



Spring Newsletter 2016

Message from the President ...

Once again I think kudos have to be given to the volunteers on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors that make our lake association tick – please take a bow!

Also, thank you to all the people who have helped out with the various events that have been held and the various jobs that need to get done. Quite literally, that stuff does not happen without community participation, so thank you all very much.

Spring has sprung and the 2016 cottage season is upon us. And like the inevitability of cottage maintenance, (where are the dock pins now?) there are things to be followed up on at the association level as well. At what seems to be an ever increasing pace, your Executive and Board are liaising more and more with municipalities on issues of waste management, water levels etc. In addition, there are several cottage groups, stakeholders, like us, in the watershed as a whole.

It strikes me time and time again how lucky we are to be on Crystal Lake. All of us. We are closer to the top of the aforementioned water shed, which is the place to be. We've got great water quality and a healthy ecosystem. We're all stakeholders in Crystal Lake, of that, there is no doubt. Everyone knows that we all need to keep in mind what we put into and around the lake. Beyond the 'DUH!' stuff, making sure we don't use pesticides, phosphate heavy soaps etc., I try to keep in mind what a lake steward said to our group a couple years ago, "Absolutely anything can go into your septic system. As long as it passes through your body first." Good, simple rule.

If you are not a member of the CLCA, join now. You can do it online.

Have a sensational summer, play safe, and be phenomenal to your neighbours. And hug a CL Volunteer. ☺

John Hubbard

Crystal Lake Cottagers' Association President



Crystal Lake Cottagers' Association (CLCA) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) Sunday June 5th, 2016 at 10:00am @ Galway Hall

At the upcoming AGM there will be:

- Presentation from Peterborough County on Waste Management
 - Lily Hamill from Peterborough County will provide information on the Do's and Don'ts of recycling as well as details on organics, electronics, hazardous waste and composters and digesters.
- Discussion of CLCA Business
- Vote on proposed amendment to section 4.1 of the CLCA Constitution. Currently the constitution specifies that the AGM is to be held on the first Sunday of June. Proposed amendment is as follows:
 - *4.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held each year on a Saturday or Sunday in June, at such a place as determined by the Executive.*

Light refreshments will be served and there will be prizes to win! You can also purchase your CLCA 2016 memberships!

We hope to see you all there.

3rd Annual!!

Crystal Lake Triathlon

Sunday August 21, 2016

**White's Beach – Crystal Lake
Sprint & Relay Triathlon**

750 m swim, 20 km bike, 5 km run

Tri a Tri

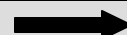
375 m swim, 10 km bike, 2.5 km run

Registration Fee: Individuals \$25, Relay Team \$63

**Register online at : <http://www.crystallakecottagers.ca/>
Or email to: crystallaketri@gmail.com**

**Volunteers needed!
Crystal Lake Logo items will be available for sale**

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 cottagers.

- 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 Skating Party on Family Day Weekend.
- We maintain a website and Facebook page to keep cottagers informed.
- We make donations to and support our local volunteer organizations.

CLCA acts as a liaison and represents cottagers on various important matters that arise in the community that may impact cottagers and the Crystal Lake area.

- 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 invader species (i.e. zebra mussels).

We also maintain membership with various associations to provide a united voice for Crystal Lake on these important matters including:

- ✓ **Galway and Area Ratepayers Association Incorporated (GARAI):**
 - a community based organization, dedicated to working with area associations, residents, businesses, local township, and various levels of government 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.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **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.

Meet the CLCA

Executive Committee

- **President**
John Hubbard
- **Vice President**
Christine Brickman
- **Secretary**
Sharon Brickman
- **Treasurer**
Don Langlois
- **Membership**
Sarah Petrik

Board Members

John Hubbard (Chair)
Barry Abelson (Past-President)
Michael Leblanc
Carl Brickman
Monique Lloyd

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

Membership Discount Cards

Once again when you join or renew your membership for 2016 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 or 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.

Land Transfer Station and Waste Management

The Township has a Waste Management Advisory Committee that has three resident representatives including one from Crystal Lake. We continue to advocate for the Crystal Lake cottagers and area residents.

A concern of the Township continues to be that garbage found in the bags going into the bins could have been recycled or redirected from the garbage. Top offenders include liquor bottles, metal cans, plastic containers as well as kitchen organics, electronics and hazardous waste.



The reality is that it is very costly to transport garbage that goes into the bins, and whatever can be diverted to the recycle bins helps to decrease these costs.

You can now take your brush to the Crystal Lake Transfer site. We are still working hard to also get a mobile hazardous waste pick-up and organics brought to the Crystal Lake transfer station.

