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Dear Manitou Association Members,

I hope you all had a nice off season, are celebrating the Raptors championship, and are managing to cope with the high water as we approach the record levels of 1986. This annual newsletter is an opportunity to remind you about our upcoming events and your annual dues.

For 2019, each property owner is asked to pay \$110 (\$60 to Manitou and \$50 to the GBA) for a primary membership with voting privileges. These dues will provide you with a listing in the Manitou directory, email updates and direct mailings (from Manitou Association, the Georgian Bay Association and Georgian Bay Forever), along with funding for our Annual General Meeting. Once again, we would like to encourage additional families, couples or individuals who share a property to contribute \$50 (\$25 to Manitou and \$25 to the GBA) as a "secondary membership". The secondary membership will provide you with the same benefits, less the voting privilege. The Georgian Bay Association represents the combined voice of 19 cottage associations and 3,000 families along the eastern and northern shores of Georgian Bay. I will be providing updates from the GB Four and the Township of the Archipelago by email shortly.

For those of you that are members of the Sans Souci Cottager's association, we ask that you please make your GBA payment through Manitou. We also encourage you to reach out to any new neighbours in the area and introduce them to our association.

Dues can be paid in two ways. You may pay via Paypal at **tom.pinkham@gwlra.com**. You may also mail a cheque to my attention at the address above, payable to "Manitou Association".

For those of you who have previously indicated you still wanted to receive this newsletter by mail, it will arrive shortly. Please email me to confirm your wish to switch to receiving email correspondence only.

Attached with this letter you will find your contact and dues request form. Please review, including confirming if you have a working fire pump and email me back any corrections or updates by June 27th. If you do not have any changes there is no need to respond.

Invasive phragmites continues to be a major and growing concern on Georgian Bay. Last year we discovered a new, very large stand on the south side of Twelve Mile Bay near Little Wahnie. This stand needs to be eradicated as it is producing seeds that spread around the area. We will be working with the Twelve Mile Bay Association and GBF to cut it this year in early August. I encourage you to please volunteer your time to assist with this cut. We will send out further details when we set a date. I also encourage you to keep an eye out for and report any stands you discover. The Manitou Association, along with the Twelve Mile Bay Association and Wah Wah Taysee Association, is contributing to a Georgian Bay Forever project this summer that will comprehensively map our region for Phragmites sites. Phragmites is on our doorstep and we need to keep attacking it every year as it is spreading and being discovered at our Manitou shorelines.

Members have expressed an interest in a Manitou website where members could share information and photos on message boards as well providing a central location for information on the membership, newsletter, brief updates etc. as well an online membership directory. The GBA has developed a website that would be a good initiative for the Manitou Association. I will be sharing additional information in a separate email and we can discuss further at the AGM.

Important Dates:

- The Manitou Association Annual General Meeting will be at the Moose Deer Lodge (Buckland cottage) this year on **Saturday, July 6th**.
- The Manitou Regatta will take place on **Sunday, August 4th**.

Lastly but not least, this is an election year for the 2019-2021 period so if anyone wishes to become Vice President or a Director please put your name forward to me or other members of the Manitou Board.

Your 2018-2019 Manitou Board is:

Tom Pinkham, President
Sarah Strachan, Past President
Steve Traplin, Director
Cathy Buckland, Director

Chris Galberg, Vice President
Grainne McGlynn, Treasurer
Darin Buckland, Director

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.



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