

The purpose of the Lake of Bays Association is to promote, maintain and enhance a clean and healthy natural environment, a well-served community and a safe and peaceful Lake of Bays.

Mary Neal

2013 Betty Day Award Winner

Congratulations to Mary Neal, winner of the Betty Day Award. Presented annually, the Betty Day Award recognizes a member who has made an extraordinary effort to further the goals of the Lake of Bays Association. This prestigious award was established in memory of Betty Day, an exceptional volunteer who died of cancer in 1992 during her tenure as president of the Lake of Bays Association. Betty set a high standard of achievement.

Mary Neal brought a wealth of experience to the Lake of Bays Association during the three years she served as president and seven years as nominations chair. Mary is a former teacher and served on several boards and community projects in Aurora and York Region where she and her husband Stan reside. With her experience and interpersonal skills, Mary advanced the governance of the Lake of Bays Association. She led our board

through a review of our structure, policies and procedures. She always paid close attention to detail, followed through to ensure plans were executed, and established high standards of practice for the board and executive committees.

Like Betty Day, Mary was particularly devoted to increasing the Association's influence by widening its volunteer base. Tireless in recruiting new volunteers, Mary's ability to encourage others and to help people work together was her special strength. The Association is stronger as a result of her leadership.

This year, Mary and Stan decided to sell their cottage on Ten Mile Bay and she resigned from the LOBA Board. Mary was presented with the Betty Day Award at the Annual Meeting in July, with sincere thanks and best wishes from the Association. Mary and Stan will both be missed by their many friends at Lake of Bays.



Photo courtesy Marcia Watt

Outdoor Lighting Bylaw Promotes Dark Skies

Strobe Lights Prohibited

A flood of complaints about bright white strobe lights used to mark the open water created by bubblers in the winter prompted the township to develop a bylaw to regulate outdoor lighting. These strobe lights appeared on the lake recently after property owners were alerted of their responsibility to adequately warn of open water created by their bubblers. Although installed with good intentions, strobe lights can be very disturbing to neighbouring properties, throwing a penetrating white flashing light directly outward, causing what the bylaw refers to as "light trespass" all winter long.

Council decided that this specific form of light pollution issue presented an excellent opportunity to develop a formal dark sky bylaw. The Lake of Bays Association has long advocated for a dark sky bylaw to encourage the installation of low wattage, energy efficient lighting that is oriented downwards to minimize glare to prevent light trespass, reduce disruption for wildlife and to preserve the night sky for all to enjoy.

The Dark Sky Bylaw that passed unanimously on October 8 is quite comprehensive and can be accessed on the township website (www.lakeofbays.on.ca).

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President's Message

by Ian White, President, Lake of Bays

For many of us, the mention of Lake of Bays kindles images of a quiet morning at the waterfront, the call of a distant loon, or some other equally captivating memory. We think about our enjoyment of the lake and our environs. The more time we spend at the lake, the more we seek the things our community has to offer. The list is long and includes basic and specialty shopping, restaurants, theatre, and various activities like golf, hiking, biking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

Then there are the services we hope we will never need, but we require: hospitals, doctors, dentists, ambulances and fire protection. On a regular or sporadic basis our properties need expert repair and maintenance work, landscaping and tree specialists. Septic systems, pumps, roofing, painting, cleaning, docks and decks; they all need work at some point!

Recently, the LOBA Board of Directors met specifically to mull over and define the word “community” in our mission statement printed on the header of this newsletter. It became clear that, in this context, “community” means different things to different people. To me, “community” means all the people living around and among the LOBA members, many providing the services mentioned above. They are integral to the community and rely on us for their livelihood. In return, we rely on them for the health and well-being of our families and our properties.

This year several interesting issues came to the attention of LOBA, including resort planning, new cell tower proposals and the possibility of ATV use on our public roads. Public opinion on cell towers and ATVs has been widely split. Lake of Bays Township councillors narrowly approved the revised Baysville cell tower design and site proposed by Rogers. They heard arguments and proposals related to ATVs and directed staff to prepare a report and draft a by-law for the October council meeting, the outcome of which is reported elsewhere in Current Connection. LOBA members were on both sides of each issue, and we define our role as investigative, providing information to our members. Because the com-



munity, meaning all of us, is divided on these issues, it is important for everyone with an opinion to express it to our elected representatives. They are charged with weighing the information and public sentiment and ultimately drafting legislation.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our 2013–14 board of directors, particularly Pat Birnie, Bob Breithaupt and Caroline Konarzewski who are new to the board this year. Contact information for all board members is listed here in Current Connection and on our website www.loba.ca. I would like to thank retiring Board members Barry Johnson and Gundy Upans and in particular, Mary Neal, who served on the board for 15 years, including three as presi-

dent, providing sound and empathetic leadership. Our organization thrives because we have a solid team of dedicated, skilled and passionate volunteers. I salute each and every one of them for their hard work.

