

Above photo: As you may have noted the bridge to Alcatraz has been newly replaced. Margaret Bryce advises that It was installed by Owen Trefry from thedockspot.com. She met him at the Gravenhurst boat show two years ago. It has an aluminum frame and railings with a gate on the lakeside so it can be used as a dock for larger boats. The decking is wood pressure treated with an environmentally sensitive material called MicroPro Sienna. WELL DONE MARGARET!

If you would like to add any items for future Newsletters please contact Paul Kelly at kellysp@sympatico.ca or 705-6875605.

Provide your email address and get regular updates on



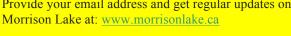
Morrison Lake Regatta: August 5-7, 2017

Thank you Jenny Fairbrass for coordinating the Regatta again this year.

(See attached schedule of events)

Morrison Lake Residents Meeting:

Sunday September 3, 2017 – 1pm - North Morrison Lake Road Landing.





Morrison Lake Rate Payers Association Executive 2016-2017

President: James Doyle

jamesdoyle@rogers.blackberry.net

Vice President: Ian Pegg ianpeaa9@amail.com Treasurer: Katie LeMoine katie.e.lemoine@gmail.com

Secretary: Chelsea Doyle chelseaaikodoyle@gmail.com

Membership Secretary:

(TBA)

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS WANTED For Regatta 2017

Donations to the Silent Auction at the Regatta are once again greatly appreciated.

Please contact:
Geraldine Debes at:
geraldinedebes@sympatico.ca



MORRISON LAKE GEAR – ORDER IT NOW!

Guarantee your order by pre-order. Send size and item listed below to j.a.kelly@sympatico.ca by July 23 to guarantee your item and quantity. After July 23rd it will be based on first come basis.

Once again we will be offering Morrison Lake Regatta Gear. All proceeds go to help support our Morrison Lake Ratepayers

Association, which is key to keeping us, engaged in local and environmental issues. As well as supporting events such as

REGATTA, which brings Morrison Lake, neighbours together to foster old and new friendships. Come out on support your Association on the August long weekend.

The basic colour of the gear will be granite grey background, with the cherished Loons and our pine landscape as the canvas and celebrating 150 years.

Women's tank \$20 - https://www.alphabroder.ca/cgi-bin/online/webshr/prod-labeldtl.w?sr=1080¤tColor=36

Men's tank \$20 - https://www.alphabroder.ca/cgibin/online/webshr/prod-labeldtl.w?sr=G220¤tColor=43

T-shirts unisex \$20 – See below for shirt colour Hoodies unisex - \$35 each

ASSOCIATION DUES 2017

All residents/cottagers of Morrison Lake are requested to join the Morrison Lake Rate Payers' Association. Your \$25 dues can be paid at the Regatta or by mail to:

MLRA 1051 Evanswood Dr. Kilworthy, Ontario, POE 1G0.

Cheques should be made payable to: *Morrison Lake Rate Payers' Association*Your dues contribute toward the website, the newsletter, insurance and this regatta!!!

Treasurer's Report

Hello ML!! We are collecting dues of \$25 for 2017 - at the MLRA August long weekend meeting, Regatta, or mail them to 1051 Evanswood Drive. Kilworthy, ON. POE 1GO. The current bank balance is \$16,709.30. See everyone at Regatta!

Katie LeMoine Treasurer



Morrison Lake Regatta Aug 5-7, 2017

Hope you are all enjoying your time at Morrison Lake this summer. It is that time of year for Regatta festivities! Here is the list of upcoming Regatta events.

