



Clear Lake Cottagers' Association of Field

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2018

PLEASE NOTE:

In the past, the Board has attempted to provide information to members in both official languages. At present, no one has volunteered to provide French translation. Some members fear that "computer translation" is inaccurate and could offend our French speaking members. For that reason, we hope everyone will understand our decision to issue correspondence in English only until a translator is available. Anyone interested in volunteering will please notify the Board.

BOY IT IS NICE TO SEE WATER AGAIN!

Well folks, Mother Nature sure was busy this winter. It was a long haul for everyone and despite how exciting and beautiful fresh snowfall can be, I think we were all happy to see an end to it and move on! Spring air is nice and fresh and things look great as the new foliage unfolds, but we do have some issues to consider this year. Spring breakup reveals that our beachfront is still suffering minor damage as a result of the flood last Fall. Thankfully, when we reported the problem in October, municipal officials looked into the cause and had public works affect quick repairs. The Board learned that the large influx of water in the ditches running back toward the beach and lake was caused by over zealous beavers up stream. Apparently pelts were not selling well and reduced trapping had led to an over abundance of beavers. We will sure have to keep an eye on the beaver situation and make sure that public works completes repairs. West Nipissing has been looking into new culverts on Northshore Rd for a number of years now. This year some of the old culverts took a beating and were shredded by the grader. We will have to look into that situation before someone on an ATV is unfortunate enough to hit one. All in all though, things look good and the weather over past weeks has been very promising. Looking forward to one enjoyable summer on beautiful Clear Lake!

CAN YOU NAME THAT POND?

Lake levels are once again quite high. As a result, the beaver pond adjacent to Northshore Rd behind the landfill continues to grow into a small lake! . I am so tired of saying all of that, I wonder... is the pond finally big enough to receive an "unofficial" name? Do you think you folks might be interested in naming the pond? It could be fun and it would be interesting to see some of the submissions! If you are interested, feel free to send in your suggestion to the Board. We will read them out at the Annual General Meeting.

GOOD QUALITY WATER

Thanks to volunteers like Len Tighe and Serge Giroux we continue to monitor lake as part of the Ontario Lake Partner Program. Thanks to all residents who takes care to protect the water from contaminants, we continue to have good test results. Check out our lake stats <http://foca.on.ca/lake-partner-program-sampling-assistance/>

SPRING CLEANUP

This year's cleanup on 12 May was a huge success. All sorts of members turned out. Many hands made light work, and once again our area is relatively free of litter. The volunteers (too many to mention) are to be credited with taking part. Thanks on behalf of CLCA.

CLCA WEBSITE

Our website at: <http://clearlakecottagersassociation.ca> continues to be very successful and useful We have also had people subscribe to the site in response to the new sign that Alan Hardiman suggested and Howie installed at the CLCA bulletin board. Incidentally, how do you like that new "marine blue" colour on the bulletin board. It sure stands out now. Thanks goes out to Bob and Joyce!

MEMBERSHIP DUES RAISED TO \$15.00 PER YEAR

The Board members volunteer their time and we have reduced printing and mailing costs, but there are still costs associated to our website, marker buoys, and meetings. With an average of 40 paid up members, the \$10.00/yr dues are simply not enough to maintain the budget. For this reason, the Board has voted to raise fees effective 29 May 2018. This is the first time dues have been adjusted in decades. We are confident that everyone will understand.

2017-2018 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 we learned that WNPS did receive one report of a winter break in at a residence on Clear Lake Rd near Southshore Rd. We encourage folks to report any suspicious activity to police and thank those full time residents that keep an eye on things during the winter.

MEMBERSHIP & ANNUAL DUES

Just a reminder to ensure your dues are paid up! The \$15.00 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.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING

Members are reminded to mark their calendars for **Sunday 05 August 2018** to attend the AGM at 1:00p.m. We will hold the meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Notre Dame Victoires Field.



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