

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

#### Welcome to summer.

Lake activities are in full swing. Boats, tubes, sea-doos, party boats (more every year), kayaks, canoes and swimmers are all sharing the lake. Some like it quiet & slow while others prefer fast & exciting. There is a time and place for all activities but since we all share the lake, please be considerate of you neighbours and other cottagers. When you're out enjoying the fast & exciting activities, please try to use the largest, most open parts of the lake and remain aware of your surroundings at all times.

#### Try to avoid making a wake in narrow channels.

It has been very dry lately. Watch for the fire danger sign at the end of Lake Hellangon. There are **no open fires permitted** during the day in the summer and at the moment the danger is so high there is a **complete fire ban**. A fire broke out just west of the transfer station last week due to a power line failure. Quick work by local volunteers quelled the blaze before much damage was done. There are no fire protection services that will come to Healey Lake. Make sure you know the location of the nearest fire pump to your property. There are 8 Fire Pumps located around the lake and managed by the HLPOA, and several cottagers have their own pumps.

#### Healey Lake Bottle drive

Once again this year the HLPOA would like to thank Bob Barrett and his barge crew that operated the mother ship for the bottle drive. It was well organized and the collection went very smoothly.

Also thanks to Charlie Smith, who handles the contact with the Beer Store and arranges for pick-up, and all the other volunteers who took part. The Association and the regatta organisers appreciate your efforts, which help defray the costs of the of the regatta.

#### **Healey Lake Regatta**

George Youngberg is coordinating the Regatta this year. Thank you George, The Regatta is a Healey Lake tradition for all and one that we certainly don't want to lose. Bring your children, grandchildren - even weekend guests - and of course, your game face. There are lots of competitions for children and even a few for the adults. If you haven't already paid your dues, please do so soon as they were due July 1st. You may fill in an online membership form and use the online payment option of PayPal, OR mail back a completed form and cheque to Sharon Tosswill. Sharon will also be at the Regatta if you want to pass these items along to her in person.

Your participation in the Association benefits everyone on the lake – from residents to weekend cottagers and even our guests who occasionally visit - and is as always, greatly appreciated by the entire community.

The Board is still looking to confirm the following position;

Advertising Starting August 2018 Coordinator (Handling Existing & New Advertisers)

Please mark your calendars well in advance for the following coming events on Healey Lake this summer;

**Regatta** Saturday August 4, 2018

Fall AGM Sunday September 2, 2018

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.

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Hi, I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Tyler Slade and my family has been on Crane Lake since 1973. I reside all year round at on South Crane Lake Rd, at my family's cottage.

In 2012, while helping rebuild the family cottage, I had the opportunity to watch a man take down two huge trees. I was absolutely fascinated by this event. I knew then, that was what I wanted to do as a career! In 2013, I started working in Muskoka for a tree service company and learned everything I could about becoming an arborist. The more I did, the more I loved every aspect of arboriculture. I have worked full time for 5 years now in the Muskoka, Simcoe County and Parry Sound Districts. I also attended and graduated with Honours from Humber College and now, I have my own company.

I would appreciate an opportunity to give you a free quote regarding any of these services,

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My company is fully insured. I am a member of the International Society of Arboriculture, both International Chapter and the Ontario Chapter. I can present Insurance Documents upon request.

With the warm weather finally here, my season is starting up and my team and I are eager to get busy.

Please feel free to call, text or email me for a free estimate, or even just an opinion.

Sincerely

Tyler Slade

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6 QUESTIONS ABOUT FIRE BANS

We're midway through Canada's April-to-October forest fire season. And that means plenty of fire bans are in place – but how much do you really know about them?

### WHAT PROMPTS A FIRE BAN?

When an area's fire hazard or danger rating reaches "high" or "extreme," usually after a stretch of hot, dry weather, provincial or local officials may decide a ban is the best strategy to protect forested areas, public and private property, and people. Provincial organizations will also look at the long-term weather forecasts and the resources that are available for fighting fires, explains Matt Bell, a Wildfire Information Officer. If there are already a lot of wildfires, it means existing resources may be tapped. A ban "mitigates any further risk of other wildfires occurring," says Bell.

### WHERE DO THE FIRE RATINGS COME FROM?

They're based on daily evaluations of various environmental risk factors - monitored by the provincial and federal governments - that increase the likelihood of fire. These include wind speed and direction, humidity, recent rainfall, temperature, plus considerations such as the amount of moisture in organic material on the ground, and the expected rate of fire spread.

### WHAT'S THIS MEAN FOR HEALEY LAKE?

Sometimes, though it's rare, a ban will be province-wide in scope. More often, individual regions or municipalities use their discretion as to what they do with the fire risk data. They decide which fire rating to apply, and what to ban or allow. The information "is really just a guideline for us," says Mike Peake, the Fire Prevention Officer for Ontario's Bracebridge Fire Department.

