

# Bay Lake Property Owners Association Newsletter

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### REPORT ON THE AGM

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See the article on **pages 2 and 3** of this newsletter for a report on the AGM and the activities of the new Executive Committee.

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### UPCOMING ELECTION

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#### MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT

As long as you own property in Perry Township, you can vote! Mail-in voter kits will be mailed to all electors during the week of October 16, 2006. If you do not receive your kit, contact the Perry Township office. All mail-in votes must be received by November 10<sup>th</sup>, so **mail your vote by October 31<sup>st</sup>** or drop it off at the Township Office.

#### *Tips for Completing your Ballot*

1. Complete your ballot using a black-ink pen.
2. Do not write anything else on the ballot, or on the secrecy envelope.
3. Insert the completed ballot in the secrecy envelope and seal (do not include anything other than the ballot in the secrecy envelope).
4. Sign the Voter Declaration Form and detach it from the instructions (do not place this form in the secrecy envelope).
5. Place the sealed secrecy envelope and the completed Voter Declaration Form into the return envelope (only one secrecy envelope and one Voter Declaration Form per reply envelope).

You can vote for one of the two candidates running for mayor (Bill Core and Ernie Lumley) and for up to 4 of the 12 people who are running for the 4 Councillor spots. Two “**Meet the Candidates**” sessions are scheduled for **Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**, from **12:00-3:00 pm** at the **Novar Hall** and from **7:00-10:00 pm** at the **Emsdale Community Centre**.

#### LOCAL RESIDENT RUNNING FOR COUNCIL

Long-time Bay Lake cottager and now full-time resident, **John Dunn**, has been attending Council meetings since last October and has been very active in township activities. He is a member of the Parks & Recreation study group and is the representative for Perry Township on the Almaguin Community Policing Board. He is also a member of the new Property Standards committee and was instrumental in drafting the Property Standards bylaw which was just recently approved by Council.

John believes that his involvement in all these activities, as well his 30 years of business experience working at IBM Canada, will serve him well as Councillor should he get elected.

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## REPORT ON THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Thank you to those members who attended the AGM this year. Unfortunately, many members did not attend and the resulting turnout was quite low. In addition to that, or perhaps as a consequence of it, the Association was in real danger of having to disband because it was unable to name 11 volunteers to the Executive. A special thanks goes to those who did step forward, especially those who did so specifically so the Association could continue.

At its first meeting, it became obvious to this year's Executive that a much greater focus needs to be placed on membership. We need to encourage more people to join the Association, and we need to help all members understand how important it is to attend the AGM. A Membership Subcommittee has been formed whose purpose it will be to look into membership drives and initiatives. In addition, Roger Monchamp has volunteered to be our Membership Representative. He will be welcoming new owners to the lake and the Association, and will be the main contact for existing owners to renew or check up on their membership status. Please feel free to call or visit Roger.

This year's Executive has also decided to focus its efforts on water/environment issues through the formation of the Environment Subcommittee. Reports on their activities and findings will appear in upcoming issues of this newsletter.

In placing priority on membership and environment issues, the Executive needed to realistically determine how much time and effort they were able to put into social events. As a consequence, it was decided that we did not have the resources among the members of the Executive to host a Corn Roast this fall. It is currently our plan that the Pancake Breakfast will continue to be held on the long weekend

in May, and that we can re-vamp Fun Day in the summer so that it has more activities, including the boat Poker Run and possibly a Star Gazing evening. However, in order to pull these events off successfully, we are going to need your help and your attendance.

The Executive also decided to continue hosting the website and posting items on it, including eBayLake. This newsletter, too, will continue to be distributed 4 times a year, and the member's Directory Listing on the Sign Board will continue to be updated.

The policy on distribution of the newsletter is that it is provided (via mail or email) to anyone who has paid membership dues in any one of the last 3 years. Those whose dues are unpaid for 3 years in a row will be removed from the mailing list. The newsletter is also posted electronically on our website, and a copy is displayed on the Sign Board with extra copies placed in the BLPOA Newsletter box.

The policy on the Directory Listing has been that it will be updated in June and October of each year and that you must be a paid-up member at that time to be listed. In order to encourage people to pay their membership dues, this Executive has decided that updates will be posted on the Sign Board year-round whenever there are 3 additions to the listing. Also, copies of the Membership Form are now available in the BLPOA Newsletter box at the Sign Board. You can also contact Roger Monchamp, or any member of the Executive, to pay your membership dues at any time.

