

Cognashene Cottagers' Association

CCA Annual General Meeting

July 9, 10:00 a.m.

Cognashene Community Church

Pick up your NEW Maps!



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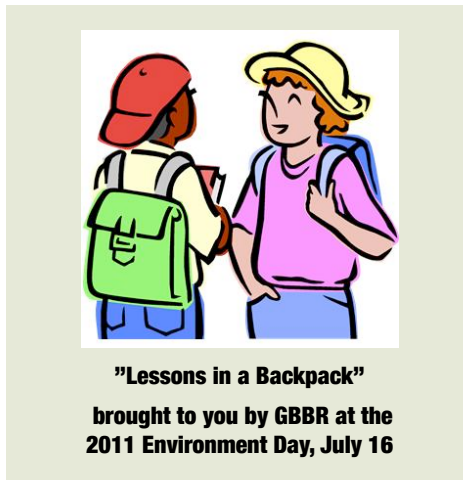
President's Message

Wendy Parker

Hello Cottagers,

The season is upon us and after a disappointing start, the weather seems to be improving and the water is on the rise.

EDA Collaborative presented their final plans for the town of Honey Harbour (HH) on May 7. I can happily say that there were no plans to change or remove any marinas and the words 'condominium' and 'bridge' were never mentioned. Instead the focus will be on better parking, roads, lighting, sidewalks and amenities for visitors as well as recreational space for residents and a swim beach for the kids in the Delawana/LCBO cove. A sidewalk to the HH Public School down the HH Road along the Lily Pond will provide a much



needed safe path. Half of the 'non-motorized' trail from HH to Port Severn is completed.

The Ad Hoc Committee on 'Open Space' has met. The members are focused on the job and hope to reach a satisfactory solution quickly.

Mark your calendars now for July 16. Environment Day at Minnicog will feature health of the forest by BioForest

Technologies, GBBR 'lessons in a backpack' for the kids, a National parks rep, water quality and a EGBSC update on the Musquash walleye project. The same day features LARGE GARBAGE PICK-UP at the town docks from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

On a final note I would like to invite you all to the CCA Annual General Meeting on July 9 at 10:00 A.M. at the Cognashene Community Church on the Freddy. The Cognashene maps will be available for pick-up there, and at various other events throughout the summer.

Have a wonderfully happy, safe summer and appreciate the beauty of this wondrous place, every day.

Recreation Program

Meg Bennett

Finally the winter is over and I am ecstatic that the warm weather will bring another fantastic summer! Let me start by welcoming you to another amazing summer at the beach. I am thrilled to be returning as Program Director and would like to welcome back Ailsa Boyd as Head of Swimming, Hilary Adams as Head of Sailing, Michaela Eaton-Kent as our Volunteer Coordinator and Beth Hornell-Kennedy, Claire Russell, and Ana Vermeulen as full-time instructors. Mitch Carter, Thomas Tawaststjerna, Abby Hornell-Kennedy and Nicole Wilson are our assistant instructors. I am extremely excited to be working with this amazing group for an excellent summer once again and hopefully we have fantastic weather to work with!

We had a phenomenal summer last year and my hope is to have just as positive and enjoyable a summer for everyone this year so please do not hesitate to contact me prior to the summer if you have any questions, comments, concerns etc.. I can be contacted through my email, hbennet4@uwo.ca prior to the summer and on the Rec cell number after July 1st.

Once again we invite everyone to come out and help with the **Beach Clean Up on Friday July 1st at 10:00 am**. Any and all help is welcome and rakes, shovels, buckets and elbow grease are greatly appreciated! Many hands make light work!!!

Beach Clean-up July 1

Lessons begin July 4

The program will commence Monday July 4th. There will be a staff "meet and greet" before swimming lessons at 10:00 where each child will meet with his or her instructor. We are looking forward to introducing ourselves!

