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# Three Mile Lake Barnacle

## Your "In-Depth" Lake News

**Annual General Meeting Agenda**  
**(Sunday, July 3 @ 10:00am)**

- Water quality
- Three Mile Lake Community Events
- Update regarding local healthcare concerns

### **Pay On-Line!**

You can now pay your annual Membership on-Line securely through PayPal / credit card on our web site, [www.3milelake.org](http://www.3milelake.org) ! Go to the 'Members' link...

**MAILING ADDRESS:** Three Mile Lake Community Club (TMLCC)  
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## Supporting Quality Health Care for Almaguin Highlands

In 2009, most services of the Burk's Falls & District Health Centre (including urgent care) were shut down. Although assurances had been provided as recently as 2006 that this facility was required to serve the needs of the Almaguin Highlands, budget cutbacks at the Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (Burk's Falls' affiliate at the time) forced its closure.

When we're at the cottage, timely access to quality healthcare isn't necessarily top of mind. But what happens if someone in our family, or

a guest, has a sudden need for medical attention? Perhaps a cut or a broken bone or an allergic reaction. From Three Mile Lake, that would mean at least a 35-minute trip to Huntsville or a one-hour trip to North Bay, plus potentially hours in a waiting room once there. And for full-time residents of the Almaguin Highlands, who may live in more remote locations, the minimum travel time is likely more than one hour.

Through volunteer hours, TMLCC president Rod Ward has been heavily involved in building a business case to start a new Community-based

centre – the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre. TMLCC is committed to being supporters of a strong local community. The loss of this service affects all residents, seasonal and permanent. If you would like to help, or simply to learn more, please visit [www.almaguin-health.org](http://www.almaguin-health.org). Don't forget to take the on-line survey!

## Upcoming Events!

### **Annual General Meeting**

Sunday, July 3, 2011 @ 10:00am at the Katrine Community Centre

### **Annual Family Picnic**

Saturday, July 30, 2011 starting @ 11:00am on the 'north shore' (Skyline Drive / Horizon Road)

### **Annual Golf Tournament**

Sunday, July 31, 2011 starting @ 8:30am at the Katrine Golf Course...

Payment will be available On-Line!

## Our Lake and Environment

We continue to regularly monitor and report test results on key lake quality measurements. Results for 2010 are now available on our web site and we are pleased that there were no significant concerns from our testing last summer. We must continue to be vigilant, of course, and our team of volunteers will be back out

again this summer taking samples, checking temperature and measuring for water clarity. Mother Nature certainly controls much of what happens on our lake, but every little bit we do to help protect our water quality is good for everyone! If you have any questions, please send them to Arnie Pundsack, c/o [info@3milelake.org](mailto:info@3milelake.org) .

Email: [info@3milelake.org](mailto:info@3milelake.org)

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**Contact Information to  
Keep Close-By...**

**Emergency Services  
(Fire, Police,  
Ambulance)...911**

**Non-emergency local  
O.P.P. detachment  
(Almaguin / Burk's  
Falls)...705-382-2015**

**Armour Township  
(building permits, by-  
laws, local roads,  
snow removal, landfill,  
etc)...705-382-3332**

**Ministry of Natural  
Resources (wildlife /  
fishing concerns) ...  
705-645-8747**

**Your TMLCC Executives  
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**Annual Picnic and Sailing Race – Saturday, July 30, 2011**

We're pleased to announce that Sharon and her army of volunteers will again organize the Picnic for the long August weekend (Saturday, July 30, 2011). Games, races, BBQ and, of course, the traditional East Versus West Tug-O'-War will be part of the festivities. Volunteers make this event a success...please help Sharon and her team by assisting for short periods on Picnic Day. She can be reached at 705-787-0861, or email

[sasm@vianet.ca](mailto:sasm@vianet.ca). We've had great weather and excellent turnouts for the last 6 straight years...we're hoping for more of the same in '11!

Another Three Mile Lake tradition on the August long weekend is the Annual Around the Islands Sailing Race. Gord Isbister will once again be organizing this year's race. Please call Gord at 705-382-5325 or send him an email c/o [info@3milelake.org](mailto:info@3milelake.org) if you would like to take part...

Come out and make this year another successful one!

**Signs, Signs,  
Everywhere Signs**

This summer we will be placing new "Please Share The Road" signs around Three Mile Lake, generously donated by Plasticor Burlington! Keep our residents, visitors and wildlife safe!

**Golf Tournament – Sunday, July 31**

Another great tradition of the August long weekend is the Annual Three Mile Lake Golf Tournament. This has been a huge success over the years. This year, you can book (and pay) on-line on the

web site! Simply go to the 'News & Events' link at [www.3milelake.org](http://www.3milelake.org) and sign up...or contact Dan c/o [info@3milelake.org](mailto:info@3milelake.org) for more info. Spots filled up fast last year so book early! Donations of prizes are most welcome!

**FREE Ads!!**

Do you have an item to sell or give away? Or are you looking for something for the cottage? Try an ad on our web site. Take the "Market Place" link on [www.3milelake.org](http://www.3milelake.org) ... FREE for all TMLCC members.

**Some Things To Consider When You Return to the Cottage ...**

If you've been away from the cottage for a while, there's always a chance of unexpected surprises when you arrive. Here are some things to watch for...

Animal Intrusions ... inspect for obvious damage and animal calling-cards (droppings and other messes)...call an animal control company if something bigger than a mouse has moved in.

Human Intrusions ... do NOT enter if access appears recent or if you suspect someone is there – call 911. For obvious non-emergency, call O.P.P. at 705-382-2015.

Winter/Storm Damage ... check for obvious damage from trees/wind...check for moisture or rotting damage (replace rotted siding, re-finish areas showing signs of deterioration, replace broken or cracked windows, etc).

Roof Damage ... check for missing / damaged shingles, loose flashing around chimneys and vents, check inside for leaks.

Water and Drainage ... check property for standing water...could be a drainage, run-off or plumbing issue.

**Don't Forget to Visit [www.3milelake.org](http://www.3milelake.org) every day! Follow us on Twitter...join our Facebook page...get up-to-date news and information...take our informal polls...tell your kids!**

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