Three-quarters of the residents around the lake are LOBA members, giving the Association a credible voice at all levels of government. Please allow us to continue to look after your interests by completing your membership renewal now. We have made it easier than ever. Renew by mail or securely online, by cheque or credit card.

Wishing you an enjoyable and safe autumn and winter.

Ian White

Outdoor Lighting Bylaw Promotes Dark Skies

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For residential property owners, the regulations apply to lighting on buildings, structures, canopies, overhangs, docks and boathouses, recreational areas, parking lots and landscape lighting. All new outdoor lighting installations or replacements must be “full cut off” lighting that directs light downward. The bylaw includes illustrated examples of full cut off fixtures. Even if your outdoor lights do not need replacement, we encourage all property owners to consider upgrading their outdoor lighting to be dark sky friendly.

With respect to lights used to warn people travelling on ice of the danger of open water created by bubblers, the use of strobe

lights is prohibited. The Dark Sky Bylaw is effective immediately, so if you have a strobe light on your dock or boathouse, it must be replaced with a more sensitive lighting option this winter. The snowmobile community has requested that bubbler warning lights NOT BE RED because such warning lights can be mistaken for the rear running lights of snowmobiles. An amber warning light has been suggested as a more appropriate choice for bubbler lights because it indicates “warning” and is dark sky friendly. If you have any questions about the Dark Sky Bylaw please contact the Township office at 705-635-2272 (1-877-566-0005) or email contact@lakeofbays.on.ca.

Meet Our New Board Members...



Pat Birnie

Since the fall of 2003 Pat has been the owner and director of Arrowhead Camp on Ronville Road. He and his family are now full time residents living across from the Camp. Living full time here enables the Birnie's to appreciate all that the lake has to offer. The camp is dependent on the health and viability of this great body of water and this is but one of the reasons Pat put his name forward to become involved in the Lake of Bays Association. Focussing on co-operation between full time residents, cottagers and business owners, Pat would like to channel his energy on ensuring we can all co-exist and enjoy this great part of the country.



Bob Breithaupt

Bob spent his early years cottaging with his family on Pen Lake at the summer home of his maternal grandparents, Campbell and Beryl Seagram. The family also enjoyed frequent visits to Point Ideal Resort, which ultimately lead them to purchase a property on the North Point Ideal Cottage Row in 1980. In 2011, Bob and his wife, Kathryn Spraggett, built a winterized addition to the old cottage and now make Lake of Bays their year-round home. Since retiring from the financial services sector, Bob has been pursuing his appreciation of nature and passion for outdoor living which led him to make a commitment to the community through volunteering with the Lake of Bays Association as an Area Steward and now as a Director.



Caroline Konarzewski

Caroline fell in love with Muskoka while visiting friends on Kahshe Lake many years ago. When her son married a woman from Bracebridge, Caroline and her husband Mike discovered Lake of Bays. Since 2003 the Konarzewski's have been permanent residents on Price Point Road and have a magnificent view of Whiskey Bay and Langmaid's Island. A retired teacher, Caroline loves nature and all that Lake of Bays has to offer. Caroline would like to see the lake preserved in the best possible way for future generations and hopes that her involvement with the Lake of Bays Association will help to do just that.

YOU ASKED...

Who do I call if I accidentally injure or kill a deer on the road with my car?

This is a situation no one wants to be in; collisions with wildlife on the road are not only frequently fatal for the animal, but are also extremely dangerous and can cause extensive damage. But accidents do happen and if you have injured or killed a large animal, such as a deer or moose, and are unable to move it off the road, call the OPP (* 677 on your cell phone). The OPP will come and shoot an injured animal and move it to the side of the road before contacting the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) to come and remove it. Even if the animal is dead and you are able to move it safely to the side of the road, you should still call the OPP and they will arrange for the carcass to be picked up by the MTO. In order to avoid a collision in the first place, some motorists swear by the Sonic Deer Whistle or similar devices which are mounted on your cars to warn wildlife away. Scientific studies, however, offer mixed findings about the effectiveness of those devices. It is always best to be extra vigilant when driving in cottage country. Don't feed the deer at any time as this encourages them to hang around near the source of food, which is often near the road.

