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AGM

Saturday July 7th @ 10:00 am

Kittyhawk Update

She's leaving the Bay; read all about it on page 5!

Next edition will follow mid-fall.

President's Message: *Bob Snider*

This summer, which does not start officially for another few weeks, is set to be a busy one. Between the weekends with guests and the projects that need to get done, there is nearly an unlimited number of things to see, do and attend in our community.

The CCA Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday July 7th, 2018. In addition to the motions to approve this and that, we will have the opportunity to hear from David Sweetman, Executive Director of Georgian Bay Forever, and give our thanks to Bob Duncanson, the retiring Executive Director of the Georgian Bay Association, and get acquainted with Rupert Kindersley, the newly installed Executive Director for the GBA. Before and after the meeting, there will be an opportunity to catch up with neighbours, raise an issue or two with our Township Councillors, become familiar with the work of the GBLT, pick up a CCA membership map if you didn't get one last year, and meet members of your Board.

This summer also marks the beginning of the Municipal Election process, which takes place every four years. As the Provincial Election comes to a close in June, the Municipal campaigns will just be starting to heat up. The Municipal Election will be held October 22, 2018, but long before that, the first and very important step should be done - checking that you and your spouse are on the Township's voter list. More detail on this very important step is found later in the newsletter.

Membership: Sue Carter

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The CCA membership committee's initiative of dock visits to potential and former members will take place this summer and we are still looking for some volunteers to be part of a team to conduct these visits. Sign up with a friend if you'd prefer. If you would be interested in participating to promote the benefits of our cottage association and meet some of your neighbours, I would love to hear from you. Please email me at membership@cognashene.com.

DID YOU KNOW?

All full and associate members of the Cognashene Cottagers' Association receive membership in the Georgian Bay Association and are entitled to the additional benefits from GBA's corporate supporters. Details of these benefits can be found at <http://www.georgianbayassociation.com/gba-membership-benefits/> and include:

- Rice Insurance - **15% discount** on members' personal insurance, which extends beyond your cottage and boats to home and auto;
- GBA membership in the Canadian Safe Boating Council gives members a **30% discount** on all Coleman products; and
- Action First Aid is offering a **~20% discount** on Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), offers good after-sales support & information, and will travel to the Bay to provide informative presentations/training sessions if requested.

The summer would not be summer though, without all the great events that happen in our community and surrounding area. Be sure to look up the dates of your favourite summer events: Art on the Rocks, the CCA Regatta, the Long Distance Swim, the Ryestone Cup Sailing Regatta and even the large item garbage pick up (not sure why this would be a favourite) on the summer event calendar. If you are still looking for something to do, consider helping with the GBF's Invasive Phrag Program, assisting with Membership's nonmember dock visit program, contemplating the guest speaker's message at the Cognashene Community Church on Sundays or joining the Ladies Cocktail circuit. Add on top of all these great events, the day trips to Giants Tomb, the Lizard, American Camp, Pine Island, San Souci, Parry Sound or maybe even Killarney...there will hardly be time to just enjoy the sunsets.

Our Association would not be able to continue with all the events, publications, summer rec program, winter patrol and web site if it were not for the volunteers on the Board and organizing committees. Many thanks go out to them. There is always room for more volunteers though, so if you are interested in getting involved, please reach out to a Board member. It's a great way to meet other fellow cottagers and help out your community!

One last thought, water plays a critical role in our enjoyment of our summer places on the Bay. Give it the respect it deserves. And if you are wondering water levels, they are predicted this year to be about the same levels as last year.

Enjoy the summer and play safe,

Bob

Recreation Report: *Robyn Corbiere*

Hello Beach Families!

Here's hoping that spring arrives one day! What a winter/"spring" we have had! Molly and I have been working hard trying to get everything organized for the summer. Registration is now open and we encourage you to register as soon as possible in order to get the early bird discount. Prices go up June 1st, 2018. You can register online at http://www.cognashene.com/rec_program_register.html . Early registration helps us to staff the beach accordingly and begin programming. We are still looking for volunteers, so if your child would like to help out around the beach, have them fill out an application on the website http://www.cognashene.com/rec_program_apply.html .

