



Spring Newsletter 2013

Message from the President ...

I'd like to start by saying that I have been on over 20 Boards of Directors in my life and the Crystal Lake Cottagers Association volunteer Board and Executive Committee has been one of the best groups of people I have ever worked with. They get so much done and they truly love the Lake. It has been a joy to work with them.

As you may know, our goal over the last two years has been to try to increase our associations' membership. You may also know that the reason for the big push to increase membership is because government agencies do not take our concerns seriously whether it be related to issues of water levels or septic tanks. These agencies claim we do not speak for all cottage owners. Why don't we speak for the cottage owners you may ask? Because we have over 500 cottages on Crystal Lake and our membership count for 2011 was only 150 members, not even 50% of the cottages.

Last year we were able to increase our membership to approximately 220 members, but we want those numbers to continue to increase so we can have a strong voice and have our concerns taken seriously.

Our goal for this year is to reach a membership of at least 50% of all cottagers. Please join and help us make it happen. Think of this as your contribution to keeping Crystal Lake a wonderful lake to be on. Go and ask your neighbor to join. We are stronger in numbers.

We worked hard for you in 2012. We had 11 meetings and we even had a cocktail party/soiree for our members. We will continue to work hard to make Crystal Lake the best lake that we can.

This year's AGM will be exciting with two very interesting guest speakers. Come out and join us on June 2nd, 2013 at 10:00 AM.

I hope to see you all there.

Barry Abelson
President

CLCA is on Facebook!

You can now find the CLCA on Facebook. [Click here](#) to check out our page or look on our website for more information.

Crystal Lake Cottagers' Association (CLCA) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) Sunday June 2nd, 2013 at 10:00am @ Galway Hall

At the upcoming AGM there will be:

- A Discussion of CLCA Business
- Elections
 - This year is an election year and all positions are open for nomination. If you are interested in putting your name forward please contact President Barry Abelson. Names will also be accepted from the floor at the AGM.

Executive Committee

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Membership Secretary

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is to be comprised of up to five members (minimum of three).

- An update from Bill Lee on Water Testing Results and Wildlife on Crystal Lake
- "A Letter to CLCA" by Gord Boughner
 - Gord is a Crystal Lake cottager. He will share a letter he wrote to the CLCA that talks about the importance of a clean lake, a strong cottagers association and doing our part to make Crystal Lake great.
- The Land Between
 - An educational AND entertaining presentation by Leora Berman on what makes our wildlife, lands, rivers and culture so unique. Check out their website at www.thelandbetween.ca

We hope to see you all there!

The CLCA Website

Check out the CLCA Website where you can:

- Become a member of the CLCA
- Get in touch with us and see what the CLCA is up to
- Find information on issues that may concern you as a cottager (i.e. water levels)
- Join the online discussion forum
- Browse through or post on the buy/sell & lost/found sections
- Check out the Crystal Lake webcam
- Check out some great photos of your fellow cottagers
- Find links to useful information and websites

www.crystallakecottagers.ca

**Become a New Member of the Crystal Lake Cottagers' Association
or Renew your Existing Membership**

[See the Insert Inside](#)



What does the CLCA do?

CLCA focuses on the interests of Crystal Lake cottagers – such as water quality, the environment, community events and liaison with other associations and the Township.

- We provide financial support and oversight for the orange buoys to mark some of the rocks and shoals as well as maintain the flashing lights on Gull Island.
- We act as a liaison on issues and concerns that arise in the community that may impact cottagers and the Crystal Lake area.
- We have a lake Steward who takes water samples to have tested by MOE to monitor the water quality of the lake for clarity, phosphorus levels and invader species (i.e. zebra mussels).
- We maintain a website to keep cottagers informed.
- We make donation(s) to our local volunteer organizations.
- We maintain membership with various associations to provide a united voice for Crystal Lake including:
 - ✓ Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA):
 - a non-profit, voluntary organization that represents over 500 Ontario cottage associations that is dedicated to supporting the interests of Ontario's waterfront property owners.
 - ✓ Galway and Area Ratepayers Association Incorporated (GARAI):
 - a community based organization, dedicated to working with all associations, residents, businesses, local township, and all levels of government both federally and provincially to find solutions to issues that are common among property owners in our area.
 - A strong and active Environment Committee who coordinate the Turtle Crossing & Adopt-A-Road Programs.
 - ✓ Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF):
 - work to implement equitable water management policy for the Trent-Severn Waterway taking all those affected into account.