As in previous years, space on the beach is limited and we strongly suggest boat pooling as much as possible so that there is enough space for everyone during swimming times. *Just a reminder that the Rec Program does not have the use of the side shore of the beach, so boats should not be pulled up or tied off to it.* The beach is only to be used during scheduled program hours and cannot be used for private purposes. We also request that participants arrive no earlier than 9:50 and leave no later than 12:30, as the staff cannot be responsible for any children or patrons before/after these hours.



We will be running the Sailing Program once again. There will be two sessions, one in July (Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2-4) and the same times in August. We will be running a Junior Sailing on Tuesdays (July and August) with each session being 3 lessons. Please register early as space is limited!

We will be running the Red Cross Swim Program as well as teaching the Bronze Levels.

This year we have introduced a new position, the Volunteer Coordinator which will be held by Michaela Eaton-Kent. We will be restructuring our volunteer program in which our volunteers will choose to work for one month at a time and gain valuable experience and knowledge of the program from a staff perspective.

Also we would like to thank Dennis Robitaille for continuing to ensure that our participants have a raft to swim off of and the Church Committee for their continued generosity in volunteering their facilities.

- We do have several peanut allergies on the beach and to make the beach safe and fun for everyone we will be having a NO PEANUT rule once again on the beach. Please make sure that snacks for Jr. Crafts are also peanut free.
- We will be running tie dye again this summer so please remember to bring white shirts, socks, pillowcases etc to dye!
- Remember to check the bulletin board for weekly updates on the program's activities as well as rain date locations.
- If anyone has gently used camping equipment that they no longer use and would love to donate that would be greatly appreciated!

Once again I am extremely thrilled to be a part of this amazing program once again and cannot wait for what I know will be another fun filled summer in Cognashene.

See you on the beach!



@ Your Library

This summer, visit the newly renovated Honey Harbour Public Library.

Your destination for: DVDs, Audiobooks, Magazines, Fiction & Non-Fiction best sellers, High speed Internet and Wireless, Children's storytime and much more!

Township of Georgian Bay Public Library
www.olsn.ca/georgianbaypl

Municipal Report

Cathy Cooper

Open Space Update:

The CCA board urged Neil Davis to apply to sit on the township's Ad Hoc Committee for Open Space, to fill the position of representative for all Open Space property owners, and they did. Our own CCA President, Wendy Parker, was selected to represent all other waterfront properties on the Bay, while Pat Edwards chairs the committee. Our community's involvement has already made a significant contribution. The township has now been convinced to pass an Interim Control By-law while Open Space 'uses' are under review. (Applications under Open Space will be frozen temporarily, like closing a road while work is being done). Unfortunately this decision was too late to avoid a recent OMB Appeal on Open Space. The CCA and Honey Harbour Assoc. originally requested the Interim Control By-law last July and multiple times during and after the fall election.

The township is still proceeding with its Superior Court lawsuit which defends the issuance of development permits on an island in Honey Harbour zoned for Open Space. The island is about ½ acre in size in high water. This situation is ironic since the same township turned down repeated applications to develop this same island, and those decisions were upheld by the OMB 4 times in the past. Expert opinion has been obtained that certainly casts doubt on the legality of the disputed permits.

Blasting:

An Ad Hoc Committee to study a township-wide blasting policy has been struck. Chair, Paul Wiancko, recently suggested they look at our blasting by-law wording as a template. Currently the township regulates blasting only below the high water mark, while the Cognashene area has had a blasting policy since 2006 that limits above-water

blasting, especially within 20 metres of the shoreline.

Challenges for the New Council:

Some of those who were unhappy with the election results have been creating challenges for the new council, (particularly Mayor Larry Braid). Recently, the Mayor had to step back from his duties while allegations leveled against him were investigated and subsequently dismissed. He did, however, unwittingly use an unqualified auditor for his campaign expense filing, but this was quickly rectified. Let's hope that people soon get over the election results and just let the new council get on with running the township.

