
MLRA NEWS

Issue 3

Information for Residents of McDonald Lake Subdivision, Hatchet Lake NS

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Paving Update

provided by Dave Poirrier, via Camille Vokey

The status of paving in our subdivision is a critical issue for our residents. Recent mild mid-winter weather gave us all a reminder of spring, with potholes and gullies in our unpaved roads that proved treacherous to drive on and certainly esthetically frustrating! Our MLA, Bill Estabrooks, indicated to one resident that he had been in the area and taken some photos himself of the situation on our roads during the recent thaw, promising to add his voice to the many residents in our area requesting paving on our roads.

The status of Forest Glade Drive is that they have over 50 percent in favor of paving. However, when measured, the area of positive respondents is only 41 percent frontage. This appears to be due to the frontage of the empty lots, as only four responses were negative. As of the January 9 MLRA meeting, two more homes were left to be surveyed; even those votes were positive, the frontage would have to be reconfigured.

For Fiddle Parkway, the vote stands at 18 out of a possible 29, with only 3 'no' votes. Although this is encouraging, residents are reminded that frontage must still be measured.

To request plowing by HRM: call 490-4000

Welcome to the neighborhood:

Tim and Claudine Goyetche
(36 Fiddle Parkway)



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual meeting is to be held the 2nd Monday in April, which is April 10th, 7 pm in the cafeteria at BJHS.

Annual report to be presented, highlighting activities and initiatives, and will include a treasurer's report on financial standing.

One item on the agenda is a review of the bylaws of the association. These can be viewed on the website www.summitconferencetools.com/mlra; any suggested changes to the bylaws, or any other resolutions must be forwarded to the Board prior to March 19, 2006. Contact Peter Jollimore (shirl261@yahoo.ca), 16 Sunset Court; or Camille Vokey (camillevokey@eastlink.ca), 73 Fiddle Parkway.

Nominations/elections of officers take place at the Annual Meeting. All Association members are welcome and encouraged to attend!

The McDonald Lake Residents Association is currently seeking nominations for the following 2006/2007 MLRA Board: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications Officer, 3 to 5 Directors at Large. The term of the positions is for one year starting Monday, April 10, 2006.

To view the responsibilities of the positions visit the MLRA website at www.summitconferencetools.com/mlra under documents titled as Association Positions. The board normally meets once per month and assists in several community events. Bring your knowledge and experience to the table!

McDonald Lake Subdivision Sign Update

As you may know, the MLRA board is proceeding with your request to replace the entrance sign to the subdivision. The fundraising activities that are currently being organized to raise funds for the sign include a cookbook, which will be available for purchase in March, and a Fall Auction. During some research with different signage companies, the MLRA board consensus on the best option is a granite rock sign with McDonald Lake Park and a design engraved in it. The board felt this type of sign required less upkeep, low maintenance, and less chance of vandalism. The board would like to do some further research and welcome any of your suggestions, resources, contacts, and questions.

Leslie Wilson, MLRA Member at Large is your contact person. She can be reached at lesliewilson@eastlink.ca or 852-4132. The board will have more information on this matter at our upcoming Annual General meeting on Monday, April 10th at 7pm - Brookside Jr. High School.

Birth Announcements:

Congratulations to:

- Bryan Bianchi and Elaine LaForge on the birth of their second son Alexander Andrew born Jan 27. He was born at 9:12 pm and weighed 9lb 10 oz.
- Vicki, Chris and little sister Merissa Morton on the birth of Calista Melody born February 6. She was 7lbs 12 oz.
- Novelea, Gabriel, and big brother Ethan Hamlyn on the birth of Cole born February 22. He was 6lbs 8oz



Upcoming Events for MLRA

Volunteers of all ages needed!
Second Annual McDonald Lake Road Side Clean Up! Saturday, June 5th, 2006. Meet 10am @ McDonald Lake mailboxes. Mark it on your calendars.

Fall Auction – date to be announced! Anyone wishing to donate or volunteer please contact
MLRA

“Wee Spirits” program for Moms and Tots every second Wednesday at St Timothy’s church hall. Call 852-4580 for info.

MARKETPLACE

Buy, Sell or Trade

This space reserved for MLRA to barter their good for others. The MLRA takes no responsibility for the condition of any goods bought, sold or traded. To feature your item in the newsletter, email shirl261@yahoo.ca or drop off information at 16 Sunset Court.