Saturday: 10:00am - 3 km run starts at Balfour Woods Rd by Common Area entrance

(Louise Pegg)

1:00 – 4:00pm – Games at the Burns' cottage *volunteers needed*

(1075 North Morrison Lake Rd)

1:00 – 4:00pm – Silent Auction and 50/50 draw at the Burns' cottage (Debes)

• Food, drinks and freezies for sale

- T-Shirt sales (John and Alison Kelly)
- Also accepting Lake Association Dues

Saturday/Sunday: Volleyball (1051 North Morrison Lake Rd)

- Contact Nick Tsioros 416-526-0722
- Volleyball entries texted by Aug 4th, dues must be paid to play
- Food for sale at Burns Cottage on Saturday

Sunday: Swimming: Doyle beach – 2859 Southwood Rd

10:00am – Across the lake swim from Simms Island to Doyle beach (Mausner)

11:00am – Swim Sprints (Mausner)

- Food for sale
- Also accepting Lake Association Dues

Monday: Kobe Memorial Bike Ride – details to be announced (Doug Pegg)

Professional Ski Show and Fireworks – time and details to be announced (Zack McGillivray)

We need your help – We are accepting donations for the silent auction. Please drop off new items, gift certificates, etc. to 1008-4 Balfour Woods Rd. Or text to 705-734-8042. Thank you!

It is with many thanks to all the work of volunteers and donations that make these events possible.

Many thanks to the Wadey family and to the Proctor Family for donating the food for the Saturday events this year.

Please stay tuned for updates.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 5th

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT 12:30 pm

Tsioros' Beach (Cottage #1051) & Engelhardt's Beach (Cottage #1067)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6th

12:30 pm

VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Tsioros' Beach (Cottage #1051) & Engelhardt's Beach (Cottage #1067)

Barbecue and drinks will be on sale during the volleyball tourney on Saturday, so please bring your money for food and help support your lake association. VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION



REGATTA 2017

TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM: Text Nick Tsioros at 416.526.0722. Include your team name and contact person. Association dues need to be paid for your team to play. Entry deadline is Friday, August 4th at 8pm.

Please join us — open to all Morrison Lake cottagers and friends.

Morrison Lake Ratepayers Association May General Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Morrison Lake Ratepayers Association

Date: May 21, 2017 – 1 PM

Place: North Morrison Lake Road Landing

Recorder: Katie LeMoine

James Doyle began with Welcome and Introductions, and asked for Declaration of any items to be added to the agenda. Items declared to be added: District Roads

James Doyle asked for Approval of Minutes from spring meeting:
1st Pete LeMoine & 2nd Ralf Buschke

Katie LeMoine discussed the Treasurer's Report and recapped Regatta 2016. \$1,500 was approved for kids' games and trophies. Lakers were encouraged to hand in their dues.

Katie LeMoine discussed the Secretary's Report on behalf of Chelsea Doyle – she suggested lakers to join the ML Facebook Group, and provide their contact info in order to be added to the email list.

James Doyle discussed **Regatta 2017** – he thanked organizers, hosts, volunteers, the Morrison Lake Volleyball Associa (MLVA), and the Morrison Lake Ski Club (MLSC). A 2nd port-a-potty was confirmed for the volleyball tournament. It v suggested to have smaller meetings to determine organizers and volunteers.

- There were suggestions for:
 - Clarification of events location (map/address)
 - More information for new lakers or those not familiar with the events
 - Communication on Facebook
 - Utilize the sign at the forks more welcome sign
 - Volleyball cap on the total number of teams, no team swapping/filling in for other teams

James Doyle thanked Bob Bruce for his role of Water Quality Director and appointment Pete LeMoine to replace this position. Pete discussed the water quality and noted the following:

- Phosphorus is down, water clarity is the same, and water height is good.
- Phosphorus source is at the top of the lake more data will be taken to track this
- We do not want a toxic algae bloom!!! (Blue-green algae)
 - o Extremely dangerous

Fire Safety was discussed and the following was noted:

- Fire Pump Box refreshes at Regatta
- No daytime burning

Septic systems were discussed and islanders were encouraged to have septic inspections (water quality issues can be identified). Muskoka Septic will come out the first week of September – the more people who participate, the cheaper the price.

District roads will be replaced this summer – Muskoka Road 13/ Southwood Drive. Next year, Kahshe Lake bridge wil replaced and out of service.

End of meeting

Water Quality Update

Submitted by Pete LeMoine

Recognize that when you make the personal decision to fertilize your lawn (whether with so-called eco-friendly or standard fertilizer), you are deliberately and directly adding to the non-natural nutrient loading in the lake.

