



DOCK TALK

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



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

-- David Latter --

MAY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We had to find a new location for the Annual General Meeting and Fall meeting this year as Healey Lake Lodge has closed. Lakeshore Marina provided the venue in their new storage building. Thanks to Ben and Shelley Ramolla (Lakeshore Marina) and Henrie (Chef Henrie Bistro & Café in Mactier) for their hospitality and coffee and muffins.

FIRE SAFETY

Gary Joice, the by-law officer, provided information on smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and fire safety at the AGM. This is important information for all cottagers. Please review a summary of his presentation later in this issue.

The 5 year MNR inspection of the Dam was scheduled for the first 2 weeks of September. As of the date of publication we are still waiting for confirmation the inspection has been completed. Once the inspection is completed the local MNR plan to apply a dam sealer product to keep the dam as sound as possible until it can be replaced. The wait list for dam replacement is years long.

DAM INSPECTION

The dam stopped running in July, so the inspectors will have an unobstructed view of the leaks that have developed over the past few years.

BOTTLE DRIVE

There was a record contribution from the bottle drive this year (approx. \$1500). Thanks to all the volunteers involved in the collection, especially Bob Barrett, Charlie Smith and George Youngberg (and his daughters who counted containers and advised on packaging technique). These funds go towards helping defray costs of the regatta.

WATER QUALITY

The 2018 water quality results have been published. Go to the following website to [see the results](#) for all the lakes in the Archipelago, including Healey Lake.

PHOTO CONTEST

There were almost no entries for the photo contest, organized by Missy Mandel. We will try again next year. But you may submit entries anytime to Missy Mandel or myself.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

And finally, if you have not paid your 2019 membership dues, please do so. The association provides many valuable services to all residents of Healey Lake. Only about two-thirds of the residents are members. The \$40 fee is a nominal cost and if all Healey Lake residents contribute we can increase the fees collected by 50% without increasing the cost for each resident. It is a painless way to strengthen the organization.

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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BOTTLE DRIVE

Pictured below – All cans & bottles collected from the annual Bottle Drive on July 6th. Still waiting for pick up by Brewer's Retail by Lakeshore Marina. **Charlie Smith** and **Bob Barrett**, our Chief Bottle Drive Co-ordinators, have an initial count in the order of **10,800 cans**, **1300 bottles** and **90 cases** of beer bottles.



Many many thanks to all those who organized, volunteered and contributed to this year's event. Special shout out to two "next gen" helpers on the barge... **Savannah Youngberg** and **Nika Burandt** – as well as **Gary & Anna Burandt** for having over 1000 cans stock piled under the cottage and last but not least, to **Cliff Walter**, **Bob & Sharon Byrne**, **Cliff Jones & Michelle Burandt** for doing pick-up....

If the numbers are right, 2019 will have been a record drive with all proceeds going to support the Regatta!

IMPORTANT DATES

Please mark your calendars for the following events;

- Dock Talk** **Summer Edition (July)**
(Publishing Delayed to September)
- Fire Week** **October 6-12th 2019**
(Fire Prevention Week)
- Election** **Monday October 21st 2019**
- Dock Talk** **Fall Edition (November)**

DOCK TALK SUBMISSIONS

We always welcome the submission of written articles or submissions for Dock Talk. If you have stories about the history of the lake, observations on the flora and fauna or even an editorial on something that would be of interest to other cottagers, we'd love to hear from you. Send your submission to Ron Hutzul, Editor at rhutzul@gmail.com



On behalf of Wall-2-Wall Painting, I would like to thank **Healey Laker Cottagers** for being such loyal customers.

It has been my pleasure serving you over the years and as the 2019 summer season comes to an end, I would like to say **Thank You** for yet another year of meeting wonderful new people and reconnecting with my past clients.

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Darlene Jones

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We had another fantastic year at the Healey Lake Tennis Club and we are glad to see continued interest in and active participation during the entire summer season.

Rates for 2019 remained 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 jmccreen@gmail.com

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

As always we are looking for volunteers to help out.

Thank-you,

John Green

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COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

-- Grant Walker | Ward 6 --

OPP UPDATE

All stats for the first six months (2019) are pretty much in line with last year (2018) except 911 calls. This year to date we have had 27 calls compared to 9 last year. Whether it's a emergency call/hang up call/pocket call or dropped call ***the police, by law, must respond***. Not only is this very expensive but it diverts resources from what could be an emergency. Ride and radar checks are scheduled for Healey Lake Road the rest of this year.