The schedule is the same as last year and a paper copy of the calendar can be found in this package. Should you need extras, the calendar can be downloaded from the website. We will post a weekly schedule via Twitter at the beginning of each week. Be sure to follow us [@CCARecProgram](https://twitter.com/CCARecProgram) and enable notifications in order to receive updates. Weather related cancellations will be posted on Twitter as early as possible (hopefully we won't have many!).



Join us for beach cleanup on Tuesday July 3rd from 10am-12pm, lunch on the beach and then a program in the afternoon from 1pm-3pm. Please come by with your rake and little boat to help us get the beach in tip top condition for the summer! We would like to remind you that the beach fills up quickly and that small boats are very much appreciated.

Our recreation program staff for 2018 includes: Molly Giroux as head of the program, Nikki Cutler, Kirsten Duguay, Will Yeigh, Lauren Cutler, Anna Limoges, Lily Chubaty, Rebecca Heisey and Ella Yeigh.

We can't wait to see all families back at the beach! See you soon!

Rec Program Head: *Molly Giroux*

Hello Everyone!

My name is Molly Giroux and with summer just around the corner I wanted to introduce myself. This will be my second year running the CCA Recreation program and I look forward to working with the wonderful staff who will be by my side. This year's crew include: Kristen Duguay, Nikki Cutler, Anna Limoges, Will Yeigh, Lauren Cutler, Lily Chibaty, Rebecca Heisey and Elle Yeigh. This summer's staff are all returning beach goers, with a few new staff members. They are all wonderfully talented and enthusiastic, and have loads of fun things planned this summer.

This summer we will be starting the program on Tuesday July 2nd with beach cleanup in the morning and programming in the afternoon. Swimming lessons will run Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings as usual, with YPOC on Monday afternoon and Water Sports on Wednesday afternoons. Additionally, Kinder Kraft's will run Thursday mornings and full day programming will be Tuesday from 10:00 to 2:30 (please note the half hour reduction in program time on Tuesday). This summer we also have a day excursion to Honey Harbour planned on July 24th.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the beach soon! Fingers crossed for a warm and sunny summer.

Kittyhawk to leave the Bay: *Kathy & Guy Johnstone*

We wish to advise our dear friends and fellow Georgian Bay cottagers that it is with much happiness, and a little sadness, that our Kittyhawk is in the process of moving to a new home. This was arranged by Brenda Flower of Westwind Yachts, and Peter Mellon of Antique Boat America.

Her ownership history is well documented from her first summer in Parry Sound as a water taxi, to her years with Orville Wright at Lambert Island, then to the heirs of Orville's estate and, in 1952 to Kathy's father, Wilfred France at Franceville Ontario.

Kittyhawk was restored for us by the Greavette Company of Gravenhurst in 1973 and has become an Icon on the Bay and a source of pleasure and pride for our family and friends. We have had, and appreciated, the many wonderful experiences and lifetime friendships Kittyhawk has provided over the past 43 years, which include three generations of the Wright family. (continued on page 5)

Our family wish to thank the group at Central Marine in Midland, Kerry, Lauren and Stephen at Nautilus Marina, and the Simons family at Honey Harbour Small Motors for their enthusiasm, support and help over the past 43 years.

We expect that the new owners will continue to love and care for Kittyhawk and will announce her return to service in the near future.



ART on the ROCKS

Sunday July 29

12:00-4:30
rain, shine or wind



28th Annual
Maxwell/ Whalen's Island
on the inside main channel
M42 on Cognashene map

Come and see
great Georgian Bay
art & visit with
friends!

Questions? Call 756.1621
or 519.217.1415
gillespie.cath@gmail.com





Join us for the 28th annual
Art on the Rocks

This year's show highlights an excellent variety of arts and crafts of exceptional quality. Come, enjoy the show, meet the talented artists & artisans, buy a piece of artwork or a unique craft for your cottage! Don't forget about Holiday and wedding gift! Come and visit with fellow cottagers and help make Art on the Rocks~2018 another successful Cognashene event!

