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# TORY'S LANDING NEWS



SUMMER 2013



SUMMER has finally arrived at Tory's Landing! The pool is open, the boats are ready, and our owners are all set to enjoy the property and all it has to offer. We'd like to thank Dianne, John, and our property management team for their great work this year. Thanks to them, our cottages and property are in excellent shape for the busy summer vacation period.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'd like to thank everyone who attended and participated in our AGM this year. It was a productive and informative meeting with great cooperation between our Board and owners. I'd also like to thank those of you who couldn't attend and sent in your proxies. As you've already received my AGM report, I'll introduce you to our current Board of Directors:

President	Franci Alter
Vice President	Ralf Klopff
Secretary	Mary McKay
Director, Operations	Leon Shienfield
Director and Chair, Purchasing Committee	Sandra Srigley
Director at Large	Howard Gladstone

*Officer but not board member:*

Treasurer	Howard Detsky
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I'd like to voice my appreciation to my fellow Board members for stepping up again this year to help make Tory's a better place for all of us. A special welcome to our new treasurer, Howard Detsky, and a fond farewell and heartfelt thanks to our departing treasurer, Joel Campagna. As always, you'll receive regular e-mail reports on our progress throughout the year. We appreciate your feedback and encourage your input. Every request or e-mail from an owner is responded to. Please feel free to e-mail me anytime at [francialter@gmail.com](mailto:francialter@gmail.com).

— Franci Alter

## GREETINGS FROM YOUR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT TEAM: DIANNE, JOHN, EVELYN AND SHANNON!

We're happy to be into our 3rd summer at Tory's Landing. Time sure flies by...

The pool is now open. John and Seth – your summer student – will be working hard over the summer to keep the grounds and your cottages in great shape. A few requests:

- 1) Please slow down when entering our property. Too many owners/guests are driving too quickly on the Tory's road, kicking up lots of dust and endangering our children, owners, staff, and pets.
- 2) Please do not change any of the wiring behind the TVs. There is a separate connection for gaming equipment.
- 3) Please observe boat etiquette at the cottage. If you have a motorboat, obtain and display your permit. A reminder that there are no motors permitted on our rowboats. Our goal is to provide a carefree cottage vacation for you and your guests.

See you at the cottage!

— Dianne

## WE HAVE AIR CONDITIONING!

As you are aware, central air conditioning has been installed in each cottage. If you choose to use the air conditioner, in the interest of keeping our energy costs as low as possible:

- Please do not set the thermostat below 22° C.
- Shut all windows and doors.
- Close main floor and basement vents to make upstairs cooler.
- On departure, set thermostat to 27° C.
- Leave fan on auto.



## WE HAVE A WEBSITE!

[www.toryslanding.com](http://www.toryslanding.com) is almost ready for action. After a final edit of the content and some technical work on the areas for sales and rentals (public), and exchanges (private), we'll be open for business, hopefully in the next few weeks. We'd like to add some owner testimonials to the website. If you have any positive comments about Tory's you'd like posted, please forward them to me.

## OTHER PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

When you arrive for your summer week, you'll notice the following work completed or underway by John and Seth:

- *Back-door screens* have been reinforced.
- *Bikes* have been fitted with water bottle holders.
- Another *high cut* has been done on the weeds on the lake side of the cottages to maintain our views.
- *Badminton net* has been set up at the beach with poles better secured in the sand.
- *Dock skirting* being installed on the outside finger of the main dock to accommodate smaller boats.
- *Curved shower rods* will be installed in the bathrooms.
- Our *geese control methods* are taking effect.
- *Tressider plaque area* has been beautified.
- *Potholes* being repaired on Torpitt Road and our own road.
- *Broken floor vents* in cottages being replaced to permit better air flow control.
- *Weeds* under the front and back porches will be sprayed.
- *Window replacement* (under warranty) ongoing.
- Broken *pool furniture* has been replaced.
- *Cottage floor* repair will begin in the fall by a flooring professional.

We extend a huge thanks to John for all his hard work to keep our property looking its best, and especially for identifying small or potential problems and fixing them before they become costly major repairs.