The Creative Corner

Hope you'll be mine
I'll bring chocolate and roses
Happy Valentine's
-Samantha Jong

He sent his love a valentine
His love did not reply
He didn't dare to sign the card
His friends wondered why
He told them that he didn't want his love to see him cry.
- Ashley Penny

silver speck sparrow
singing sweet springtime solos
summer sun deepens
-Elizabeth Jong

**Submissions to the creative corner are welcome!
Drawings, poetry, short stories or essays of 500 words
will be printed in upcoming editions of MLRA News.**

active living in our community

Courtesy HRM Recreation Department

AOportunities in your Communities Booklet@ (Prospect Rd and area) is currently being updated for 2006. This booklet contains information on recreational opportunities offered through groups & organizations in the area. If you would like to have your group/organization's information listed please contact the recreation office at 876-8812.

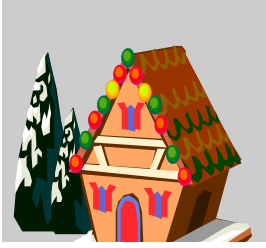
We are accepting registration for a Babysitting Training Course for Ages 11-16. It is being offered at Brookside Junior High on Wed 6:30-8:30pm (5 classes) starting April 18th. The cost is \$29.00. To register call 876-8812.

Do you have experience instructing a recreational program? Do you have experience working with children/youth/adults in a recreational setting? If so, you may want to consider instructing a program in your community. Call our recreation office to discuss the possibilities.

Students- We will be accepting applications for our summer day camp positions beginning in February. Call our recreation office for more details or check out our web site at www.halifax.ca (link to ARecreation.@)

The MLRA would appreciate any donations that you would like to make towards the Association. Your donation can be used for general use or specific projects (I.e. subdivision sign, community social event, etc). Please forward your donation to Elizabeth Jong, MLRA Treasurer at 78 Fiddle Parkway - 852-2187.

AOh Come All Ye Faithful@



And come they did! Despite the Christmas Carolling event being rescheduled from Sunday, Dec. 11 to Thursday, Dec. 15th, due to the weather, the participation was outstanding! There were approximately 40 people of all ages who attended the event. The weather was perfect with snow and that made the evening even more like Christmas time. The group visited homes on Sunset Court, McDonald Lake Drive, and Fiddle Parkway. Around 7:30pm everyone gathered at Sonya Locke's house to have hot chocolate and cookies. It was a great time for all and hope you can join us for the Christmas Carolling in 2006. - *Camille Vokey*

MLRA Website Revised

Hey, check the new and improved MLRA website! Thanks to volunteers Karlie MacKenzie, Kevin Bishop, and Jeff Nearing we have been able to revise the website with a new look, more sections, pictures and ongoing updates. Please visit the MLRA website at www.summitconferencetools.com/mlra for our most current information, events, and meetings.

1st Annual Home Decorating Challenge!

Congratulations to the official winner of the MLRA Decorating Challenge - 2 Sunset Court the home of David, Donna, Alisha & Madeleine Kline. The MLRA board thanks everyone who entered the challenge and those who voted. Photos of the winning home can be viewed on the website. Put your thinking caps on for next year! The standard has been set!

A very special thank you!!

As we approach the end of the inaugural year of the Macdonald Lake Residents= Association, the board would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the following individuals/families:

Byron Locke- Drop off box

Karlie McKenzie, Jeff Nearing and Kevin -Website revisions and updates

All Newsletter contributors

Community BBQ Volunteers - Rhonda Fancey, Byron Locke

Clean up volunteers -Mary & Peter Onno, Thomas, Kanayo, Kai, and Nami

Trappenburg, Dave, Emily, and Mark Vokey, Rob and Allison Jollimore, Kim,

Kassandra, Jamie & Selena Poirrier, Natasha & Thomas Martin.

Those who provided photocopying, photos, esp. Leslie & John Wilson

Lisa Robertson and Sandra Cormier in supporting a collection for the MLRA at the Community Yard Sale

Those who submitted recipes to our cookbook fundraiser and participated in our events.

We look forward to working with you in 2006!

Cookbook Fundraiser Update

The cookbook has been sent for publishing. Over 180 wonderful recipes were received from our residents. I would like to personally thank everyone for taking the time to donate their favourite recipes. I cannot wait to test them out! The seasonal idea didn't work out so we decided to name the book >Our Favourite Recipes=. I expect to have them by mid March. The books will cost \$7 each. If anyone would like to pre-order a cookbook please fill out the following order form. The order form can be dropped off at the dropbox located at 16 Sunset Court (850-2396) or call Sonya at 852 B 3570 to arrange for pickup and prepayment. - *Sonya Locke*

COOKBOOK ORDER FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

COOKBOOKS ORDERED: _____ **PREPAID: YES NO**

NOTE: If prepaying, do not leave form in dropbox. We take no responsibility for cash/cheques left in dropbox. Please call to make other arrangements for prepayment.