SIGNAGE

The weather this spring put our public works staff behind several weeks. The township is very large with a sparse mostly seasonal population serviced by both water and roads but staff is working hard to catch up. By the time you read this I'm hopeful the new fire rating sign will be up. Please remember the Archipelago is in Northern Ontario and what you see or hear in Mactier is not necessarily correct for our municipality. Also by the time you read this new signage for other purposes should also be installed.

9-1-1 EMERGENCIES

Following this report are instructions from the West Parry Sound Hospital on proper use of 911. With the decrease of land lines and increase of cell phones it is imperative to post proper instructions for visitors in case of an emergency. People could panic in the event of an accident, health emergency or fire and posting the instructions on the fridge or other visible area could make an important and significant difference in coordinating a response.

ROADS

Grass cutting on sides of roads to improve sightlines and centre line painting of the resurfaced Kapikog Lake Road is scheduled.

AMALGAMATION

The province has finished the consulting phase of it's regional government review and we have been active in many areas preparing in case it could lead to any types of amalgamations which past history has shown creates more problems than it solves. As I said in the spring, we support and work with our neighbors. We support health care, education, the arts, group purchasing and technology, but I maintain that our goals and primarily recreational use are not a good fit for any kind of amalgamation at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS

I have always communicated with you through the various associations, but occasionally, issues or concerns would benefit from an immediate discussion or timely response.

I will continue to communicate detailed updates this way, but would like you to be able to contact me on time-sensitive matters. If you would like to have quicker contact please contact me via e-mail grant@olresources.ca

NOTES

To get information on water quality or forest health, talk to staff, get information before you build or make changes to your buildings, please check the township web site.

Did you know the township is approximately 70Km from north to south and includes mainland, inland lakes and many of the Georgian Bay Islands? There are 8 waste sites, approximately 80km of private roads and 82km roads services and maintained by the township.

GET IN TOUCH

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.

Grant Walker



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911 PRINTABLE INSTRUCTION SHEET

-- Grant Walker | Ward 6 --

My Civic/911 address is: _____



911



WHEN CALLING 911 BE PREPARED TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

- **What is your emergency?** (categorize the nature of the emergency briefly: my wife fell, vehicle collision, chimney fire, etc)
- **What is the location of the emergency?**
Including your Civic Address, Town/Municipality, Apartment/Access Code Information, Closest Major Intersection (Make sure guests and visitors know the address by posting this information in your cottage or home in high traffic areas!)
- **Provide the phone number you are calling from.**
(in case we need to call you back for more information or we get disconnected)

****Be prepared to stay on the line to answer questions and follow the direction/advice/information being provided to you by the Communications Officer. Help is being dispatched simultaneously as more information is being collected.****



Ambulance Communication Service

Did You Know.....

- The OPP are mandated to respond to every 911 call they receive
- Up to 80% of these calls are unfounded, which means they were misdials/pocket dials/children playing on the phone
- Please do not allow your children to play with any old cellphones, if it has a battery, it is capable of dialing 911!
- 1-888-310-1122 is the toll free number to contact OPP province wide



Did You Know.....

Homeowners are responsible to:

- Identify your home or cottage with an easily visible Civic Address Number
- Make sure your Civic Number or House Number is correct and that family members and guests know the number; especially important for cell phone and voip (voice over internet protocol) callers
- Place the number where it is easily seen from the road, or if you are water access, place the number on the end of your dock
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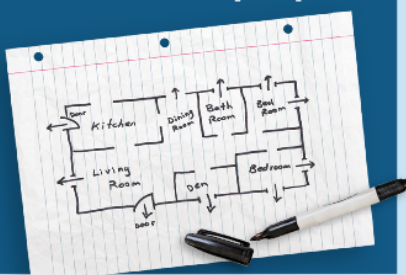


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HEALEY LAKE LOON UPDATE

-- Nancy Gilchrist & Missy Mandel --

Thank you to everyone who took the time to reach out with your loon sightings. For my first year on the lake, it has really helped me tremendously. My job is not complete until the chicks have fledged, so please continue to report sightings. I will always try to validate the sighting by going out myself. The boat that I use to observe and photograph from is only 10 feet long and has two quiet recessed electric motors under the hulls. I stay a safe distance from the loons, and keep my visits brief.

