

Spring Newsletter 2022



Message from the President ...

Happy Spring CLCA

Looking forward to a great summer at the cottage. CLCA has been busy planning for the summer ahead. We had a successful Spring clean up. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped and a big shout out to Rainey and John from Trent Lakes Tree Service for the use of their truck to take items to the dump.

We will be holding our AGM virtually this year. Please mark June 6th at 7pm on your calendars. We are working on putting together more great events this summer; Canada Day , Haunt The Dock , Watch for posts on CLCA Facebook and CLCA website.

Thank you to all the hard working CLCA Executive/Board members. CLCA spends many hours during the winter months working and planning on many initiatives. Without these dedicated people behind the scene, CLCA would not be possible. We are always looking for volunteers and please reach out if you would like to help or have ideas you would like to share.

Have a safe summer with family and friends.

John Fernandes

President
Crystal Lake Community Association

Meet the CLCA Team

Executive Committee

President John Fernandes
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Membership Linda Mielewczyk*
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Board Members

Shannon Jonas Rainey Weidauer* Michael Leblanc

Lake Stewards: Jack Terzian & Joe Harnett

*interim member

The 2022 membership fees are now due!
We have been seeing a steady increase in our CLCA Membership. We hope we are providing the support to our Community and beyond.
Our volunteers rock and your continued support is the motivation they need to keep giving their time. See last page for ways to renew and join CLCA

Crystal Lake Community Association (CLCA) Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Monday, June 6, 2022 @ 7:00pm

We will be holding the AGM virtually via Zoom again this year. The link will be available on our Facebook site and will be shared by email closer to the meeting date. All are welcome to attend the Zoom, but just a reminder that only CLCA members are allowed to vote

Agenda items to include:

- Discussion of CLCA Business
- Lake Stewardship
- Water Levels and Safe & Quiet Lakes
- Upcoming 2022 Crystal Lake Events
- Topics of interest in the Trent Lakes Municipality
- **Q&A's** (please send questions in advance, or can ask on the Zoom chat feature)

Mark on your calendar the popular Canada Day Boat Flotilla, Friday July 1st



Upcoming Events

- ✓ **June 6, 7pm CLCA Annual General Meeting via Zoom**
- ✓ **July 1, 2pm Canada Day Flotilla** - July 2, Strawberry Supper Galway Hall
- ✓ **Garage/Dock Sale TBD** - Haunt the Docks Sept TBD
- ✓ **Kinmount: Music In the Park Every Thursday**
- ✓ **Farmers Market Every Saturday 9 to 2pm**
- ✓ **Kinmount Fair Sept 2 to 4th 150 year Celebration**

Big Red Chair

We have some exciting news!

The Chair is now in place at **White's Beach!**

Thank you to the generous donation from Nevil Knupp and Abby Langdown
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Note: New picnic tables and expanded sitting area now at **White's Beach**



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Short-Term Rentals

The Municipality of Trent Lakes had been exploring the introduction of a short-term rental licensing program.

Knowing this is an important issue for many, CLCA have provided input and comments.

And Trent Lakes allowed for public input via written and delegations to seek comments from both property owners and the public.

As a result of the input, Trent Lakes approved enforcement of existing By-Laws such as noise, fireworks, parking

We have created a useful tips pamphlet and general renters etiquette (see below).

Being a responsible Short Term Renter is key to minimizing the need for regulations.

Crystal Lake Book Exchange Library

We have our own Library Book Exchange now at **White's Beach!**

Enjoy a book and then exchange for another!

Thank you to Kathy & Don Mahoney for building it and to the Book Club for the idea!

Also, supported and organized by CLCA



Buoys/Markers

We have buoys around Crystal Lake to mark some of the rocks and shoals.

CLCA purchased a new fleet of buoys and anchors this year to replace the older worn out ones.

We have a team of volunteers that put them out and bring them back in – no matter what the weather conditions! A sincere thank you to those that take care of this on our behalf.

Your CLCA dues going to good use!

Note: Please be cautious navigating around the lake, as rocks and floating debris can be hazardous at all times of the year.



If you notice a buoy that has become Loose or damaged, please post on Facebook or call 705-488-2295
Each buoy has a number assigned to it so we know where it needs to be located.