If you have a question about any cottage issue such as boating, noise, bylaws and procedures, or who to call, please feel free to submit it to the Editor (sallycoutts@sympatico.ca) to be answered in the next Newsletter.

2013–2014

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It's Time to Renew Your Membership...

Enclosed with this issue of Current Connection is an invoice to renew your Lake of Bays Association membership. After careful consideration, it was decided to increase the fee from \$55 to \$60 for 2014. The last fee increase was in 2010, and in the past four years the Association has absorbed increased expenses related to the Harmonized Sales Tax, implementation of convenient online credit card payments, computer hardware and software upgrades and the rising cost of supplies and services within all of our programs. While our financial position remains healthy, our commitment to work within a balanced operating budget has meant that our ability to undertake new initiatives has been limited. This fee increase will allow us to support growth in all our programs, services and volunteer activities.

Your property on Lake of Bays is a significant financial and emotional investment. The \$60 annual fee connects you with more than 75 percent of the property owners on the lake who share your values and concerns. Membership fees represent the Association's primary source of revenue and

the board strives to deliver value for your money. Please take a minute to review our website to appreciate the scope of our activities. Your prompt payment of the enclosed invoice enables us to move forward with our plans for 2014 with confidence and the continued support of a strong membership base.

EARLY BIRD INCENTIVE PRIZES— for payments received by DEC. 6th!

If your membership renewal is **received by December 6th**, then your name will be entered in a lucky draw for these fabulous prizes:

- Golf at **Bigwin Island Golf Club** (two-some with carts in the shoulder season)
- **Rafters** (Baysville or Dorset Store)—\$100 Gift Certificate
- **Dwight Garden Centre** (\$50 Gift Certificate)
- **Lake of Bays Brewing Company**—\$40 Gift Certificate

Please renew today, by mail or online at www.loba.ca.

THANK YOU: 2013 H2O TEAM

A salute and heartfelt thank you to the wonderful 2013 water quality testing team! The program would not be as effective or as scientifically rigorous without the dedication of this hard-working group of volunteers.

Dee Allott, Charlotte Anderson and Colin Eadie, Deb Cumming, Sarah Cumming, Aly McLean Douglas, Brad Shostak, Penny Thomas, Michelle Tompkins, Emma, Paul and Jill Turner

THANK YOU: DWIGHT BEACH CAREGIVERS

The Association's Dwight Beach re-greening was completed in 2012 but after the harsh dry summer of 2012, we thought it advisable to put a team of gardeners in place to give the garden and trees the TLC and water that they require while still young. Many thanks to the volunteers who lugged pails of water, weeded and nurtured to keep that project thriving.

Vaughn Adamson, Dian Laycock, Barb Mason, Marion Remen

HELP WANTED: LAKE OF BAYS ANNUAL REGATTA

Now approaching its 110th consecutive year, the Lake of Bays Regatta is looking for some new volunteers to help organize and run the iconic event. Murray Shields and Lisa Gray have been doing it for nearly a decade and they'd like to have some help this summer with the intent of handing over the reigns in 2015. Many hands make light work, so ideally they would like to bring on several new people so that duties can be shared. This is a great way to get involved in a fun community event. No previous experience is necessary but if you've enjoyed the regatta in the past, please consider pitching in to help make it happen for the next generation. If interested, please contact Bonnie Peebles at: peebles6@msn.com.

2013 Silent Boat Rally

A Great Success

At 8:30 a.m. on Saturday August 3rd, 22 canoes and kayaks arrived on trailers and roof racks at Dwight Beach for the 2013 Silent Boat Rally—a self guided eco-tour of the Lower Oxtongue River. Chilly weather did not deter the 30 paddlers from launching their silent boats with great enthusiasm for a trip to the mouth of the river. The mission was to visit five eco-stations along the river where volunteers handed out randomly selected cards, each featuring beautifully illustrated facts about different flora and fauna found in this ecologically significant area. Rebecca Krawczyk, a local naturalist and biologist, was on hand to answer questions and satisfy the curiosity of the many citizen scientists along the route. The adventure wrapped up with lunch back on Dwight Beach at noon. Congratulations to Gaylen Racine, the winner of the rally who col-



Photo courtesy Brian Simpson

lected the five cards with the greatest biodiversity. And thank you to Mark McLean, Betty McDonald and the many other volunteers from the Lake of Bays Association

and Lake of Bays Heritage Foundation for organizing a fun and eco-friendly way to discover this natural treasure on Lake of Bays.