As the Healey Lake loon steward for Bird Studies Canada, it is important for me to track and report the reproductive successes for the 3 pairs on our lake. The survey suggests that the common loon reproduction has declined over the last 30 years - I know everyone would be interested to know what is contributing to this decline.

We know that human disturbance is an ongoing threat to loons. People inadvertently pass by a nesting site, which flush the bird off the nest, and can compromise the eggs in many ways. I observed one failed nesting which was all documented and videotaped. If that pair chooses the same nesting site next spring, I will initiate a plan to curb the traffic in front of their nest for 28 days.

The two other pairs reported to me both had successful nestings. I did not locate the nests but I did see a pair in and around the marina with two chicks. I got a report of a loon with a single chick at the other end of the lake, but that pair was never observed with two chicks. Loons usually have two eggs and two chicks. They often lose one chick in the first couple of weeks and unfortunately, predation is more often to blame. The pair that had two, sadly lost one early on. Sibling rivalry was likely to blame. This doesn't usually happen on a lake that has lots of food, but my contact at Bird Studies suggested the behaviours I observed pointed to that being the cause.

A lake of our size needs to have at least 2 chicks make it to migration to be deemed a successful lake. I hope in the last dock talk of the year I will be able to report that.

Until then please continue to report sightings or oddities to me, Missy at missy@missymandel.ca, by texting directly at 416-804-5667

Nancy & Missy



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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

-- Sharon Tosswill --

The Association provides many services and events for the full and part-time residents of Healey Lake. Some of the things we do through the collection of the \$40.00 Healey Lake Property Owners Association fees include:

- Provide, maintain and offer training on the use of the 11 fire pumps located at various sites around the lake
- Maintain the public dock by the marinas and 3 additional landing areas (Fox Back, Pine Bay and Kapikog Bay) for boat loading/unloading and parking for cars
- Maintain the hydro light by the marinas
- Provide space for trailer parking
- Monitor the dam and keep it clear of logs and debris as well as engage the appropriate authorities to advocate for its ongoing maintenance, repair & upkeep. This is critical to all Healey Lake property owners as the dam is of vital importance to maintain the water level
- Conduct the Beer Bottle Drive, an annual fundraiser
- Offer a fantastic annual Regatta with prizes, a BBQ, auction items and events for all ages
- Undertake the water testing program for Healey Lake
- Liaise with the Township on issues of consideration & concern to property owners
- Partner with the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve resulting in educational programs being offered to members each year
- Partner with the Federation of Ontario of Cottagers Association (FOCA) who provide a significant voice for cottagers concerns province wide.
- Maintain an active website to keep members informed of lake activities and offering easy links to various other organizations and vendor or service provider partners
- Maintain web cameras year round
- Publish three editions of Dock Talk to keep Association Members informed of events and activities
- Coordinate the Cottage Watch program where volunteers visit your property during winter to check in and alert you to any damage or other concerns

- Host 2 Annual General Meetings in May and September to keep everyone informed of events, provide a forum to express ideas, and bring in outside expertise for select issues such as Boating Safety, Fire Safety, Wildlife, By-Laws, and general information for cottagers.

In an effort to increase membership and our operating budget, an email reminder recently went out to former members who have allowed their membership to lapse and where possible, to new potential members who have recently joined our community.

Membership can be renewed in two ways.

- 1) Visit our website [contact at healeylake.org](http://healeylake.org) You will find an online membership form on the Home page. Complete it and you can use PayPal to make a payment.



- 2) Complete the accompanying Membership form and mail to Sharon Tosswill, HLPOA Membership, c/o 2565 Proudfoot St; Mississauga, ON, L5C 2N9.

Cheques are payable to Healey Lake Property Owners Association.

We hope you have been enjoying your time on the lake this summer and very much look forward to your renewing a relationship with HLPOA.

We need your support this and every year.

David Latter - President HLPOA

Contact at dlatter@bellnet.ca

Debbie Latter – Secretary HLPOA

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Sharon Tosswill - Membership HLPOA

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Hi, I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Tyler Slade and my family has been Muskoka bound since 1973. I reside all year round on Crane Lake, for the past 6 years.

