

Acton Island Association

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Annual Acton Island Meet & Greet **Saturday, July 20, 2019 2:00pm to**

4:00pm

1043 Innisfree Rd

The Annual Meet & Greet is combined with a short Annual General Meeting and is a fantastic opportunity to meet your fellow Acton Islanders. Our thanks to Jim and Eleanor Lewis who have graciously offered to host this year's event. We look forward to seeing you. *Please bring appetizers for 6 and BYOB.*

A Note from the President

Welcome back! In what seems like a sadly recurring pattern I write again about flooding and my hope that your property has not suffered excessively. Last year I gave the province credit for having learned its lesson. It seems I was overly generous.

By now you will have seen the note deferring the Spring Roadside Clean-up. There will be enough lakeside clean up to occupy people's time but we will send the date for the Roadside Clean Up in due course. As to the lakeside, remember to post any found items on the Lost and Found section of the website (details on the next page) and look there for any of your items which may have floated away.

Sadly, last year there were some thefts on the Island so the Directors are investigating security tips and we are hoping to have the OPP at the Meet & Greet to share these ideas. We will also remind folks of etiquette items such as not disposing of your garbage in your neighbour's bin and to be responsible for Airbnb guests.

On a more positive note, Howard Day has been investigating wireless networks for those so inclined. Recall that this was an item of discussion at the last Meet & Greet. It appears that Xplornet is improving its service to the island and we are looking into some volume pricing options. More to come on that.

Thanks again to the hard work of Stephen Randall and Steve Messenger we've got the ability to pay our annual dues and provide our contact details electronically. Just go to the website, click on the Join/Renew tab at the top and follow the instructions. It's easy and you get a next day confirmation of the transaction. No more looking for cheques and stamps!

This is an off year for the Roster. That said please submit any changes to your contact information including your e-mail addresses. We can then circulate that information electronically so that everyone is up to date.

My thanks to all of the Directors for their on-going efforts. It is a pleasure working with you.

As always, let's keep our island and waters clean, beautiful and safe.

Hugh

News From the Board:

Spring Water Levels:

Monitor water levels via the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources website below:

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

<http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/EmergencyManagement/2ColumnSubPage/239496.html>

The Emergency Management section of the MNR website provides updated information on current flood conditions. Local information about flooding comes from conservation authorities and the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR). This link is also posted on the Muskoka Lakes Website.

Acton Island Association Membership and Roster

The 2018-19 AIA Roster will be made available this year. If you've lost yours or are a new member, copies will be available at the AIA Meet & Greet on Saturday, July 20th. When you complete the Membership form to renew or initiate your AIA membership please confirm or update your Roster information. If you can get it to us two weeks prior to July 20th, we'll have your details included in the Roster. The AIA website Facebook page and the printed Roster are a great source of information!

Lost and Found:

Use the AIA website to share "Lost and Found" information. If something is missing, or random dock chairs, water toys, etc. have appeared on your shoreline, send an email to Contact@actonisland.com and we will arrange to post the note on the website and send an email notice to all AIA members for whom we have an email address.

Muskoka Lakes Township Office: Phone: 705-765-3156

Web site: www.muskokalakes.ca

Tax Assessment:

If you wish to discuss the assessed value of your property, contact the **MPAC** office in Bracebridge to make an appointment:

MPAC Phone: 705-645-8994
169 Pine Street East
Bracebridge, Ontario, P1L 1T5

Boating Safety:

The Safe Quiet Lakes Association (SQL) www.safequiet.ca Watch for SQL pamphlets and other material available at marinas and stores.

The **Safe Boating Guide** is available on the Transport Canada website for the Office of Boating Safety:

<http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/debs-obs-menu-1362.htm>

Wildlife Sanctuary:

Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, Rosseau, Ontario (705) 732-6368

Recommended Hiking Trails In Beautiful Muskoka!

- **Huckleberry Rock Cut Lookout:** A Beautiful lookout over Lake Muskoka!
Turn off at Beaumaris Road toward Milford Bay. Parking is available at the trail head.
- **Hardy Lake:** Hiking trails of varying distances and difficulties encircle a beautiful lake.
- **Wilson Falls Road, Bracebridge:**
Park at the old train station in downtown Bracebridge. Walk along Wilson Falls Road and enjoy the view of the Muskoka River that flows towards downtown. This isn't a loop, so walk back along Wilson Falls Road to return to the parking lot.

Dark-Sky Awareness: Torrance Barrens Dark-Sky Preserve

Spectacular night sky-watching right at our doorstep! <http://www.rasc.ca/content/torrance-barrens-dark-sky-preserve>

Summer Events

An extensive listing of upcoming Summer Events is available on the Muskoka Lakes Chamber of Commerce website:

<http://www.muskokalakeschamber.ca/events/2>

2018/2019 Membership Renewal and Roster Information

To renew your AIA Membership, please complete the online form at www.actonisland.com or complete the form below. The annual renewal fee is \$25 which can be paid online by credit card or by mail with a cheque payable to the Acton Island Association. Cheques should be mailed to the postal address shown above along with a copy of your printed form. You may also pay with cash at the AGM/Meet & Greet.

Please CONFIRM your Roster Information and mailing information online or by mail

Name(s): _____

*Acton Island Address: _____

* Name(s) for Members' Roster: _____

* Acton Island telephone number: _____

* Email Address: _____

Permanent Residence Address:

No. and Street: _____

City: _____

Prov/State: _____

Postal Code: _____

***Home telephone number:** _____

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The AIA Board is here to serve the needs of its members. If you have ideas or topics to discuss, please let us know.