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Dock Talk is a publication of the Healey Lake Property Owners Association (HLPOA)

President's Message

David Latter

I attended the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA) meeting this March on behalf of the Healey Lake Property Owners Association (HLPOA).

FOCA provides the important service of having one voice speaking on behalf of all the cottager associations. They have more expertise for handling and/or managing issues at the political and provincial levels that are beyond the capabilities of most individual associations.

FOCA has several roles but two important ones are:

It works with government and other partners on important policy and best practices, to make our waterfront communities environmentally and financially sustainable.

Keeps us informed about changes in legislation and other timely cottage-country news.

There are also direct financial benefits for purchasing insurance, propane from designated providers and cottage supplies. For more information visit the web site at www.foca.on.ca.

It was quite enlightening to hear what some associations are up to. Some invest a lot of time and effort in projects and communications. Your Executive is not quite as ambitious as some, but there were some good ideas promoted that we will try to incorporate into our website and our management practices.

One of the presentations was from MPAC. Your property assessments have been updated this year. MPAC mails a Property Assessment Notice to property owners in Ontario every four years. The Notice you received/will receive in 2016 is MPAC's assessed value of your property as of January 1, 2016.

Log on to aboutmyproperty.ca to learn more about

how your property was assessed, see the information MPAC has on file and, if you want, you can compare it to others in your neighbourhood.

If you wish to appeal the comparison option is a good place to start. The "Request for Consideration Form" to launch an appeal is on the MPAC website.

Boating season has now begun. There was a presentation on the "Safe Quiet Lakes" program at the May 22 AGM. Your participation at these meetings and programs is welcomed.

If there are any issues on particular concerns that need the attention of the Executive, please email me at dlatter@bellnet.ca or call my cell at 416 407-4965

Mark your calendar now!

July 30 - Regatta – Lakeshore Marina

July 9 - Bottle Drive

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Councillor's Corner

Grant Walker, Ward 6

FROM/DE: West Parry Sound

Detachment

DATE: April 18, 2016

BICYCLE SAFETY

(WEST PARRY SOUND, ON) - Cycling can be an excellent way to enjoy the summer. Understanding the rules of the road and practicing proper safety and handling technics can enhance that enjoyment for both cyclists and motorists. Members of the West Parry Sound Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) wish everyone a safe summer.

There are some roads in Ontario where cycling is not allowed for safety reasons, including the 400-series highways. For the most part though, our roads are for the enjoyment and transportation of everyone, using a wide variety of approved powered and non-powered vehicles.

Motorists:

- Motorists must allow cyclists a safe space to ride on the roadway, as a bicycle has the same rights and responsibilities when on the road. Keep in mind that a cyclist may have to use more of the road if the right portion of the roadway is very rough, has potholes or sewer drains.
- If you decide to pass a cyclist, ensure that you pass in a safe place that will allow you to overtake the rider without forcing them off the road. It is also wise to reduce your speed as you pass by to avoid startling the person riding their bike.
- Use a little extra caution and drive defensively when travelling through residential areas or near schools. Younger riders may dart out onto the street suddenly from the school yard or driveway.



Cyclists:

- Obey all traffic laws. Cyclers must obey the same traffic laws as any other vehicle on the road.
- Be a responsible rider. Do regular inspections of your bicycle to make sure that it is in proper working order.
- Make sure that your bike is the correct size for you. A bike that is not the right size for you is difficult to control.
- **WEAR A HELMET!!!!**
Helmets are mandatory for all riders under 18 years old and are just common sense. Helmets must also be fitted and worn properly.
- Be aware of local bylaws regarding riding on the sidewalk as this may not be permitted in your community. Also get off your bike when using a crosswalk at a controlled intersection.
- When riding on the street, ride as close to the right side of the road as safely possible. Generally 1 metre is the rule of thumb. You should allow yourself enough room to move to the right without hitting the curb if a vehicle crowds you. When riding in slower traffic, do not pass a vehicle on the right. You are required to follow behind the vehicle in front of you. Passing on the right is an offence and is dangerous and a vehicle that is turning right may not see you.
- Scan the road ahead for potholes, sewer grates or other road hazards. This will allow you to safely take the space you need to stop or move around the hazard. Do not swerve suddenly as you may lose control of your bike or be struck by a passing vehicle.
- Signal your intentions. If you must move out into traffic, change lanes, stop, or turn; use the proper hand signals to let others know where you are going. This is required by law.