Re-greening the Township Office Site!

by **Deb Cumming, Environment Chair**

There has been casual conversation over the past several years about re-greening the Township Office site in Dwight. Lake of Bays Township citizens, elected politicians and staff agreed that the flat, grassed space surrounding the Township offices does not reflect either the Township's environmental values or its position as a rural municipality on the Canadian Shield. There had been hopes that G8 infrastructure grants would result in a general improvement to the buildings and site but no funds were allocated. So, discussions about what could and should be done to the space were initiated at the end of January by planning staff, the Lake of Bays Association and HOLD (Hillside, Oxtongue Lake, Dwight Community Group). Township Planner Stefan Szczerbak wisely brought LOBA and HOLD together given the community group's intention to fundraise for and erect a township sign, complete with a scrolling LED calendar of events. It was

agreed that the sign project needed to be part of the re-greening plan because the site's proximity to Highway 60 means that both Township and Ministry of Transportation (MTO) approval is required before any work can proceed on the property. Our informal group met with MTO on-site in the spring and everyone's goals were discussed within the context of the Ministry's requirements. HOLD wanted a visible, rustic, sign to convey information and the Association wanted to naturalize certain selected areas on the site. With this direction, HOLD finalized a design and cost profile for the sign, while we hired BarK Nursery to prepare a concept plan for the re-greening that incorporated the sign. The concept was presented to Council in May and unanimously approved. The project is set to proceed subject to final approval of a site plan from MTO, which we are hoping to receive soon—we need it soon if there is to be any fall planting done.

The project will be very much a collaborative affair, despite the fact that it began life as two separate projects—HOLD's sign and LOBA's re-greening. LOBA has given \$2,000 towards the sign, recognizing that quality signage is of value to the entire community and volunteers from Dwight community will be helping with the re-greening. As usual, the Dwight Garden Centre will be helping us with the costs and implementation of the project and we will be asking the local community to donate their time to digging the beds and planting. The project will feature plantings grouped in pockets to soften the sign and the building and also to screen the generator.

We are hoping to do some fall planting but if approvals take longer than expected, watch for activity in the spring of 2014!

ATV Bylaw Passes with Limitations

Two-Year Trial Begins in 2014

On October 8, Lake of Bays Township Council passed a bylaw allowing All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) limited access to specific Township roads for a two-year trial period. The roads approved for ATV use, and listed below, were proposed by the Baysville ATV club as routes to provide access to ATV trails on Crown lands south of Highway 117 and to the villages of Dorset and Baysville. Road access for ATVs is limited to May 1 until December 31 and only from sunrise to sunset. The bylaw also imposes a speed limit of 20 km/h in zones of 50 km/h or less, and a maximum of 50 km/h where the speed limit exceeds 50 km/h. In all other respects, ATV users are subject to the Ontario Highway Traffic Act: drivers must have a valid driver's license as well as vehicle insurance and must be wearing a helmet. Passengers are not permitted. The definition of what is considered to be an ATV is set out in the provincial Off-Road Vehicles Act.

At the October meeting, Mayor Bob Young noted that this issue has generated more input from residents than any other issue in the three years of this council's term. The three public meetings held in July were well attended and written and verbal input was received by council at their August, September and October meetings. Mayor Young estimated that 60 percent of written correspondence was opposed to permitting ATV access to township roads, and verbal presentations to council were evenly split in support and opposition. Eventually, the original proposal by the Baysville ATV Club to permit ATVs on all township roads year-round was amended to a limited number of roads in three seasons with time of day restrictions, mainly in response to expressed concern from residents. The amended bylaw was passed with a vote of five in favour and two opposed.

LOBA's membership is also divided on this issue. We did our best to make sure our members were aware of the proposal and that you knew how to provide input to council. Additionally, our Board of Directors felt a responsibility to press for a decision that ensured that the safety, peace and quiet and

environment of Lake of Bays are protected for the benefit of the majority of residents. On August 1 the Lake of Bays Association submitted a letter (read it on www.loba.ca) asking that our concerns about safety, liability, environmental degradation, road maintenance, Official Plan conformity, monitoring/regulation, economic benefits, and financial impacts be considered prior to passing a bylaw. While the staff report considered at the October council meeting did address these concerns, LOBA was disappointed that, rather than obtaining an opinion from legal counsel on the extent of increased liability assumed by the township with this bylaw, the report relied only information from the township's insurance provider. Given the growing number of ATV accidents and related lawsuits in the last few years, we felt that this added risk warranted a legal opinion. The staff report is available on the township website (www.lakeofbays.on.ca) under the October 8 council meeting agenda.

