

WOODLAND BEACH PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER 2011



GREETINGS FROM THE DIRECTORS OF WBPOA !

Hooray for summer, and hurray for Woodland Beach with its sandy shores and sparkling waters! We wish you safe and happy enjoyment of all your summer activities.

The Directors of WBPOA are busy planning events for this summer, and we invite you to join the fun....

Canada Day Celebration – Fri. July 1st

This special day involves a beach clean-up, lunch and activities for the kids. Details later in the Newsletter.

Wear an "I Love My Beach" T-Shirt!

Woodland Beach t-shirts will be on sale on Canada Day and at our meeting on Sat. July 9th.

White cotton with a brilliant red heart and the words "I Love (heart picture) My Beach" on the front. On the back, "Woodland Beach".

Adult: \$ 12.00 each or 2 for \$ 20.00 - Sizes S, M, L, XL

Youth: \$ 8.00 each

The Directors of WBPOA modeled these T-shirts at our Sept. meeting last year. Members requested that we make them available for everyone. So here they are...for all Woodland Beach environmental supporters!

WBPOA Summer Meetings – 10: AM at Bayshore Seniors' Centre

- **Sat. July 9 – Speaker: Michelle Hudalin, Severn Sound Environmental Assoc. "Well Aware Program"**
- **Sat. Sept. 3 – TBA**

All residents of WB depend on wells and septic or holding tanks. We all need pure water and a safe, inexpensive way to deal with sewage. Speakers will provide information to help us safely manage these essential utilities. Agendas will also include up-dates and discussions of issues important to WB residents.

WBPOA Needs Volunteers !

This is an urgent call for volunteers to sit on the Board of Directors. We need new people with new ideas! Safeguarding the quality of life that we enjoy at WB requires time and effort. It is well worth it!

If you are interested, please speak to one of the present Directors or contact us at wbpoa@hotmail.com.

President: Linda Lockyer
VP and Secretary: Marisa Esposito
Treasurer: Gary Seagrave
Membership: Tracey Price

Directors: Rocco Guerriero
Bev Holmes
Ray Stittle
Karen Trundou

This Newsletter is sent to all WBPOA Members via E-mail or Canada Post. It will also be available at the Woodland Beach Store, the Beach Frog and at our first meeting. We urge you to pass it on or share it with neighbours who are not members now, but may be interested in the future.

Thank You to the Bayshore Seniors !

Bayshore Seniors decided last year to waive WBPOA's payment of rent for the use of their hall for our summer meetings. We truly appreciate their generosity! Sincere thanks also to Bev and George Holmes and other Bayshore members who open and close the hall, set up chairs, and organize the sound system

How Your Membership Fee is Used

In 2010 the membership fee was \$20.00 per household. We thought you would be interested in a breakdown of how your individual fee was used.

Liability Insurance for Woodland Beach Property Association, and its Directors	\$ 6.85
Newsletter, postage and membership cards	2.89
Federation of Tiny Township Shoreline Associations membership	2.24
Testing of Bay water (5 locations)	2.18
Summer General Meetings	1.62
Radar Speed Control	1.45
Signage	1.20
Children's Bingo	.41
Web site, screening for invasive vegetation, bank charges	<u>1.16</u>
	\$20.00

Parking at Woodland Beach Park

In February Tiny Township Council suggested that Permit and Paid Parking at the Park should be merged, and asked for comments from the public. WBPOA advocated keeping the status quo, with Permit Parking in the lot, and Paid Parking on Lawson Rd. Although the present Permit parking area is not always filled to capacity, in our opinion Tiny residents who purchase Parking Permits should enjoy the advantage of parking close to the washroom facility. Five other WB residents wrote to Council, all expressing the same view.

Consequently, Council decided to defer its decision until next year, and in the meantime have by-law officers track parking in both areas.

WBPOA reminded Council that the number of parking spaces should be dictated by the environmental sustainability of the beach. Therefore the number of Paid Parking spaces at WB should not be increased.

WOODLAND BEACHRespect itProtect it !

