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Deanlea Beach Association Winter 2015/6 Newsletter

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Presidents Message

This newsletter is a letter of gratitude to all of those who pitch in and make Deanlea the community it is.

First of all, my Board: Michael who crunches the numbers which allows us to show the members where their money is going. Joan who writes the most superb minutes I have ever had the pleasure to read. Loris who quietly takes care of maintenance, roads, signs, trees, all living things. Wendy who provides that extra set of hands when its needed and takes the initiative before it's asked for. Wendy, along with her partner and the Madills are the backbone of the fun day dinner. Phil who takes care of our technical needs, is there with an extra set of hands and comes up with new initiatives. Mark and Phil bring a business perspective and at times a different way of looking at things. Bill, our elder statesman, brings a historical perspective into the picture. This year there are two new Directors, Peter Collese and Claudio Renini, who along with Phil bring a new energy and perspective to the table. Deanlea needs a succession plan in order to grow, changes bring growth. Without change Deanlea will stagnate and whither.

One of the suggestions Claudio put forward is to offer Deanlea Beach caps for sale at fun day. I think it's a great idea for sun protection. And I really want a Deanlea Beach Cap. What do you think?

The Board cannot do everything on their own and we depend on the brawn and

This past year Wendy Spademan stepped down from running the fun day games and I was concerned about finding someone to replace her because she had done such a super job. It was a delightful surprise to have the Basso family step up to the plate and take over the organizing and running of the games. Building on Wendy's structure Tina, her mom Maria and brother Roy came up with a theme, added some different games, created medals (which took hours to create) and diplomas. They came up with prize ideas and then spent hours buying them.

Tina, along with a few others, is wondering about bringing back the dance. We would have to have a 12 midnight cut-off (even if we are having a fabulous time), be more cognisant of the direction the speakers are facing and the volume. Our youth have really missed the dance. So have I. I need to hear from you on this subject.

The LaRose family, specifically Richard, has over the years provided wieners for fun day. This year his wife Brenda volunteered to take over the raffle. Just listening to what she was doing exhausted me. She and Wendy Madill approached local businesses and got them to donate more stuff than I have ever seen at the Raffle. It was an amazing success because of her efforts. Change brought in a new energy.

At the end of fun day there is a lot of work to do to dismantle the cooking area and put equipment away. This normally falls to the Armstrong and Madill family and Board members. Everyone else has gone home. Michael and I are left to take down the tents and pack up everything we brought to run the "control centre". It is an exhausting job to do when you are tired at the end of a busy day. This year Cindy Schilter came down to the beach, saw us and organized a group of young people to help us get the stuff in our truck. We were grateful for your help Cindy. This year I would like to see someone organize our youth to lend a hand with the cleanup because they have stronger backs and more energy. It's also reinforces giving back.

The residents of Lakeside have been concerned for a while about speeding so Connie Wheeler researched a unique speeding sign, put together a business case, bought them and is storing the extras. She saw a problem and set out to find a solution. Thanks Connie.

Rudy, John, Peter, Lorne Oldrich and Jose. Loris couldn't get the work without the extra hands. We are looking for some younger hands as well. This spring Loris is starting at the north end of the beach with his tree replacement program. The trees stabilize the dunes and hold the sand so it doesn't blow into someone's yard. Last year Loris planted 15 trees and someone placed support sticks beside them. We are grateful for your thoughtfulness. If we have a dry Spring we are asking residents to take the time to water these little guys so they survive. It would be a great conservation project for our young residents.

There is also a group of residents, who on the basis of their Board experience provide me with insights and wisdom. I am grateful for your time and support.

Just in case you think that winter is a slow time for me and Deanlea business I want to tell you that it isn't. I attend all Tiny Council meetings to keep myself abreast of any policies that may affect Deanlea.

Most private beaches are having problems preventing outsiders from using their beach. They leave behind garbage, use the beach for bathroom facilities and add to crowding. The previous council came to the conclusion that the only way to control access to beaches is through parking. This Council is committed to addressing parking issues and believes that public engagement is crucial to this process. To date, Council held a Town Hall meeting on November 14, 2015, dedicated to the topic of beach usage, maintenance and access/parking as well as a Special Committee of the Whole Meeting on January 13, 2016, regarding a Township parking strategy.

The purpose of the meeting was to listen to the public's input and to strive to implement a consistent, fair parking strategy that meets the needs of the community as a whole. Public consultation is a critical part of this process and Council is anxious to hear from individual beach associations.

At the January meeting I did a short presentation regarding Deanlea Beach Parking concerns. I pointed out to Council that we did not want to see an increase in parking spots for Bluewater because we receive the overflow when the beach is crowded. I also asked them to consider erecting No Parking signs on Bay St.. Concession 4, Pine Forest Dr. and Prince Albert Pkwy have No Parking signs which makes Bay the first street from the public beach with unrestricted parking. I also recommended that all parking spots be permit spots

are our neighbours and we share recreational facilities with them. Tiny does not have a library or an indoor arena or pool. The Township will sell 150 non-resident permits on a first come, first serve basis at a cost of \$113.

Council is still working through the finalization of the strategic plan.

Even though I look onto snow thoughts of spring and summer are not far from my mind. I have looked at the calendar and noticed that the last Saturday of June is neither Fathers Day weekend nor the July 1 weekend. So our AGM will fall on Saturday June 25, at 1 pm. We choose the Saturday because cottage residents are going back home on Sunday.

Keep warm,

Mary Jane

Treasurer's Comments

The association collected 194 out of a possible 218 membership dues in 2015 which reflects the continued high level of participation by our community – thank you again for your commitment to our community. The 2016 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 payment of your 2016 dues anytime by mail or in person to 36 Rosemary Rd, Tiny, ON L0L 2T0 or online if you are a BMO client. We take Interac e-transfers: please send them to: treasurer@deanleabeach.ca and use 'funday' for the Interac security code. And we can accept payment via PayPal and please add \$2 to cover PayPal's processing charges.



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