Electoral Boundary Changes:

An outside consultant has been retained to respond to allegations that the current electoral ward boundaries create an inequality of representation. We will let you know what the report says when it is completed.

Planning:

Recognizing the challenges we face in the area of planning, the board of the CCA has split the Municipal Affairs portfolio into 2 components: Planning will be separate from Municipal Affairs, although they are closely interrelated. Ian Davis, the Chair of The Planning Advisory Group, will join the board in the newly created Planning portfolio. The current township planners still seem to be philosophically out of sync with the majority of the electorate who support community plans. Our board has become more involved in the attempt to turn this situation around, (as evidenced by this portfolio restructuring and the involvement of our President on the Ad Hoc Committee for Open Space). Planning issues are creating a very time-consuming demand upon some of our board members. However, what is positive is that more and more applicants and contractors are approaching us in order to work within the community's plan.

It is important to note that the CCA is lucky that we even have a Community Plan to defend. Wah Wah Taysee has been at it for 4 long years and on May 24, this cottage association was again unsuccessful in their 3rd attempt to gain council approval of their plan. It only took a few objectors to scotch the deal.

The Honey Harbour Master Plan has now been completely finalized. Through public involvement, (which included much input from the CCA), the original ambitious concept has been pared down to a practical scheme that will improve the lifestyles of those who live there year-round.

There is still much public concern about how a small cottage business grew into a 90 slip marina operation in Church Bay. The permits were issued last summer while the public Honey Harbour Master Plan meetings were going on. Water quality in Church Bay, (where the town centre docks are also located), was repeatedly raised at every public meeting as the primary concern of those who live in Honey Harbour. Recent water testing has proven those concerns about the health of Church Bay to be well-founded.

This situation reinforces the need for the township to consider environmental impact, boat traffic and safety issues, impact to neighbours and other social issues when contemplating major development on the water.

Large-scale development is being proposed for Macey's Bay and Picnic Island. Let's hope we see a cautious approach that looks at the overall impact of the proposed development, not simply the economic benefits.

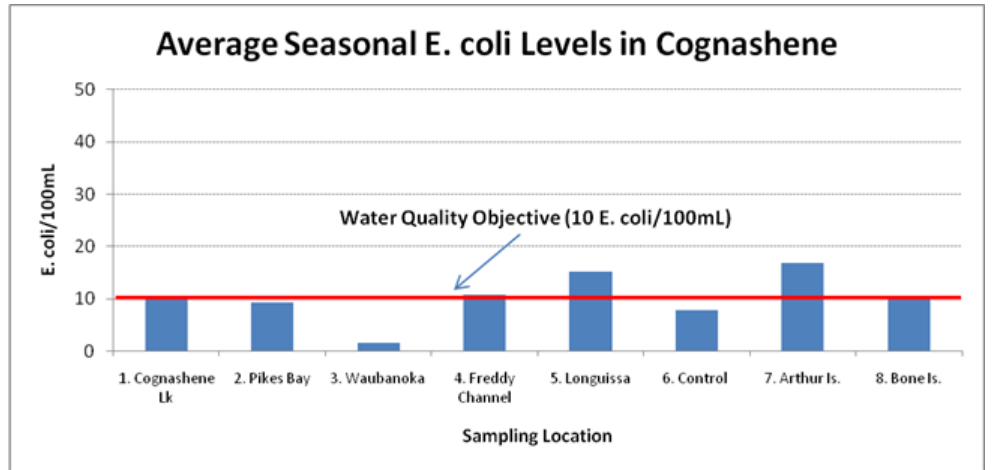
Environment Report

Doug Deeks

Water Quality

The District of Muskoka along with GBA and Georgian Bay Forever are currently developing an updated water quality testing regime for the Georgian Bay coastal waters, the aim of which is to align the testing protocols with the other governing districts (e.g. two of the Archipelago). A more relevant and comprehensive report is the intended result. Last year the program was limited to basic bacterial analysis. In short, the findings of the report are that the waters of South-East GBA are generally of good to excellent quality for recreational use with a couple of locations in our area (Longuissa Bay and Arthur Island) that consistently show worrisome indicators of elevated levels of e-coli, though all areas are below the provincial health standard for recreational water use. Highlights of the report are excerpted below:

