



2005

Winter Issue

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Beachers' News

President's Report

Another summer season is now over and our thoughts return to busy schedules and our sometime hectic pace. Memories of those peaceful evenings watching the sunset hold us through as we look forward to winter.

Your association had a good summer. We started some new initiatives while maintaining our focus on beach preservation. Some of the activities, which we have pursued in this vein over the past three years, are starting to bear fruit. Last year there was an extra row of snow fencing on the main beach. We will continue to discuss this matter with council, whenever we have the opportunity.

After our annual general meeting this year we hosted our first annual Beachers' BBQ. Much work went into the organizing of this event Bill Rose and Margaret Grottentualer deserve special recognition for the efforts they contributed. It was a success because of them.

They, of course have been unanimously "re-elected" to help organize our second annual Beachers' BBQ, after our next annual meeting.

At our annual meeting it was decided that our organization would join and lend support to an organization known as WRAFT. Waterfront Ratepayers After Fair Taxation is an organization founded in the Haliburton's and is attempting to "build a strong and united coalition of concerned waterfront associations across Ontario". They are working towards providing a "full scale effort to convince Queen's Park of serious inequities in present pure assessment – based methodology for distributing property taxes".

Many of us have horror stories of huge increases in our property taxes. These are not entirely limited to waterfront, as property values have risen generally.

It is concern of cottagers all over Ontario, and it was our opinion that this battle can only be won with a large scale effort. We will update you regularly.

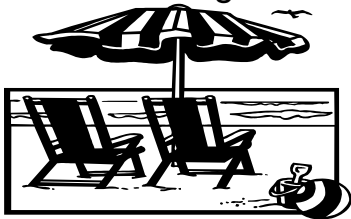
Cottage patrol will be handled, again this year by Gary Scammel, with the same rules in effect. Gary will call if there is a problem. No news is good news. If snow loads appear excessive, he will call HOWEVER, you know your building better than he does, so if you are concerned then come up and see for yourself.

Your Beachers' board wishes you all good health and happiness through the Christmas season and winter. The countdown to May 24th is now officially on.

Cheers
David

PS. For all members who have not paid for the 2004 season, please do so.

Port Elgin & Saugeen Township
Beachers Organization



P.O. Box 377
Port Elgin, Ontario N0H 2C1
(519) 386-0934

Wishing everyone a
Happy New Year.



Brochure

In 2005, I will be creating a brochure to get more people aware of the Beachers' Organization. This hopefully will be done by May. Also, I am looking at revamping the Directory as well.

Tina Hill



Patrol Report

Please remember the Beachers' "NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS" policy. Gary will contact you promptly if he finds anything that needs your immediate attention. Please feel free, however, to contact Gary yourself if you have a particular concern regarding the condition of your cottage.

Gary also has people available to shovel roofs or to do other winter maintenance jobs. If you wish for this service to be provided, please contact him directly to make arrangements.

NOTE: THIS IS NOT PART OF HIS DUTIES AS PATROLLER.

Contact Information for Gary Scammell... (519) 832-2310 or by mail at 319 Goderich St., Port Elgin, ON N0H 2C1.

I'll be happy when....

We convince ourselves that life will be better after we get married, have a baby, then another. Then we are frustrated that the kids aren't old enough and we'll be more content when they are. After that, we're frustrated that we have teenagers to deal with. We will certainly be happy when they are out of that stage. We tell ourselves that our life will be complete when our spouse get his or her act together, when we get a nicer car, when we are able to go on a nice vacation or when we retire. The truth is there's no better time to be happy than right now. If not now, when? Your life will always be filled with challenges. It's best to admit this to yourself and decide to be happy anyway. Happiness is the way. So, treasure every moment that you have and treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time with ... and remember that time waits for no one.

So, stop waiting....

Until your car or home is paid off. Until you get a new one.
Until you have kids. Until your kids move out.
Until you go back to school. Until you finish school.
Until you lose 10 lbs. Until you gain 10 lbs.
Until you get married. Until you get a divorce.
Until summer, Until spring, Until winter, Until fall, Until you die.
There is no better time than right now to be happy. So work like you don't need money, love like you've never been hurt, and, dance like no one's watching.

Submitted by Sarah Dunlop

Landfill Sites

Hours of Operation:

- **Port Elgin Site**
Tuesday: 11am-5pm
Thursday: 11am-5pm
Saturday: 9am-3pm
- **Southampton Site**
Monday 11am-5pm
Friday 11am-5pm
Saturday 9am-3pm
*both sites closed holidays

Special Information:

Please note the following special information regarding the Port Elgin and Southampton Landfill Sites.

- **Burnable Materials** are accepted ONLY at the Southampton Site
- **Hazardous Waste** disposal dates will be announced in the local paper
- **Cardboard Recycling Bins** located at:
Port Elgin - inside gates at the Sewage Treatment Plant (Lehnen St.)
Southampton - Landfill Site (Conc. 14)

Recycling:

- **Recycling Blue Boxes** can be picked up at the Town of Saugeen Shores Administrative Office at a cost of \$6/box.
- Door to door pickup is handled by **Bruce Solid Waste Recycling Association**. (519) 797-5557

Boaters, do you have your Pleasure Craft Operator's Card yet?

It is the law! Anyone operating a powered vessel of less than 4 meters in length (including personal watercraft) must have a Pleasure Craft Operator's Card. Failure to carry this "proof of competency" can result in a fine of \$250. The card is valid for life and there are no annual fees. Boaters can obtain their card after receiving a mark of at least 75% on a Canadian Coast Guard accredited test. Experienced boaters have the option of taking this test without first completing a course. For more information, visit the Canadian Coast Guard web site at www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca or call the Boating Safety Info line at 1-800-267-6687.



Please detach and mail along with a cheque for \$45.00 for 1 cottage and \$20.00 for each additional cottage to:

Port Elgin & Saugeen Township Beachers' Organization
Membership Application
P.O. Box 377 • Port Elgin • Ontario • N0H 2C0

Name: _____ Email: _____

Cottage Address: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: (Cottage) _____ Phone: (Home) _____