Music in the Park

Kinmount Austin's Sawmill Park 6:00 pm

Food available for purchase, bring own chair

July

- 7 The Wanted (**event sponsored by CLCA**)
- 14 Jeff Moulton and Grace
- 21 Gary and the Rough Ideas
- 28 Rick Fines

August

- 4 Cash on the Barrelhead
- 11 Rhythm and Grace
- 18 The Recycled Teenagers (**sponsored by Salmon Lake**)
- 25 The Highlands Trio

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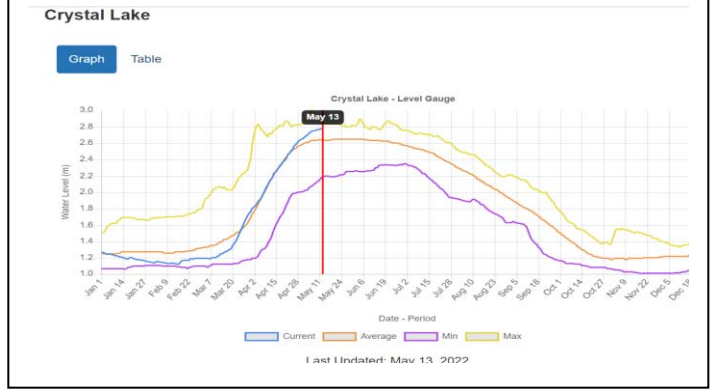
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Water Levels

Water levels are important to all of us on Crystal Lake. The Coalition of Equitable Water Flow CEWF, are one of the organizations the CLCA supports. They are in regular contact with the Trent Severn Waterway (TSW) water management team.

As seen in the chart the water levels on Crystal Lake are slightly above average for this time of year. Water levels will continue to fluctuate based on the needs of the Trent and weather conditions.

We encourage you to visit the CEWF website at www.cewf.ca for updated information throughout the year.



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Our Loons

The loons are back and they are now actively nesting. A recent study has shown that loon populations are declining, with major causes being loss of habitat and water levels. There are a few simple things we can all do to protect our loons including:

- ✓ Watch your wake, the lake levels are generally high during mating and nesting season, one wave can flood a nest and destroy the eggs, meaning the pair will have no chicks for the year
- ✓ Respect their space, if you see a nest please stay clear
- ✓ Try and leave shorelines as natural as possible



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What does the CLCA do?

CLCA focuses on and represents the interests of Crystal Lake waterfront property and area residents, and to provide a sense of Community and Pride!



- ✚ We keep the Welcome Signs and various planters looking beautiful
- ✚ We organize and sponsor Crystal Lake events like the Canada Day Flotilla and Haunt the Docks
- ✚ We purchase and maintain buoys to mark some of the rocks and shoals on Crystal Lake.
- ✚ We maintain a website and Facebook page to keep us informed, share events, photos and other interesting stuff!
- ✚ We make donations to and support other local volunteer organizations
- ✚ We promote and support local businesses and events in our community

CLCA acts as a liaison and represents us all on various important matters:

- ✚ We liaise with the Municipality of Trent Lakes Council and staff regarding waste management, roadway maintenance, development and by-laws and policies that impact Crystal Lake and area
- ✚ We support the Crystal Lake Steward who takes water samples to be tested by the Ministry of the Environment to monitor the water quality of the lake for clarity, phosphorus levels and invasive species (i.e. zebra mussels).

IDEAS AND VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Are you interested in helping out with an event or initiative? Do you have great ideas to share? Do you have questions to ask or comments to offer? If so, we would love to hear from you!!

Please send us a note at crystallakecommunityassoc@gmail.com.

Also, if you are willing to help out with canvassing for membership (chatting with your neighbours or taking on a section of the lake) please let us know!

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Crystal Lake Map

We have a revised Crystal Lake Map ready for our members!

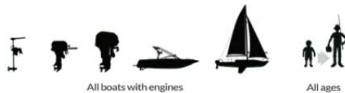
It's been updated with all the current road names and Fire Route #'s. It will be available to our CLCA members only as a perk for your membership – details for pick-up will be posted



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DO I NEED A BOATING LICENSE IN ONTARIO?

All operators of motorized boats in Ontario are required by law to have a Pleasure Craft Operator Card. Commonly known as a boating license, a Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) is required for all ages, boat lengths and engine sizes (including electric trolling motors). Boaters who operate a motorized vessel without a boating license face a \$250 fine.