Catherine Gillespie and Geoff Kelk
gillespie.cath@gmail.com



Cognashene Community Church: *Caroline Coulson*

My prayers this spring seem to centre around the hope that we will not have to shovel snow before setting out our chairs at Church nor skate to Sunday services. But warm weather seems to be on the horizon, which I know all Cognashene cottagers will welcome with open arms.

The Cognashene Community Church's 112th season is ready to begin with our first service set for Sunday, July 1st at 10:30 a.m. As always, everyone is welcome. With thanks to the generosity of our cottager hosts, we have a diverse lineup of ministers who will be delivering thought-provoking services for us. Jackson Shibley has a fun lineup of Sunday school crafts for our younger members to create during the service. We invite all Cognashene children to grab Mom and Dad or Grandma and Grandpa and join us on Sundays.

We would like to thank our members for their generous donations during our 2017 offerings. The Church was able to donate \$5,000 to local charities – \$2,500 to Georgian Bay General Hospital (Midland) and \$2,500 to the Midland Salvation Army.

If you have a teenager who needs some community service hours, please have them get in touch with me. There are a lot of chores that we need to get done at the Church this season and would welcome extra sets of hands.

Members of the Cognashene Community Church are invited to add a name of a lost loved one to the bronze plaques on the sides of the structure over the pulpit. The cost is \$50 per name. If you're interested in adding a plaque to the Tranquility Garden, please contact Larry Ward or Rob Thompson. The cost for a plaque in the Garden is \$425.

I look forward to seeing you this summer at The Church on the Rocks!

Caroline Coulson
President, Cognashene Community Church

NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR SCHOOL?

Are you a high school student in need of community service hours? The Church on the Rock can help.

We need high school volunteers to assist us with some maintenance jobs around the property. All time spent helping us out can be submitted toward your volunteer hours.

If interested, please contact Caroline Coulson at carolinecoulson@mac.com.



Municipal Affairs Report: *Steven Jarvis*

Make your voice count: 2018 Municipal Election

The next municipal election will take place on **Monday October 22, 2018**. The Township of Georgian Bay will be conducting internet and telephone voting so voters can cast their vote from home or away! **No mail-in ballots will occur.**

IMPORTANT

Make sure you're in our Voter Database

If you've purchased property in the Township since the last election (October 2014), contact Jessica Gunby, Clerk, at 1-800-567-0187 x242 or jgunby@gbtownship.ca to confirm that you're in our Voter Database. You can request to be added to the Voter Database in person at the Township office or by emailing a colour copy of your photo identification to jgunby@gbtownship.ca. Include your mailing address if it's different from your property address in the Township.

For more information on voter eligibility, visit "2018 Election" on our municipal website: <http://www.gbtownship.ca> then check the drop down box for "Government".

Midland Painted Turtle: *Sandy Thompson*

Midland Painted Turtle added to the COSEWIC list of "Special Concern" Species

Painted Turtles are a common and expected sight sunning themselves on rocks and logs around the Bay. No canoe or kayak trip would be complete without watching them quietly before they slip into the water and gracefully swim away.

In May 2018, the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) added the Midland Painted Turtle to its list of Species at Risk (SAR). The status of "special concern" proceeds the classifications of Threatened, Endangered, Extirpated and Extinct. All 10 of Canada's freshwater turtle species are now on the SAR list in at least part of the country.

Challenges for the Midland Painted Turtle include habitat (wetland) loss as well as death by cars on the roads as they travel to find nesting grounds. In addition, the females do not mature until they are 8 years old and lay a relatively small number of eggs. Courtship generally occurs in April and May (water temperature of 16-24°C) with the turtles stroking each other's head and legs with their fore claw. One to two months later (late May to mid-July), the female lays eggs in a shallow nest she digs in sand, loam soil or a gravel bank, close to water which she covers and camouflages so well they can be hard to spot.



The eggs hatch in 60-90 days and the hatchlings make their way to the water, usually at night. They use the reflection of the moon on the water to guide them to the water (and to safety). Help out the little guys and don't leave outdoor lights on all night which may disorient them.

Did you know?? The sex of the turtles is determined by the temperature of the egg in the nest!

How can we help?

