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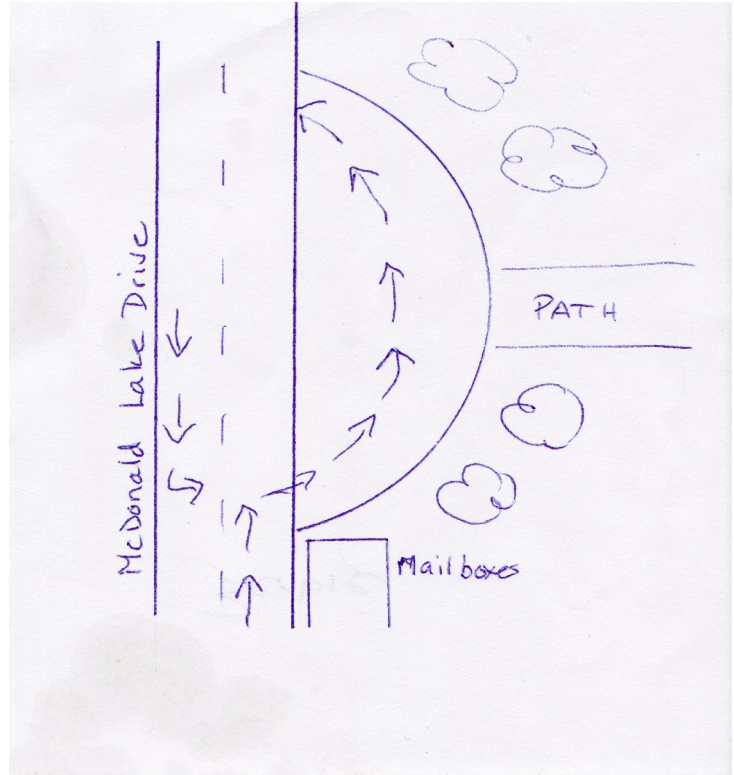
Information for Residents of McDonald Lake Subdivision, Hatchet Lake NS

June, 2008

SAFETY FIRST

There have been many safety issues concerning the practice of dropping off children attending Prospect Road Elementary on McDonald Lake Drive. In an effort to eliminate the necessity of any child having to cross the street and also stop the dangerous, illegal practice of "U" turns, a student drop-off area has been established.

Drivers enter the **one way** lane at the mail box entrance, where children can exit the vehicle on to a path directly to the school. Drivers pull through the opposite end of the drop off area back onto McDonald Lake Drive. Under the direction of the Department of Transportation 'No Stopping Signs' have been installed along McDonald Lake Drive, to make sure that both students & vehicle traffic have a clear, unobstructed view at all times. We ask that every



PARK IT!

Update on McDonald Lake Parkland Development

On March 10, 2008 the MLRA hosted the first planning session for the development of a universal natural parkland site on Prospect River Court. This innovative approach to the park design will provide something for residents of all ages to enjoy. Thanks to the twenty three residents and organization representatives who participated in the meeting and provided ideas of things they would like to see in the park. A report of this meeting will be circulated to members by the end of the month, as well, a copy sent to Patricia MacDonald, the representative from the HRM Planning Department designated to work with us on this project.

During the meeting, a **park wish list** was circulated asking residents to identify their top twenty items for the park. The results, from highest to lowest in popularity, are as follows: tree house, bird houses, rope to climb, dock/boat launch, benches, huge rocks, curving paths, climbers, bridges, berry bushes, gazebo, bat houses, pond life, waterfalls/stream, stepping stones, swings, balance beams, slides, games area, and hills to roll down/slide.

MLRA would like to give you an opportunity to fill out a **wish list** or suggest what you would like to have in the park by contacting Camille Vokey 852-2870/email: camillevokey@eastlink.ca. An online survey will be posted on the new web site (www.MLRA.ProspectCommunities.com) in the future.

