



# Deanlea Beach Association

## Fall 2014 Newsletter

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### President's Message

As I travelled from one end of Tiny to the other during the election I was struck with how lucky we are in Deanlea Beach. We are not facing the problems that Ardmere Beach faces when the busloads of tourists spill onto their private beach from Balm Beach. We are buffered by private and municipal roads which makes it harder to find the beach. I also heard a lot of back lot cottagers from other beaches complain that the beaches they took for granted for generations have been put in jeopardy because new beach front owners have decided to exercise their right to a private beach. Because we don't have Tiny Beaches Rd dividing our subdivision into front and back lots we have a sense of community unparalleled along the shoreline. Deanlea is a combination of cooperative and private beaches. At our north end our residents own the beach to the water. In the spirit of community we must respect their right to their private beach. Please pick up after your dog on their beach and ours.

I have been approached by several parents asking how their offspring can become more involved in the Association. It makes me really happy to see the torch being passed to another generation. We need younger people with a fresh perspective.

### Municipal Parking Policy

Tiny Township commissioned a report to look at parking issues on roads west of County Rd 6. This report recommended that all paved municipal roads in Deanlea would have no parking on each side. Combined with the no parking on Concession 4 this will eliminate day trippers using our beach.

### Real Estate Agents

This summer I submitted complaints to RECO and the Southern Georgian Bay Association of Realtors regarding the behaviour of Mike Kelly and Peggy Worthen. Peggy implied by the wording of her ad "steps to Deanlea Beach" that a house on Concession 4 would have access to the beach. Mike Kelly told the new owners that they had access and when I visited them to gently explain that they did not, Mike inflamed the situation by telling them that he would find them a "friend" to visit on the beach. It will take 6-8 months for RECO to address our grievances. Meanwhile, Sandy Raymer of the Southern Georgian Bay Association of Realtors sent the following correspondence to their members: "We have been advised by the President of the Deanlea Beach Association that this beach is private therefore not accessible to the public. Those wishing to use the beach must be a dues paying member to the Association AND their property must be on one of the following streets: (streets listed) This information should be shared with potential buyers to ensure there is no confusion of whether they have beach access. Members can contact Mary Jane Price or Michael Ryan at 705-361-2457 for further information."

If you see a family walking down Deanlea Blvd on the way to the beach with 2 dogs you might want to stop, introduce yourselves and find out where they are from.

### Snow fencing

This item is particularly distressing to members of our Board. In the fall during a weekday after all the seasonal residents had left a resident of Deanlea Beach using the darkness of night destroyed the snow fencing to such an extent that it could not be repaired. Before this vandalism, some beach goers had thrown garbage into the enclosure and trampled the grasses that had been planted there. These are obviously people who don't care about restoring and conserving the dune. This is an affront to the members who erected it on a cold, wet November day. This is not how we handle disagreements.

## **Our Roads**

Extreme weather buffeted Canada this year and Tiny was not excluded. This summer we had an extreme rainstorm that damaged some of our roads. This led us to question whether there was a better way to repair the roads. Screening washes out so with Randy Oswald's help and Steve Dyce's bobcat we tried removing material at the sides of the road and using this to regrade the hills where most of the damage occurred. It looks like we may need to put drainage piping on both sides of the road hills to divert water away in a controlled manner i.e. not on someone's front lawn. Come the spring we will talk to a landscaper for advice on diverting water. In the meantime thanks to Loris, Randy and Steve for handling this.

## **Preserving Our Dunes**

In talking to some residents Loris has come up with the idea of starting a tree replacement project. We have lost trees and others are coming to the end of their life span. Every year for the next five years we would like to plant 10 or more trees on the dunes. These trees will need to be watered regularly so it would be great if we can involve our children in this project. The trees not only preserve the dunes but in buffeting the cottages from the wind they help to maintain the cottages. There is a significant difference in the wind velocity in front of and behind the trees.

## **In memoriam**

It is with sadness that we note the passing of Dan Armstrong, Evelyn Silk, Rocco Colasanti, Jose Carvalho and Joan Marchetti. A donation will be made in their memory to the Georgian Bay General Hospital Foundation as part of FoTTSA's fund raising initiative. Our deepest sympathies to the families of these owners.

## **Thank you**

Thanks to all of you who pick up garbage, butts etc on the beach; who clean the pathways and keep the access path in good shape. Thank you Gini for collecting those dues and thanks to all who pay them. Our website is [www.deanleabeach.ca](http://www.deanleabeach.ca)  
Have a wonderful Christmas holiday.

## **Fun Day Recap from Wendy Spademan**

Thanks to beautiful weather and our energetic volunteers our annual Fun Day was a great success. Kids and families dressed up, played games, adorned the beach with amazing sand sculptures, took their chances in the raffle and enjoyed a traditional beach supper. Thanks to Wendy Spademan who organized the games, and to all the volunteers who helped make it run smoothly (buying prizes, cleaning the beach, setting up tents and tables, judging costumes and sand castles and running the games). Thanks to Mary Jane Price for organizing the raffle which helps support Fun Day and to our tireless treasurer, Michael Ryan who collected outstanding dues and sold T-shirts. Finally huge thanks go to the Madill, LaRose and Armstrong families who organized the hotdog and corn supper. They rely on the support of members who can help by setting up tables and cooking equipment, husking corn, cooking, serving and cleaning up afterwards. It's a huge endeavor to feed 591 people and we need everyone to pitch in! In 2015 I will not be organizing Fun Day because my talents are required in Toronto. If no one steps forward to fill this position Fun Day is in jeopardy. Every year we are short the number of volunteers that we need. This cannot continue. Please contact any of the board members if you are willing to organize or help out.

## **Treasurer's Comments**

The association has so far collected 191 out of a possible 216 membership dues this year which reflects the continued high level of participation by our community – thank you again for your commitment to our community. Next year's dues will remain the same - \$50 if paid *before* the June 2015 Annual General Meeting and \$60 if paid after the AGM.

We can accept advance payment of your 2015 dues anytime by mail or in person to 36 Rosemary Rd, Tiny, ON L0L 2T0 or online if you are a BMO client. We also take Interac e-transfers: please send them to: [treasurer@deanleabeach.ca](mailto:treasurer@deanleabeach.ca) and use 'funday' for the Interac security code.