

Bay Lake Property Owners Association Newsletter

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THE ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, May 20th.

We need our members to do one or more of the following things to help make this year's Pancake Breakfast a success:

1. VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

We need people to set up, serve and clean up. If you can spare a couple of hours that morning, please contact Cheryl or Doug (636-0222 or mail@baylakeontario.com).

2. DONATE ITEMS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION

The **Silent Auction** table has been a major contributor to our fundraising efforts. This year we are accepting **Bake Sale** goodies, such as cakes, pies, batches of cookies (wrapped, in non-returnable containers).

If you have anything that you can donate or contribute, please contact Cheryl or Doug (636-0222 or mail@baylakeontario.com)

3. ATTEND THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST...

...and bring your family, friends and neighbours. The more the merrier! While there, also be ready to:

(a) Pay your membership fees

The cost is only \$20.00, and this year we are giving to everyone who pays their 06/07 membership, or renews for 07/08, a copy of the book entitled *On the Living Edge*, which is brimming with interesting, important and valuable information about waterfront property.

(b) Make purchases at the Silent Auction

We will have lots of great stuff and good bargains - and home-made baked goodies... so come with a full wallet.

(c) Buy 50/50 Draw Tickets

The winner gets half the money from the tickets sold!

(d) Buy a Bay Lake Shirt

As announced in the last issue of this newsletter, we are launching a new **Fish Fund Fundraiser** through the purchase of premium-quality, royal blue **t-shirts** or **sweat shirts** imprinted with the **Bay Lake name** and **loons logo**. The donation levels are as follows:

Donation Level	Reward
\$15.00	One youth t-shirt
\$20.00	One adult t-shirt
\$30.00	One adult sweat shirt
\$40.00	One adult hooded sweat shirt, zippered or pullover

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RECIPE EXCHANGE

Thanks to Janice Paterson for sending along this recipe for an interesting appetizer served warm from the oven.

Bacon-Wrapped Dates

Bacon

Pitted Honey Dates

1. Cut some bacon in half and partially cook it until it is nearly done but not quite.
2. Wrap one bacon slices around a pitted honey date and secure with a tooth pick.
3. Heat in 350 degree oven until the bacon looks crispy.
4. Cool slightly and serve (be careful, the date gets really hot!).

The combination of the salty bacon and the sweet date is great!

Please send us your recipes by email to:
recipes@baylakeontario.com.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEWS

Congratulations to the Environment Subcommittee for a very successful Pitch- In Day (see the article on page 3 for more details). Thanks so much to everyone from the Executive who participated and to all those volunteers who came out.

Janice Paterson is still collecting digital **photos** to be included in next year's **Bay Lake calendar** and to be entered in our **photo contest**. Send your digital photos to willyp@xplornet.ca, or drop off printed photos at 501 North Bay Lake Road.

LAKE UPDATE

- The ice bid its final farewell on Friday, April 20th.
- The Jeep is still in the lake. The owner's insurance company is arranging for the rental of the equipment to get it removed, and then they will set a date for the removal. Hopefully, the Jeep will be out of the lake by the time you read this.
- Don't forget that the bass season opens on Saturday, June 23rd this year. Please do not start fishing earlier since even "catch and release" can disrupt nesting and negatively impact future fish stocks.

SUMMER BOATING

The nice weather is (almost!) here and many people will be getting their boats in the water soon.

Please remember to follow these important guidelines:

- Watch out for swimmers and non-motorized boats;
- Reduce your speed in no-wake zones - and always be aware of the wake you are creating as it can damage shorelines and nesting areas;
- Be extra careful when re-fueling so as not to spill gasoline into the water (there are devices available that greatly reduce the risk of spillage).

Let's have a safe and happy boating season for everyone on Bay Lake.

PITCH-IN DAY - A SUCCESS

Thanks to the 28 volunteers (plus 8 Executive Committee members) who braved the bright sunshine and warm temperatures to pick the garbage off the roads leading to and around Bay Lake.

The enthusiastic crowd hauled all the garbage back to the Boat Ramp for sorting and then many took advantage of the chance to pay their membership fees and/or order a Bay Lake t-shirt or sweatshirt.

Our event got started around 9:00 and the last load of garbage was delivered to the Recycling Centre by 11:30.

