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## Deanlea Beach Spring 2016 Newsletter

As I walk by the cottages I am buoyed by the thought of seeing families return for the summer.

At last year's AGM residents voted to have the pathway at the end of Henrys Rd act as both a boat ramp and access pathway. We need an access pathway that is more user friendly for those who need help getting to the beach. The dead end road provides a safe place where residents can pull over and take elderly or disabled family out of the car safely and not into oncoming traffic. This stopping place also does not block the road. While we do have an access path at the north end it is better suited for foot traffic i.e. wagons and strollers. There is no place to pull off the road and anyone who stops there blocks traffic.

In attempting to find a way to accommodate both boat trailers and an access pathway we are looking into mobi mats which have been installed at Wasaga and Balm Beach. Unfortunately, the price of the mats is affected by our dollar because they are manufactured in France and distributed from New Jersey. We could also get lucky in the exchange rate if we time the purchase. At the moment Wendy Madill is looking into a grant through Trillium. We do have a reserve fund which we could look at to finance the purchase. We need to look at rate of deterioration or longevity, deterioration with snow and cold, ease of installment, etc. Because of the significant cost, the Board wishes to discuss this at the AGM.

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The township passed a bylaw in January making it illegal to burn leaves because of the number of incidents of these fires getting out of control. You may still burn brush and untreated wood.

Residents are also prohibited from creating fires that interfere with your neighbour's enjoyment of the day. Bylaw can be called in these instances.

The Township of Tiny is running a Pilot Parking Program to convert open parking to permit parking between Concession 8 and 12 from May 15 to September 15 to see if this helps with overflow on the beaches. The township will continue to sell 150 non resident permits on a first come, first serve basis for residents of Midland, Penetanguishene, Tay and Springwater. I did a deputation to Council and wrote to the CAO requesting that the 4<sup>th</sup> concession be included in the pilot on the basis of number of tickets issued but we weren't included. My worry is that Bluewater is one of four major beach parks in the Township and they are looking at how to provide better access to those beaches. They will probably base parking spot numbers on beach square footage but we know that they have cordoned off a lot of that square footage for the dunes. You need to contact them and express your concerns. Go to [www.tiny.ca](http://www.tiny.ca) and get the names of the Councillors and email them. There will still be pay and display parking at Jackson Point and Balm Beach but if you use Jackson Park to launch your boat it might be a good idea to buy a permit for the season. It's about \$18.

Loris Gaiotto and Mark Kruszynski started tree planting last year on the south end of the beach. We lost a couple but the rest wintered well. We are going to plant on the north end of the beach this year. Baby trees need to be watered so if there is anyone that would like to help water them please contact Loris or myself. You could have this as a conservation project with your kids. Trees are a natural way of preserving our dunes, helping to keep the sand in place. With the mild winter this year, our roads and footpaths have held up well. Any necessary maintenance will take place in June. Please let us know if there are any areas that need attention. Poison ivy spraying will take place as soon as the plants begin to sprout. Volunteers are always welcome to help with these

22 at 4pm. The Boardwalk will be reinstalled at the north end that same weekend and we need some younger backs to help us. If you have a son or daughter you could spare for an hour we would appreciate it. If you could send them to the beach at 4pm that would be great.

Loris and I walked along several footpaths that are not well known and we noticed that residents have built sheds on one, planted a swing set and a mountain of logs on another, have scattered ashes on another. We will be erecting posts at the ends of these pathways to remind residents that these pathways need to be kept clear because they are owned by the association.

One of our new Board members, Claudio, has taken on the design of a Deanlea Beach logo for tee shirts and hats which will be for sale on Fun Day. Claudio tells me that “an updated logo is in the works, and will be featured on a new run of comfortable tee shirts and hats perfect for beach life and casual wear in town.” He is trying to get samples prepared for the AGM on Saturday June 25 at the Wyevale Church across from Jug City. (1 pm). I would like a better representation of this beach so come on in. It’s only once a year and major decisions are made there.

Speaking of Fun Day, we always need volunteers to help to make that day a success. We need someone to volunteer to run the raffle and another person to organize the games.

By the way, I heard when I was at a Council meeting that Deanlea is slated for septic inspections this summer so don’t be surprised if you receive a letter. They rotate through areas of the township over the years.

#### MEMBERSHIP FEES

Our 194 paid memberships in 2015 was a slight increase from 2014. The association uses dues to

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 Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>, you can take advantage of the early payment discount and pay \$50 (\$52 via PayPal). Those who pay on the Canada Day or Fun Day weekends will have to pay the full \$60 (\$63 via PayPal).

If you have not yet sent in your membership for 2016 (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 on Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm 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, place it in a sealed envelope, leave it on the table 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.

**PLEASE MAKE CHEQUE PAYABLE TO: DEANLEA BEACH ASSOCIATION and MAIL TO:**

**DEANLEA BEACH ASSOCIATION Inc.**

**Michael Ryan - Treasurer**

**Deanlea Beach Association**

**c/o 36 Rosemary Road, Tiny, ON L0L 2T0**

4. Customers of Bank of Montreal can pay online via bill payment. If are 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 \$52 (\$63 after the AGM) as DBA has to pay a processing fee.

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