- If you see a turtle on the road – avoid it! If it is safe to stop, gently move it to the side of the road in the direction it was travelling. **DO NOT pick up snapping turtles** unless you know how to do this safely!
- Help maintain wetlands and turtle habitat. Being a Phragbuster is helping with this but also maintain reedy shorelines where turtles can feed and remain camouflaged.
- Keep an eye out for nesting spots on your shoreline and do not disturb the nests. Maybe you have seen egg shells in prior years. Do what you can to help the little turtles to hatch safely and make it to the water.

There are a number of laws and regulations that protection Species at Risk at both the federal and provincial levels. In general the laws apply to those listed at Threatened, Endangered or Extirpated and prohibit the killing, harming, harassing, hunting and capturing of these species. An individual can be fined up to \$250,000 and/or imprisoned for up to one year for the first offense under the Ontario

SCHEDULE 9
SPECIALLY PROTECTED REPTILES

Common Name	Scientific Name
Foxsnake, Eastern	<i>Pantherophis gloydi</i>
Gartersnake, Butler's	<i>Thamnophis butleri</i>
Greensnake, Smooth	<i>Opheodrys vernalis</i>
Massasauga	<i>Sistrurus catenatus</i>
Milksnake	<i>Lampropeltis triangulum</i>
Queensnake	<i>Regina septemvittata</i>
Racer, Blue	<i>Coluber constrictor foxii</i>
Ratsnake, Gray	<i>Pantherophis spiloides</i>
Skink, Common Five-lined	<i>Plestiodon fasciatus</i>
Snake, Eastern Hog-nosed	<i>Heterodon platirhinos</i>
Softshell, Spiny	<i>Apalone spinifera</i>
Turtle, Blanding's	<i>Emydoidea blandingii</i>
Turtle, Eastern Musk	<i>Stemotherus odoratus</i>
Turtle, Midland Painted	<i>Chrysemys picta marginata</i>
Turtle, Northern Map	<i>Graptemys geographica</i>
Turtle, Spotted	<i>Clemmys guttata</i>
Turtle, Western Painted	<i>Chrysemys picta bellii</i>
Turtle, Wood	<i>Glyptemys insculpta</i>
Watersnake, Lake Erie	<i>Nerodia sipedon insularum</i>
Watersnake, Northern	<i>Nerodia sipedon sipedon</i>

Regatta and Long Distance Swim: *Barb Russell*

Get Ready for the 93rd Regatta & the 29th Cognashene Long Distance Swim!

This year's Regatta is on Saturday August 4th at 12:30 at Townsend Island (Thank you Davis, Kohler and Endress families). The competitions for the Girls' and Boys' Trophies are only open to CCA members, but nonmembers can compete for ribbons. All events are open to the community, including the Novelty races.

Don't forget to bring cash for The Amazing Cognashene Raffle which is held at the Regatta.

There are always fantastic items up for auction and the proceeds from the raffle offset the cost of the Regatta and the Recreation Program. Donations to the raffle are always welcome. You can use your donated raffle item to promote your business or to contribute to the raffle fun.

The regatta and raffle are dependant on volunteers and donations so if you have a raffle

donation or would like to volunteer for the regatta, please contact Barb Russell at barbdavegriff@nexicom.net



If, heaven forbid, we have the same weather as last year's regatta date, watch out for an e-blast on the 4th with regards to cancellation and rain date (Sunday).

The long distance swim is on July 28th, at 1pm from Val and Rob Thompson's dock. The David Hopper and John Visser dock is the turn-around point or final destination. This is a rain or shine event and is only rescheduled if there is lightning.

The names of all swimmers and the cottage with the highest number of crossings are recorded in the Cottager for posterity. Everyone receives a participation ribbon too! You might want to start training and recruiting now!

There is only one rule for the Long Distance Swim: Every swimmer must be accompanied by a person (of suitable strength to lend a hand should the need arise) in a non-motorized watercraft. Swimmers can use any form of flotation. Everyone is welcome so bring your cottage guests. The Long Distance Swim is not a race! If you want to race, come to the Regatta the following Saturday!



