



Spring Newsletter 2023



Message from the President ...

Greetings All

On behalf of Crystal Lake Community Association (CLCA) Executive/Board welcome back to the lake!

Spring has arrived and we have a full agenda of events planned for the 2023 season starting with the Spring road clean up and "Name That Tune". Watch for further announcements on the CLCA website and our Facebook page. Our (Annual General Meeting) AGM is on June 19th at 7:00pm and will be conducted via zoom. Please tune in as we have a lot of news and information to share and as always, look forward to your input.

Being a part of this community is a great way for new comers to stay informed on community events, and for Families to meet on the lake. If you have a friend or neighbour that is not a CLCA member please have them reach out to us as we would like to welcome them and further grow our community.

AND, thank you to all the hard working CLCA Executive/Board members. We spend many hours during the winter months working and planning on many initiatives. Without these dedicated people behind the scenes, 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.

We look forward to seeing everyone this summer!

John Fernandes

**President
Crystal Lake Community Association**

Meet the CLCA Team

Executive Committee

President John Fernandes
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Past President – John Hubbard

Board Members

Shannon Jonas Rainey Weidauer Michael Leblanc

Lake Steward: Jack Terzian

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

Monday, June 19, 2023 @ 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 update Crystal Lake
- Cottage Estate Succession Planning
- Upcoming 2023 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



As you may have heard by now, the decision has been made by the HHHS Board of Directors, supported by the HHHS Executive Leadership Team, to bring all of our emergency and in-patient (acute) service together at the Haliburton site.

This means that as of June 1, 2023, emergency services will no longer be available at the Minden site. Minden & the surrounding community will be able to access emergency services at the Haliburton site.

We know how much the community has appreciated having an Emergency Department in Minden. This decision has been made so HHHS can continue to maintain high-quality health services for everyone in Haliburton County. It will help us run a more sustainable operation in the long-term, while supporting the well-being of our staff and physicians.

Crystal Lake Red Chair at White's Beach

The red chair has been a big hit!
So great to see everyone taking Pictures with their family & friends.
Please post your pic on our Facebook site, we all love to see those smiling faces



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Upcoming Events 2023

- ✓ Spring Clean up days May 13 and 14
- ✓ June 19, 7 pm CLCA Annual General Meeting via Zoom
- ✓ June 24, 7 pm Name That Tune Galway Hall
- ✓ July 1, 2 pm Canada Day Flotilla Crystal Lake
- ✓ July 1 Strawberry Supper Galway Hall
- ✓ Haunt the Docks Sept TBD
- ✓ Kinmount Fair Sept 1 to 3rd Labor Day weekend



- ✓ Kinmount: Music In the Park Every Thursday starting July 6 The Wanted sponsored by CLCA
- ✓ Kinmount Farmers Market Every Saturday 9 to 2pm starting May 20th thru to Thanksgiving
- ✓ Kinmount Artisans Marketplace Weekdays 11 am to 5pm, Sat 10 am to 5pm, Sun 10 am to 4pm
- ✓ Highlands Cinema opens May 5 for the season

Crystal Lake Book Exchange Library

Another successful project – The Library Book Exchange is also at White's Beach! Enjoy a book and then exchange for another. What a fun and easy way to get more use out of a great book! Exploring a location along Crystal Lake Road



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Short-Term Rentals

The Municipality of Trent Lakes have adopted a Short-Term Rental Phased in program. For details, visit: https://www.trentlakes.ca/en/government/short-term-rentals.aspx?_mid_=22272

This program has been developed based on input from CLCA and public consultation. 2023 is Phase 3

We have created a useful tips and renters etiquette. (see below) Being a responsible Short Term Renter is key to minimizing the need for regulations and enforcement.

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Buoys/Markers

We have buoys around Crystal Lake to mark some of the rocks and shoals. CLCA purchased several new buoys, anchors and hardware last 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 all!

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 on the run 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.



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For more information on safe boating visit the [Transport Canada](http://TransportCanada) website.