Cognashene: “Bacterial levels in the Cognashene area have traditionally been reflective of excellent water quality, however for the past three sampling seasons the overall seasonal E. coli averages have been equal to or over the Water Quality Objective of 10 E. coli/100mL (as shown in Figure 6). In 2010,



five of the sampling locations yielded E. coli averages equal to or above the Water Quality Objective (as shown in Figure 3). In particular, the Longuissa Bay and Arthur Island sampling sites showed several spikes of E. coli during the sampling season. Special attention should be paid to these sites in future monitoring initiatives. “

Summary

“In reviewing the bacterial data from this program there are several summarizing statements that can be made. Firstly, the Provincial Guidelines for Total Coliforms and E. coli were not exceeded except for in Go Home Bay, where the Recreational Guideline of 1000 Total Coliforms/100mL was exceeded eleven times in the month of August. However, while Total Coliform levels were high, the corresponding E. coli levels remained, for

the most part, very low. The insignificant E. coli levels indicate that the source of Total Coliform bacteria was not of fecal origin and therefore does not signify any human health risks.

As seen in Figure 6, the overall E. coli Averages for all regions remain at or below the Water Quality Objective of 10 E. coli/100mL. In fact the E. coli Averages suggest an improvement in water quality from previous years.

In summary, the South Eastern waters of Georgian Bay sampled in this program continue to be in good to excellent condition for recreational use. “

Enviro Day

Sat July 16 1:30-4:30 at Minnicog

This year’s events include:

- Hearing from **BioForest Technologies** – environmental monitoring firm from the Sault that specializes in forest health audits with emphasis on pests. They do all forest health monitoring for the Archipelago.
- **Kids Enviro Adventure**– GBBR will lead a “Lessons in a backpack” adventure on the island



- Our **National Park** will talk about Ontario’s “Species of Concern”
- A detailed overview of the new reporting program for our **Water Quality**
- EBGSC presents the **Musquash walleye renewal project**

Other items – I attended the Sierra Club’s “Great lakes Symposium” on April 8 which presented findings from recent research on: impacts of sustained low water levels, invasive species, benefit of a water level control board for M-H, St Clair river and upper lakes water levels and which while very informative the event was lightly attended. The Sierra Club is where Mary Muter has moved to from GBF.

On the subject of the St Clair River and declining water levels of Michigan-Huron, an interesting development was the registration of a proposal for submerged hydro turbines in the riverbed by an energy firm with the US Gov agency. The 300 submerged turbines would, in addition to generating 15MW of “green” run of river energy, would also slow the flow of the St Clair R. and potentially normalize the water level regime of the upper lakes. Good place to shift support to from the uphill battle for a standalone water flow control feature in my opinion.

Another new initiative is the development of a GB **Watershed report card** – the GBBR is leading this Trillium funded initiative which is modeled off of the Muskoka Watershed Report Card and is in partnership with GB5, the twp and District. The objective is to select several key indicators of watershed health (e.g. water quality, wetlands, fish stocks, invasive species etc) assemble the known data and make arrangements for monitoring of data points that don’t currently exist. End result will be a website that will be similar to the Muskoka report site: <http://www.muskokaheritage.org/watershed/reportcard/home.htm>

Precipitation Trend for Lake Michigan-Huron Watershed

April – 209% of normal rainfall (150 mm’s v 70mm)

May – est. 120%

Last 12 months – 111% of normal rainfall

Michigan-Huron Water Level Stats for May 2011

Vs June 1 2010: even

Vs May 1 2011: +15cm

Vs long term Average for May: -33cm

Vs lowest Average Level for May (1964): +37cm

Vs Highest Average Level for May (1986): -112cm

Forecast for July 1: +7.5cm (presumes avg level precipitation)

