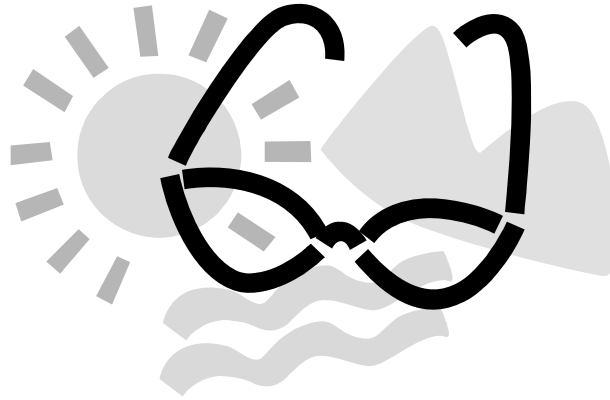


# Bay Lake Property Owners Association Newsletter

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## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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When: Sunday, **August 6, 2006**  
9:00 am until 12:00 noon

Where: Clear Lake / Bay Lake Community Hall

This is the most important function of the year. It is your chance to:

- *Hear a report from the Executive on its activities in the past year,*
- *Voice your opinions and suggestions,*
- *Vote where your Association's efforts will be directed in the coming year,*
- *Volunteer or nominate people for the Executive Committee.*

This year, **Constable Harry Rawluk**, Media Relations/Community Services Officer for the Huntsville O.P.P. Detachment, will be on hand to give a presentation on **Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design**. In the weeks before the AGM, Constable Rawluk will be in the area taking photos of various Bay Lake properties to use as examples during his presentation. We will also have brief presentations on the **Cottage Dreams** program and the **Clear Lake / Bay Lake Hall** situation.

### Executive Committee

Some members of the current Executive will not be able to sit on the Executive for the coming year. This means that we need people to take their place. Please consider volunteering for the BLPOA Executive.

If you would like to volunteer but are unable to attend the AGM, please contact any member of the Executive and let them know.

Your attendance and participation at the AGM is crucial for the continuation of this Association, so please be sure to attend. Plus, we're serving free coffee and donuts - you wouldn't want to miss that!

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## REPORT ON BLPOA ACTIVITIES

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### Pancake Breakfast

The unseasonably cold weather did not help our attendance numbers, but those people who did attend took advantage of the smaller crowd to sit and visit with neighbours and friends. They also enjoyed an excellent breakfast, giving rave reviews to the pancakes, sausages and local maple syrup.

Those who did attend also helped us set a record year for the silent auction table. Our Silent Auction Team did an excellent job of soliciting and displaying donations from local people and businesses. To those who did donate items, please accept our sincerest thanks for your generosity.

Our thanks also go out to all the volunteers whose efforts make this event a success.

### Fun Day

The weather definitely cooperated with us on this event. It was warm, sunny and breezy - perfect for the games and races. Approximately 80 people showed up to enjoy the activities and hot dogs. We gave out 120 prizes and cooked over 225 hot dogs! There seems to have been a tie for the most hot dogs eaten, with a number of people admitting to having eaten 4. One participant who wishes to remain anonymous (Doug Banwell) thinks he might have had 5 hot dogs but isn't positive, so we're declaring a tie!

Congratulations to Nancy Bourque who won \$60.00 in the 50/50 draw, and thank you to those who donated to the Fish Fund.

Thanks also - and again - to the volunteers who planned, set up and ran this event. Special thanks go to Trish and Dick Lambert for running the cray fish races again this year.



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## UPCOMING BLPOA ACTIVITIES

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Be sure to mark your calendars with the following events:

### POKER RUN

- Saturday, **August 5<sup>th</sup>**  
(rain date Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>)
- **1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**
- Start / Finish: Webber's Dock  
(look for the big Banner at their dock at the north-west end of the lake)
- **Prize for best decorated theme boat**
- Prizes for best **poker hands**
- Members and guests welcome

### PHOTO CONTEST

- Get your photos in to any Patti Tilley or any member of the Executive
- The **winning entry will be announced at the AGM**

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- Sunday, **August 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**
- Clear Lake / Bay Lake Hall
- See the article on page 1 for more details

### CORN ROAST

- We'll pick a Saturday evening in September (after the long weekend) and hold it at the public boat ramp at the west end of the lake
- Date and time to be posted at the Notice Board

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## WRAFT UPDATE

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Property tax reassessments by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) have been cancelled for the next two years to allow for the implementation of the recommendations laid out in the Ontario Ombudsman's report.

