



Spring Newsletter 2018

Message from the President ...

2018 is already proving to be a busy one! The CLCA Executive Committee and Board have been working hard on a number of items involving our lake and surrounding community including waste management and roads to name a few.

As I have said before we have a great community on Crystal Lake. Together, we all share in the same interests of water quality and enjoyment of the lake and surrounding areas. It is so nice to see the random come-one-come-all events that just pop up through the year like bike rides, kayaks, movie night, golf and many others. I believe this shows just how special what we share really is. Keep it up!

Summer 2017 saw a great Canada Day 150 celebration! It was amazing to see so many of you come out and be involved! The feedback from the event was overwhelmingly positive and we can't wait to celebrate with you all again this year! Watch for details of this to follow. No prizes for guessing what day it is on though!

The CLCA website continues to be a great resource and during the past year our website traffic has pulled an average of approximately 8,537 visits per month and 29,197 pages viewed per month - so our internet "presence" continues at a very high rate. Not surprisingly, the CLCA Web Cam page is in the top 5 most popular sections of the site! A special thanks to our website sponsors for their support!

We continue to encourage all our members to buy what they need locally in all cases possible, rather than bringing it up from the city. Not only does this support our local merchants but it helps make our community stronger as a whole.

In the ever increasing age of electronic connection, media and the like, it's nice to detach when we can, especially at the lake (insert: hammock, book, sunset, naps, smell of wet dogs).

Play safe and all the very best for an awesome-as-all-get-out summer 2018.

John Hubbard

Crystal Lake Cottagers' Association President

IDEAS/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 share? We would love to hear from you. Send us a note at crystallake.newsletter@gmail.com or crystallakecommunityassoc@gmail.com.

Also if you have an interest in helping out with our upcoming Canada Day Event or helping out with canvassing for membership (chatting with your neighbours or taking on a section of the lake) let us know!

Crystal Lake Cottagers' Association (CLCA) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Sunday June 3rd, 2018 at 10:00am @ Galway Hall

At the upcoming AGM there will be:

- Discussion of CLCA Business
- Peterborough County - City Health Unit
 - Presentation and discussion regarding planned Septic Tank Inspections on Crystal Lake.

Light refreshments will be served and there will be prizes to win! You can also purchase your 2018 CLCA memberships!

We hope to see you all there.

Canada Day!



The Crystal Lake Cottagers' Association is once again planning a family event to celebrate Canada's Birthday. Please join us at White's Beach to celebrate on Sunday July 1st, 2018.



Stay tuned to our [website](#) and [Facebook Page](#) for more details about this upcoming event.

Water Levels

Water levels are important to most if not all of us on Crystal Lake. This year we saw lower water levels in the early Spring but the recent snow/rain events are helping to fill up the lake. We encourage you all to visit the CEWF website at www.cewf.ca for updated information throughout the year.



2018 Municipal Elections

The 2018 municipal election will be held on October 22, 2018. Electronic voting will be in place this year. We will be posting relevant information on our website and Facebook page. Stay tuned!



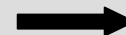
Visit the [CLCA Website](#) and our [Facebook Page](#) for more information and regular updates!!

Our Facebook page has over 580 members. It's a great source of information on community events and important issues such as water levels and waste management.

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Join the Crystal Lake Cottagers' Association or Renew your Existing Membership Today!

(See the membership form inside. Newsletters and forms are also available at the Crow's Nest and in boxes at the Crystal Lake Transfer Site and Galway Hall).



Septic Tank Inspections

As we have shared with you, the Peterborough County-City Health Unit (PCCHU) is conducting inspections of septic tanks throughout the entire municipality. The intent of this program is to protect our surface water and groundwater quality from being affected by poorly functioning septic systems.

Inspections will be focused on sewage systems installed more than 5 years ago. The cycle of inspections has spanned several years with a different area of the municipality being inspected each year. This year Crystal Lake is one of the areas included in the inspections. Property owners will be notified by mail when their system is being considered for inspection, which some of you have already received. Systems being considered for inspection will go through a vetting process to determine if they require inspection.

PCCHU staff will be attending our upcoming Annual General Meeting AGM on Sunday June 3, 2018 to give a presentation and answer any questions you may have. We encourage you all to attend.

For more information about this program visit our [website](#), [Facebook Page](#) or take a look at the [Trent Lakes](#) website.