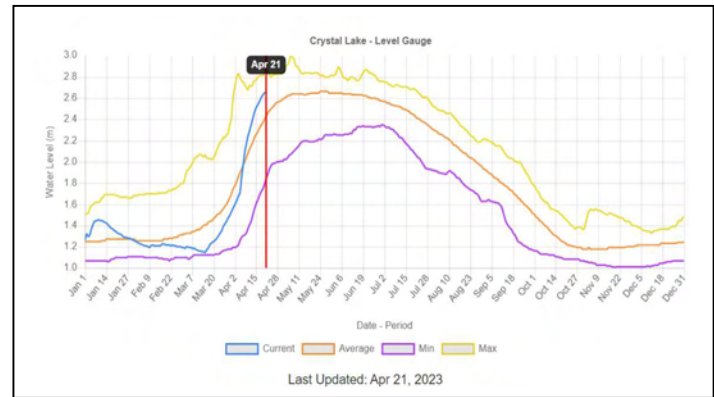


Water Levels

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 have returned and will be 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 organize and sponsor Crystal Lake events like the Name that Tune, 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 local businesses in our community such as Music in the Park and Foodbanks
- ✚ Provide 'members only' useful items – the Crystal Lake map and Emergency Contact Fridge Magnet
- ✚ We keep the Welcome Signs and various planters looking beautiful

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 an 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

The revised Crystal Lake Map was distributed to our members!



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



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?

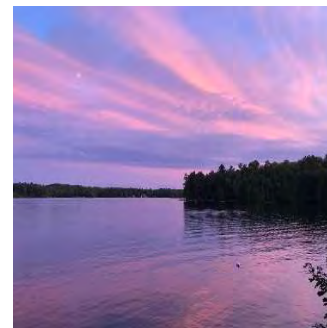
There is no minimum age to obtain your boating license in Ontario. Boaters of all ages, including those less than 16 years of age, are required by law to obtain and carry a Pleasure Craft Operator Card while boating. In addition, certain Age and Horsepower Restrictions apply to boaters 16 years of age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

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

Both our **Website** and **Facebook Page** (which has grown to over 1,700 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](#)

Spring Clean Up Event

We are promoting spring clean-up on May 13 & 14 to keep our ditches and road-sides garbage free! As the snow melts, trash starts to appear! Details will be on FB



New Fridge Magnet

The Emergency Contact Fridge Magnets are being distributed with the new Crystal Lake maps! Write your property address and contact info in case of an emergency. Many get flustered in an emergency! **For CLCA members only! Supported and organized by CLCA**



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.

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.

We are waiting for water quality results from Trent University and MOE Lake Partner Program for 2022. We will post once results are available.

Listen into our AGM June 19th to hear the results explained.

Mark on your calendar the popular Canada Day Boat Flotilla, Sat July



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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
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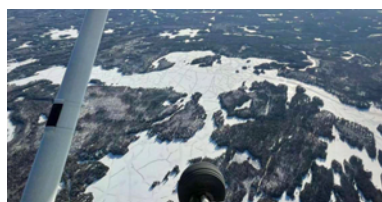
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Etiquette and basic reminders for your Guests and Renters

Remind guests 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

Popular posts on:

[Crystal Lake CLCA FB](#)

What goes on:

- ✚ Lots of Photos
- ✚ Lost and Found
- ✚ Events
- ✚ Weather alerts
- ✚ Power outages
- ✚ Pics of critters
- ✚ Topics of interest
- ✚ Local politics
- ✚ Questions
- ✚ Recommendations
- ✚ Community events





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.

Our membership has been increasing every year thank you for your continued support!

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.

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



Septic Systems

What FOCA sees

Most of Ontario's waterfront property owners rely on on-site sewage treatment systems to manage household wastewater.

The Issue

Understanding how our systems work and the importance of maintaining them is important to protect our lakes and rivers from contaminants.

Septic system construction is regulated under the Ontario Building Code, but maintenance, including pumping and inspection, is a homeowner responsibility. Some regions have mandatory septic inspections every five years by the municipality or conservation authority, and some have grants to help property owners conduct necessary repairs and upgrades, but these are variable across the province.

Your Role

Take action to ensure your septic system is in good working order:

- have a licensed technician inspect the system, pump out the tank, and install an effluent filter
- remind visitors to avoid putting anything down the drain that might interfere with the system function (examples include: coffee grounds, food scraps, tampons, applicators, flushable wipes, condoms, anti-bacterials, solvents)
- remind everyone to conserve water – large volumes can overload the system and cause failure!