See info on page 3 about our Parkland fundraising initiative

NICHOLS LAKE PROTECTION INITIATIVE

Over the past couple of years, Nichols Lake has become a popular place for unauthorized nighttime parties. During some of these parties, fires have been started in improvised fire pits that were dangerously close to trees. The RCMP has been called whenever these parties have occurred, and their ongoing support in stopping these activities is greatly appreciated by local residents. Area residents have had to spend many hours on the day after each party to clean up the mess that was left behind. Underage drinking is not uncommon today, and secluded areas such as Nichols Lake are prime locations for these parties to take place. Over 75 young persons were counted leaving the area when the RCMP shut down one such event. The fires are very troubling, especially if one ever got out of hand in the middle of the night. If a fire was not

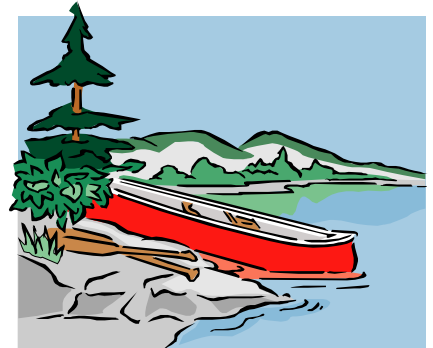
reported in a timely fashion, it could spread to the McDonald Lake subdivision very quickly. In the process, most of the parkland would likely be destroyed.

The MLRA supports the residents' concerns. A letter was been drafted detailing the issues, and was hand delivered on March 3rd, 2008 to Bill Estabrooks (MLA for Timberlea-Prospect), Reg Rankin (Councilor for District 22, Timberlea-Prospect), and William Matheson (Chair of the Wilderness Commons Advisory Committee). We have learned that Nichols Lake has already been designated as a parkland area, and that signage will be erected to identify it as such. The installation date for this signage is unknown at this time.

In the letter it was recommended that a document should be created that consolidates all

of the laws, bylaws, acts and other directives governing the use of designated parkland areas into a guide that can be used by both law enforcement agencies and the public to facilitate the proper usage and protection of these valued recreational areas. Ultimately this guide would be made available online through the MLRA, and other websites.

Formal responses from the recipients of the letter have not been received as of the publication of this newsletter.



Help keep our neighborhood safe by being a Citizens on Patrol (COP) volunteer.
For more information, visit www.prospectcop.ca or call 852-1295 or 852-2141.

Garden Plant Sale Fundraiser - Saturday, June 7th - 9am til noon.

Location: Prospect Road Elementary School parking lot.

Plant donations welcomed by June 4th. Clear out those perennials and help create beauty in our area... All proceeds will be used by MLRA to develop a park in the community.

Contacts: Amanda @ 850-2496 or nstinydogs@eastlink.ca

Camille @ 852-2870 or camillevokey@eastlink.ca

Our website has moved!

The MLRA website has been offline for a while, but it is being re-activated at www.MLRA.ProspectCommunities.com Many thanks to the Resource Opportunities Centre (ROC) for providing the space to host our website. As before, this website's purpose is intended to keep the residents of the McDonald Lake sub-division informed about past, present, and future happenings in our area. Watch for a new addition to the website: an online form that enables our residents to submit suggestions, and comments to the MLRA. Visit us often online!

EVENTS ROUND-UP: WHAT YOU MISSED!

Community Clean Up-date: *Thanks to all who volunteered in the annual clean up on April 26th. We had about 30 people participate even though the day was cold and drizzly! Our neighbours in Terrence Bay and other Prospect Road communities were out as well, as part of local Earth Day events. Special thanks to Todd and Michelle Protheroe for hosting a BBQ for the volunteers in our subdivision at their house after the clean up.*

Pizza and Pool: *On May 3rd, 67 people came out to catch a wave at the Spryfield Wave Pool. A good time was had by all and we raised \$300 towards developing our parkland! Thanks to everyone who came out and a special thanks to the Captain William Spry Pool staff, and Rhonda Dea in particular, for their support.*