Forecast vs July 1 2010: -7.5cm

(June 2010 received 180% of normal precipitation)

Summer GB5 Activity in Cognashene

- EGBSC – Walleye spawning restoration Musquash R
- GBBR – Watershed Report Card; YPOC
- GBA – GB Twp Strategic planning process
- GBLT – stewardship initiatives (Spencer Davis) at Lizard, Giant’s Tomb
- GBF – Wetlands research and water quality study



Invasive Species Watch

“European Common Reed” (*Phragmites Australis*)

A tall grass variety that dominates shoreline and wetland areas and which grows to 6’ – 12’ in very dense formations. Please report any suspected sightings to environment@cognashene.com



From Kitty Hawk to KITTYHAWK by Guy Johnstone

Guy Johnstone has compiled a wonderful book about the life and times of Orville Wright in Cognashene. It is about to go to press and will be available at the Huronia Museum and Johnstone's Music Store in Midland as well as Larry Simon's Small Motors, Franceville and various CCA events throughout the summer.

The 'Kittyhawk' has been honored as the poster boat for the Annual Antique and Classic Boat Show in Gravenhurst on July 9.



Presenting Great Music in Midland by Brookside Music Enterprises Inc.

Every Thursday @ 8:00 pm at
St. Paul's United Church in Midland
308 King St., (705) 526-6077

Anagnoson & Kinton, Piano duo - July 7
The Gryphon Trio - July 14
Anton Kuerti, Piano - July 21
The Toronto Consort - July 28
guy and nadina - August 4
French & Thompson, Piano & Voice -
August 11

Please join us on the Miss Midland for an evening cruise featuring jazz vocalist June Garber, July 9 at 7:00 p.m. Contact John French at 705-528-0521 or email jaldenfrench@yahoo.com

A Bay for All Seasons

Saturday August 13 @ 10:00 am
on Melhuish Island

Duggan will do a reading of selected passages from his book A Bay For All Seasons.

Duggan refers to this book as his autobiography of vacationing in Cognashene. Alistair refers to it as a work of fiction!

Zora Buchanan will screen her whimsical drawings which accompany the text. This is not to be missed!

*Please confirm your attendance:
705-756-1062*

Jamie Hunter History Talk

Saturday, July 16 in Sans Souci

Sunday, July 24 in Pointe au Baril at the Ojibway Club

Join us as Jamie Hunter, curator of the Huronia Museum talks about the unique history of Georgian Bay.

Mark Your Calendars for the Bayscapes Art Auction

Friday, November 4 at the Capitol Event Theatre in Toronto

Bayscapes 3rd Biennial Photography Art Auction, featuring over 50 photographers who have donated their work to support the GBLT.



You've Got Mail! (*we hope*)

There have been a number of reports recently that some of you are not receiving emails from us. Here is how we email hundreds of members. In order to protect the privacy of our membership we address the emails to our own address CCANews@cognashene.com and we bcc:

(blind carbon copy) all the members, so that you are copied on the email. Some email servers may filter out these emails. They may not recognize or accept our address (as it wasn't addressed directly to you), or they may treat the subject of the email as invalid. The server may simply drop the email or filter it out into a Spam folder. If anyone feels they are not getting emails from us please check any spam or junk email folders that you have to see if the emails are being redirected there. If your email is going to a work address, check if your IT department is filtering out the emails for one of the reasons above. If you still don't think you are getting our emails then send us an email to CCANews@cognashene.com and we will update your email address in our database.

Thank you to our Volunteers

The CCA Board of Directors would like to thank all the volunteers who worked so tirelessly throughout the year and the summer - from Committee work, to the Regatta, the Cottager, the Church, Art on the Rocks and the beach. Thank you for supporting the Cognashene Cottagers' Association and our community.