If we asked Woodland Beach residents why they own or rent property here, their answer would probably involve the beach and the Bay. But what do we do to protect and enhance this valuable resource? We complain that the beach environment is changing, and we don't like the changes. We don't like the vegetation, geese, low water levels, beach postings, algae that washes up on the shore. We can blame some of these unwelcome changes on Mother Nature, but unfortunately, we humans must accept the greater responsibility.

We need to ask ourselves – What do we want our beaches to look like in 10 or 20 or even 50 years? How important is this vision to us, and what can we do to achieve it?

We would suggest that Woodland Beach become a community of “beach environmental activists”, residents who engage in positive actions to restore and protect the natural environment of our shoreline. We encourage both waterfront and back-lot owners to work together and be accountable for their actions. Together we truly can make a difference!

We hope that the following information regarding environment issues and beach ecology will be helpful to Woodland Beach environmental activists. Further info will be available at WBPOA Meetings.

Dune Rehabilitation: We applaud waterfront residents who erected sand fencing last fall and who are encouraging the growth of American Beach Grass (also called Marram Grass) in an effort to restore the dunes. Keep up the good work! We hope that these successes will motivate others to follow this positive action. Fencing and beach grass will prevent sand from blowing up against decks and buildings, thus eliminating the need to hire a machine to remove it.

Bull-dozing sand and vegetation from the beach will eventually result in an undesirable “wet beach”. Unwanted invasive vegetation can be removed, but not the sand!

Lawns: Turf grass planted on lawns is a non-native grass species which in time will migrate to the beach and grow particularly well in wet areas. Moreover, fertilizer from lawns runs off onto the beach where it encourages the growth of undesirable vegetation such as Phragmites. Grass and vegetation growing on the beach encourage geese, whose droppings produce E-coli, which washes into the Bay, causing elevated E-coli levels and consequent beach postings. What a damaging cycle! The answer? No lawns on shoreline properties!

Invasive Plant Species:

Phragmites (Common Reed): Uncontrolled, this hardy, fast-spreading reed will take over our beach. It has already done so in many places on the shores of Lakes Ontario and Erie, growing in huge stands of up to 12 ft. in height. It is difficult to remove because it grows by extending rhizomes under the sand. Any part of the root system left in the sand will sprout another plant, so proper removal and disposal of stalks, rhizomes and roots is key. To date, there is no official policy from Tiny Township or the Province regarding its safe removal with chemicals, but there are measures we can take, such as pulling and digging, cutting, and removal of seed heads. FoTTSA's "The Tiny Cottager" Website www.tinycottager.org provides excellent information with pictures to help you with identification and safe removal.

Garlic mustard, white sweet clover, coltsfoot, spotted knapweed (also identified on the above Website) are more pesky plants that are invading our properties and the beach. Please be on the lookout for them, pull them up and dispose of them safely.

Pavement: Hard surfaces such as asphalt and concrete prevent storm-water from permeating the ground, resulting in increased run-off of water and erosion onto the beach. Please consider other alternatives.

Motorized Vehicles are prohibited on the beach. They destroy beach grass and the natural habitat. They carry and spread seeds of unwanted vegetation in their tire treads. They disturb the peace with noise and exhaust.

Dogs: Each year, WBPOA receives complaints regarding dogs on the beach, and some residents advocate their prohibition. We remind dog owners of their responsibility to keep their animals leashed and to "stoop and scoop"

Update re Beach Ownership in Plan 656

Last summer WB residents were concerned about a proposed plan to develop a Private Beach Club on the beach fronting Plan 656 which is owned by Darick Battaglia – that is the beach extending from Lawson Rd. south to South St., with the exclusion of several properties owned privately or by the Township. We are pleased to report that this plan seems to have been abandoned, and ownership issues are currently to be decided by the Court.

Some History: In 1901, Jonathan Tripp purchased Plan 656 which included the beach to the water's edge. In 1921, Tripp sold the north half of the beach to Wilfred Aldridge. In 1921, when Plan 656 was registered it did not include the beach. Plan 656 also showed Block B described as being "20 feet in width from the front lot to the high water line". Tripp and Aldridge gave each other rights of way over portions of Block B owned by the other. Tripp retained ownership of the south half of the beach. After the deaths of Tripp and Aldridge, land ownership transferred to their heirs.