Annual General Meeting: *The AGM was held April 14 at Brookside Junior High. Memberships were renewed, a financial report was given (our year-end balance was \$453.72) and Councilor Reg Rankin spoke to HRM's Tax Reform Plan. Elections for officers were held, and the following is the MLRA Executive Board for 2008-09:*

Chair:	Peter Jollimore	850-2396	spark16@eastlink.ca
Vice-Chair:	Amanda Layton-Malone	850-2496	nstinydogs@eastlink.ca
Treasurer:	Michelle Protheroe	852-2174	protheroem@hotmail.com

(Michelle is the Membership Contact, to renew/purchase a membership for MLRA)

Communications Officer:	Camille Vokey	852-2870	camillevokey@eastlink.ca
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Secretary:	Sandra Macdonald	850-2772	icetris@eastlink.ca
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	Ray Bowie	852-4113	raybowie@hfx.eastlink.ca
	Vicki Morton	850-2270	morton@eastlink.ca

(Vicki attends the Prospect Road Rec. Association meetings on behalf of MLRA)

	John Cascadden	471-4631	jdcas@slccc.com
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These individuals are happy to answer any questions or ideas you have about MLRA activities. We want to hear from you!

Build our Park with Mabel's Labels!



Visit <http://www.mcdonaldlake.mabel.ca> to place your order!! Funds raised will help develop our parkland. Make sure it is the McDonald Lake site - see top right hand corner of web page.

Testimonial:

"Personally, I have used these labels and I love them! The labels stay on even after washing in dish washer and clothes washer. Great for labeling your child's stuff for school. summer camp."

HRM PAVING UPDATE

The Halifax Regional Municipality released its paving plan for the 2008-09 fiscal year.

In our subdivision, only Fiddle Parkway was approved for funding. Sunset Court, Forest Glade and Eagleview Terrace remain on the list for future funding allotments.

Any questions or concerns, contact Ann Reid, Technician, HRM Design Services at reida@halifax.ca

Prospect River Court residents responded 'No' to the most recent paving survey done for that street.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Upcoming Events in our Area

- ☀ Prospect Road Co-op Nursery School Registration:
Spaces are filling up for fall 2008. Spots still available for Wednesday/Friday only. The nursery school is designed for children between ages 3 to 5 years (child must be 3 years before Dec. 31st) providing he/she is toilet trained and able to use facilities independently. To register:
Contact Sherry Struik at 852-4314 or email nurseryschool@hfx.eastlink.ca.
- ☀ Garden Plant Sale – Parkland Fundraiser
Saturday June 7, 2008, 9 am – noon - Prospect Road Elementary parking lot
- ☀ Sleepover for Self-Esteem – Girls only
A free event offered to girls aged 9-14, at St Timothy's Church Hall, Saturday June 7, 7pm. In conjunction with the nation-wide Dove Sleepover for Self-Esteem. For details, call Shirley at 850-2396, or see www.dovesleepover.ca
- ☀ Breakfast at Timothy's: Saturday June 7, 8:30 am. Glorified continental breakfast and a presentation on eating disorders. Women and girls 10 and up.
- ☀ HCU Mini Soccer still accepting registrations for children born in 2003 or earlier. www.ha
- ☀ Registration for HRM summer activities is underway! www.halifax.ca
- ☀ DriveWiser: Free community session offered through Conserve NS and Clean Nova Scotia. Learn how to reduce the environmental impact of driving a gas-driven vehicle. Wednesday, June 11 at 7 pm, Resource Opportunities Centre.
- ☀ Blessing of the Boats: Sunday, July 27, 2 pm at the SS Atlantic Heritage Memorial, Terence Bay.
- ☀ SS Atlantic Barbeque: Wednesday, August 6, 1-3 pm, SS Atlantic Heritage Interpretive Centre. Fee \$2.