HOW OLD DO I HAVE TO BE TO GET A BOATING LICENSE IN ONTARIO?

There is no minimum age to obtain your boating license in Ontario. Boaters of all ages, including those less than 16 years of age, are required by law to obtain and carry a Pleasure Craft Operator Card while boating. In addition, certain Age and Horsepower Restrictions apply to boaters 16 years of age and under.

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Spring Clean Up Event

We held a spring clean-up day in May to keep our ditches and road-sides garbage free! We find all kinds of garbage, not just coffee cups and beer cans!



Visit the CLCA Website & Facebook Page (Crystal Lake CLCA)!!

Both our Website and Facebook Page (which has grown to over 1,500 members!!) are a great source of information. We post community events and important issues such as waste management, water levels.

You can also find photos, things lost and found, items for sale and other topics of interest.

Facebook Group site: [Crystal Lake CLCA](#)



Buy or Sell?

Check out the Crystal Lake, Galway and Kinmount Area [Buy and Sell Facebook Page!](#)

CLCA maintain membership with various associations. A strong, united voice is important when advocating on behalf of our members

- ✓ Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF):
 - Work to implement equitable water management policies for the Trent-Severn Waterway taking all those affected into account. [Visit CEWF's website](#)
- ✓ Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA):
 - A non-profit, voluntary organization that represents over 500 Ontario Associations. Your membership dues help pay or support FOCA. They are dedicated to supporting the interests of Ontario's waterfront property owners.



[Cottage Dreams](#) is a unique program that offers recent cancer survivors and their families the opportunity to spend a week at a donated, private cottage after treatment to celebrate recovery.



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Lake Stewardship

Our water quality and lake stewardship is **VERY** important to all of us.

Thank you to our Lake Steward Jack Terzian for taking this on for us.

Trent University visited Crystal Lake on August 18, 2021 and took water samples with help of volunteers from CL.

Results of the samples are:

	2021	2020
Secchi Depth:	6.2 M	6.0
Chlorophyll:	3.1	2.3
Dissolved Calcium:	32.4	32.4
Phosphorus :	10.4	8.5
Dissolved Nitrogen:	611	397

Listen into our AGM June 6th to hear the results explained.

Visit our website and Facebook to see the detailed results of the 2021 Trent Aquatic Research Program for Crystal Lake.

2022 Recycling Programs and Events

- ❖ **Bulky Plastic Recycling Program**
 - May 2 until October 31
- ❖ **FoodCycler Pilot Program**
 - Registration open May 2, space is limited
 - 12-week tracking period June to August
- ❖ **Mattress Collection Events**
 - May 27 – 29, Bobcaygeon Transfer Station
 - September 21 – 22 and 24 – 25, Buckhorn Transfer Station
- ❖ **Paper Shredding Event**
 - June 25, 8:00 a.m. until noon, Bobcaygeon Transfer Station
- ❖ **Free Compost Material**
 - Starting June 25, while supplies last
 - Bobcaygeon Transfer Station
 - Self-serve, BYO shovel and pail
- ❖ **Mobile Household Hazardous Waste Event**
 - July 9, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 - Galway Hall, 388 Galway Road

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Be Wake Aware!

Impacts of your Wake

- ✓ Smaller watercraft like kayaks, fishing boats and SUP's can be easily capsized
- ✓ Swimmers can be tumbled over and injured
- ✓ Boat wake causes shoreline erosion
- ✓ Nesting bird on the shore can have their nests destroyed
- ✓ Disruptive to your neighbors AND damage to docks and ramps

What can we all do?

- ✓ Be aware of the size of your wake at all times
- ✓ Position passengers thru-out the boat to reduce time spent in transition
- ✓ Look behind you to minimize the impact of your wake
- ✓ Reduce your speed to less than 10 km/h 30m from shore, docks and swimmers
- ✓ Water-ski, tube, surf & wake-board 200 meters away from all shorelines
- ✓ Consider the size of the wake produced when purchasing a new boat

Are You Interested in Advertising?