Great work by all the volunteers involved:

Sarah and David Adams
Patty Adams
Judy and John Dunn
Kara Dunn and Dean Cairns
John Froese
Kelly and Drew Herder
Harold Keeton
Maurice Kingshott
Trish and Dick Lambert
Fred Lishman
Faye MacDonald
Sheila and Ron Maisonville
Debbie Monchamp
Gaynor Moore
Julie and Todd Parks
Fred Stamper
Bonnie & Doug Templeton
Patti and Rob Tilley
Brenda Webber

Thanks also to those individuals who took it upon themselves to clean up the area around their own places as well.

SHARING OUR ROADS

While ATVs are allowed on roads in Perry Township the following rules apply:

- The driver must have a valid drivers licence
- The driver must wear a helmet
- There can be **one driver only** per ATV and **no passengers**
- Drivers must follow the ATV speed limits:
 - if the posted speed for a section of road is 50 km/hr or less, an **ATV must not exceed** a speed of **20 km/hr**
 - if the posted speed for a section of road is more than 50 km/hr, an ATV must not exceed a speed of 50 km/hr
- An ATV shall not be operated in a manner that:
 - is a risk to the safety of the driver or others
 - may cause harm or material discomfort to any person from dust, emissions or noise
 - is likely to cause alterations, disruptions or destruction to the natural environment including erosion damage or degradation of the road
- ATV drivers must observe all the rules of the road including driving on the right-hand side of the road
- ATV drivers must drive only on the shoulder of the road or, if there is no shoulder, as close to the right side of the road as possible

A full version of the "All Terrain Vehicle By-Law" can be found on the Perry Township Website at www.perrytownship.com.

GOOD NIGHT ... AND TURN OUT THE LIGHTS!

Do you have a light that stays on all night?
Then please consider:

- turning it off...or
- switching it to a motion sensor light...or
- putting it on a timer that turns it off by midnight...or
- shrouding or re-directing it so that it doesn't shine across the lake or at the neighbours.

One of the most common 'complaints' we hear is of neighbours who leave bright or inappropriately aimed lights on – ruining night sky viewing or disrupting sleep. One property owner can make shadow puppets on the wall of their bedroom because of the brightness of the light that is left on all night across the lake.

Since people are not always comfortable approaching their neighbours about this, please take the initiative and make adjustments to your lighting. If you are approached by a neighbour, please listen and act in a spirit of cooperation and goodwill.

If your neighbours aren't an issue, your electrical bill might be! You can reduce your energy consumption by switching to lower wattage bulbs. A 'silver half moon' light bulb will not only reduce upward glare but can provide good illumination from only a 15 watt bulb.

Canadian Tire, Home Depot and Living Lighting in Bracebridge all carry Dark Sky Lighting products. There is also a good outdoor light called The GlareBuster that can be ordered from:

<http://www.luminessencelighting.com>.

THREE MILE LAKE UPDATE

You may recall that Three Mile Lake experienced a devastating toxic algae bloom last year – blue/green fluorescent scum 5" deep...and smelly. Since then, the property owners have been busy. They have revived their Property Owners Association and have been working with various government and environmental agencies to test and monitor their lake water. They have also had inspections done on the 521 septic systems on the lake. Forty-six (46) of these were found to be in bad condition and orders for repair or replacement have been issued to the owners.

The Executive of their POA conducted dock-to-dock visits during which they invited people to join the Association (\$100.00 per year, including a copy of *On the Living Edge*), performed a survey of the building, dock and shoreline elements, and handed out information on how to reduce the amount of phosphate that is entering their lake.

There are two things that all waterfront property owners can do to greatly reduce their phosphate production:

1. **DO NOT USE FERTILIZER**
2. **USE PHOSPHATE-FREE CLEANING PRODUCTS**

One line of phosphate-free products is called Nature Clean. Some of their items are available from both A&P and Robinson's Independent in Huntsville. We encourage everyone to start using these products – or ones like them – to help Bay Lake keep its phosphate level down. You can visit www.franktross.com to find out more about the Nature Clean products.

Let's all do everything we can to help Bay Lake stay healthy. No one wants a toxic algae outbreak to negatively impact our life on Bay Lake – and reduce our property values!