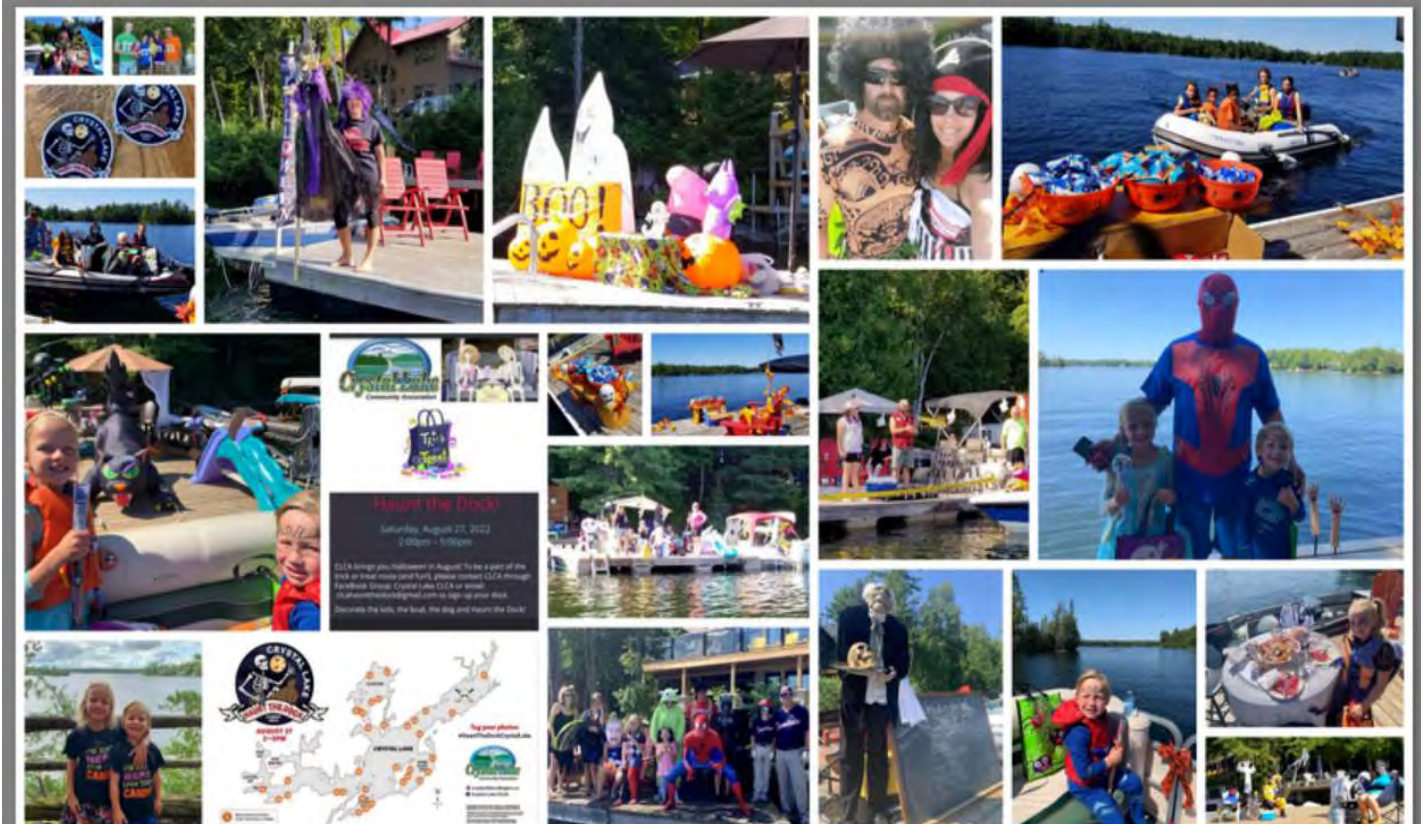


View this useful video:
FOCA Cottage Country Septic Systems:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VeTGVnkYA4&t=133s>

Canada Day & Haunt the Docks 2022 Collage



Canada Day July 1, 2022



Haunt the Docks Crystal Lake