Building the Best Emergency Department at Georgian Bay General Hospital

Remember that time at the cottage when your family needed the hospital? Was it when dad stepped on a nail? Maybe uncle John got a little carried away with the chainsaw? Or, when your brother got a fish hook through his finger?

Whatever the injury, Georgian Bay General Hospital has been looking after your family for generations.

And, just like your ongoing cottage repairs and maintenance, your Georgian Bay General Hospital has been going through some pretty significant updates that we thought you should know about!

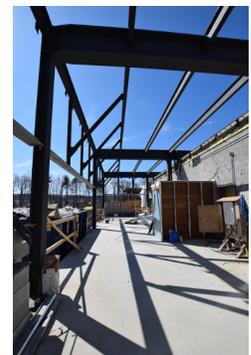


The redevelopment of the Emergency Department (ED) at Georgian Bay General Hospital has been in progress for five years, and it's finally nearing completion. Here's what's new:

In June 2014, Phase 1 was completed. This \$5-million expansion was funded entirely by the community, adding 6,000 square feet to the department including a state-of-the-art trauma room, private treatment rooms and new interprofessional station.



In January 2018, Phase 2 wrapped up. We have a new 4-bay ambulance garage, as well as redesigned acute and sub-acute areas with mental health safe rooms, new exam room, a negative pressure isolation room, gynecological room, a bariatric room and an eye room.



Phase 3 is currently underway. Contractors are currently working on an expanded See & Treat area (for less emergent cases), new ED administration area and a new waiting room, complete with children's play area. It's expected to be complete before Labour Day!

Through this redevelopment, the Emergency Department has grown to help GBGH better serve the needs of our community—a community that has been so generous in its support of this project. In fact, a total of \$6.8-million in funding for this project came through donations from our local and seasonal communities.

Thank you for helping to fund this important renovation at Georgian Bay General Hospital.

We are here for you, and, with your continued support, we will be here for your children and grandchildren, too.

PS. Stay tuned for more updates and helpful Emergency Safety information – coming soon!

For more information please contact **Jen Russell**, GBGH Foundation

russellj@gbgh.on.ca | **705-526-GIVE (4483)** | www.gbghf.ca/mycottagemyhospital

Classified Ads & Cottage Rentals

Sailboat looking for a good home!

CL 16 for sale; not new but in good condition and ideal for sailing in Cognashene. Asking \$500.00. Call John McKee at 416-617-1287 or email johndmckee@mac.com

Cottage available for rent June 28th-July 28th

Built in 1992, this 1,500 sq. ft. cottage has all the amenities; spacious fully equipped kitchen with pantry, large screened in veranda, deck with bbq and seating for 8. Sleeps 6...master bedroom with ensuite, guest bedroom with queen bed, queen futon bed in alcove. Large flat screen tv with satellite, wifi, sound system with speakers in living room, dining room, screened in veranda and master bedroom. 2 kayaks, a double and a single, a canoe and a 14 ft. Rossiter Shoreline outboard with Yamaha 4 stroke engine included.

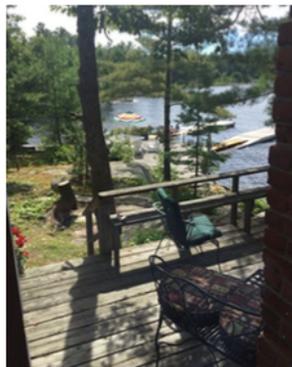
Contact Bob Baines at bbaines@gmail.com or call 705-756-4727



Cottage Rental

3-bedroom cottage, separate living and dining rooms, screened verandah, large backyard, beautiful western exposure from large decking. Cabin overlooking water with 1 queen bed, 1 double pull-out and 2-pc. bath. 3-slip boat house with 2 kayaks, 1 canoe.

Contact Penny Elliot at cppenny@mac.com



Cottage for Rent

If you're looking to rent a cottage with a view in June or September 2018, let me know! 6 yrs old 3 bedroom cottage located at the Cognashene Narrows offers modern amenities, use of kayaks and spectacular views.

Please contact Scott Setchell at scottsetchell@me.com or call 902-718-6289



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