

LORA BAY

Living

The joy of West Side living

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New neighbours join the vibrant, growing community

“We love it up here,” says Nevenka Freeborn, who can’t wait to move into her new home in Lora Bay’s Harbour neighbourhood. A highlight of the West Side, the generously sized Harbour Lots welcome Georgian Bay breezes, with bright, warm southern-facing yards backing on to trees, greenspace and the course. “You can live anywhere, but what we really liked was the sense of community here. We’ve met a lot of wonderful people, and we’ve had lots of fun. You can work *and* play.”



The Great One warms up at the Raven during last year’s inaugural Ford Wayne Gretzky Classic.

Starting July 6, the action returns to Lora Bay and the Georgian Bay Club, with first and second rounds of tournament play at the Raven. The celebrity Pro-Am event features 160 Nationwide Tour players alongside amateurs and celebrities. This year, Olympic gold medallist and former world record holder for the 100 metres, Donovan Bailey, joins Wayne and Janet Gretzky, along with eleven other new celebrities. And this time round, half of the profit on your ticket purchase goes directly to the participating local charity of your choice. Visit www.gretzky.com/golf for a list of charities and other exciting details.

The Freeborns are just two recent arrivals to the bustling West Side. You can’t miss the activity as new neighbours move into the Harbour area and the lovely lots set above Nipissing Ridge, with vistas of fairways and the Bay. Give them a warm Lora Bay welcome, and introduce them to the jam-packed summer social calendar!

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“Things are really hopping on West Ridge Drive and at the Harbour,” says Helen. “And the Golf Villas on Landry Lane have been snapped up – people saw the wonderful turnkey opportunity, and there are only two left – the Gullans and the Carnoustie. Both back onto the golf course with lovely southern exposures. It’s the perfect time to see everything coming to life. Call me to set up a tour – we’ll have a ball!”

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The last few gems on the East Side

You still have an opportunity to move into the thriving community already established on the East Side, too.

The Normerica model, The Birches, has been sold, but you have one last chance to own a beautifully finished model home – the St. Andrews. Imagine how easy it will be to just pack up and

move in – enjoying the existing décor or adding a few finishing touches of your own.

And four exclusive East Side home lots remain on Hoggard Court. These extremely rare lots are very private, sheltered by mature trees near the Georgian Trail, and a short stroll to the Club-house and the Grill.

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The West Side buzz

- 7 families have moved in.
- 2 more will be unpacking soon.
- 6 homes are under construction.
- 3 new lots are breaking ground.
- 2 Harbour Lots about to be sold.

Wedding bells for Ann and Dean

Ann Kennedy is now Ann Lachance, but you can still just call her Ann.

The bride arrived at the beach in a '65 T-Bird, and Ann and Dean said their vows by the dunes of Sauble Beach. Then it was off to their house for a "casual, Sauble Beach style" reception. Apparently, the dancing went on till 3:30 in the morning!



Kristen heads West

Best wishes to Kristen Beachli as she heads west with her family on a new adventure. Kristen, Dalton and their three children are moving to Calgary, where Dalton is launching the Western Canadian division of N // ERGY Solutions, a company which helps businesses slash their energy costs, and Kristen will focus on "being a mom" for the next little while.

As Lora Bay's Marketing Director, Kristen has been a huge part of making the Lora Bay community the success it is today.

"It's rare to be able to work hard at something you're truly passionate about," says Kristen. "It's an extremely rare gift to share that hard work and dedication with your father. I want to say thank you to my Dad, to Arnie Cader and to all the partners at Lora Bay for believing in me and giving me the chance in 2004 to join the team and help fulfill the dream of Lora Bay. As we move our family west, Lora Bay will hold a very special place in our hearts. Many thanks to everyone for the support and well wishes."

Plunge party



While about 25 kids had a ball playing carnival games at the Family Potluck Barbecue at the Lodge, their parents and the other adults engaged in a much more serious and mature pursuit – the Toilet Plunge!!! Weeks (well, minutes) of intense training came into play as teams attempted to get a ringer – landing their plunger in a toilet bowl across the lawn. The Schofield family took home the "Royal Flush".

