

# RIL LAKE NEWSLETTER, JULY 2003

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Happy summer to everyone on the lake! As you may have noticed on your drive in to your cottage, new places have been springing up around the lake. Everyone seems to want a piece of Ril Lake, one of the better places in Muskoka for a cottage!!

As usual, the bears are definitely around. I've had reports from various sections of the lake concerning sightings. Our hummingbird feeders got hit in broad daylight. The BBQ was spared once the dog got involved. Lost our BBQ last year at 4.00 am-looked out and the bear had smashed it and was sitting on the lawn eating the briquettes. Bear are not pets and are not tame animals, don't try to befriend them and PLEASE don't feed them.

The lake itself has actually been quite quiet so far this year with not as many boaters out and about. Don't forget to take the Boating Course and get your licence before you head out on the water. You also need a bailing can, floating rope and flashlight, whistle and lifejackets. Make sure that your flashlight has batteries in it that work. Most kits that you buy don't come with batteries and can prove expensive if you are pulled over by the OPP. They will be on the lake at various times this summer on their own and can also be asked to make special appearances as needed. Please don't drink and drive and keep in mind the safety of others as you enjoy being on the water. If you are in an area where the Narrow Body of Water Act applies, please restrict your speed accordingly.

Dump hours: July 1 to Labour Day .. Mon-Fri 8-4, Sat 9-4, Sun 10-8, Holiday Mondays 8-4  
Farmer's Market Every Friday, till the end of August, 4-8pm at Hwy 117 and Brunel Rd.  
Library info 767 2361 Arts and Crafts Aug 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>  
Fire/Police/ Ambulance 911

You might want to check with Bell that your Municipal Address is correct, ours was wrong and we only found out because when the repair people called to confirm their ETA they said the wrong address. DO NOT CALL 911 TO CHECK, CALL BELL AT 310 BELL INSTEAD.

Also, take a close look at your Hydro bills if you are on equal billing. One person on the lake got a bill for several hundred dollars. Hydro was called out and an adjustment was made but the amount is still substantial. Apparently, the ceiling fan was cited as using excessive power?? Check your smoke alarms!!

***The Municipal Election will be held THIS FALL, in November, be sure to vote!!  
Candidates who have declared and whom we have a right to vote for will be asked to hand out their brochures and chat with you at the door, prior to the meeting.***

**ANNUAL RIL LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>, 10 AM, SENIOR'S BUILDING**

I've been asked to request that if you own a dog, especially one that may be territorial or aggressive, that you have it restrained and under control at all times to prevent anyone from getting hurt as they pedal or walk by your place. Even a small dog, running out of a driveway as a young person rides by, might be enough to cause an accident.

I had a call about a dead fox being found in a person's yard. If you find any dead animals DO NOT touch them with your bare hands. Call the MNR 705 645 8747 and ask for their suggestions. Animals that

appear to be hurt, staggering or exhibiting unusual behaviour should be avoided. Don't hesitate to call the OPP 1 888 310 1122.

There was a cow and a calf moose around for a while, ran into them on one of the walks with the dog. I was too busy looking out over the beaver pond to notice them until I was about 40-50 feet away. Mom didn't waste any time telling me she was unhappy with the dog and I being so close-don't know who was quicker leaving, me or the dog!

Are you interested in being an area rep for your part of the lake?

**HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!!**

Problems or comments?? Les 767 2245