Laura Adams	Gordon Crabtree	John Gillespie	Lisa Merry	Bill Stewart
Christopher Baines	Loren Crabtree	Beth Halpenny	Patricia Mills	Sarah Tawaststjerna
Joan Baines	Brian Dale	Tom Halpenny	Brian Neely	Barb Thomas
Fred Beattie	Christine Davis	Gale Harild	Diane Neely	Rob Thompson
Ann Bennett	Ian Davis	John Harild	Annie Nicholls	Val Thompson
Meg Bennett	Kathleen Davis	Chris Hawley	Wendy Parker	Tom Topornicki
Michael Bennett	Meg Davis	Nina Hawley	Alyson Robitaille	Joy Uniac
Mike Bennett	Neil Davis	Al Heisey	Andrew Robitaille	Larry Uniac
Nancy Bennett	Rose Davis	Barbara Heisey	Dennis Robitaille	Roger Walker
Suzanne Bennett	Ruth Davis	Beth Hornell Kennedy	Larry Robitaille	Tama Walker
Catriona Boyd	Spencer Davis	Anne Hughes	Liz Ross	Larry Ward
Jim Bowden	Doug Deeks	Guy Johnstone	Taylor Ross	Jeff Watson
Christine Brodeur	Sue Eastwood	Geoff Kelk	Karl Schiefer	Carolyn Wilson
Sue Carter	Margaret Eaton-Kent	Jane Kelly	Creighton Sherman	Fiona Wilson
Anna Cook	Heather Eland	Bob Kinnear	Kim Simpson	Nicole Wilson
Peter Cooper	Ian Ferguson	Drew Kohler	Peter Simpson	Merle Zoerb
Ruth Cooper	Meta Ferguson	Kim Limoges	Charlotte Snider	Sue Zoerb
Greg Corbett	Derek Friend	David Matthews	Nick Stark	
Christina Crabtree	Catherine Gillespie	Carol McKnight	Jane Starr	

Any omission of names is unintentional and we extend our apologies if someone was missed.

C L A S S I F I E D S

WANTED!! A Regatta Co-ordinator

We are looking for someone to co-ordinate the annual Cognashene Regatta. We have very capable volunteers who will assist and make your job easy and I will be available to show you the ropes and help you out on regatta day!! This will be the 86th Cognashene Regatta and we want to make sure that someone steps up to co-ordinate this very special day for our community.

Contact Nancy Bennett at 905 833-2789 or at nbenne1636@rogers.com for more information.

Summer Tutoring

with Alex D. Henderson
Qualified teacher (OCT #562974)
Starting July 11th, 2011

For children in Grades K-6
All subjects – Specializing in
Language Arts (reading & writing,
no French)

Cost:
\$50 per/hr (you come to me)
\$70 per/hr (I come to you)
Phone: 705-756-1148 or
Cell 416-540-7192
Email: henderson.alex@gmail.com

Babysitting Available

Call Abbey Merry at
705-756-4312 or Ciara Boyd at
705-756-1039

Looking for Rental

Professional couple looking to rent a cottage in the Cognashene area. We've recently sold our boat access cottage in Honey Harbour but still have our boat moored at a HH marina. No kids, one dog, one cat looking for a quiet spot, sun set views would be nice but not necessary. Like to rent for two weeks in the summer. Please send your details with availability and pricing to email: dc8mail@gmail.com

For Rent

Waubanoka Island is available for rent from August the 11th until Labour day weekend. For further information please contact Nancy at 905-898-7059 or nanr@neptune.on.ca

Window Cleaning

Mick and Andrew Carr are back to take care of your window cleaning needs. Take advantage of their experience with a professional window cleaning company to ensure a competent, energetic approach to revitalizing your summer experience. Offering also any number of small works jobs including painting, disposal and clearing. If you would like any work done around your property in the Cognashene/Honey Harbour area, please contact macarr39@gmail.com or during the summer 705-756-8862 or 416-543-3321