

2013

McRae Beach Association Inc.

Newsletter

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Executive 2013

President:	vacant	
Past President:	Carole Benson	64 Blue Heron
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:	Kathy & Ward Lindsey	10 Laviolette Avenue

Important Dates 2013

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

June 23	First General Meeting, Sunday, 1st Park, 11am
July 28	Meeting for Executive and Field Day Volunteers, Sunday, 1st Park, 11 am
August 4	Field Day, Sunday, 1st Park, 11 am
August 4	Bingo, Sunday, 1st Park, 7 pm [bring your own chairs]
August 31	Bingo Saturday, 1st Park, 6:30 pm [bring your own chairs]
Sept 1	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 adonation / 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 <http://www.lakesimcoeliving.com>

Ontario Provincial Police Cottage Watch

http://www.opp.ca/Community/CrimePrevention/opp_000271.html

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 2013 are **\$50.00** per residence, as voted on at the Executive Annual General meeting in September, 2011. For less then \$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.

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 Event etc.

Parks Clean Up Dates

We need one to two hours of your time in the park closest to your dwelling on June 22 and/or June 23 at 1:30 pm. Please bring a rake, a shovel, a paper leaf bag, gloves, your muscles and a sense of humor. Together we can make a difference for all to enjoy.

Grass Cutting In the Parks

J.J Enterprises (17 McRae Beach South) is looking after cutting and trimming the grass in both parks as per the following schedule: [In May, June and July, 4 times per month. In August, September and October, 3 times per month.] As many of you are aware, the parks we enjoy belong to the Estate of Thomas McRae. We need to keep these parks tidy and clean from a visual and safety point of view. They are part of our neighbourhood that we are fortunate to enjoy as residents of McRae Beach.

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 free, 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]
June 10, 24 July 8, 22, 29 Aug. 6, 19 Sept. 3, 16, 30 Oct. 15, 28 Nov 11

Bag Tag Exemption Week- is September 23-26 [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 Turtle Island Recycling 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 30/11)
- 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/2013-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:

905-476-1803 110 High Street,

Sutton West, ON L0E 1R0

Hours: Thurs 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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 can not 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.

Boating Pre-departure Checklist

Personal and Environmental Planning:

Check the local weather forecast. Review marine charts or maps of the area to determine and mark local hazards. Consider the seasonal changes of the area. Talk with local boaters concerning hazards especially if no marine charts are available. Complete a trip plan and leave it with a responsible individual.

Preparation:

Inspect the craft, repair damage and tighten loose fittings.

Review emergency procedures and practice skills.

Review each passenger's responsibilities before boarding.

Show everyone where the equipment is stored and ensure required equipment is easily accessible.

Equipment:

Ensure all required safety equipment is on board and is in good working condition. Have enough approved flotation devices of the correct size for everyone on board.

Have the required and recommended safety equipment. This could include a first aid kit, repair kit, spare parts, necessary tools and survival rations.

Have enough fuel for the trip. Follow the rule of thirds when planning your fuel consumption, 1/3 to reach your destination, 1/3 to return and 1/3 for reserve. Have a means of communication like a cellphone or VHF radio. Make sure everyone on board has the appropriate clothing for protection from the weather.

Keeping the Family in the Family Cottage

How to plan for cottage succession for future generations despite the multiple financial hurdles and inevitable family issues.

Succession Stumbling Blocks

The current ownership generation is approaching or past retirement age. Discretionary income available for cottage expenses are decreasing, at the same time that cottage ownership costs (taxes, utilities, compliance with environmental regulations, septic system upgrades, maintenance, repairs) are increasing. Financial planning and prioritization of resources is critical to enable this generation of owners to afford to retain the cottage for the next generation.

The successor generation is challenged by the economic downturn and are less able to afford to buy a new cottage or afford sole ownership of any cottage property. For many, the only viable cottage opportunity for themselves and their children is to preserve the existing cottage in the family, sharing the usage and costs with siblings and other family members. Family cottages shared by multiple sibling families can cause inevitable friction, differences and disputes, for any family, putting the continued survival of the family cottage at risk following the succession.

