

NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2016



Our Mission:

To promote and maintain a healthy lake environment, and to encourage the responsible use of Bay Lake for the enjoyment and benefit of our community today and for the future

Message From Your Executive

It's Spring! (Or so the calendar says.) And as the days grow longer and the sun's rays grow stronger, one can't help but start thinking about the fun-filled spring and summer activities that lay ahead. Mother Nature took it a bit easier on us this winter. And while many may have enjoyed the less severe conditions, the dedicated snowmobile enthusiasts among us didn't have the greatest of seasons this year. However, I'm sure we are all looking forward to the great spring days soon to come. We are truly fortunate to share and enjoy all that Bay Lake has to offer.

Our annual Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction fundraiser will again take place on the May long weekend. So mark Sunday May 22nd, 9:00am to 12:00 noon on your calendar! This is an excellent opportunity to enjoy breakfast, catch up with friends and neighbours and pick up some great deals in the Silent Auction. This event is only successful because of our wonderful volunteers. So if you can help us for a couple of hours on this day, please contact Gaynor Moore at gmoore0711@rogers.com. For our regular volunteers who have been helping with this event for many years, we will of course be contacting you regarding your availability again this year. If you wish to make a donation to the Silent Auction, it is greatly appreciated. Just contact Pat Nimigeon at bpnimigeon@hotmail.com to let us know what you would like to donate.

The Pancake Breakfast is also an excellent opportunity to renew your Association Membership. This year, in appreciation of your 2016-2017 membership, you will receive a 4" x 6" plaque featuring a beautiful aerial photo of Bay Lake. This plaque is suitable for posting in a prominent location, such as at your driveway or dock, indicating you are a proud supporter of the Bay Lake Property Owners Association.

Also available for purchase at the Pancake Breakfast will be an 11" x 17" laminated version of the new Bay Lake Boat Launch Sign. The cost will be \$5.00. This sign which shows water depths throughout the lake, was featured in the Winter Newsletter, so check it out if you missed it. It will be installed at the Boat Launch later this spring. Speaking of signs, keep an eye out for action down at the Bay Lake Signboard. The refurbishment project will begin as soon as possible, so let's hope the weather cooperates. We look forward to the end result giving visitors a beautiful first impression of our amazing Bay Lake Community.

One of our Executive members, Don Pestill, has found it necessary to resign from his position on the executive. Don has been an enthusiastic member who will be missed. We thank Don for his contributions during his brief, but valuable, time on the Executive.

As your Executive, it is a privilege to work on your behalf. We thank you for your on-going support and participation and look forward to continuing to work together with you to achieve our goal of a healthy lake and community!

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Native Plant Sale

Once again the Muskoka Conservancy is hosting its annual native plant sale. This is an excellent opportunity to “naturalize” our properties with trees, shrubs and perennials which are “native” to our environment. It is always a good idea to add some native plants to the “buffer zone” between the living space and the shoreline of our properties.



To see the selection of plants and order on-line, visit www.muskokaconservancy.org. Then go to Events, Native Plant Sale.

Or call (705) 645-7393 x200

Orders must be placed by Monday May 2nd, 2016.

Pick-up is in Huntsville at Avery Beach Park on Saturday May 7th, 2016.

Boating & Nature

Boating is an integral part of our life by water. It allows us to take in the wonderful scenery that surrounds our waterfront properties.

But unless we are careful, the impact that boating can have on the water may produce negative consequences.

Fuel spills, poorly maintained engines, and old motors not only cost us a bundle, they can also be costly to fish and wildlife habitat. Of course, the least disruptive in terms of noise and water quality to use are those that are non-motorized. However there are many things that those of us using motorized boats can do to ensure the impact we have on the shoreline environment is a minimal one.

See Below The Checklist For Tips

Follow The ‘Green-Boater’ Checklist

- Keep up with regular engine maintenance.
- Inspect fuel line, clamps and filters on monthly basis.
- Drive at NO-WAKE speeds when approaching shorelines.
- Fuel up away from water if tank is detachable.
- Choose non toxic cleaners, clean your boat while on shore .
- Use the least toxic hull paint possible.
- Use bilge pillows or absorbent pads to soak up oil, fuel, or antifreeze, or install a bilge filter.
- Opt for the latest four-stroke or modern two-stroke injection motor.



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We would love to hear from you! If you have any stories or photos from your Bay Lake experiences, email them to:

info@muskokarealestatenorth.com
and we would be happy to include them in our next newsletter!



Lake Steward Report

An application for a license to stock pickerel in our lake has been submitted to the MNR.

The Fish Committee will meet prior to restocking, once the license has been approved.

The BLPOA received \$1000 from the Township of Perry. This money is through the Water Monitoring Grant Program 2015. In light of recent issues with the presence of Blue/Green Algae in the area, we increased our water testing last year to ensure early detection of any similar problems on Bay Lake. Bill Patterson and Judy Dunn are to be lauded for their on-going dedication to keeping tabs on our water quality.

With Spring just around the corner, various duck boxes around the lake have been stocked with fresh shavings awaiting their arrival! We are missing one wood duck house and pole from the East side of Benfair island; if anyone finds this, please notify the Executive.



Landfill Information

Open 8:00am-4:00pm Friday to Tuesday
Closed Wednesdays and Thursdays

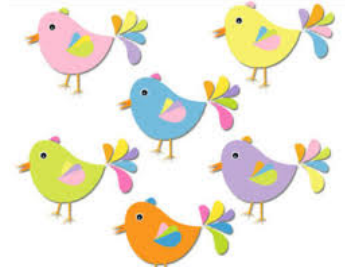
Waste Management cards can be picked up from the Transfer Station Attendant; proof of residence is required by either driver's license or a utility bill. Each household is permitted to dispose of an allotted 5 bags of refuse per month. A charge of \$2.00 for each bag to be disposed of over and above the 5 bag limit shall apply. A bag of refuse can be no larger than 26" by 36". Carry-over of bags from one month to another is not permitted (bags must be used within the allotted month on the disposal card).

*****CLEAR GARBAGE BAGS ONLY ACCEPTED*****



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Pitch-in Day

We are once again seeking volunteers to assist us with this important, annual community event to pick up trash that has accumulated on our roads over the winter months.

When: Sunday April 24th at 9:00a.m. (Rain or Shine)

Where: Meet at the Boat Ramp

Volunteers should wear boots and appropriate clothing. We provide cotton gloves, but feel free to bring your own if you wish. Pick-up sticks will also be available.

Come and enjoy the fresh air with us! We should be finished no later than noon and aside from keeping Bay Lake Beautiful your effort will also be rewarded with a Complimentary Pancake Breakfast ticket!



Spring Has Sprung!

Enjoy the longer days, warmer temperatures, and hopefully not too many black flies! We will be back in touch in a few months with your Summer Newsletter!



Mark Your Calendars!

- Annual Pancake Breakfast - May22/2016
- Annual General Meeting - August 7/2016
- Pitch-in Day - April 24/2016
- Corn Roast - TBD