The trial period for the bylaw begins on May 1, 2014 and ends on January 1, 2016, at which time staff will report on complaints tracked by the bylaw department over the duration of the trial period. Mayor Young has expressed an interest in conducting an interim review at the end of one year. Questions, concerns or complaints about ATVs should be directed to the Bylaw Officer, Mike Wilmon at MWilmon@lakeofbays.on.ca or call 705-635-2272.

Municipal Roads Approved for ATV Use

Bay Street	0.1 km
Bellwood Acres Rd.	3.5 km
Bridge Street	0.4 km
Browns Brae Rd.	5.1 km
Carol Street	0.4 km
Dickie Lake Rd.	6.1 km
Dickie Street	0.5 km
East Rd.	0.3 km
Fairy Falls Rd.	3.2 km
Hammond Rd.	1.3 km
Heney Lake Rd.	3.5 km
Howard St.	0.1 km
James Point Rd.	0.2 km
Kenney Rd.	0.2 km
Lawson Rd.	1.4 km

Lena St.	0.2 km
McArthur Point Rd.	1.2 km
McCabe Rd.	0.3 km
Muskoka Bob Rd.	0.2 km
North Rd.	0.3 km
Paint Lake Rd.	8.9 km
Red Chalk Lake Rd.	0.7 km
Ril Cove Rd.	0.4 km
Ril Lake Rd. (N. & S.)	7.9 km
Spruce St.	0.15 km
Truscott Place	0.5 km
University St	0.4 km
Watson Rd	1.4 km

District Roads Requested for ATV Use (pending approval)

- Muskoka Road 117 (Fairy Falls Road to Muskoka Road 51)
- Muskoka Road 117 (Bellwood Acres Road to Provincial Highway 35)
- Muskoka Road 51 (Muskoka Road 117 to South Ril Lake Road)
- Muskoka Road 39 (Muskoka Road 117 to Provincial Highway 35)

Advertise Now in the 2014 Yearbook

10 percent Discount for ads paid for by Dec. 31st

The Lake of Bays Association Yearbook is our best known and most popular communication vehicle. If you have a product or service of interest to property owners on Lake of Bays, consider advertising with us. Delivered to 1,600 families, the book is a handy directory that is used throughout the year. In addition, all advertisers receive a free link from the LOBA website.

The 2014 Advertising Rate Card and Order Form are now on the website: www.loba.ca. Place your order now and pay by December 31 to receive a 10 percent discount on all advertising prices. For more information and to find out why the LOBA yearbook is the best value for your advertising dollar, contact our Advertising Manager Bryan Dearsley at bdearsley@live.ca.

Closing up the cottage & cleaning out your pantry?

Please consider donating to the local Winter Food Support Program

It's an unfortunate fact that many of the jobs in Muskoka are seasonal, pay minimum wage and offer minimal hours and no benefits. That leaves many families struggling when the seasonal residents head home and the snow flies. Last year, Dickie Lake resident Wayne Donaldson and his wife took over the Dickie Lake Food Drive which supported the Baysville Winter Food Support Program designed to augment what was available from the food banks. Non-perishable food items were generously donated by friends and neighbours and re-distributed to those in need over the winter. The program was a great success and Wayne approached the Lake of Bays Association to see if we could help by adding an additional donation drop-off location on Lake of Bays. Without hesitation, LOBA Board member Pat Birnie volunteered to set up a drop box at his camp—Arrowhead Camp on Ten Mile Bay.

But the program needs your help! As you are packing up your cottage kitchen for the season, please consider donating your cans and non-perishable food items rather than transporting the goods home.

Even if you visit your cottage all year round or are a full time resident, making a donation to the Winter Food Support Program is a wonderful way to support the community in a place that you cherish. If you prefer, cash donations are also welcome and tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$20 or more.

The program began on AUGUST 27 and runs until DECEMBER 1.

DROP BOX LOCATIONS:

Arrowhead Camp—Lake of Bays

1111 Ronville Road
Phone: 705-635-1600
Drop box will be in the parking lot so no need to call ahead.

Wayne Donaldson's residence—Dickie Lake

1 Mallard Lane (3/4 of the way around the Dickie Lake Road West)
Phone: 705-767-1081
A large wooden blanket box is on the porch if no one is home. Feel free to call ahead for directions if needed.