Contact us for more details at
crystallakecommunityassoc@gmail.com

[Our website, and Facebook receive a huge # of hits and traffic.](#)

New for 2022 Fridge Magnet

Emergency Contact Fridge Magnet will be available for distribution soon! Include your 911 address and contact info in case of an emergency

Helpful Phone Numbers

Emergency Numbers

Fire, Police, Ambulance Emergency: 911
Marine & Air Search and Rescue: 1-800-267-7270
Poison Information Centre: 1-800-268-9017 Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868

Non-Emergency Numbers

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Ambulance: 705-286-2424 Ministry of Natural Resources: 1-800-667-1940
Hydro One: 1-888-664-9376 Outages Call 1-800-434-1235 Bell Canada: 416-310-2355 or 1-800-668-6878
Municipality of Trent Lakes - 705-738-3800 or 1-800-374-4009 Or After Hours by-law enforcement call Trent Lakes Ext 300

Etiquette and basic reminders for your Guests and Renters – will make it a great a experience for everyone!

Remind guests that sound carries easily. Suggest guests keep music and other noise at a level that will not disturb neighbours

Parking

- Identify designated parking areas for vehicles and trailers. Be mindful to not block driveways, roads other access.

Pets and Wildlife

- Dogs must always be in control, cannot wander off property, and must be kept quiet (no incessant barking). Dogs are not permitted on the public beach. Guests must clean up after pets.
- Do not feed wildlife. Ensure all doors remain closed and do not leave food in open areas or leave garbage outdoors.
- Be mindful of animals while driving and respect road speed limits; be mindful of nesting birds and watch your wake.

Boating and Off-Road Vehicle Safety

- A Personal Flotation Device (PFD) is required for each person on any watercraft (motorized or not!).
- Children and those who cannot swim to wear a PFD and never be left unattended while on docks/shore or on watercraft.
- A boater's licence is required for motorized watercraft operators; a safety kit must be available on board all watercraft.
- A valid driver's license required for operators of off-road vehicles (ATVs, snowmobiles); drivers and passengers wear helmets.
- Never drive under the influence or have alcohol/cannabis on board.

Environment

- Flush only toilet paper, grease or other products are harmful to the septic system
- No soap or detergent (e.g., shampoo) products in the lake.
- Dispose of cigarettes and garbage appropriately; do not litter

Outdoor Burning and Fireworks

- Designate a fire pit, and keep fires small and in control at all times. There is no daytime burning permitted from April through October (after 6pm only). Never leave a fire unattended or burn in hazardous conditions. Respect burn Fire Hazard conditions and any fire bans in effect.
- Fireworks are only permitted on certain holidays. Be mindful that fireworks can cause distress to pets and animals. Practice safe use of fireworks.

Garbage and Recycling

- Waste must be properly sorted into garbage and recycling (containers and papers/fibers etc), using clear bags only, and a Cottage Kit
- All garbage and recycling must be removed; if Transfer Site is not open on day of departure, guests to make their own arrangements

[Become a Member of the Crystal Lake Community Association](#)

The Crystal Lake Community Association represents you and your interests as a property owner. It is important that we have a strong association represented by all property owners so when we speak on your behalf we are able to say that we represent the majority of all Crystal Lake residents.

We know your property is a major investment, so why not join the CLCA so we can help protect that investment and your interests. Membership is only \$20 annually per property. We also offer the option for you to pay your membership fee for up to 5 years at a time.

There are 3 ways that you can join the CLCA:

1. Online by credit card or PayPal at www.crystallakecottagers.ca
2. Online by e-Transfer to at www.crystallakecottaers.ca
3. By mail – Complete the Membership Form below and send it along with a \$20 cheque payable to the CLCA. Please contact [Carol Ing](mailto:Carol.Ing) for mailing instructions.

OR you can always complete the below email and take to one of the Exec Team Members or to an up-coming Crystal Lake event

We want to hear from you, contact us at : crystallakecommunityassoc@gmail.com or crystallake.memberships@gmail.com



Crystal Lake Community Association Membership Form



Property Owner Name(s): _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home or Cell Phone: _____

Cottage Address: _____

Cottage Phone: _____

E-mail (s): _____

I would prefer to receive mailings by regular mail

Option # 1

I wish to pay my CLCA 2022 Membership (\$20)

Option # 2

I wish to pay my CLCA Membership fee for the next ____ years (up to 5 years). Enclosed is my payment of \$____ (\$20 x up to 5 years).

