



# Deanlea Beach Association

## Spring 2014 Newsletter

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### Woodland Avenue Fence

The snow has finally left which has allowed me to walk and take a look at challenges Deanlea faces. On Woodland Drive I notice that the road is very narrow. The road is hemmed in by a fence that the Association erected years ago to the tune of \$5,000. It was erected to prevent cottagers from Pine Forest dumping on Deanlea. That fence unfortunately does not follow any survey lines and so it gives extra footage to the cottagers of Pine Forest and takes away land that we would need if we ever wanted to widen the road. I noticed in my walk that the cottagers have planted trees on our land. This summer I need to get a clear idea of what the residents of Deanlea Beach want me to do with the fence. My inclination is to move the fence in order to take back our land which in some areas amounts to 5 feet. The fence was placed where it was in order to avoid cutting down trees. My suggestion is to not put up the fence where there are trees on the boundary line. If we are going to take down the fence we need to find the most cost effective means of doing this. I am not prepared to spend \$5,000. We could do it in sections; I am hoping to do it with help from the membership in order to keep costs down. John Kerk has offered to approach a local fencing company. Does anyone have a company that does this kind of work? Does anyone have the expertise? Before anything is done I need to hear from you. We have included a **survey at the end** for you to mail in or email me at [president@deanleabeach.ca](mailto:president@deanleabeach.ca) I want to implement a solution that the majority of the beach wants so I need to hear from you.

### Snow Fences

As you walk the beach you will notice that there are some new structures on the beach. They were erected on a cold, blustery fall day for two reasons. We wanted to see if we could control the blowing of sand on the access walkway and we wanted to reforest the dune which has been denuded by human activity. I have sent a request to Karen Alexander of the Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation for signs and information on restoration. The health of the dunes is essential to prevent the spread of phragmites (common reed) because it will only grow in wet sand. The fence on the dune will be removed once the dune has grass growing on it.

### Water Sampling Program

Years ago FoTTSA started a water sampling program to provide evidence that our water contained higher than acceptable levels of e.coli bacteria in certain locations. The data gathered over the years helped the Health Board determine where the sources of contamination were and it encouraged the septic system inspection program. The water sampling program will occur again this year and Carlotta Lee has graciously volunteered to collect samples and Randy Oswald will be her back-up. This program cannot run without volunteers and I am so grateful that these residents have stepped forward.

### Infringement on Deanlea Beach Property

Some residents have noticed a steady creep of shoreline owner's possessions onto the dunes which are owned by the Association. Years ago we spent a lot of money surveying and putting stakes in cement to ensure there were no grey areas. Stakes were removed without permission from the Association. To clarify the situation we have taken pictures of property lines and will be sending letters to those who creep. We ask that property owners remove anything that is now lying on Association Property. You will have until the end of the summer.

## **Dogs on the Beach**

Spoke with Randy at Animal Control to gain some information on dog control. For individual property the municipal bylaws pertain while the beach is covered by the Ontario Dog Owners Liability Act. If a dog acts in a manner that poses a threat to public safety then call Animal Control 705 549-2289 or the OPP. Make sure you take a picture of the dog and follow the owners to get a license number or an address. Given the problems residents had with dogs on the beach last summer I am asking residents to leave their dogs at the cottage between noon and 5 pm during July and August. When beaches are crowded with people, tempers are shortened and the addition of dogs heightens the stress. I heard about dogs with menacing behaviors, a dog was attacked by another dog and people were annoyed by the lack of consideration of some dog owners. Let's try this approach this summer to see if we can find a balance between those who own dogs and those who want to enjoy the beach. In addition it is discourteous to leave feces on the footpath, poop bags on the side of the road or on property adjacent to the pathways or to allow your animal to relieve itself on someone's property. If you are renting please make sure your renters are aware.

## **Beach Cleanup**

I would like to thank Phil Spademan our Vice president for cleaning up in the fall what was remaining on the beach. Thanks to the sticker program the surfboards, several chairs and boats disappeared beforehand so he ended up only having to take two concrete umbrella stands and several broken chairs to the dump.