The Healey Lake Property Owner's Association Facebook page has 167 (maybe more now) 'Likes' from cottagers and friends of the lake. Join us today!

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Councillor's Corner

Grant Walker, Ward 6

BICYCLE SAFETY - cont'd

Ride in single file on the roadway and allow enough space between you and the bike ahead of you.

Do not take a passenger on your bike ... period. This is extremely dangerous as you dramatically reduce your ability to manoeuvre your bike safely. It is also illegal unless the bike is designed for two persons.

Wear bright clothing and be visible.

If you plan to ride at night, you are required to have a working headlight and a tail light on your bike. This will help you to be visible and to see where you are going.

Very young riders should be properly supervised. Children under 10 years of age do not have the decision making skills to judge speed and distance that adults have. A parent should be riding with their children. It is also important to teach your children how to ride their bikes safely and make them aware of the rules.

Cycling is one of the most enjoyable ways for families to spend time together and enjoy the outdoors. It is also a privilege and not a right. Cycling safety is the responsibility of everyone who uses the streets, roads and highways – no matter what method of transportation you are using. Do your part to keep it safe and fun.

The OPP urges everyone to respect all road users and make the safety of all a priority.

For more information visit www.sharetheroad.ca or the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) web site at <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/bicycle-safety.shtml>

Contact: Provincial Constable Miles Loach
Community Safety Officer

Phone: (705) 746-4225

www.opp.ca

Twitter: @OPP_NER or @PPO_Nordest

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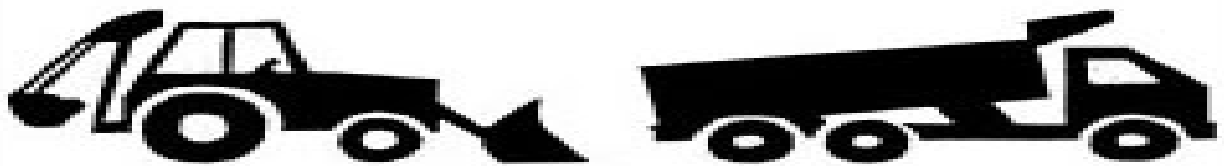
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Regatta News

Mark your calendars for another amazing Healey Lake Regatta!

Join us on
 Saturday,
 July 30,
 2016 at 9am
 for kids
 races or
 come later
 for lots of
 adult and
 older (teen)



kids activities. Regatta will be held at Lakeshore Marina for another year. Thanks to Ben Ramolla and his family for their generosity!

We NEED an MC !!! Dan MacLeod has done a tremendous job the past few years but it is time for someone new to take on the role of announcing kids races. If you would be willing to do part or all of the Regatta announcing please contact Angie.



Maybe MC is not your thing but Volunteers are needed for all kind of jobs big or small! Just email Angie Reichenbach your willingness to help out, contact info, where you might help and for how long you are available.

Angie's email: areichenbach05@gmail.com

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LOOKING FOR

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 for the
 Regatta

July 30 '16
 We need you!

Bottle Drive

July 9 '16

Can you help?

Contact Dave Latter

dlatter@bellnet.ca

Cell: 416 407- 4965



Membership Update

Sharon Tosswill

Membership now stands at 181. Remember if you have not paid, you can now pay through PAYPAL available at www.healeylake.org



Cottagers who are paying via PayPal will still need to send in their form. Signed, scanned forms can be emailed to Sharon.

Membership forms were sent out some time ago. Membership fees are \$40 again this year, with associate memberships available for lake supporters who are not property owners.

If you have not already done so, please take a moment to complete the form, sign it and return it to Sharon Tosswill.

The cottage directory is well underway and getting close to printing.

Questions or inquiries can be emailed to Sharon_tosswill@hotmail.com

About Safe Quiet Lakes Boater's Code

On May 22, '16 at the annual general meeting of the Healey Lake Property Owners, JJ Mitchel from Safe Quiet Lakes (SQL) was the featured speaker. Safe Quiet Lakes is a not-for-profit community group of boaters that promotes;

- Safe, respectful boating and the adoption of the SQL boaters' code - Boaters Always Care
- The preservation of the community culture in the Muskoka region through respectful and safe use of our shared waterways.