Nutrient enrichment in lake water can lead to excessive weed growth, odor and taste problems and potential HABs (Harmful Algal Blooms). There are many scientists and grad students studying these cause and effect relationships within the MOECC, DESC, MNRF, MWC and GLEON. Destroying natural shoreline vegetation and replacing it with lawns increases the amount of storm water and pollutants that enter the lake. Lawns encourage geese to feed, raise young, and to return in greater numbers to pollute the water further.

Pete LeMoine has volunteered to become our Lake Stewart in the MOECC Lake Partner Program (LLP) run out of the Dorset Environmental Science Centre. Pete has met with key scientists and grad students and will be hosting them to tour, observe and offer suggestions on how we can keep Morrison Lake in good shape and prevent it from developing the problems that are occurring elsewhere in Muskoka.

The LLP testing continues with the 2 historic locations plus an additional spot near the outlet to gather more info on the water quality as it leaves our lake VS when it arrived. The association would like to thank Bob Bruce for his many years of testing and leadership in our water quality efforts. Bob continues to be available to assist our volunteers with his extensive qualifications and experience.

The District has a separate testing program which samples our lake every other year. The 2 District tests are being performed this summer by Bradie Debes for the District. Pete succeeded in having Morrison Lake added the **2017 Ontario Recreational Lakes and Algae Survey**. This survey forms part of Carmen Pereira's graduate student project, and is being conducted as a partnership between Queen's University, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change, the Muskoka Watershed Council, the Federation of Cottagers' Associations (FOCA), and Nipissing University. The study's overall goal is to assess the health of lakes in Ontario, with particular reference to algal blooms.

The survey is anonymous, takes about 20 minutes to complete online. We encourage all cottagers to complete the survey.

 $\underline{https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/algae1}$

Information from the Muskoka Watershed Council regarding Algae and how to improve the health of Muskoka's watersheds will be available to pick up at the Regatta. We may have an "invasive species awareness student intern" join us to discuss the threats from invasive species.

LET'S TAKE CARE OF MORRISON LAKE!

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
- Buy biodegradable products
- Make sure all wastewater goes through your septic system
- Use environmentally safe cleansers or natural alternatives.
- Call your Municipality and ask about the disposal of paint, paint thinners, oils, wood preservatives, and poisons
- Check all gas and oil storage tanks regularly for leaks and always use a funnel near water.
- Keep it natural avoid using pesticides and herbicides

DON'T:

- Bathe or shampoo in the lake
- Use fertilizers anywhere near the water
- Alter the natural shoreline by adding sand or other fill
- Bury household hazardous materials or pour them down the drain.



Most of us are fortunate that having to call 911 is not an everyday occurrence, but when we do and things don't go as planned, it can really change the outcome.

Through the years, we've unfortunately had a few fires on water access properties, where the local firefighters needed to be shuttled by cottagers and the cottager's own boats to respond. Last summer we had a fire on the north side of Mile Island that had some challenges. Fortunately, with the helpful neighbors in the area and the MLRA portable fire pumps (paid for by the dues and maintained by volunteers from the Lake), the fire was well under control by the time the fire brigade arrived. The fire department still responded and checked for hot spots and to make sure it was properly extinguished.

When the 911 call was placed, the 911 numbers posted for the location of the fire were LM... which referred to Lake Muskoka (our 911 #'s should read ML for Morrison Lake, NOT LM, for Lake Muskoka). Then the 911 operator insisted on having us meet the fire fighters at Cove Rd., which is quite further then the landing on North Morrison Lake Rd. Keeping in mind that each Firefighter with gear and portable pump would be apx. 250 to 300 pounds! (The extra distance and weights would have made shuttling them very challenging) They eventually got redirected to the North Morrison Lake Landing and were shuttled across from there.

To help avoid any future confusion, we have since had a 911 # added at the landing and it's # 1179. Water access cottagers who would have an emergency responders use this landing as their meeting point, should record and reference this number, along with the 911 # they have assigned to their property.

