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Volume 7

Three Mile Lake Barnacle

Your "In-Depth" Lake News

Annual General Meeting Agenda (Sunday, July 1 @ 10:00am)

- Water quality
- Real estate update: Maintaining value in your cottage property
- Three Mile Lake Community Events
- Update regarding local healthcare concerns
- Neighbourhood Watch Update
- New signage coming!

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

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Three Mile Lake Gets Connected...

As you look to the horizon in the eastern sky over Skyline Drive, you likely noticed a shiny new tower rising from among the trees. As part of the Blue Sky initiative bringing high-speed internet services to rural, outlying areas in central and northern Ontario, the Spectrum Group recently installed a new communications tower to serve our area. As of this writing, this tower and its "parent" facility in Katrine were not yet operational; however, services should be coming soon. Spectrum will offer both residential and business internet services through

its NetSpectrum Internet Service Provider organization. Public meetings regarding the tower installation were held in the summer and fall of 2011, and construction occurred over the late fall and early winter months. Our seasonal and permanent residents are excited to see this new service offering...anything to give you an excuse to work and stay connected at the cottage! To find out more, you can call NetSpectrum at 1-800-461-6379, or check their web site at www.netspectrum.ca.

Our Lake and Environment

We continue to regularly monitor and report test results on key lake quality measurements. Results for 2011 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.

Upcoming Events!

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, July 1, 2012 @ 10:00 am at the Katrine Community Centre.

Annual Golf Tournament

Sunday, August 5, 2012. Shotgun start @ 8:30am at the Katrine Golf Course...\$28 including BBQ and prizes...

For reservations or to donate prizes, email barbleonard97@gmail.com or call 705-382-1602...

To reserve carts call 705-382-3635.

Payment will be available On-Line!

Learn about **Cottage Succession Planning** at the FOCA seminar series...tips on passing on your cottage property to the next generation...

July 7, 2012 @ 10:00 am in Gravenhurst...

Click on <http://www.foca.on.ca/Cottage-Succession> for more info...

Email: 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**

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Living on the Wild (life) Side...and other Creature Comforts...

One of the best things about life at the cottage is the variety of wildlife we are able to experience... after all, we're just visitors to their natural habitat! Some of these animals and birds are very common, others quite shy.

With a wingspan of 24-30 inches and body size of 16-19 inches, the **Pileated Woodpecker** is the largest North American woodpecker. They tend to be shy, seen most often in late spring. A pair of Pileateds typically protect

a "home area" of about 100 acres, but they are willing to share. After using their nest (a large hole in a tree 15-70 feet above ground) to raise a family each year, they abandon it so other bird species can move in.



Pileated Woodpecker

The word **moose** is borrowed from the Algonquin Indian expression for 'he strips off'...which refers more to the velvet on their antlers than to their clothing! Female cows can weigh up to 800 pounds, with male bulls weighing 1,100 to 1,500 pounds. They are vegetarians (herbivores) who can eat between 70 and 120 pounds of vegetation a day, needing 10,000 to 12,000 calories daily just to maintain their sizeable weight! The elusive moose are another species which is rarely seen around the Lake...



American Mink

The **American mink** is certainly known for its beautiful fur coat, but these intelligent creatures were originally known for their ability to take care of pesky rodents such as mice and rats. Equally comfortable in the water, on land, or scurrying across the ice in winter, mink can be seen fairly frequently around Three

Coyotes are another shy member of the wildlife community...and most of us are happy about that! These intelligent and adaptable animals would actually prefer to stay away from humans and pose little danger...but we are seeing more of them around the lake as they adapt to us being there. They are about 35-40 pounds and their haunting howling can be heard in early evening.

Coyote



Mile Lake. But don't corner them – not only do they have a nasty, protective side but they emit a nasty odour if they are in danger from predators! That's the stink on the mink...

If you have seen these species (or any other interesting creatures) at Three Mile Lake, add them to the Critter Counter on our web site!

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