Pub pals

On April 25th, the Lora Bay Wine & Spirits Club headed down to the local (the Raven Grill and Wintergarden, that is), for pints and games and good old fashioned pub scran like bangers and mash and bubble and squeak. The night wrapped up with just about everyone joining in for Karaoke.



Laterally Extravagant

How to dress for golf success

Despite the early season "unsettled" weather, things have been extremely active.

Our Mixed Spring Open and Fashion Show sold out, and everyone came out and played – toughing out one of the coldest and windiest days this season. Ross Henry and Jeannine McEwan stole the show again this year and got a standing ovation at the fashion show. The event featured demo days for Nike and Titleist/Cobra, and we've also had an Ecco Shoe demo day.

The Palmer Golf Institute (PGI) is already helping golfers improve their games. The Executive Women's series have been particularly popular, and the Ladies' Finesse group coaching series is poised to help refine your game and take it to the next level. The Junior Future Star Summer Camp Series (week-long courses through the summer) will focus on etiquette and will hone all skills. \$330 includes lunch, a nutritious snack, and nine holes of golf daily, as well as a Nike backpack. To learn about these programs or set up group or private coaching, call Jeff.

Members really enjoyed the Wine and Cheese event at the Golf Shop and the balloon sale was a huge hit. Coming up July 18, members and the public are invited to a Quagmire Golf Fashion Show and Trunk Sale at Bridges, in Thornbury. Enjoy a barbecue, and check out Quagmire's edgy, non-boring golf duds.

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Weathering the weather

That's been the issue so far this year. Extended wet and cool days in the spring prevented quick recovery of some areas in the rough damaged by snow cover. But the weather has turned for us now, and the warmer temperatures are providing some much needed and welcome speedy recovery to those areas.

Tees, greens and fairways are all in excellent shape and have been since the start of the season. In advance of the Ford Wayne Gretzky Classic, the PGA agronomist visited in late May and was very pleased with the condition of the course and expected the players to enjoy playing here again this year.

Golfer etiquette has been

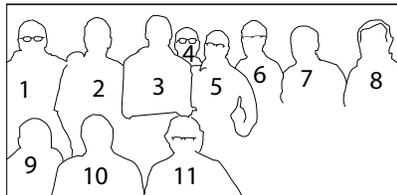
good in regards to maintenance on the course, but we would still remind all members to please replace divots or fill with sand where necessary; repair all ball marks on greens; and rake the bunkers after playing out of them. This will make the game more enjoyable for all of us.

Now, you can keep up-to-date on the course conditions and developments by visiting chrislecour.blogspot.com. I try to add to it at least two or three times a week, and members or even occasional golfers will find a lot of useful, informative content.

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Mountain Cup finds a home at Raven Golf Shop

After many struggles at the Mountain Cup, Lora Bay tasted victory June 8 at OslerBrook Golf and Country Club. In some of



the toughest conditions faced at a Mountain Cup so far, the Raven Pride team fought through and won by a staggering number, with fearless leader Jeff Palmer the low pro.

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| 1. Richard Kowalewski | 7. Jeff MacDonald |
| 2. Alex Annal | 8. Mike Brady |
| 3. Jeff Palmer | 9. John Brown |
| 4. Mike Krossey | 10. Rick Gildner |
| 5. Dave Fuhro | 11. Steven Bentley |
| 6. Doug Butler | <i>Missing: Jeff Eichenberger</i> |

Summer fun “To Chew” list

- ✓ Catch the Bay breeze from your table at the Raven Grill overlooking the 18th hole.



You don't need to golf to enjoy the Grill! Members and non-members are welcome to enjoy excellent dining in a relaxed atmosphere seven days a week.

- ✓ Pick up local bounty from the Saturday Meaford Farmer's Market, Niagara Escarpment Organics, the Wednesday Clarksburg Country Market, the 100 Mile Market in Meaford, Creemore's 100 Mile Store, Grass Roots Organics in Desboro, or one of the many orchard fruit stands and shops.
- ✓ Play nine and dine for only \$59 (plus tax)! Book a tee time between 3 and 5 p.m. on Wednesdays, play nine holes of golf, then enjoy the chef's special at the Grill.
- ✓ Pick up your lunch at the Grill and picnic down at the Lora Bay Beach Club.
- ✓ Bring friends and family to the Raven Grill on Friday nights to enjoy this summer's menu and listen to the smooth jazz guitar of Danny Weis.
- ✓ Wrap up your day at the beach, on the boat, or on the course with a specially designed dinner menu from Executive Chef Geoff Kitt every Friday and Saturday.