Watch for new large postings at the Healey Lake Marinas and Lodge of the Boater's Code – Respectful boating guidelines from Safe Quiet Lakes

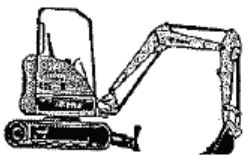


For more information or to get involved visit <http://safequiet.ca/>

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Be on the lookout for an new editor for Dock Talk ... someone armed with a fresh approach and raring to tell the ongoing Healey Lake story.

Feel free to approach and ask whoever the interested party is to contact our HLPOA President or Secretary

Rich Reward: Meet many fine Healey Lakers



So ... You Are Going To Rent Your cottage ... a few things to think about

Interest in renting cottages as an investment or simply a way of offsetting costs associated with owning is gaining lots of attention. Here are a few things to think about:



- ◆ Contact your insurance company to be sure you have coverage required for renting.
- ◆ Communication is key. Meet the people to whom you are renting. Remember not everyone is familiar with cottage life so be sure to include information such as fire safety, safety around boats and the water, what not to flush down the toilet; respect for wildlife, behaviour of pets, bylaws re: fire crackers, noise, and how to handle garbage. A information package is a good idea. Be sure to include important contact information including emergency services in the area.
- ◆ Be aware that allowing renters to use your watercraft and other motorized vehicles presents safety and liability concerns. Marinas often rent equipment, provide instruction and required safety equipment. Marinas should have the insurance coverage required but renters should be encouraged to check this out.
- ◆ Those renting should provide properly fitted life jackets for their children. By providing life jackets that are not the correct, you can increase your liability.
- ◆ Renting requires a cottage that is spick and span. Time is required to clean before the first renter and then in between renters. A cleaning service may be the answer.



Now how does this work?



Amazing Places open for summer in UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve

1 French River Gorge: Check out the pedestrian bridge for an incredible view.

2 Lynx Loop: Venture over to the Georgian Nordic Activity Centre to find 30 km of year-round trails.

3 Twin Points Trail: This 1.8 moderate trail showcases the breathtaking scenery of Killbear Provincial Park.

4 Hole in the Wall: Cruise through this narrow channel of steep rock cliffs and ancient trees.

5 Waterfront Trail: An accessible 8km trail on the Town of Parry Sound's shoreline.

6 Tower Hill Lookout: Climb 30 meters up to enjoy a spectacular 360° view of the Sound.

7 Park to Park Trail: Stretching 230km in total, this multi-use trail invites hiking and biking.

8 The Massasauga: Paddle through this cluster of islands to witness incredible geological patterns.

9 Johnston's Cranberry Marsh: Provides tours and trails of the vast cranberry bog, year-round.

10 Christian Beach: The west side of Beausoleil Island in Georgian Bay Islands National Park provides incredible sunsets.

These *Amazing Places* were picked by the public and are intended to showcase special features of the Georgian Bay Biosphere region while connecting people to nature. Check them out and for more information go to <http://visitamazingplaces.ca/>



A grant from Mountain Equipment Co-op (MEC) will go to enhance signage, bike racks and trails.



Source: Delaina 2016 @ <http://www.gbbr.ca/about-us/news/>



SAFE QUIET LAKES (SQL) AND OPP LAUNCH AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

SAFE QUIET LAKES AND OPP LAUNCH AWARENESS CAMPAIGN TO ENCOURAGE SAFE BOATING AND REDUCE EXCESSIVE NOISE ON THE MUSKOKA LAKES

Annual Safe Quiet Lakes campaign gets underway on Victoria Day weekend.

May 20, 2016 - Regional advocacy group Safe Quiet Lakes is launching its annual awareness and safety campaign in cooperation and with support from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). In addition to critical reminders about respect, safety and the risks on the water, the campaign is also highlighting the growing issue of excessive noise created by some powerboats, including those that boaters can choose to operate with their muffler system disengaged.