### HEALEY LAKE IS CURRENTLY UNDER A COMPLETE FIRE BAN

### WHAT DOES A COMPLETE BAN MEAN?

This really depends on your location — though in most areas it only comes into effect in the case of an "extreme" fire danger rating, and it prohibits, at the very least, "anything that's fired by wood, is on the ground, and can't be turned off," says Peake.

So, a tabletop firepit fueled by propane is almost always still okay, but a campfire most definitely is not. Tiki torches, outdoor candles, turkey fryers, even barbecues that use charcoal briquettes, and even fireworks are prohibited in some regions - especially heavily forested areas or provincial parks - but may still allowed elsewhere in specific situations or under certain conditions.

### WHAT REVERSES A BAN?

A lower fire danger rating, often thanks to a few days of rain. But a rainy forecast is not a guarantee. "Storms can work against us," says Peake. Stormy weather means lightning — which is itself a cause of forest fires. And keep in mind that "it's possible for one municipality to lift a ban and have another municipality close by keep it on," says Bell. "It would depend on the specific municipality and their requirements for making ban adjustments." So always check with your municipality or local fire authority.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF I VIOLATE A BAN?

**Please just don't.** You could be fined hundreds or even thousands of dollars, jailed, or worse: you could start a forest fire.



We are enjoying another active year at the Healey Lake tennis Club and are seeing increased interest and participation this season.

-- John Creen --

Rates for 2018 will remain the same at;

Hourly Court Fees: \$10.00 Yearly Memberships: \$100.00

For those looking for a game we will put a list together. Please forward your contact info and level of play and we will get a list out. Send to jmcreen@gmail.com

Same day bookings and the court key, as always, will be at Mariners Cove Marina. Many thanks to them!

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### **Checklist for Sellers**

I pride myself in obtaining top dollar as quickly as possible for my sellers. Here are some timetested tips that will enable your property to be shown to its best advantage. A small investment in time and money can give your property the competitive edge. Remember, you don't get a second chance to make a good first impression.

- o Repair and, if necessary, paint exterior, including soffits and eavestroughs
- o Repair torn screens and replace broken or cracked windows
- o Ensure the door bell works and door hardware is in good condition
- o Repair any broken or squeaky steps
- o Store surplus furniture
- o Clear overcrowded closets which suggest inadequate storage space
- o Clean out garage or carport to show off its full size
- o Repair doors that stick or squeak
- o Repair any faucets or toilets that run
- o Repair or replace loose tiles on floors or walls
- Caulk in bathrooms where needed
- o Repair all plaster cracks
- o Touch up chipped paint
- Repair any stains that are a result of old water leaks
- o Keep your lawn, hedges and shrubs trimmed and edged
- Clear driveway, walkways and steps of toys, tools, snow or leaves
- o Remove clutter from entrance foyer to give a spacious appearance
- o Clean bathrooms and kitchens to a sparkling shine
- Place fresh linens in the bathrooms
- Tidy up bedrooms for a spacious appearance
- Set dining room table for two, complete with best china
- Place fresh flowers in the home especially if there is a garden
- During showings:

Turn on all lights Have a fire burning in the fireplace Have soft background music playing Allow privacy whenever possible

Purchasers will subtract an exaggerated estimate for making repairs from the asking price even if it has been set to reflect a lack of maintenance. A few dollars spent on repairs will return to you many times over in the final selling price.





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The tax rate has been set and there is no increase in the south of the township this year over last year. The south rate this year without OPP costs is the lowest of the seven municipalities in the West Parry Sound District. With the OPP costs included the tax rate is the second lowest in the district.

The Archipelago is one of the best financially managed municipalities in Ontario. Our annual audit which must be submitted to the province shows:

Net financial assets: \$6,925,540 Non-financial assets: \$35,595,721

Please don't take this as an indication that our net financial position is too high. By law we must create reserves to replace/repair equipment, roads, buildings etc. when the time comes and as needs arise. This allows us to accomplish that while keeping taxes steady and spread over all users from the beginning to the end of an asset's life. Many municipalities are in deficit and can not do this.

We use the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve as our environment resource. Please feel free to contact them through their or our website (call me at  $\pm 1.705.720.2244$  if you have problems). They oversee our water, forest health, phragmites removal, education and children's programs.

The Kapikog Lake Road is being resurfaced and the work should be done by the time you receive this. Thanks for those who access Healey this way for understanding any inconvenience and the dust.

Recently, there was a fire by the Healey Lake Road Transfer Station. It was controlled thanks for volunteers and many fire extinguishers from Lakeshore Marine. Shortly I will be asking your Association to do an e-mail blast of a educational package and instructions about preparing in case fire strikes.