Please take the time to confirm that your 911 # is correct and properly displayed. It is the District of Muskoka that looks after the assigning and questions with the 911 numbers. You can also try looking on this link (although it is a challenge to navigate):

https://map.muskoka.on.ca/Exponare/

Also, the volunteer firefighters are often in their own personal vehicles, responding to a call with a green flashing light. Please respect them as you would any other emergency responder coming up on you with their lights and siren on. Pull over safely and allow then to pass.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer and be safe!

GRAVENHURST NEWS

How about a night at the Opera House??



OR...Music on The Barge Sunday Nights?

Catch live music in Gravenhurst every summer Sunday evening at <u>Gull Lake Rotary Park</u>.

A tradition for over 50 years, beautiful Gull Lake Rotary Park has played host to Gravenhurst's <u>Music on the</u>

Barge program offering a variety of live concerts each Sunday evening from mid-June to the end of August.

This unique venue with its picturesque backdrop of Gull Lake is the perfect place to spend a Sunday evening enjoying music from the Big Band Era to Country & Bluegrass and tributes to the Rock & Roll ages of the 50's and 60's featuring some of the finest artists this country has to offer.

Gull Lake Rotary Park is located at Brock St. & Bethune Dr. Gravenhurst, ON. In the event of inclement weather - rain or lightning - concerts will be CANCELLED for the safety of the audience and performers.

Here is the link to the Sunday night schedule:

http://www.gravenhurst.ca/en/discoverus/musiconthebarge.asp



SATURDAY HEALTH CARE CLINIC IN GRAVENHURST

Cottage Country Family Health Team (CCFHT) – 5 Pineridge Gate, Gravenhurst, Ontario is providing...

Access to non-urgent care for sudden illness, minor infections, and minor injuries at its Gravenhurst site every Saturday beginning July 8th through August 26th, from 9 am to 3 pm (closed for lunch). This service is available to CCFHT and Health Hub patients AND seasonal/visiting patients who have a primary care provider outside of Muskoka. Specific dates of service are:

- July 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2017, and
- August 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2017.

Call 705-687-2271 on the Saturday of service for a same day appointment.

NOTE: patients will be seen for non-urgent care such as sudden illness, minor infections, and minor injuries. We will not renew/refill prescriptions. Narcotics are not kept at this site.

This service is <u>not intended</u> for patients who are unable to get an appointment with their local Physician or Nurse Practitioner on a day of their choosing during the week.

THIS IS NOT A WALK-IN CLINIC.

Call 705-687-2271 on the Saturday of service for a same day appointment.

FYI.....South Muskoka Medical Centre & Walk-In Clinic Information

Address: 230 Manitoba St Bracebridge, ON P1L 2E1 **Phone:** 705-646-7634

Hours: Mon-Thu 9 am-7 pm * Fri 9 am-4 pm * Sat, Sun 9 am-4 pm **Eligibility:** People who need medical care for minor illnesses or injuries

HOW TO POST TO THE BULLETIN AT THE FORKS

- 1. Lift the door from the back and pull, it will swing to the left. There are wooden hinges.
- 2. You'll have to lift to open and close as wooden blocks to lock.
- 3. There may be extra tacks for you to use, but it's a good idea to bring your own if you've got them.





NEW SERVICE IN MUSKOKA

TLC Muskoka Home Health Care



- We are Muskoka Health professionals who understand that living in Muskoka is the key to our health and well-being.
- We are motivated to ensure that our friends and neighbours, seasonal and year-round, can enjoy
 Muskoka to their fullest.
- The TLC Muskoka team consists of Registered Nurses, Personal Support Workers and Health Care Aides.
- Staff are selected for their compassion, empathy and self-motivation. Everyone on the team is screened, have current police checks and complete our comprehensive orientation program.
- We offer a wide range of health care services to people of all ages, from daily living assistance, personal care to comprehensive nursing care. If you need a helping hand our team of trained professionals are available.

No matter where your heart is in Muskoka, apartment, house, cottage or assisted living facility, our team will come to you with services to fit your needs.