The campaign will remind boaters that it is not only against the law to operate a boat without a muffler on the Muskoka lakes but it is also inconsistent with the culture of the lakes. "We share these spectacular lakes and all of us have a responsibility to respect our neighbours," says Paul Coffey, Muskoka cottager and NHL Hall-of-Famer. "We risk ruining this precious environment if we run our boats without considering the impact of noise or disengaging the mufflers. It's just not cool. Let's all show some respect and protect the safe, quiet Muskoka we love."

Surveys conducted by Safe Quiet Lakes indicate that the majority of cottage owners and residents in the Muskoka region are unhappy with the excessive noise from some powerboats. And in fact, the same surveys indicate that enjoyment of the lakes for paddlers, sailors and powerboat owners is directly correlated to perceptions of safety and quiet. Throughout the summer long campaign, Safe Quiet Lakes and the OPP will be educating boat owners to be aware of the different types of muffler systems and configurations that are found in the wide variety of vessels throughout Muskoka and the regulations that govern them. The OPP will be enforcing these regulations and want the public to be able to identify what meets regulation and what is prohibited under the Canada Shipping Act.

The Safe Quiet Lakes campaign begins on the Victoria Day long weekend and will run through Labour Day, reminding lake users that "Boaters Always Care". During the campaign volunteers from Safe Quiet Lakes and officers from the OPP Marine Unit will be working with boat operators to educate them on the ways to operate their vessels safely, quietly and respectfully. Safe Quiet Lakes Board Chair Frances Carmichael says, "Almost everyone in the Muskoka Region is a boater, including all of us at Safe Quiet Lakes, and we want to promote the positive and considerate boating culture in the area. That way we can all enjoy the lakes that we treasure."

Reprinted from <http://safequiet.ca/>

According to Transport Canada (Government of Canada web site) ... www.tc.gc.ca

Reduce Engine Noise

Every boat equipped with a motor other than a stock (unmodified) outboard engine must have a muffler and use it while operating within five nautical miles (9.26 km) of shore.

This does not apply to you if your boat was built before January 1, 1960, or if you are in an official

competition or in formal training or final preparation for an official competition.

To learn more, see
Section 1000 of the
Small Vessel
Regulations.



In The Know ... on waste disposal

<http://www.thearchipelago.on.ca/>

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Waste Disposal Pass - Garbage Card is **Mandatory** and should be presented to the attendant at the Township waste disposal facilities. The cards do not have an expiry date. Lost, need extra or didn't get a pass? Call the Township Office @ 705-746-4243 Ext. 338

Clear Bags are mandatory for household garbage or recyclables. Open recycling containers are also acceptable.

Enforcement The Township monitors its waste facilities and anyone found contravening the Waste By-law will be subject to enforcement action. Please report any abuse by calling 705-746-4243 Ext 311.

WASTE DIVERSION Re-use Material - A reuse centre is provided at the Healey Lake Transfer Station from June to September. Material must be approved by the attendant before being deposited and is free for anyone to pick up.

Electronic Waste - Facilities to collect (and divert from waste stream) computers, computer monitors and televisions are available, free of charge, at Healey Lake from June to September.



Used Tires - Most used tires can be disposed of free of charge at the Healey Lake and Woods Bay Transfer Stations.

District Household Hazardous Waste Depot (HHW)/(HSW) - Please take your HHW/HSW waste to the MacFarlane Depot Site in Parry Sound located on MacFarlane Street

District Household cont'd

You may also take your household garbage and recyclables to this location. You must present your Waste Disposal Pass to use this Site. From mid-April to mid-October the MacFarlane Site is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm; Saturday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm; and Sunday 12:00 pm to 5:30 pm. The MacFarlane Depot site is closed on all statutory holidays. For directions to the MacFarlane Site please visit the Township's website at www.thearchipelago.on.ca

Strawberry Salad with Honey Balsamic Vinaigrette

2 cups strawberries
8 cups mixed greens
1/2 red onion
1/3 cup sliced almonds



Dressing:

4 tablespoons aged balsamic vinegar
3 tablespoons olive oil
4 teaspoons mustard
2 tablespoons honey
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
Fresh ground black pepper
1/3 cup feta cheese crumbles – for topping

Wash and slice strawberries and wash & dry salad greens. Thinly slice 1/2 red onion (to mellow the flavour, soak the onion slices in cold water for 20 minutes).