Work is slowly continuing on the clean up of the trailer parking lot. We are doing our best but have to be very careful of what we remove. If you have anything there please let me know (number above) or contact a member of your association. Many thanks to Mariners Cove Marine for their help with this project. We are most fortunate to have commercial operators who not only provide great services but are also good neighbors and help out like all good neighbors do. Besides the two previously mentioned I can think of the lodge providing a place to meet and Barrett Septic and Barging using their equipment for the bottle drive.

Every time I have visited Pine Bay this season it has seemed peaceful. I hope everyone will continue to cooperate and any problems will stay in the past.

I and township staff have met with a group about private docks on township property. We have taken the comments from the meeting and had internal discussions along with advice from our lawyers, insurance carriers and other sources. At this month's council meeting it will be discussed by council and anyone is entitled to attend.

I wish you all a happy healthy summer.....enjoy this great weather......I think we get less of it but maybe that's the way you think as you get older.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions please contact me at grant@olresources.ca or +1 705 720 2244 days or +1 705 739 3675 nights or weekends.

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CARVING OUT SOME GUEST-FREE TIME AT THE COTTAGE THIS SUMMER

Sharing time at the cottage with friends and family is probably a big part of the reason you got a cottage in the first place. After all, taking your grandkids to the pond down the road to look at frogs, sitting down with your sister on the deck with a glass of wine and really talking, or playing euchre or cribbage until three in the morning with your best friends are all fantastic parts of the cottage experience.

But we've all learned that having guests all the time can get tiring. No matter how fantastic the guests are, no matter how many dinners they cook, beds they make, or kitchens they sweep, it's still draining to be a host. If you're feeling overwhelmed by the prospect of a whole summer spent entertaining other people, here are a few hints for carving out some guest-free time at the cottage this year.

### DON'T FEEL GUILTY

No, really. This is the most important step to creating some guest-free space in your summer. Owning a cottage is a big choice, and chances are, you've had to sacrifice to make that dream happen—so it's not unreasonable to want to relax and enjoy it. If other people in your life don't have cottages, well, that's their choice, too. You don't owe them endless hospitality simply because you made different choices. An invitation to a cottage should be treated as a lovely gift, not an expectation.

### DON'T EXTEND THE INVITATION

This sounds so obvious, but it's remarkably hard to do. Once people know you have a cottage, even the most casual "We should get together sometime" suddenly turns into a weeklong invitation to the lake. But in the words of the immortal Dr. Phil, no one can take advantage of you without your permission. If you have guests, it's probably because you invited them - even if it was against your better intentions. So just don't. There's nothing wrong with changing the subject if you feel that someone is angling just a little too hard for an invitation.

### JUST BE HONEST

If you're having a tough time saying no to guests, practice saying this: "We've decided to take some time out at the cottage just for us. We're looking forward to the opportunity to reconnect as a family. I'm sure you understand." That's it. You don't need to justify or make excuses. Your cottage is your escape, and it's OK to ask that people respect that from time to time.

### PUT LIMITS ON VISITS

When you do invite people to the cottage, make sure the invitation is specific: "We'll be so happy to have you at the cottage from Friday evening until Sunday! We're looking forward to letting you in on our secret to always catching fish." That's all there is to it. Don't issue open-ended invitations unless you want permanent guests. You may also think about setting limits on who you'll invite - for example, you can let those you think might be waiting for an invitation that you're only hosting family this year. Again, be honest and open - it may be an uncomfortable conversation in the moment, but it's better in the long run if you're clear.

### DISCOURAGE "DROP-IN" VISITORS

Some folks love it when people drop in—and some are a little less enthusiastic. Think about a way to alert potential drop-ins that you're not up for guests; perhaps a flag at the entrance to your property, with a little sign explaining that if it's up, c'mon in. If it's down, you're not available. And avoid saying things like, "If you're in the area, drop in anytime!" Because, you know, people will. Again, honesty is key.

### BLOCK GUEST-FREE TIME ON THE CALENDAR

Literally write yourself into your own calendar. That allows you to truthfully say, "I'm so sorry, but next weekend is all booked up" without having to explain any further. It's also a good reminder in case you're tempted to extend a spontaneous invitation.