In 1970 and 1983, the executors of the Tripp family transferred the southern 20 feet of Lot 22, Block A and portions of Block B in front of it to the Township of Tiny. In 2001 the Township of Tiny transferred Block C to itself in order to verify municipal ownership of the public beach and to establish proper title.

In 2006, Darick Battaglia located the Aldridge family heir and entered into an agreement to purchase the land from her. It was later determined that the heirs of the Tripp family are the legal owners of the south half of the beach. The Township entered an agreement with the Tripp family in 2010 to acquire their interest of the south half of the beach and took measures to correct the register as it relates to Block B on Plan 656 and the beach in front of it.

In July 2010, the Township of Tiny started legal proceedings to claim the south half of the beach of Plan 656. The Township has issued a "Notice of Application" against Darick Battaglia.

In August 2010, the Township of Tiny started legal proceedings against its previous legal counsel (Burgar Rowe Professional Corporation and James Innes McIntosh). This matter is still ongoing.

Plan 656 waterfront owners have no other news to report. There has been no further official communication with Darick Battaglia.

A Message from our Web-Master:

Our website www.wbpoa.org is a collection of information for property owners at Woodland Beach. During the next few months I hope to keep you updated on the progress of the son of one of those owners as he prepares for the Pan Am Games held this year in October in Mexico.

Marshall Champ will be representing Canada (and of course Woodland Beach) as a Hobie 16 sailor. He has spent most of his summers at Woodland and sailed most of those. He owns a Hobie 16 and sails under the watchful eyes of Kevin Stittle (Olympic sailor 2008).

On the website I will post a bio of how Marshall and his skipper have earned a place for Canada at the 2011 Pan Am Games. I will try to inform you as to when he will be sailing at Woodland this summer in preparation for the games. I hope that we will get to see some interesting races at Our Beach. The weather doesn't always allow for planned sailing events, but I consider Woodland to be a World Class sailing beach.

Keep a check on our website, and feel free to send me any comments, stories and photos (old and new) that you may have about current or past events at Woodland Beach.

Cheers.... ray@wbpoa.org

Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch is a program aimed at preventing or reducing crime in our community by soliciting every one of us to keep an eye out for our neighbors' property. We **do not** patrol the beach. It is imperative that all of us report any suspicious activity immediately to the Police at **1-888-310-1122**. If a crime is in progress, if someone's life is in danger, if there is a fire, serious collision or an assault call **911** immediately. After the Police are called, please advise your Block Captain so we are aware of local occurrences.

Bayshore Senior Centre reported two broken windows to us May 28th. The same evening there were reports that items set out for the "Big Pick Up" were broken and thrown on the road. We have advised the Police of the details.

We have 5 Block Captains in Woodland Beach. Volunteers are required in the N Park Rd /Siesta Drive area.

Gary	S Park Road	705 361-9911
Grant	TBRs/Lawson Rd	705 361-1461
John	Central TBRs	705 361-3409
Sharon	N TBRs	705 361-3127
Sid	Hastings	705 361-1896

We realized after an incident that a neighbor might not have the information to get in touch with you if there is a problem and you are not at your cottage. This year your 2011 WBPOA Membership could provide contact information if it is required by one of our Block Captains. Your information will be confidential to WBPOA Membership and the Woodland NW program.

Questions or to Volunteer call John at 705 361-3409.

Traffic

Our attendance at the Police Committee meetings and resident calls to the OPP about speeding concerns on our beach has resulted in increased Police radar enforcement. Finally!!! Our OPP detachment is Southern Georgian Bay, Hwy12 in Midland Phone # 705 526 3761.

The Radar Board has been requested for 4 times over the summer and will be deployed by OPP or Tiny Township only when manpower is available.

As you know our roads are very narrow especially when two cars are passing. Please do your part to walk facing traffic on the Left side of the road. Let's set a good example and keep everyone safe over the summer.

WOODLAND BEACH COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Woodland Beach Community Church is celebrating its 85th year of service on the Beach. Even though church services had been held in homes prior to 1926 it was that year that the church was organized. We are still here to minister to all on the beach who wish to join us for worship.