Buy or Sell?

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

Helpful Phone Numbers

Emergency Numbers

Fire, Police, Ambulance Emergency – 911
Marine & Air Search and Rescue – 1-800-267-7270
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Bell Canada – 416-310-2355 or 1-800-668-6878
Municipality of Trent Lakes – 705-738-3800

Check out the CLCA website for more helpful numbers.

Cottage Kits

The Municipality of Trent Lakes has produced The Cottage Kit for those who rent out their cottage. The kit contains information about garbage and recycling as well as a one-time waste disposal pass. The Cottage Kit also includes "Bear Wise" information.

The Cottage Kit is available at the Municipal Office or at any of the Municipal Transfer Stations for \$3.00 each.

For more information visit our CLCA website or contact Chelsea Carpenter at Trent Lakes at 705-738-3800 ext. 226 or ccarpenter@trentlakes.ca

Cell Tower

There is a proposal from Bell Mobility to erect a radio communications tower on Crystal Lake. This is due to calls being dropped and data services being reduced as the number of customers in the area are exceeding the capacity of the other towers in the area. A date for installation has not yet been set. For more information and updates visit our website or Facebook page.



OPP Patrol

The OPP patrol our lake and roads during the day and night. Know the rules of the lake and road! For more information on safe boating visit [Transport Canada](#) website.



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Waste Management Update

As you know, effective January 1, 2017, the Municipality of Trent Lakes, launched a mandatory Clear Garbage Bag program and also moved to a new waste management card. The purpose of this program is to discourage the placement of recyclables and hazardous materials into the waste stream. This was a new process for all of us but together we have helped to divert waste.

As a reminder, at the Crystal Lake Transfer Site, in addition to your household garbage and recycling, you can drop off: household, rechargeable batteries, hard plastics, electronics, light bulbs and florescent tubes, wood and wood chips, used clothing, liquor bottles and cans etc.

New this year you can discard vehicle and boat batteries, motor oil and anti-freeze. We are also working with other area association to encourage the addition of green organics at the waste transfer site. This will be an important addition as it will further reduce the waste going into the bins.

To assist you in determining what items can be recycled, check out the Searchable Waste Portal on the Peterborough County's website [Peterborough County's website](#).

As always, check out the [CLCA website](#) and our [Facebook Page](#) for additional information and updates as well as some helpful fact-sheets. You can also check out the [Municipality of Trent Lakes website](#).



Public Works Garage

The Municipality of Trent Lakes is proposing to build a centralized public works garage/depot instead of rebuilding the existing site on Galway Road. If the proposal is approved it would mean the permanent closure of the garage/depot on Galway Road and all trucks and equipment will operate from a central location in Bobcaygeon or Buckhorn. This would have serious consequences for us including a decrease in services particularly grading and plowing.

We continue to work with Cavendish, GARAI and other municipal associations to oppose this proposal.

For updated information visit our [Facebook Page](#).

Interested in Advertising?!

Are you interested in advertising on the CLCA website? Contact us at crystallakecommunityassoc@gmail.com for more details.

What does the CLCA do?

CLCA focuses on and represents the interests of Crystal Lake waterfront property and area residents.

- We keep the welcome signs and various planters looking beautiful.
- We offer discount cards for use at local businesses for CLCA members.
- We support Crystal Lake events such as the Crystal Lake Triathlon, Rock Bass Derby and the upcoming Canada Day Family Event.
- 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.

CLCA acts as a liaison and represents waterfront and area residents on various important matters that arise in the community that may impact us.

- We liaise with the Municipality of Trent Lakes Council and staff regarding waste management, roadway maintenance, septic inspection program and environmental and development concerns.
- 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).

We also maintain membership with various associations so we can provide a united voice on behalf of our members on important matters including:

✓ **Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF):**

- Work to implement equitable water management policy for the Trent-Severn Waterway taking all those affected into account.
- Water levels are important to us on Crystal Lake and we encourage you to visit the [CEWF's website](#) for more information.

✓ **Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA):**

- a non-profit, voluntary organization that represents over 500 Ontario cottage associations at the provincial level, dedicated to supporting the interests of Ontario's waterfront property owners.
- FOCA is an active supporter of:
 - Waterfront Ratepayers After Fair Taxation (WRAFT) which is a coalition of waterfront associations across Ontario working to achieve equity in waterfront property taxation; and
 - Coalition After Property Tax Reform (CAPTR) which is an alliance of over 700 ratepayer organizations striving to bring equity and stability to residential property tax system.