TLC Muskoka Home Health Care South Muskoka Medical Centre 230 Manitoba St Unit 1 705-640-5394

LAKE ETIQUETTE

ALTHOUGH THIS IS SPECIFICALLY INTENDED FOR THOSE WHO FREQUENT THE WATERS OF THE NORTH SHORE, ALL MORRISON LAKE BOATERS SHOULD TAKE NOTE.

Once again, we would like to remind boaters that there are certain behaviors that interfere with others ability to enjoy the cottage/home.

- Multiple passes in front of others cottages e.g. 20 runs in an hour (over the water lines) in a boat with a low draft
- Lack of concern for the muck stirred up in the shallow water and clogging neighbours water lines
- Violation of the rules requiring a boat to stay the required distance from the shore and ignoring the no wake rule

These types of concerns last year resulted in a racing boat coming within 1 foot of a small child swimming in the water.

It is suggested that boaters take skiers straight out from their cottage rather than constantly running past the neighbours. NO repeat runs between the rocks and the docks on the North shore.

It is hoped that those who are "constantly" displaying these behaviors will follow these suggestions. Unfortunately if these issues are not addressed by boaters, reports may be made to the Ministry and Police requesting the enforcement of the no wake rule all along the shoreline. This would be a shame for the occasional slalom skiers/barefooters who only occasionally use this path.

DID YOU KNOW.....

Since MR 13 (Southwood Rd) repairs were thought to be completed last week I have been notified today July 17th, that the high float seems to be failing. Staff and contractors are looking into this. So it is not complete yet! I will keep you posted via ML Facebook. Here is an article about various road repair processes. (MR 13 is a high float road).

Definitions and Lifecycles of Surface Treatments

Reconstruction

The existing infrastructure is totally removed due to its extensive deterioration, and is then replaced. When a road is reconstructed, typically other abutting infrastructure within the road allowance such as sidewalks, guardrails, and ditches are also reconstructed at the same time to take advantage of resources already deployed at the site, and in some cases, this also applies to subsurface infrastructure such as water/sewer mains and culverts.

Pulverizing

A pulverization machine grinds the road surface along with a portion of the road base underneath, after which fresh gravel and resurfacing can take place.

This method is typically used to replace highly deteriorated high float or asphalt roads where patching is no longer effective,

High Float (Hard Top)

High float is also known as hard top, tar-and-chip, and tar-and-stone. It is the application of one (single-surface treatment) or two (double-surface treatment) layers of an emulsion base (tar) overlaid with crushed limestone. This can be done on top of either a gravelled, pulverized, or existing hard top surface, and is usually put in place due to increased traffic volume or deteriorated existing hard top. Depending on traffic volume, it takes time for the limestone to settle and form a smoother surface – usually about 1 month for typical traffic volumes. Depending on many factors, the lifecycle of high float is typically about 5-7 years.

Micro-Resurfacing

Micro-resurfacing is the application of a thin layer of an emulsion base overlaid with crushed limestone when a hard top road is beginning to deteriorate and allow water to seep into and under the road. Depending on the condition of the road and other factors, the surface is overlaid with 0.5 - 0.75 inches of material in order to seal the surface of the road, and extend its lifespan by 2-5 years. This type of resurfacing is very similar to slurry seal, which basically entails an application of an adhesive layer to the road in order to protect it from water penetration. As with high float, the limestone will require some time to settle into a smooth surface.

Asphalt

This is the everyday surface for most roads with very high volumes of traffic, such as county and arterial roads, and for all of the King's Highways in Ontario. It is a petroleum-based mix of emulsion, adhesive, and aggregates such as sand and gravel, forming a relatively smooth roadway surface once applied and rolled onto a gravel base. Asphalt is much more durable, but much more expensive, than high float, and is more common in urbanized areas than in rural areas. It is typically 2-4 inches thick, and depending on many factors, has an expected lifespan of about 10-15 years.

Gravelling

Even though gravel roads tend to receive lighter traffic volumes than hard-surfaced roads, they do require re-graveling of about 3-4 inches of A-gravel about every 3-5 years, depending on many factors such as traffic, soil conditions, and quality of the existing gravel base. Gravel roads tend to lose a layer during the winter from snow plowing, and also gradually lose depth from weathering and movement of traffic all year round.