DONATIONS BY CHEQUE (no cash please):

Cheques payable to: Lake of Bays Anglican Parish

Notation in the memo line: Winter Food Support Program

Drop cheques at either of the two drop box locations or mail to:

Wayne Donaldson
1 Mallard Lane
Baysville, Ontario, P0B 1A0

Lake of Bays Photo Contest

Show us your stuff!

Deadline is December 31st



Photo courtesy
Sue Johnson

Categories:

- Life at the Lake—people and dwellings
- Nature—wild plants & animals
- Landscapes—land, water & sky

Open to all Lake of Bays Association members and their families. Please submit photos digitally to Aben graphics, info@abengraphics.com, with "Lake of Bays Photo Contest" as the subject line. Each participant agrees to the use of their photos in the Lake of Bays Association newsletter, yearbook and website.

New Community Park for Dorset

The Ontario Trillium Foundation awarded a \$62,500 grant to the Dorset Community Partnership Fund to support the development of a community park in the old school yard on Main Street. A pavilion, accessible washrooms, fencing and goal posts will be installed next summer to enhance opportunities for sports, recreation, and arts and culture in the community. A special fundraising drive will direct all proceeds to the Community Park. To date about half of the fundraising goal has been met. If you would like to make a donation, please make your cheque payable to: Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays—Dorset Reserve Fund, and drop it off or mail it to the Township of Lake of Bays at, 1012 Dwight Beach Road, Dwight, ON P0A 1H0. Please include your name, mailing address, phone and email. A tax receipt will be issued.

Welcome to Lake of Bays

A gift for new property owners from the Lake of Bays Association

This summer the Association introduced a Welcome Package program for new property owners on Lake of Bays. New residents were visited by an Area Steward who delivered a handy insulated reusable cooler bag that contained the following resources:

- Healthy Waterfronts—A shoreline owner's guide
- Take the Plunge—A stewardship guide of Ontario's waters
- Number to Know—Who to call for what in Lake of Bays township
- Did You Know?—A summary of local regulations & guidelines

- Boat Right, Be Polite—A summary of boating regulations and etiquette
- LOBA yearbook, newsletter and membership application form

About 40 packages were warmly received by newcomers to the lake and another 20 will be delivered between now and next summer. The primary objective is to educate new residents to the environmental sensitivities associated with waterfront properties and to provide them with necessary resources before they embark on modifications to their property or launch their boats. Having an opportunity to meet

their LOBA Area Steward and learn about the Lake of Bays Association is an added bonus that we hope may result in recruiting a new member to the Association.

The program was a resounding success and will be continued in 2014. If you know of a property that has recently changed hands on your road, please let us know and we will make sure they receive a Welcome Package. Contact Jim Metcalfe at: jimmetcalfe58@gmail.com or call 416-922-0543, or 705-766-0199 (May to October). Please provide the fire number and road name of the property.

George Daniels receives Muskoka Award for Natural Environment

Lake of Bays cottager George Daniels was one of 11 recipients of the 2013 Muskoka Awards, presented at the fifth annual gala dinner on September 20. George was honoured in the Natural Environment category, which recognizes those who have shown how to lessen human impact on the environment and made a long-term commitment to preserving Muskoka's well-being while encouraging others to practice good stewardship.

The Muskoka Awards, organized by *Muskoka Magazine* and *What's Up Muskoka*, celebrate Muskokans who have made outstanding contributions to the community as individuals or groups in arts, culture, business, sport and recreation, youth and the environment.

George served on the Lake of Bays Association board of directors for 25 years, including two years as president in (1988–1990). More recently, George founded the Andrew Daniels Fish Stewardship Foundation, a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to protecting and enhancing fish habitat on Lake of Bays, with a particular focus on brook trout. George has also provided enthusiastic leadership to fundraising for the Lake of Bays fireboat and the annual Anglican Church Regatta. In 2009 George received the Betty Day Award, the highest volunteer recognition award presented by the Lake of Bays Association. We are delighted that George's contributions have also been acknowledged by the broader Muskoka community. Congratulations George!



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SAVE THIS DATE

Lake of Bays Association Winter Meeting

Saturday, January 18, 2014, 10:30 a.m.

Dwight Senior's Centre

Lunch served following

Join us for an update on LOBA activities and other topics of interest to both seasonal and permanent residents. This is an open meeting to which our municipal and district elected officials and other lake associations are invited.

Information on guest speakers and the meeting's agenda will be provided by email and on the LOBA website www.loba.ca.

