



*Welcome back to Morrison Lake, the heartland of Muskoka. We look forward to a sunny and warm summer season in 2009. The loons are back, the fish are jumping and the lake becons the swimmers.*

## Once again we return with a lake newsletter

The Morrison Lake Ratepayers Association has decided to resurrect the lake newsletter. It has been few years since our last edition and we look forward to establishing this new link within our community. Initially we will attempt to produce 4 issues one for each season. In order to insure we are meeting the needs of the residents it is imperative that we receive not only feedback but also input. Maybe you would like to write an article on your experiences on Morrison Lake, maybe a funny story or a family history on the lake, maybe a question answer section or maybe a buy and sell section. This can happen, but

we need your help. We will forward the newsletter to residents via email and by distributing hard copies initially, however we would like to move to a paperless version as soon as possible. We can expedite the delivery of the newsletter by each resident sending their email address to: [morrisonlake@rogers.com](mailto:morrisonlake@rogers.com) Should you be willing to provide input into the newsletter, please contact Paul Kelly at: [kellysp@sympatico.ca](mailto:kellysp@sympatico.ca) or at (705) 687-5605.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Regatta 2009:**

Saturday August 1, 2009

#### **Golf Tournament:**

Saturday August 15, 2009 Call or e-mail to reserve your spot.

The Pajunens [pajunen@allstream.net](mailto:pajunen@allstream.net) 705 445 6487 or  
The Readings [hreading@sympatico.ca](mailto:hreading@sympatico.ca) 705 687 8698

#### **Gravenhurst Farmers Market:**

Wednesdays 9am-2pm at the Wharf

<http://www.gravenhurstfarmersmarket.com/>

#### **Music on the Barge:**

Gull Lake Park Sunday Nights at 7:30pm

Schedule:

<http://www.gravenhurst.ca/attractions/musicOnTheBarge/MusicOnTheBarge2009.pdf>

## Get In Touch

Provide your email address and get regular updates on Morrison Lake at: [www.morrisonlake.ca](http://www.morrisonlake.ca)

## LAKE WATCH

Morrison Lake Ratepayers Association Presidents: **Louise Pegg** - [dpegfamily@yahoo.com](mailto:dpegfamily@yahoo.com) & **Karen Fairbrass** - [marathonmom@sympatico.ca](mailto:marathonmom@sympatico.ca)

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# Getting the most from our life in Muskoka

*In order to get the most out of life on Morrison Lake, getting to know our neighbours is a priority.*

## Message from the President:

When the Morrison Lake Ratepayers Association was looking for a new president, I figured it was my turn to pitch in. We have been on the lake since 2005 but have been associated with it for many years longer. I coerced my sister-law, Karen, to co-president with me because we live so far away and often can't be there for the May 24 and Labour Day meetings and, she knows everyone and everything about the lake. Others have pitched in to revitalize the newsletter (Paul Kelly),

revive the regatta (Lisa Rawlings, Geraldine Debes and many others), and bring us into the internet age (John Lemme). Our newest recruit is Joanne Forth who will be our new treasurer. The stalwarts in keeping the MLRA going have been doing it for years – Helen Flavell (past-treasurer) and Ralf Buschke, in particular, and there are many others who have taken their turns.

All volunteer organizations require everyone to do their share in order to survive. Morrison Lake has always had a uniqueness to it that is based on the spirit of community that exists on the lake. This is due to the efforts of the past members of the MLRA. They have done a magnificent job.

The nature of cottaging has changed over the years with many fewer

families spending the entire summer at the cottage and so many more renting their places out just to make ends meet. We all need to make an effort to make sure that Morrison Lake doesn't lose the close-knit community feel it is known for. The regatta is an essential element of this and requires a small army of volunteers to make happen. Please do your part to keep Morrison Lake the best lake in Muskoka.

If you'd like to volunteer to help out in any way, with regatta or anything else, please contact us and let us know what your interests are. Many hands make for a lighter work!

See you on the lake,

Louise Pegg

[dpeggfamily@yahoo.com](mailto:dpeggfamily@yahoo.com) (I don't check email much in the summer)

705-687-0613 (from July 1 until the end of August)

Karen Fairbrass

## SMARTER BOATING

### Operator Competency Requirements

Operators of power-driven pleasure craft must obtain and carry proof of competency on board at all times. This is the law. It applies to all operators of power boats, personal watercraft and motorized sailing craft that are used for recreational purposes within Canada. A Pleasure Craft Operator Card (or a boating safety course certificate completed prior to April 1, 1999) is recognized as proof of competency. Once obtained, your Pleasure Craft Operator Card is good for life. **By September 15, 2009 everyone must have an Operator Card.**



## Regatta 2009 Saturday August 1

- Volleyball
- Water Ski Competition
- Family Picnic- kids games
- Across the Lake Swim

**Details available on the July Holiday Weekend.**

Note: High School students please come out and volunteer at regatta and you will be able to obtain Community Service Hours through this volunteer work. Volunteer work could involve set up and distribution of regatta flyers, set up and clean up of regatta site and running kids events.

**Prize donations are greatly appreciated. Volunteers are needed to make this Regatta a success. To assist with activities or donations please contact Karen Fairbrass at: [marathonmom@sympatico.ca](mailto:marathonmom@sympatico.ca)**

## The Environment

### Gravenhurst Environment Advisory Committee: Paul Kelly

The Town has created this new committee composed of 6 citizens and 2 council members. Lou Guerriero – Councilor & Chair, Sandy Cairns - Councilor, residents Ralph Culham, Danny Epstein, Michael Foster, John King, Gail Stiver, Paul Kelly, and Nick Popovich, Staff Representative.

The purpose of the Gravenhurst Environmental Advisory Committee (GEAC) is to advise and assist Council in promoting the protection, maintenance and enhancement of all aspects of the environment in order to improve the quality of life of those who live, work in, and visit the Town of Gravenhurst. In addition, the Gravenhurst Environmental Advisory Committee will assist with long range planning to support the sustainability of the community for the benefit of present and future generations.

As the representative for this area I will keep the Morrison Lake residents up to date as initiatives are undertaken by this committee.

### Help keep our water clean:

Do...

- Buy phosphate-free soaps, shampoos, cleansers and detergents (especially dishwasher detergent)
- Maintain a natural shoreline with trees and bushes that absorb nutrients before they reach the water
- Keep organic matter such as raked leaves and garden clippings away from the water. Establish a composting area away from streams, rivers and lakes to help reduce nutrient rich runoff.

Don't...

- Bathe or shampoo in the lake
- Use fertilizers anywhere near the water
- Alter the natural shoreline by adding sand or other fill

Check out the MLA website... <http://www.mla.on.ca>

**Newsflash...** the Town of Gravenhurst has agreed to remove an abandoned boat and trailer at the Landing and do any repairs on the new dock.