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 6 years now in Muskoka, Simcoe County and Parry Sound Districts. I also attended and graduated with Honours from Humber College, and now, I have my own company.

While 2018 was MDA's first year, my crew and I were thrilled at the opportunities and successes we had. I am also happy to be giving back to my trade by taking on my first apprentice.

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Sincerely

Tyler Slade

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SPRING TIME IS COTTAGE LISTING TIME!

It's been a long and snowy winter up here in cottage country, let's hope Spring is just around the corner. We at ROYAL LePage just finished doing the Cottage Life Show at the International Centre in Toronto and we are excited by the enthusiastic responses we got from prospective Buyers. With interest rates creeping up, and the uncertainty of the economy, both nationally and internationally, this is a good window of opportunity to think about selling your cottage property at the best possible price. Please feel free to call me if you'd like a free estimate on your property. I have been in the real estate business for 52 years and have the means and equipment to service properties everywhere.

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ELECTRICITY PRICING

We are still awaiting the Ontario Energy Board's decision about the elimination of the seasonal rate class. In the meantime, the media has been calling almost daily for quotes from FOCA, and Hydro One has established a Customer Service line to answer your questions. Get important links and updates here:

<https://foca.on.ca/electricity-pricing/>

BOATING SAFETY

News of recent tragedies on Ontario lakes is a stark reminder that we all need to [be vigilant on the water](#), for everyone's sake. Nighttime boating has specific risks and requires extra caution, notably: reduced speeds and the use of running lights. For more safety information, visit:

<https://foca.on.ca/safe-boating/>

MUSKOKA WATERSHED ADVISORY GROUP

In early August, the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks announced the appointment of an advisory group that Minister Yurek described as: "a valuable resource for people and municipalities in the region that depend on effective watershed management as more development and flooding events occur." Follow this issue, here:

<https://foca.on.ca/high-water-flood-events-in-cottage-country/>

FEDERAL ELECTION

Canadians will vote for our federal government this October. In a federal election, even if you own property in more than one place, you may vote only once. FOCA recently asked Elections Canada to clarify if such property owners can select to vote in their cottage riding. See their response, and get links to the major registered parties, here:

<https://foca.on.ca/federal-election-2019/>

FOCA'S COTTAGE SUCCESSION SEMINAR SERIES

Event **Saturday Sept 21st, 2019**
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Final session of the season with estate lawyer Peter Lillico takes place at the Haliburton Campus of Fleming College, co-hosted by the Soyers Lake Ratepayers Association and the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization.

For event time, and how to save your spot, visit:

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INGREDIENTS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Olive oil, Salt & Pepper | <input type="checkbox"/> ¾ cup white wine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8 chicken thighs (bone in) | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pinches of saffron in ¼ cup warm water, soak 10 minutes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 chorizo sausages, crumbled | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bay leaf |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1½ cups Spanish onion | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 cups chicken stock |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1½ cups red pepper | <input type="checkbox"/> ¾ cup frozen peas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1½ tbsp garlic | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 jumbo shrimps, peeled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ½ tsp chili flakes | <input type="checkbox"/> ½ lb fresh mussels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1½ tsp smoky paprika | <input type="checkbox"/> Fresh parsley, finely chopped |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 cups arborio rice | <input type="checkbox"/> Lemon wedges for garnish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 large can diced tomatoes, drained | |

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat charcoal grill (gas is ok too) to 400°F.
2. In a [paella pan](#), heat oil over medium heat and brown chicken on both sides, about 15 minutes. Set aside.
3. Pour off excess oil and continue by browning sausage, onion and pepper in pan, about 10 minutes.
4. Add garlic, chili flakes and paprika, cook for 1 minute, add rice and stir well to coat rice with oil and seasoning.
5. Deglaze pan by adding tomatoes, white wine, saffron and water, cooking for 3 minutes. Add bay leaf, salt, chicken stock and peas. Stir well and nestle chicken pieces evenly throughout the pan.
6. Bake on grill for 25 minutes, or until most of the stock has been absorbed. Open grill to nestle shrimps and mussels within rice mixture, then continue cooking for another 12 minutes. Paella is ready when rice begins to form a crust on the bottom of the pan.
7. Sprinkle with parsley and serve with lemon wedges.



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