rhonda

#### ***Paying your dues:***

In light of the virus and keeping everyone safe we strongly  
encourage payment via e- transfer. Simply send an interact  
payment of \$60 to [rl3wood@hotmail.com](mailto:rl3wood@hotmail.com). Please feel free to drop  
off your dues at either Rhonda at 12 Blue Heron or Maria at 6  
Blue Heron Drive.

A look back on the history of McRae Beach as told by Martha  
McRae by her father Nick McRae son of Thomas McRae An earlier  
time when families started buying lots , putting up cottages and  
enjoying all this area has to offer. A slower pace , trips to the  
Lovell's store for candy and homemade pies, and knowing your  
neighbours.



In 1893 Duncan McRae bought the farm that is now known as McRae Beach. After the death of Duncan's second wife, Thomas McRae, his son, bought up her land from her family and he became the full owner of the farm.

In 1945 Thomas began subdividing and selling the lakefront properties up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> park, which he sold for \$12.00/foot frontage. All were sold within the year.

In 1947 Thomas created a 2<sup>nd</sup> subdivision from the 2<sup>nd</sup> park to the end of the road, these also sold out within the year.

The 'off'lake' properties were all divided and gradually sold during these years as well.

South McRae was later divided and mostly sold by Thomas before his death in 1964.

Somewhere in the late 70's early 80's, Nicholson (Nick) McRae, divided and sold the lots that were then a field between the farmhouse and the lake.

Nick McRae still remembers sitting at the kitchen table naming the side streets off what is now Blue Heron.

Laviolette - named after his Mom's maiden name

Ashwood - lots of Ash trees

Vine - so many vines wrapping around the fences

Mellon - unsure.

Blue Heron was originally Park Rd, named for Dr. Park who built what is now the Duggan's cottage. The town changed it to Blue Heron as there already was a Park Rd.

A note of gratitude to the McRae family for offering up the land to be settled , and for allowing us to have two private parks.

Thank you. A happy and Healthy Summer to all!