Bob Topp, Executive Director of WRAFT (Waterfront Ratepayers After Fair Taxation) and a spokesperson for The Ontario-wide Coalition After Property Tax Reform (CAPTR), announced qualified support for this two-year moratorium on property tax assessments.

“CAPTR supports the moratorium, but believes that the Finance Minister must use the next two years to create a fair property tax system in Ontario. He should start by listening to all groups, including CAPTR, who share that goal,” says CAPTR spokesperson Bob Topp.

WRAFT asks that you continue to write your MPP on this issue. Visit their website at [www.wraft.com](http://www.wraft.com) for more information.

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## CLEAR LAKE / BAY LAKE HALL

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The future of the Clear Lake / Bay Lake Hall is uncertain. Recent changes in the rules of the Gaming Commission of Ontario have made it impossible for the Hall to continue with its traditional fundraising methods. For example, those of us who enjoyed the annual Elimination Draw evening will not be able to do so this year due to these changes. If the Hall is to stay in operation, those running it need our help and ideas.

Ernie Rye will be attending the BLPOA AGM to give us an update on this situation (see the article on page 1 for information about our AGM).



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## LAKE STEWARD REPORT

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### FISH

Bay Lake will be stocked with **Lake Trout** this year by the MNR at no charge. Thanks to those people who caught a 6 lb Lake Trout already this year and released it.

Unfortunately, there have been many reports of people fishing **Bass** out of season. This is illegal -- even if you release the fish! So, before the last Saturday in June, please do not fish around the rocks or shoreline where the Bass are nesting. Let's give the Bass a chance to re-stock the lake on their own.

### REGULATIONS AND SAFETY

MNR patrols will be coming onto the lake on a regular basis and they will hand out fines to those breaking the rules. So:

- \* Don't fish out of season;
- \* Always carry your boating licence with you;
- \* Don't speed near the shoreline or in the No Wake zones.

**WATCH YOUR SPEED:** Bay Lake Road is now entirely paved and unfortunately some drivers have found that this makes it easier to speed. Please follow the posted speed limits to avoid possible encounters with the other drivers, pedestrians and wildlife that also use the road.

### OUR LAKE IS PRECIOUS HANDLE WITH CARE

We are sad and dismayed to report that at least 3 cottagers have been seen dumping sand in or near the lake this year. Not only is this illegal, but it jeopardizes the valuable resource that we all share -- Bay Lake. **Do not do this!** If you see someone do this, call the MNR and report it.

*For more information on altering your waterfront, visit the Fisheries and Oceans Canada website at [www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/regions/central/pub/fact-fait/info\\_e.htm](http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/regions/central/pub/fact-fait/info_e.htm).*

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## TOWNSHIP NEWS

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- **FIRE PERMITS**

Fire permits are no longer available at the Transfer Station on Highway 592. The closest location for obtaining a fire permit is at Annie's Hairstyling in Novar.

If you feel that fire permits should be available at the Transfer Station, please contact the Township office and let them know.

Phone: 705-636-5941

Fax: 705-636-5759

Mail: 90 Old Government Road  
Emsdale, ON P0A 1J0

Email: [theclerk@perrytownship.com](mailto:theclerk@perrytownship.com).

- **CHANGES TO GARBAGE BAG LIMITS**

You can now dump up to 5 bags of garbage per month for no charge. Additional bags are \$2.00 for each one over the limit.

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## FLOATING RAFTS

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Did you know that it's the law that floating rafts **must be painted white or yellow** and **have reflectors on 3 sides**? For the safety of everyone, please be sure your raft complies with these rules.

Which 3 sides you ask? The 3 not facing the shore!



Either give your completed form(s) to a member of the Executive or send to:

**P.O. Box 0, Station Site 4D, R.R. #1  
Emsdale, ON P0A 1J0**

If you are paying your membership fees or making a donation, please make your cheque payable to the Bay Lake Property Owners Association.

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## SIGN BOARD

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Anyone who is a paid member for 2006/2007 will have their name and lot number listed in the directory posted on the new sign board, unless they fill out and submit the form below.

Do not include my name on the signboard

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Lake 911 Address \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

The list will be updated again in October. If you have paid and do not see your name, please contact a member of the Executive or send an email to [mail@baylakeontario.com](mailto:mail@baylakeontario.com).

If you have not yet paid, please do so at the AGM (see page 1) or fill in the Membership Form on this page.

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## MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Lake 911 Address \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I am enclosing a cheque for my 2005-2006 dues:  
\$20.00 (maximum 2 votes at AGM)