This year's Executive had the difficult task of deciding how to proceed in the face of reduced involvement from the membership and the loss of several long-standing members from last year's Committee. We want to avoid the burn-out factor for Executive members, but there needs to be a level of confidence that members

of the Association will play a more active role. In light of that, here's what we need from you:

- **Pay your membership dues.** Fill in the form available on the website or at the Sign Board, or contact Roger Monchamp.
- **Volunteer your time.** You know what we're doing and when, so contact a member of the Executive in advance of the events to offer to help out.
- **Attend the events.** The Pancake Breakfast is our major fundraiser, so we *need* you there. The other activities are put on especially for you, so we *want* you there.
- **Attend at the AGM.** This is key. We need your involvement and input...period, end of sentence!
- **Sit on the Executive.** We need 11 members, and we need new people every year so that the existing people don't get burned out.

What we really need is your support to make this an active, effective organization.

**HOW TO VOLUNTEER**

**Contact a member of the Executive:**

**Phone** one of us (numbers are in the Executive Committee list);

**Drop by** (addresses are in the Executive Committee list);

**Email** us at [mail@baylakeontario.com](mailto:mail@baylakeontario.com);

Stop us on the road.

**YOUR 2006/2007  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

<b>President</b> 773 Bay Lake Road	Cheryl Stamper 636-0222
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	Glen Vey 58 Frank Lane 636-1414
	Randy Webber 799 Bay Lake Road 636-5401
<b>Lake Steward</b> 1451 Bay Lake Road	Jack Podwinski 636-7365

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## REPORT ON BLPOA ACTIVITIES

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### POKER RUN

Another fun event! Prizes for best decorated boat went to the Aloha theme (Pete and May and family) and the Pirates theme (Colin and Katie and family), and the winning poker hand went to the Blake family with a Full House.

### PHOTO CONTEST

Thanks to everyone who submitted pictures. And the winner is...Norm Graham. Congratulations, Norm!

### THE BIG WIND STORM

While Bay Lake residents were without power for 3 days, most were fortunate not to experience severe damage. The early-morning wind storm brought trees down, but Bay Lakers were quickly out with chain saws to open up the roads and help their neighbours.

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## CLEAR LAKE / BAY LAKE HALL

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The hall that we share needs your support. It's a great facility for social events, and members enjoy reduced booking rates. To become a member or to book a function, contact Jim Hilt (705-636-1862, [jimohilt@vianet.ca](mailto:jimohilt@vianet.ca), Box 3, Site 2B, Emsdale, ON P0A 1J0).

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## TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Good news - fire permits are once again available at the Transfer Station (affectionately known as The Dump) on Highway 592. Many thanks to those who organized and signed the petition on this. Our efforts made a difference!

You will need a fire permit for any outdoor fires through to the end of October, then starting again on April 1st.

Many people have been asking why they need to get a fire permit. One reason: so that you can be contacted if a fire ban comes into effect during the time-frame covered by your permit.

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## LAKE STEWARD REPORT

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### ACTIVITY UPDATE

The MNR stocked us up with a batch of Lake Trout this summer. They also responded to complaints and issued a fine to one cottage owner for dumping sand in the lake.

### A RESCUE OPERATION

In mid-August our Lake Steward received several calls to report that a loon was in distress from having a fishing line caught around its beak and wing. A posse of concerned Bay Lakers tried for hours to catch the loon, but it kept diving when they got near. Finally, the exhausted loon went into the shores near one of the islands and a brave rescuer was able to net it. It took 5 people to hold the loon down while others cut off the barbed hook, sinker and line wrapped around the loon's beak and neck and wing.

When they set the loon free, it seemed to say thanks by stretching up and spreading its wings and paddling around the rescuers before finally swimming away.

Our sincere thanks go out to everyone involved in this rescue operation, especially the Twigger family for the use of their net, and Christine VanGassen and her father, Ivan Drewery, visitors to our lake who very bravely netted the loon.

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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. The list will be updated again in October and throughout the year as memberships come in. If you have paid and do not see your name, please contact Roger Monchamp or send an email to [mail@baylakeontario.com](mailto:mail@baylakeontario.com). If you have not yet paid, please get a copy of the form off the website or at the Sign Board, or contact Roger Monchamp.