Paying the Capital Gains Tax

The first challenge in changing the ownership of a cottage is the capital gains tax. This must be paid when the cottage is sold or transferred, during the parents' lifetime or after their death. Although the federal government recently reduced the impact of this tax, it can still cost tens of thousands of dollars, and many families are forced to sell the cottage as a result.

Keeping the Cottage Going

The second challenge is working out how the children will agree to use and operate the cottage. Among the questions to be answered are: Can any child use the cottage any time, or will there be periods of exclusive use? Who will open and close the cottage? Who makes sure the bills are paid? Who decides if improvements or additions are to be made? When a son dies, does his share of the cottage pass to his wife or his children, or does ownership continue with the surviving siblings only. Without good answers to these questions, many cottages become a source of family strife, not pleasure.

Managing Expenses

The third challenge involves the children's financial status. Usually siblings have different financial resources and abilities. Expenses are inevitable, whether it's replacing the septic system, paying the municipal taxes or repairing the roof. If some of the kids can't afford to contribute their fair share, then friction and stress are also inevitable.

The Solution

Professional Cottage Succession Planning

For more cottage succession information contact the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations 201-159 King Street Peterborough, ON K9J 2R8 P: (705) 749-3622 | F: (705) 749-6522 | E: info@foca.on.ca | W: www.foca.on.ca

Visit the Canadian Canoe Museum

The Canadian Canoe Museum is a unique national heritage centre that explores the canoe's enduring significance to the peoples of Canada.

Experience the world's largest collection of canoes, kayaks and paddled watercraft and learn how the canoe has defined the Canadian character and spirit. Spanning the country from coast to coast to coast, the museum's outstanding artifacts will let you "See Canada by canoe!"

It's an engaging, family-friendly museum with more than 100 canoes and kayaks on display. Visitors will enjoy interactive, hands-on galleries, a scavenger hunt, model canoe building and puppet theatre for children.

The museum store offers a wide range of canoe-themed clothing, books, artwork, media and gifts. Parking is free, and the site is accessible. You can sign up on site for classes, workshops, camps and membership.

The museum is located at 910 Monaghan Road in Peterborough. For more information go to <http://www.canoemuseum.ca>.



Ontario's Fish Stocking Program

Fish culture and stocking have a long history in Ontario. The earliest fish culture efforts in Ontario started with Samuel Wilmot who began rearing Atlantic salmon at a small facility near Newcastle, in 1865.

Today, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources operates nine provincial fish culture stations that produce approximately 8 million fish for stocking in public waters each year.

About 50% of these fish are intended to provide additional fishing opportunities through put-grow-and-take stocking. The remaining 50% are used to rehabilitate degraded fisheries. For example, the majority of lake trout stocked in the Great Lakes are intended to restore populations that were destroyed by sea lamprey predation and overfishing in the 1950s.

Legal & Common Sense

We extend a warm welcome to all who have made McRae Beach their permanent or summer address since the 2012 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 leashed or otherwise restrained 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.
- 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/hr when entering or exiting this area. Many residents have placed buoys at the 100' mark to assist in identifying the swimming area.

Georgina Events

July 1, 2013	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, inflatables, food and so much more. Fireworks start at 10 p.m.
July 13, 2013	East Coast Lobster Party at the Georgina Trades Training Centre, 5207 Baseline Rd, Sutton. (6-11pm) www.gtti.ca
July 13-14, 2013	12 th Annual Purple Turtle Art Festival at The Briars Resort. Come see amazing original paintings, sculptures, photography, pottery, jewellery, woodcraft, native art, and more. www.purpleturtlearts.ca
August 8-11, 2013	158 th Sutton Fair and Horse Show www.suttonfair.com
August 22-25, 2013	Baldwin Country Jamboree - Sentimental Journey, 23906 Hwy #48
August 23-25, 2013	Eaglewood Folk Festival www.eaglewoodfolk.com
August 24, 2013	Doors Open Georgina