### SET BOUNDARIES WITH NEIGHBOURS

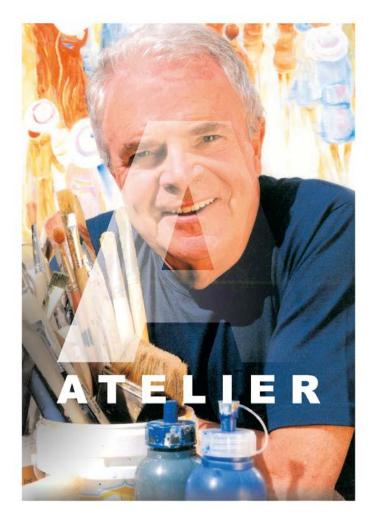
Cottage neighbours are a vital part of life at the lake – from drinks on the dock, to someone to watch over your place when you're gone, and maybe even trading the use of a chainsaw or splitter for a spin in the paddle boat are all standbys of the cottaging lifestyle. But boundaries need to be set early, and firmly, or those wonderful neighbours can end up uncomfortably comfortable.

Try to avoid blanket "open-door" policies with equipment or unplanned visits, or make it a policy to ask if it's a good time on your arrival before inviting yourself in...and make sure you model the type of behaviour you'd like to receive from them...do unto others as you'd have them do unto you!



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### GEORGIAN BAY BIOSPHERE UPDATES

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### KIDS IN THE BIOSPHERE ACTIVITY KITS

Do you spend most of your summer outside?

Do you find mud on your knees and sticks in your hair?

Do you want to know more about the nature around us?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, the Kids in the Biosphere program is for you!

To celebrate six years of outdoor adventure in the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve, the Kids in the Biosphere program is EXPANDING! This summer it will be available to across the entire Township of the Archipelago.

### HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

Simply register online at <u>https://bit.ly/2GuTSKa</u> to receive a free Activity Kit, a reusable bag containing outdoor games, crafts, materials, a nature notebook and a Kids in the Biosphere Activity Booklet. After you register, GBBR will email details on where to pick up your Activity Kit.

### WIN FABULOUS PRIZES

If you wish to track your progress, you can use the Summer Scorecard included in the Activity Kit. At the end of the summer, or your stay in the Biosphere, bring your Scorecard to the Biosphere office (11 James Street, Parry Sound) or to one of the program volunteers near you to receive a prize and be entered to win one of three grand prizes!

We also offer a Kids in the Biosphere blog where you'll find weekly information on nature's happenings, fascinating facts, and answers to your questions by our local nature nuts. Plus, Biosphere staff will be on location at events throughout The Archipelago with crafts, games, and even our species at risk friends!

#### GEORGIAN BAY BIOSPHERE

For more information or to volunteer with the program contact Delaina at kids@gbbr.ca.

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### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

-- Sharon Tosswill --

Summer has finally arrived with a vengeance. Isn't it great. Hope you are all enjoying the hot weather at the lake. We currently have 190 members and more are coming in. Welcome back to those who have been way for a few years, it's good to have you back.

Have fun this summer and see you around the lake!

Click the button below or click visit: www.healeylake.org



Cottagers paying via PayPal must send their completed membership forms. Please send completed forms to Sharon.

Membership Rates for 2018 are projected to be;

Cottage Owner: \$40.00 Associate Member: \$20.00

Please email question or inquiries to Sharon Tosswill: Sharon tosswill@hotmail.com

### "THE LAKE-ED CHEF"

-- Ron Hutzul --

### GRILLED STEAK WITH ROASTED TOMATO PESTO

Cook Time: 45 minutes | serves 3-4

### INGREDIENTS

STEAK MARINADE

- □ 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 2 tbsp soy sauce
- □ 1 tsp chopped rosemary
- □ ½ tsp chili powder
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- □ 1½ lbs flank or hangar steak

#### ROASTED TOMATO PESTO

- 2 cup sweet cherry tomatoes (halved)
- □ <sup>1</sup>⁄<sub>3</sub> cup olive oil
- Salt & Pepper
- □ 1 tbsp chopped garlic
- □ ¼ cup chopped parsley
- □ ¼ cup chopped cliantro
- □ ½ cup grated Parmesan

#### DIRECTIONS

- 1. Whisk to combine dijon, soy sauce, rosemary, chili powder and vegetable oil in a small bowl. Lay flank steak in a shallow dish and coat with marinade. Leave for a minimum of 1 hour.
- 2. Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C).
- 3. Toss tomatoes with 1 tbsp (15 mL) olive oil, reserving remainder, and season with salt and fresh ground black pepper. Spread on a baking sheet, flesh-side up. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until shrivelled but still juicy. Let cool for 5 minutes.
- 4. Add tomatoes to food processor along with garlic, parsley, cialtro and remaining olive oil. Whirl until chunky and season well with salt and pepper. Stir in Parmesan and reserve.
- 5. Preheat grill to high. Place the steak on grill and sear for 1 minute. Close lid and grill for 4 minutes. Turn over and grill for another 4 to 5 minutes or until medium-rare.
- 6. Let steak cool. Thinly slice against the grain and serve with tomato pesto and fresh baguette.

Serves 12 as a tasting dish size.



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