CPR On Morrison Lake

Margaret Bryce once again offered a CPR Course at the Pegg's on July 8, 2017 15 residents participated in this training. Thanks Margaret for helping to keep us all safe.





AED: Automated External Defibrillator

Please be advised that we have a defibrillator on the lake. It is located at: 2839 Southwood Road,

Buschke's property, lakeside and mounted on the wall closest to the driveway.

Thank you Buschke's.

Below is an updated list of people who are qualified in CPR and have agreed to volunteer their services should the need arise. Please keep the list handy, perhaps with your fire pump list. The quicker we can get our friend-neighbor-family member help the better. A list is also placed in the case with the defibrillator. Reminder: anyone who calls 911 will be directed to the defibrillator's location. If you are not (911 deems not necessary), it is always a good idea to have someone get it and have it available just in case.

Thanks to all who agreed to volunteer. Please keep me up to date with your changes in phone numbers and qualifications. Alison Kelly alisonk@sympatico.ca 705-684-8521

Morrison Lake CPR Qualified Residences

Name	Number	Address	PR or Seasonal
Baxter, Scott	705-790-5053	Mile Island, North Morrison Landing Side	Seasonal
Balfour, Nicki & Caleigh	705-687-5790	2ML8	Seasonal
Bitove, Ross & Miragh	705-687-2976	South Morrison Lake Rd	Seasonal
Bolton, Connor	905-599-3405 (cell)	Southwood Rd.	Seasonal
Buschke, Cathy	705-687-0695	2839 Southwood Rd. Location of AED	PR
Bryce , Margaret	705-687-5654	Alcatraz	Seasonal
Debes, Glen & Geraldine	705-684-9395	Balfour Woods Road	PR
Flavell, Tricia	705-205-0454	Evanswood Dr.	Seasonal
Kellner, Mel	705-684-8285 416-565-5871	North Morrison Lake Rd.	Seasonal
Kelly, Sue & Paul	705-687-5605	Evanswood Drive	PR
Kelly, Alison	705-684-8521	Southwood Rd.	PR
Pajunen, Joan/Ken/Lara	705-687-8011 705-445-6487 (cell – long distance)	North Morrison Lake Rd.	PR
Pegg, Doug & Louise	705-687-0613	Longpoint	Seasonal
Rombout, Martin	705-687-8655	South Morrison Lake Rd.	Seasonal
Slater, Cindy & Charlize	416-725-1034	Otiosis	Seasonal
Slater, Tracey & Tamara	416-992-1255	Balfour Woods Rd.	Seasonal
Storey, Barb	705-687-7186	8ML1	Seasonal
Titus, Stephen	289-259-5552	Southwood Rd.	PR
Tsioros, Nick	416-526-0722	North Morrison Lake Rd.	Seasonal

PR – Permanent Resident

District of Muskoka Second Home Study

(For those Morrison Lakers that have their cottage as a second home please consider completing this survey. This is the only real opportunity to understand the seasonal population status.

Thanks...Gravenhurst District Councilor Paul Kelly)

We'd like to get to know you better - to serve you better!

The seasonal population is a vital component of Muskoka's culture, traditions and overall economy. In fact, there are more seasonal residents than permanent residents across our region. Given the significance of the seasonal population, the District of Muskoka periodically collects information through an anonymous online survey called the *Second Home Study*.

District council works hard to shape services, programs and infrastructure to best meet the changing needs of all residents - so this survey is a very important tool for collecting the voices of our seasonal residents. The results also provide valuable information to local businesses and the individual area municipalities (Muskoka Lakes, Gravenhurst, Bracebridge, Huntsville, Lake of Bays and Georgian Bay).

Please complete the survey by August 31, 2017.

Take the survey now!

NOTE! The survey is only to be completed by the owners of second homes in Muskoka.

If you prefer a paper copy of the survey or have questions, please call the Planning and Economic Development Department at 705-645-2100 ext. 218 or email **secondhomestudy@muskoka.on.ca**