## **Unwanted Visitors**

I am still hearing about cottagers from Bluewater coming over to nestle on our beach. Might I suggest that if you suspect someone from Bluewater is doing this you go over and introduce yourself. Script: "Hi, I'm (XX). I don't believe we have met. " "Where is your cottage?" If you don't recognize the road they mention ask if it's in Deanlea and if not explain to them that we are a private beach. That way if you meet a resident from Deanlea you won't offend them and you may strike up a friendship. "May I help you" doesn't have the same warmth.

To help everyone we are erecting what my plumber calls an "angry sign" on the beach boundary of Deanlea and Bluewater.

## **Annual General Meeting**

In an effort to get more residents out to the AGM we have rescheduled it to June 21, 10 am to 12 noon at the Wyevale United Church. It is not a holiday weekend, most residents will have opened their cottages and it's just before the July 1 weekend so most cottagers should be up. Please try to attend. As it stands 30-40 residents are making decisions for 220 residents. I would be more comfortable if the numbers were closer to 70 residents.

## **Website**

Over the winter Phil Spademan developed a website for us. It includes a link to our Letters Patent, the newsletter, Dos and Don'ts, Bylaws, Event Calendar and How to Pay Dues.

## **Thanks**

I would like to thank Jose Couto for taking the initiative and filling in potholes.

## Passing

It is with sadness that we note the passing of Mary Oswald, Nancy Oswald, Tony Maia, Tullio and Gemma lanes.

## DEANLEA BEACH ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FEES

Our paid memberships in 2013 including arrears subsequently collected was a slight drop to 187 compared to 191 for 2012. The record participation was 194 paid members in 2007.

The association uses dues to maintain the unpaved roads and beach access pathways, clean the beach, pay the insurance and property taxes for the beach, run Fun Day and otherwise make the beach as pleasant an experience for our membership as possible. We will also provide written confirmation upon request of dues payment for owners who are planning to sell their property.

The annual dues are now \$60 and if **you pay on or before the AGM on June 21<sup>st</sup>, you can take advantage of the early payment discount and pay \$50** (\$51.50 via PayPal). Those who pay on the Canada Day or Fun Day weekends will have to pay the full \$60 (\$62.00 via PayPal).

If you have not yet sent in your membership for 2014 (and to catch up for previous unpaid years), there are now **six** ways to pay, including 3 electronic options:

1. Come to the Annual General Meeting and pay by cheque or cash in person.
2. Drop off a cheque or cash to the treasurer (Michael Ryan) at 36 Rosemary Road. If no one is there when you come, place it in a sealed envelope and make sure you identify your Deanlea Beach address so that we don't bother you with reminders.
3. Complete the enclosed form and mail it along with your cheque to our Treasurer, Michael Ryan.

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUE PAYABLE TO: DEANLEA BEACH ASSOCIATION

MAIL TO:

DEANLEA BEACH ASSOCIATION Inc.  
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## Electronic Payment

4. Customers of Bank of Montreal can pay online via bill payment. If you will be paying online for the first time this year, you will need to set up DBA with your unique 3-digit account number. Please e-mail [treasurer@deanleabeach.ca](mailto:treasurer@deanleabeach.ca) to obtain your unique online member number.
5. Interac e-mail transfer – most banks offer this option and usually charge you \$1.50 for this service. The payment should be sent to [treasurer@deanleabeach.ca](mailto:treasurer@deanleabeach.ca) and use 'funday' as the security code.
6. PayPal – click on the PayPal icon at [www.deanleabeach.ca](http://www.deanleabeach.ca) – this allows for secure payment by credit card: please pay \$51.50 (\$62.00 after the AGM) as DBA has to pay a processing fee.

## e-MAIL COMMUNICATIONS

Help us save costs and trees by consenting to have DBA e-mail newsletters and Association news and alerts by giving us your current e-mail address on the following page if you have not told us in previous years. We would also like to know if the DBA can forward your e-mail address to the Federation of Tiny Township Shoreline Associations (FoTTSA) for their master e-mail list. We would like to have as

