



Spring Newsletter 2017

Message from the President ...

Once again, this year, you've got a very hard working and dedicated team of people that take their personal time and expense to serve the Crystal Lake community. They have stayed plugged in and switched on to continue to make this a great place to be. I want to give a nod to these people on the Crystal Lake Cottagers' Association who make it tick. In particular, I want to share a very special word of appreciation and thanks to Don Langlois who has served the Crystal Lake community so diligently for many years as Treasurer, amongst other roles. Don has recently 'passed the torch' to Carol Ing who has been good enough to step up to take over Don's role. Don – Thank you.

We have been liaising with our county and municipal partners as well as linking in with other associations we support to push forward on issues in our collective best interest. We have also been busy planning for upcoming events this summer and continuing on with our regular business. We are excited and ready for the 2017 season!

We are all very lucky – we are on a great and healthy lake, close to a great trail network and we are all a part of a very special community, which is one of the principal things that attracted my family to the lake. There are many of you, who help out and give back to this special Crystal Lake community whether it be undertaking the water quality testing, helping to get buoys out and in place, helping us with the set up and take down at events, participating in events, offering words of encouragement etc.! Without all these people giving back to our community not a lot would get done. Thank you! I encourage you all to get involved in some way – working together is always better and more fun! Remember we're all stakeholders in Crystal Lake. If you are not a member of the CLCA, please join. If you want to help out, just ask one of us!

Hope to see you at our AGM in June and our upcoming Canada Day family event on July 1st.

Have an awesome summer 2017!

John Hubbard

Crystal Lake Cottagers' Association President

Happy Birthday Canada!

The Crystal Lake Cottagers' Association is planning a family event to celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday. Please join us at White's Beach to celebrate on Saturday July 1, 2017.

Check out our [website](#) and [Facebook Page](#) for more details about this event.



Crystal Lake Cottagers' Association (CLCA) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) Sunday June 4th, 2017 at 10:00am @ Galway Hall

At the upcoming AGM there will be:

- Discussion of CLCA Business
- Peterborough County – Discussion regarding Waste Management and new provincial legislation.
- CLCA 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 John Hubbard. Names will also be accepted from the floor at the AGM.

Executive Committee

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

Board of Directors

6 Board of Directors Positions

Light refreshments will be served and there will be prizes to win! You can also purchase your 2017 CLCA memberships!

We hope to see you all there.

Events on Crystal Lake!

There were some great events in 2016 including a Rock Bass Derby and the 3rd Annual Crystal Lake Triathlon! Thanks to those who organized, donated, participated and supported! Check out our [website](#) and [Facebook Page](#) for pictures of the events and for details on upcoming 2017 events.



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



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)
- Barry Abelson (Past-President)
- Michael Leblanc
- Carl Brickman
- Monique Lloyd
- Don Langlois

Membership Discount Cards

When you join or renew your membership for 2017 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.

Clear Garbage Bag Program & New Waste Card

Effective January 1, 2017, the Municipality of Trent Lakes, launched a mandatory Clear Garbage Bag Program. The purpose of this program is to discourage the placement of recyclables and hazardous materials into the waste stream. Garbage that has not been placed into a clear garbage bag will no longer be accepted. So far this year there has been a reduction of 13 tonnes of garbage from the same time as last year – keep up the good work!



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](#).

In your recent tax bill you received a new Waste Card. This new card is a result of a new by-law passed by the County of Peterborough that restricts the number of bags each household can dispose of weekly. The new card has 48 squares which are divided in quarters and are valid during the specified dates.

Valid Only During The Dates Specified

Apr 1, 2017 to Jun 30, 2017			Apr 1, 2017 to Jun 30, 2017		
1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12

Jul 1, 2017 to Sept 30, 2017			Jul 1, 2017 to Sept 30, 2017		
1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12

Oct 1, 2017 to Dec 31, 2017			Oct 1, 2017 to Dec 31, 2017		
1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12

Jan 1, 2018 to Mar 31, 2018			Jan 1, 2018 to Mar 31, 2018		
1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12

Did You Know? At the Crystal Lake Transfer Site you are now able to recycle household and rechargeable batteries – just hand them to the attendant. Also there is a reuse centre where you can drop off items such as small furniture, sporting goods, books, housewares etc. Items must be clean and in working condition – the attendant has discretion not to accept items. Also, effective June 1, 2017 there will be Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) bins for depositing of hard plastics, fluorescent tubes etc. There is also a used clothing drop-off that benefits the Canadian Diabetes Association.

For additional information on the new program, Waste Card and the Trent Lakes Waste Management Plan visit the [Municipality of Trent Lakes website](#). As always, check out the [CLCA website](#) and our [Facebook Page](#) for additional information and updates.

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



VOLUNTEERS/IDEAS 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.

One event in particular that we are seeking volunteers for is the 2018 Crystal Lake Triathlon. There will not be a Crystal Lake Triathlon held in 2017, however, we are looking for committed volunteers interested in being a part of the organizing committee for 2018. If you are interested in helping out with this event, please contact Carol Ing at ing.miskell@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!

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
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.

Cottage Kits

The Municipality of Trent Lakes has produced The Cottage Kit for those who rent out their cottage. The kit contains information about weekly garbage and recycling as well as a one-time weekly waste disposal pass, bags for garbage, recycling and fibres. 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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Proposed Changes to Municipal Authority Over Boathouses

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has posted proposed new regulations under the Public Lands Act to enable certain occupations of public land without the need for permits, leases etc. This includes docks, boat lifts, boat ramps, and (single-storey) boathouses, swim rafts, and other structures/things. The proposal has been posted for a 45 day public review and comment period that ends May 18, 2017.

The requirements to obtain permits from MNRF for on-water works remains, until further notice.

For more information visit the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association [\(FOCA\) website](#) for more information.



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 be respectful of your neighbours (e.g. music, fireworks, lighting, pets etc.).
3. Always use caution when having any type of fire. See the rules and regulations at <http://www.trentlakes.ca/services/fire-rescue/>
4. Be Bear Wise! Check out www.bears.mnr.gov.on.ca
5. 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.
6. 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.

Important Dates - 2017

May

- Saturdays from Victoria Day until Thanksgiving - Kinmount Farmers Market (9am-2pm at the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park)
- Monday May 22nd - Victoria Day

June

- Sunday June 4th – 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

- Sunday August 6th - Rock Bass Debry @ White's Beach
- Monday August 7th - Civic Holiday
- Saturday August 12th – Kinmount Family Funfest!

September

- Monday September 4th Labour Day
- Kinmount Fair Labour Day Weekend



October

- Monday October 9th Thanksgiving

Check out <http://www.kinmount.ca> as well as our website 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:

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

3. In Person – At the Annual General Meeting held on June 4, 2017. 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 **2017 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 2017 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**