The Church is located at 2071 Tiny Beaches Road South and will host a Christian worship service each Sunday morning at 10:30 during July and August as well as on the Sundays of Victoria Day, Labour Day and Thanksgiving Day weekends. The Christmas Eve service has proven to be an enjoyable gathering for many.

Tom Norwood, who has been a member of the Board of Trustees almost continually from 1964, has resigned for health reasons. We appreciate his contribution to the leadership of the church for these many years. He continues to be an integral part of our church family. Thanks Tom!

The speakers come from a number of Christian denominations in Canada. New to the roster this year is Andy Ahrens from the Elmvale High School.

Everyone is invited to join us in worshipping the Lord Jesus Christ this summer.

All Sunday services are at 10:30 and the Christmas Eve service is at 7 P.M.

Please come and join us as you are able. For further information you could phone Larry (361-1719), Neil (361-3648), Currie (322-1539), Jeff (429-0833) or Ron (361-9284).

Did You Know?

You can now access the Tiny Trail section of The Ganaraska Hiking Trail in Sunward Estates at the entrance to Wasaga Beach. Visit their website at www.ganaraska-hiking-trail.ca Check under Trail Changes. Check it out.....

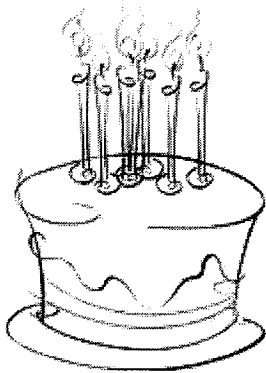


Have a safe and happy summer!

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Happy 144th Birthday Canada and we're having a Party !

DATE:



July 1st

PLACE: BAYSHORE SENIOR HALL

TIME: 9:30 - 11:30-Beach Clean Up

12:00 - 3:00-Party

ACTIVITIES: Games for Kids

Music, Face Painting, Canada Day Flags

Lunch: \$2.00 - Hot Dog, Soft Drink, Ice Cream

"I LOVE MY BEACH" T-SHIRTS WILL BE ON SALE



Woodland Beach Clean Up

Celebrate Canada Day as we hold our 1st WBPOA "Clean Up Day"
Captains will be chosen and each team will have a designated area to clean up.
Roadsides, pathways and the beach will be included. Only areas with volunteers will be covered. Please wear appropriate clothing & shoes.
Gloves/garbage bags provided.

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30

4 Meeting Places: Tripp Lane & TBR Culver Road & TBR
WB Park Cabell Road & TBR

Join us at one of the 4-meeting places and make a difference in your
neighborhood.....Questions: Please call John & Tracey Price @ 705 361 3409
or Email us at wbpoa@hotmail.com.

Membership 2011

Membership in 2010 stood at 158, up from 117 in 2009. We have the efforts of our membership committee to thank for the increase. We hope they will join us again this year to further our success.

This year your 2011 Membership will include registration in our Neighborhood Watch program. Be sure to read the Neighborhood Watch information page and check the box on the form below to accept that you agree.

We are again "going green" and asking members to receive their Newsletter by email in an effort to save the environment and reduce our costs. We are aware that some members are without a computer and prefer mail. Please indicate your preference with a check mark on the form below.

Membership will be valid from the date you sign up until the first meeting the following year. FoTTSA Retailer Discount Cards should be available to members again – please support our local businesses. Remember to include your email address on the membership form to receive updates from our WBPOA and The Tiny Cottager.

If you wish to sign up through the mail and avoid line-ups at the July 9th meeting, visit the membership table at our Canada Day Party or fill in the form below and mail it along with a cheque for \$20.00 payable to "Woodland Beach Property Owners' Association". Kindly address the envelope to WBPOA, c/o Tracey Price, 2125 Tiny Beaches Rd. S., ELMVALE, Ont, L0L 1P0

Thank-you for your continued support !

WBPOA

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Co-Owners: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

Beach Address: _____

Beach Phone: _____

EMAIL: _____

Neighborhood Watch Contact Information: YES NO

Newsletter by: Email Mail