Welcome Signage

As many of you know we have been progressing 3 Welcome Signs. We have obtained all the necessary approvals and lots of financial support. The signs will be located near the entrance to Crystal Lake Road and Hwy 121, Galway Road and Hwy 121 and Galway Road and Clear Bay Drive. We are really looking forward to having them installed this spring!! Keep your eyes open!

A **Big Thank You** to those who have provided financial support for this project!

Dudman Construction
Township of Galway, Cavendish and Harvey
Galway Hall Town Committee
Galway and Area Ratepayers Association (GARAI)
Pearson Family Sleigh Ride
White and Salmon Lake Cottagers Association
Chatty Kelly's

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's website at <http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/tp-tp511-menu-487.htm>



Meet the CLCA

Executive Committee

- **President**
Barry Abelson
- **Vice President**
Christine Brickman
- **Secretary**
Sharon Brickman
- **Treasurer**
Don Langlois
- **Membership**
Sarah Petrik

Board Members

Barry Abelson (Chair)
Carl Brickman
John Hubbard
Michael Leblanc

We would love to hear from you. If you have any questions or comments you would like to share with us, please visit the "Contact" section of the CLCA website at:

www.crystallakecottagers.ca/contact.html

Trent Lakes

The Township of Galway-Cavendish and Harvey selected a new name for the Township at its regular meeting on February 5th, 2013. The name change came about as a result of Council's vision to select a name that was shorter and more user friendly for both the general public and the business community. This change was also initiated as a result of the decision taken by Canada Post to convert addressing in parts of the municipality from a Rural Route system, to one that combined street addressing and the legal name of the municipality.

The Township asked for submissions from the public on a new name. The Township received 281 submissions reflecting 121 different names. The top three names were Buckhorn, Trent Lake and Lakeland(s).

After some discussion Council decided the new name would be the "Municipality of Trent Lakes". The Municipality of Trent Lakes reflects the feeder lakes to the north and the Trent Severn Waterway to the South.

The Bylaw making the municipal name change official was passed by Council on February 19, 2013. Over the next few months the process of branding "The Municipality of Trent Lakes" will occur. This process will lead to a new logo, new signage, and a new website. In the meantime, you may continue to visit the current website at www.galwaycavendishharvey.ca for continuous updates on this process.

Changes to postal information are still being determined by Canada Post. Stay tuned for more information.

As always you may contact the municipal office at 705-738-3800 or 1-800 374-4009 if you have any further questions or concerns.

Coalition for Equitable Water Flow Newsletter

Water levels are important to most if not all of us on Crystal Lake. We encourage you all to take a look at the [CEWF Spring Newsletter](#) that has been posted on our website.

Crystal Lake Big Rink Skating Party

Thank you once again to the Knupp family and friends for hosting the annual Crystal Lake Big Rink Skating Party over the Family Day Weekend. It was a great time with over 200 people in attendance. Go to http://crystallakecottagers.ca/clca_gallery.htm as well as our Facebook page to check out some pictures from the day!

For those of you who missed it, make sure to mark it in your calendar for next year!



Friendly Reminders

1. 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.
2. Always use caution when having any type of fire. See the GCH rules and regulations at www.galwaycavendishharvey.ca
3. Be Bear Wise! See what you can do at bears.mnr.gov.on.ca
4. Know your 911 information in case on an emergency. Please ensure that your 911 number is visible and in good shape. Please remove all old Crystal Lake numbers to avoid confusion.
5. Watch your boat wake! Be considerate of cottagers' docks, water craft, and shorelines. Know the rules. Go 'dead slow' in potential loon nesting areas or avoid these areas completely.
6. Get involved! Join the Ontario Turtle Tally or Adopt-A-Pond. For more info, go to www.torontozoo.com/AdoptAPond/Turtle
7. If you are a dog owner, you may want to familiarize yourself with the contents of the GCH by-law website at <http://www.galwaycavendishharvey.ca/DepartmentsCommittees/AnimalControl/tabid/86/Default.aspx>

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

Police – 1-888-310-1122
Tele-Health Ontario – 1-866-797-0000
Ministry of Natural Resources (Minden) - (705) 286-1521 or 1-800-667-1940
Hydro One – 1-888-664-9376 For Outages Call 1-800-434-1235
Bell Canada – 416-310-2355 or 1-800-668-6878

Check out the CLCA website for more helpful numbers.