✓ **Galway and Area Ratepayers Association Incorporated (GARAI):**

- a community based organization, dedicated to working with area associations, residents, businesses and local township to find solutions to issues that are common among property owners in our area.
- An active Environment Committee who coordinate the Turtle Crossing & Adopt-A-Road Programs.

Meet the CLCA

Executive Committee

- **President**
John Hubbard
- **Vice President**
Christine Brickman
- **Secretary**
Sharon Brickman
- **Treasurer**
Carol Ing
- **Membership**
Sarah Petrik

Board Members

John Hubbard (Chair)
Michael Leblanc
Carl Brickman
Monique Lloyd

Membership Discount Cards

When you join or renew your membership for 2018 you will receive a membership card. Those that have pre-paid their memberships for multiple years will also receive a card. You will either receive your card by e-mail, through regular mail or you can pick it up at the AGM in June. A big **Thank You** to the participating businesses!

A list of the current businesses that offer the discount will be kept up to date on our website and our Facebook page. See the vendor or 'in-store' for details.

Friendly Reminders

1. Watch your boat wake! Be considerate of docks, water craft, and shorelines. Also, please go 'dead slow' in potential loon nesting areas or avoid these areas completely. This is especially important when spring water levels are high. Just one wave can kill the hatchlings.
2. We share the lake and roads with many of nature's creatures both big and small (see our wildlife inventory posted on our website). Please respect all forms of wildlife.
3. Always be respectful of your neighbours (e.g. 4-wheelers, music, fireworks, lighting, pets etc.).
4. Always use caution when having any type of fire. See the rules & regulations at <http://www.trentlakes.ca/services/fire-rescue/>
5. Be Bear Wise! Check out www.bears.mnr.gov.on.ca
6. Know your 911 information in case of emergency. Please ensure that your 911 number is visible and in good shape. Remove all old Crystal Lake numbers to avoid confusion.



Important Dates - 2018

May

- Saturdays from Victoria Day until Thanksgiving - Kinmount Farmers Market (9am-2pm - Austin Sawmill Heritage Park)
- Monday May 21st - Victoria Day

June

- Sunday June 3rd - CLCA AGM at Galway Hall @ 10:00am

July

- Thursday nights in July & August - Music in the Park (free summer concert series). Starts @ 6:30pm at the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. Bring your own lawn chairs.
- July 1st - Canada 150th Event at White's Beach
- July 1st - Canada Day Celebrations at the Kinmount Fairgrounds. Free admission. Gates open at 5pm, fireworks at dusk. Live entertainment, BBQ and activities for the kids.

August

- Monday August 6th - Civic Holiday
- Saturday August 11th - Kinmount Family Funfest!

September

- Monday September 3rd Labour Day
- Kinmount Fair Labour Day Weekend

October

- Monday October 8th Thanksgiving

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Become a Member of the Crystal Lake Cottagers' Association

The Crystal Lake Cottagers' Association represents you and your interests as a property owner on Crystal Lake. We represent you with our local council, other associations and other government agencies. 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 that your waterfront 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. For those who are interested we are now offering the option for you to pay your membership fee for up to 5 years at a time.

We encourage all property owners to join for a strong association. There are 3 ways that you can join the CLCA.

1. Online by credit card or PayPal at www.crystallakecottagers.ca
2. By mail – Complete the Membership Form below and send it along with a \$20 cheque payable to the CLCA to:

Sarah Petrik c/o CLCA
95 Samantha Circle
Richmond Hill, ON
L4B 2S1

3. In Person – At the Annual General Meeting held on June 3rd, 2018. Bring along the completed form below.

If you have any questions at all, we would be pleased to answer them. You can contact us by visiting our website at: www.crystallakecottagers.ca/contact.html



Crystal Lake Cottagers' Association **2018 Membership**

Cottager/Owner(s) Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Home Phone: _____

Cottage Address: _____

Cottage Phone: _____

E-mail(s): _____ I would prefer to receive mailings by e-mail

Option # 1

I wish to pay my CLCA 2018 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).

Payment Type: Cheque Cash