Life's a Beach - The Ladies' Member Guest Day attracted 58 sunny golfers. With a lobster salad lunch and great summery gifts, it was a tremendous success.

Events

Jazz by the Bay continues on Sunday nights throughout the summer. Head down to the Rotary Pavilion at Bayview Park in Thornbury from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for great jazz, swing and big band performances. The program wraps up with a performance by the Encore Concert Band at the Raven at Lora Bay on August 23. Call 519-599-3223 or visit www.jazzbythebay.ca.

Get active and support the Community Health Centre at the **Family Sports Challenge**, July 19 at Tomahawk Park in Thornbury, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$5 per person, bag lunch included. Visit www.communityfamilyhealthcentres.org.

Get all shook up from July 23 to 26, as the **Collingwood Elvis Festival 2009** brings back popular favorites and introduces new events, like the 60s-style Clambake (\$75) at Millenium Park. Call 705-722-4849 or 866-943-8849 or visit www.collingwoodelvisfestival.com

Now in its fourth year, the **Electric Eclectics Festival** continues to astound, entertain, and even irritate with a non-stop program of cutting-edge, avant-garde and experimental music by world-renowned musicians, media artists, sound artists and performance artists. Pre- and post-festival exhibitions run all summer, with the main event hosted at “the Funny Farm” near Meaford July 31 to August 2. Enjoy the entertainment along with breathtaking views of the Bighead River Valley. Camping is included with all ticket purchases. Phone 519-378-9899 or visit www.electric-eclectics.com

The *National Post* calls **Trudeau Stories** “an unexpectedly engaging memoir... It’s delightful.” Brooke Johnson’s brings her dramatic memoir of her friendship with Pierre Elliott Trudeau to Meaford Hall on August 20. Call 519-538-0463 or 1-877-538-0463 or visit www.meafordhall.ca.

Look for this year’s line-up and ticket sales for the **Meaford International Film Festival** starting Friday, July 17. Four nights (September 3-6), four films, four parties, with special celebrity guest appearances on-stage. Call 519-538-0463 or 1-877-538-0463 or visit www.miff09.ca.

Meet & Greets continue all summer long

The community keeps growing, so to keep up, Meet & Greets will run every Friday all summer long. Hosted by a different Lora Bay family each week, these events are a great way to meet your neighbours and make new

friends. Just bring yourselves, your friends and family, a bottle of wine, a loonie or a toonie per person, and come as you are. 5 to 7 p.m. in the Sports Lounge at the Lodge. Raven members welcome!

Neighbourly Visit

Living in Caledon, the Freeborns already enjoyed clean air, rolling hills, and a small-town feel. Then they saw Lora Bay.

“Friends of ours told us about Thornbury,” says Nevenka, who runs Freeborn and Associates, a management consultancy, with her husband, Kevin. “So one day when we were up in Collingwood, we thought we’d visit. Then we saw Lora Bay.” While it took another two years before they could make the move, they were hooked from the start.

“My goodness, you look out at the water and the Escarpment, and you think you could be out on Vancouver Island,” she says. “We love it up here. We’ve met a lot of wonderful people and we’ve had lots of fun.”

The Freeborns – who have two grown daughters, Jessica and Sanja – love canoeing, hiking and cycling, and they’d just returned from a ride along the Georgian Trail when we talked to Nevenka.

They’re renting a villa at Lora Bay while builder Steve Garrow works on finishing their house down at the Harbour Lots, and they’ve already met a number of good friends. “Lora Bay does a really good job of facilitating



getting together with people,” says Nevenka. “They’ve had the Wine Fair, the Meet & Greets, golf tournaments and dinners – there’s always some sort of event taking place that draws the community together. And the ladies in the office – Helen and Danielle and Ann – they’re just amazing. They are wonderful; if you have any questions or you need anything, those are the people you go to.”

It was their new friends Kevin and Liz Campbell who suggested they have a foundation christening party, and on May 16 they cracked a bottle of Champagne on their home’s foundation, celebrating the launch of their lives at Lora Bay. “It’s a beautiful place,” says Nevenka.