Adopt-A-Road

The Adopt-A-Road initiative is sponsored by the County of Peterborough and supported by your Township. There is a group of almost 50 volunteers coordinated by the Galway & Area Ratepayers Association that take part in the program which covers the roads around Crystal, White, Salmon & Fortescue Lakes. We urge you to show your support for their efforts by taking a walk, run, stroll or hike along the roads in your immediate area before the bugs get out with a bag or backpack to collect garbage you find along the way. A BIG THANK YOU to all of these volunteers.

For more information or to become a volunteer please contact Carl Brickman @ 705 488 2284.

CLCA Soirée

As many of you will know, the CLCA hosted a Soiree on Labour Day Weekend to thank all of the CLCA members for their support. A great time was had by all. It was nice to catch up with old friends and meet some new faces. Visit http://crystallakecottagers.ca/clca_gallery.htm to see some pictures from the event. We will be hosting this event again for all CLCA members on Sunday September 1st, 2013. Visit the CLCA website for updates – you won't want to miss it!



Harvest Homecoming Studio Tour

Every year on Thanksgiving Weekend there is a studio tour held in the Kinmount area. The Tour is free and features various artist and artisan studios that open their homes for demonstrations and displays of their unique art or craft.

All studios are located within a short distance of Kinmount. The tour runs from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Saturday & Sunday each Thanksgiving Weekend.

For more information contact:

Kinmount & Area Artisans Guild
Telephone 705-488-1414 or 705-488-2938



Bottle Return

Do you have empty bottles from the LCBO or Beer Store? You can return them to Tom Lang's Freshmart in Kinmount for a refund.



Crystal Lake Transfer Station

You will notice some changes at the Crystal Lake Transfer Station on Crystal Lake Road. Security cameras have been installed and there are some new gates at both the entrance and exit.

Remember to bring your dump passes with you otherwise you are subject to a \$1 a bag fee.

Important Dates - 2013

May

- Every Saturday from May 18th until Thanksgiving - Kinmount Farmers Market (9am-2pm at the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park)
- Monday May 20th Victoria Day

June

- June 2nd – CLCA AGM at Galway Hall @ 10:00am
- June 30th – CLCA Garage Sale – Visit the CLCA website for more details.
- June 30th – Canada Day Celebrations at the Kinmount Fairgrounds. Gates open at 5pm and fireworks start at dusk. Live entertainment, BBQ and activities for the kids.

July

- Every Thursday night in July and August – Music in the Park, a free summer concert series. Starts at 6:30pm at the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. Bring your own lawn chairs.
- Monday July 1st is Canada Day
- July 6th Strawberry Supper @ Galway Hall
- Saturday July 20th Wild Game Dinner @ Galway Hall
- Rock Bass Derby at the Crystal Lake Marina

August

- Monday August 5th Civic Holiday
- Saturday August 3rd –Movie Night @ the Knupp's Cottage

September

- September 1st – CLCA Member Soiree @ the Abelson's Cottage
- Monday September 2nd Labour Day
- Kinmount Fair Labour Day Weekend

October

- Monday October 14th Thanksgiving

November

- Saturday November 2nd Turkey Dinner @ Galway Hall

Check out www.kinmount.ca/events for more events and information.



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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 cottager 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 cottagers so when we speak on your behalf we are able to say that we represent the majority of all Crystal Lake cottagers'.

We know that your cottage 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 cottage. 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 cottagers 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:

Don Langlois c/o CLCA
31 Mapledawn Road
Etobicoke, ON
M9C 2V7

3. In Person – At the Annual General Meeting held on June 2, 2013. 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 **2013 Membership**

Cottager Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Home Phone: _____

Cottage Address: _____

Cottage Phone: _____

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

Option # 1

I wish to pay my CLCA 2013 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