In a small saucepan over medium heat, toast the almonds for a few minutes until they are golden brown, stirring frequently and watching carefully so they do not burn.

In a small canning jar, combine ingredients for the dressing and shake vigorously to combine.



To serve, spread the greens on a plate, top with strawberries, red onion, almonds, cheese crumbles, vinaigrette and fresh black pepper.

Ed: I use goat's cheese instead of feta.)

Source: www.acouplecooks.com

The Last Word

Nancy Simpson rn.simpson@sympatico.ca

Editing Dock talk has been a great ride. I have loved doing the research. Even better the opportunity to meet Healey Lakers that I would not otherwise met has been 'la piece de resistance'.

Dan Macleod was president of the Healey Lake Property Owners Association when I started to do this. Dan's sense of humour, second to none, made all the executive meeting fun and I had the great delight of working on our little paper with Eunice, Dan's Mom.

The Association is very lucky now to have Dave and Debbie Latter taking such good care of Healey Lake business. Dave, as you know is President while Debbie looks after the secretarial role as well finances. If you have never been part of this Association, you really have no idea of the important work that goes on - much of it behind the scenes.

I remember a friend - a nursing classmate actually, telling me about her lake. Interest in her lake association had declined until it was non functioning. One morning cottagers arose to the sight of blue green algae and a cottage association instantly sprung up and into action.

There are so many people who, over the years have willingly contributed to Dock Talk, either by writing an article or by making suggestions as to what should be covered. If I start to say "thanks" individually, I will miss some. So just let me say that we were always willingly and graciously updated about Township business, the wildlife around us and how to protect it, boating rules and safe practices, historical facts about the lake (when the ice formed and when it went out, year after year) and the dam, the status of membership and of our technology (web site & web cam). There were also those one-off submissions that were always fun and interesting and often took us down memory lane. And in the last couple of years we took on a much more social flavour, thanks to Stephanie Joiner who also co-edited the newsletter during that time. In addition, Stephanie got us thinking

about cottaging during the winter and now one issue goes out around Family Day in February. This year my family will celebrate 60 years on Healey Lake and we shall toast my Mom & Dad, Laura & Bill Guthrie who made it all possible for us.

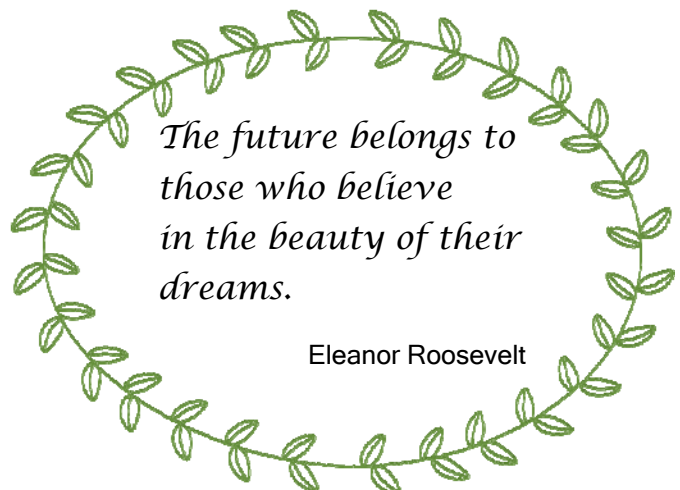
But alas all good things must come to an end and so we seek a new editor for Dock Talk, someone who has new ideas and a fresh approach. Stephanie Joiner has very kindly agree to look after advertising - never my strong suit so right from the beginning I have looked to others who are talented in this area. Stephanie has brought in new advertisers as well as those who have faithfully supported us over the years. We ask that you support these businesses not only because they are supporting our efforts but because we want these businesses to remain viable as they contribute our cottage life and experience.

It would be great if you are thinking you might take on Dock Talk and could step forward now. We would be glad to work with you for the next couple of issues if that would be helpful. The issue dates are always a little loose - maybe too loose for some but there should be an issue go out right after the regatta and then another around Thanksgiving. In all, we put out four issues a year: Winter, Spring, Summer & Fall but this is not written in stone so as the new editor you may want to recommend a change.

As always, may I extend my best wishes for a great summer on the magnificent Healey Lake.

My best to all,

Nancy





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