



Clear Lake Cottagers' Association of Field

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2017

SPRING AT LAST!

Full time residents say they had lots of snow this winter. It wasn't a short season either. So, whether you are an outdoor enthusiast or simply tired of shovelling the white stuff, its time to put the snowshoes, skis & shovels away and break out the water toys. The Board members join Howie in offering condolences to the Lemay and Robert families over the very unfortunate passing of Nicole and Gilles. On a happier note, we welcome seasonal residents back and extend our thanks to the permanent residents who so graciously keep an eye on things for their neighbours. We also wish to thank the many residents who volunteer their time in cleanups, placing marker buoys, keeping an eye on loon activity and lake levels and administration of Board activities. New faces are always welcome at CLCA so remember to encourage new residents and neighbours to view our website and join up.

HOW ABOUT THAT WATER!

Spring runoff has left us with very high water levels as a start to the season. The beaver pond adjacent to Northshore Rd behind the landfill has grown and the creeks running to the Sturgeon River are breaching the banks in some areas. Our little friends also dammed the creek near the beach area, subsequently flooding the bush area at that location. Whether these water levels fall quickly as they did last spring, or slowly return to normal will of course depend on the weather. Meanwhile, myself and some neighbours have dock and decks to repair as a result of the ice. Despite that, I am sure we are all thankful that our lake is healthy and vibrant. By keeping an eye on septic systems, using green cleaning products and not introducing nutrients (i.e. phosphates (soaps), fertilizers, cleaning solvents, etc.) into our lake, our kids and grandkids will also benefit. Remember pet washing or personal shampoos in the lake are a definite no...no! Board volunteers continue to monitor lake as part of the Ontario Lake Partner Program. We are

pleased that Clear Lake has no "blue algae" and we don't want any! Check out our lake stats <http://foca.on.ca/lake-partner-program-sampling-assistance/>

REMOVAL OF DEAD TREES

Folks certainly responded to last year's suggestion that dead trees be removed from their property and road allowance. The spruce budworm and heavy winds left quite a lot of unsightly growth that represented a fire hazard. It is nice to see folks tackle the problem and clean up the area. The municipality was very helpful in downing dead trees along the road allowance. The Board will continue to work with the Public works keeping them abreast of area needs.

SPRING CLEANUP

This year's cleanup was officially conducted on 6 May. Prior to that date, residents who could not attend on the Saturday had completed cleanup in various areas around the lake. Generally, litter was less problematic than it has been in the past. This may be directly attributed to the ongoing efforts of residents such as Carole Anne Friedrich who keeps on top of things throughout the year. Thanks to everyone....and keep up the good work folks.

CLCA WEBSITE

Our website at : <http://clearlakecottagersassociation.ca> continues to be very successful and useful. Thanks to Howie for all his work. Please keep an eye on the site and encourage others to sign up.

Thanks to new technology, 90% of our correspondence now goes by email vs. regular (costly) mail. Mailing costs and activity have been reduced. If you have not yet provided an email address to CLCA, please contact secretary Bob Jolley at rajolley@gmail.com

CAMP ISLAND

Last year, you will recall that we were having problems with some campers not respecting the fire ban etc. CLCA reported our concerns to the Municipality and the MNR, who were unable to assist. Since then however, it appears a couple of dandy signs have been posted warning campers of fire danger and promoting clean use of the island. In addition, residents have been vigilant in approaching campers and promoting safe use of the area. On one occasion last summer, Nipissing police and fire personnel addressed a group of campers who were breaching the "no fire" ban. The good news is if we all keep an eye on those using the island, and report problems promptly to the authorities, we can make a difference!

2016-2017 BOARD MEMBERS

President	Howie Longfellow
Treasurer/ Membership	Yvette Morrison
Secretary	Bob Jolley
Members at large	Serge Giroux, Len Tighe, Claude McGrath, Alan Hardiman, Luc Tardiff, Angele St. George and Brad Laird.

COMMUNITY WATCH

In speaking to Chief Chuck Seguin President Howie learned that WNPS did not receive any reports of break-ins or vandalism in our community over the winter months. Great job folks....and thanks again to the permanent residents for remaining vigilant.

MEMBERSHIP & ANNUAL DUES

Just a reminder to ensure your dues are paid up! The \$10.00 annual dues may be paid directly to the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting or by submitting payment by cheque payable to Clear Lake Cottagers' Association of Field, P.O. Box 98, Field, ON, P0H1M0.

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to board member Luc Tardiff's mom, Diane Tardiff for providing us with translations of this newsletter and the Spring board meeting minutes! We are very grateful.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING

Members are reminded to mark their calendars for **Sunday 6 August, 2017** to attend the AGM at 1:00p.m. We will hold the meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Notre Dame Victoires Field. Two \$25.00 Canadian Tire gift cards will be offered as door prizes.



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