## NEW FURNISHINGS AND BED LINENS

This year is a big one for replacing certain items in our cottages that have served us well, but have seen better days. Our priorities as per our owners' survey and reserve fund study are the bedrooms and living-room area. To this end, our design committee met with our decorators and we have purchased the following for the bedrooms: new queen-sized mattresses and box springs, linens, and bed coverings (duvet and quilt), as well as new sheets for the bunk rooms. In the living rooms, we're replacing the carpets, chair and foot stool cushions, and adding a lamp. These items are arriving in our cottages as you read this newsletter and as fast as Shannon, John, and their team can get them ready and installed. The bedroom mattresses and linens will be in before the living room furnishings. Please take care of our new things. **Do not wash the new linens with anything dark. And don't take any cottage linens out to the pool or beach.** Thanks!





been appreciated. Another thanks to John for getting our pool swimming-ready so quickly. From June 28, our pool hours will be the same as last summer – 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. Please make sure your children are supervised in the pool area and don't forget to bring your beach towels. **Cottage towels and other linens are for use inside the cottage only! Please also remind your guests and renters to bring beach and pool towels from home.**

### FISHING LICENSES

A note to all fishermen/women: The marine police were stopping at our dock on Victoria Day weekend to check if the people fishing had fishing licenses. These licenses are required by anyone between the ages of 18 and 64, even if they are only fishing off a dock.

### POISON IVY AND GEESE

Despite our efforts to control it, there is a lot of *poison ivy* on our property. John is doing his best to deal with the problem and we are investigating other options. Please stay on the paths and you'll be able to avoid these unpleasant weeds. Our extreme method of geese control appears to be working. Hopefully, the geese will continue to visit properties other than Tory's.



### 2014 OWNER 'PICKS'

You have received confirmation of your 2014 floating weeks from Evelyn. Our thanks to Evelyn for completing the process in a timely manner and dealing with all our owner concerns patiently and efficiently.

### LANDSCAPING/ARBOUR DAY

Our Landscape Committee is continuing to spearhead our weed management program this year. Many patches of goldenrod, thistle, and burdock are again being removed and/or thinned out this spring and fall to add to our enjoyment of the natural beauty of our property. The members of this dedicated committee are unofficially at work every time they're at the cottage. Thanks again for your efforts. By the way, Arbour Day will return next year with a focus on transplanting saplings growing on the lake side of our cottages to maintain our lake views.

### POOL

Our pool was opened this year for limited hours beginning on June 14. With the hot weather we've been experiencing this month, those extra weeks of swimming have certainly

## NOISE

Open windows and lots of people can lead to lots of noise. Please be respectful of your fellow owners. If you're watching TV at a loud volume, please close the window closest to your television so your neighbours can enjoy their time outside.

## HYDRO BILLING

Please take "Time of Day Billing" rates into account when using major appliances at the cottage. It's of benefit to all of us to keep costs low.

## ATTENTION GOLFERS!

If you book your tee-off time at the Lake St. George Golf Club through Bayview Wildwood, you'll receive 10 percent off the regular fee. Thanks to Dianne for extending this offer to our owners.

## COMMUNITY WATCH

Please remember to keep your eyes and ears open at the cottage. If you see anything unusual, suspicious, or dangerous, please call the office or police.



## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE...

Here's an easy appetizer that's sure to impress all your guests:  
Chickpea Salsa Chumus

- 1 cup canned drained and rinsed chick peas*
- ½ cup mild or medium salsa*
- 1 oz light cream cheese (not spreadable)*
- 1 tbsp. grated parmesan cheese*
- 2 tsp olive oil*
- 1 tsp. crushed garlic*
- ½ tsp. ground cumin (you can leave this out if you don't like it)*

Place all ingredients in food processor and puree. Serve with pita chips or pita bread. If you have any family favourite cottage recipes to share, please forward them to me at [francialter@gmail.com](mailto:francialter@gmail.com).

## UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

Please let the office know if you have moved, or have a new e-mail address or phone number. This is extremely important so you can receive all our communications. Also, if you would like to be added to our Cottage Owners' Directory, please let Evelyn know.

We look forward to seeing you throughout the seasons at Tory's. On behalf of your Board of Directors, we wish you a safe, fun, and healthy summer.