However, in the meantime we are asking all of you to PLEASE do your part to recycle. We will be providing education, training and promotion on what and how to recycle.

Checkout the Peterborough County website for some more information on [recycling](#) and the [Garbage to Garden Program](#) run by Peterborough County and how you can make use of a digester and composter.

Continue to check our website and Facebook Page for updates.

Crystal Lake Big Rink Skating Party

Once again the Big Rink was a success this Family Day Weekend! We even got a mention in the [Toronto Star](#) this year!



facebook

Visit the
[CLCA Website](#)
and [Facebook Page!!](#)



2017 Photo Calendar

We are putting together a photo calendar for 2017. Got a great photo?! Check out our [Facebook Page](#) 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 use caution when having any type of fire. See the rules and regulations at <http://www.trentlakes.ca/services/fire-rescue/>
3. Be Bear Wise! Check out www.bears.mnr.gov.on.ca
4. 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.
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.

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. The target date for installation was initially June 2016 but due to funding constraints it is not expected to be built until at least 2017. For more information 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's](http://www.transportcanada.ca) website.



2015 Rock Bass Derby

The 2015 Rock Bass Derby was a great success! Thanks to all who were involved – organizers, participants and sponsors!



Septic Tank Inspection Program

The Municipality of Trent Lakes has contracted the Peterborough County-City Health Unit (PCCHU) to conduct inspections of septic tanks throughout the entire municipality starting this year.

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 conducted on sewage systems installed more than 5 years ago. The cycle of inspections will span several years with a different area of the municipality being inspected each year. Property owners will be notified by mail when their system is due for inspection.

We do not expect Crystal Lake to be a part of the inspection area for this year.

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

Important Dates - 2016

May

- Saturdays from Victoria Day until Thanksgiving - Kinmount Farmers Market (9am-2pm at the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park)
- Monday May 23rd Victoria Day

June

- Sunday June 5th – 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.
- Friday July 1st Canada Day
- 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.
- Saturday July 30th – Movie Night @ the Knupp Cottage
- July 31st – Rock Bass Derby @ White's Beach

August

- Monday August 1st Civic Holiday
- Saturday August 6th – Kinmount Family Funfest!
- Sunday August 21st – Crystal Lake Triathlon

September

- Monday September 5th Labour Day
- Kinmount Fair Labour Day Weekend

October

- Monday October 10th Thanksgiving

Check out <http://www.kinmount.ca/Events.php> as well as our website for more events and information.



FAMILY DOCTORS WANTED IN KINMOUNT

A rewarding opportunity professionally, financially and lifestyle.
705-488-2646



Our Sponsors

HUBBARD INSURANCE BROKERS

Cottage-Home-Auto
Business-Life-Benefits

1.800.900.2009
john@hubbardinsurance.com

castle building centres

Kinmount

Paluski Kayak Sales and Rentals

J. AUSTIN & SONS LIMITED
705-488-2961 1-877-488-2961
www.jaustinandsons.com austin@jaustinandsons.com

Kayaks and Water Toys

All ATL Products Available at J. Austin

www.atldistributing.ca

M.C. TREE SERVICE

Office 705 439 4183
www.mctreeservice.ca

Mike Cartledge
info@mctreeservice.ca

Pruning
Firewood Removals
Lot & Hydro Clearing
Stump Removal

FULLY INSURED
FREE ESTIMATES

WALSTEN Marine

Jennifer Picken
3613 County Rd. 121, Kinmount, ON K0M 2A0
Office: 705-488-2811
Fax: 705-488-3234
info@walstenmarine.com
walstenmarine.com

BENNINGTON
Campion
LARSON
SYLVAN FISHING BOATS
MERCURY
VolCruiser
VOLVO PENTA
YAMAHA

Connell HOMES inc.

705-793-9338
www.connellhomes.ca

New Homes, Cottages,
Additions, Renovations
Insulated Concrete Forms

FIREWORKS SUPERSTORE

Lori Ward 905.271.FIRE
lori@fireworkssuperstore.ca
www.fireworkssuperstore.ca
3 - 2412 Haines Rd. Mississauga ON. L5B 3N6

Stuart Charity Construction Ltd

CUSTOM HOMES & COTTAGES
ADDITIONS
RENOVATIONS
INSULATED CONCRETE FORMS

705-738-5546

GOT MILLER PEST CONTROL

WE CAN SOLVE YOUR PROBLEM!

1-705-488-1447 1-866-858-2152
Boat and wildlife services available • All work guaranteed!

info@millerpestcontrol.ca

Spent the summer on your dock? Not in your cube.

New Expanded Coverage on Crystal Lake for 2009!

High Speed Wireless Internet
866-629-6616 705-286-6580
CLICK THIS AD TO LEARN MORE

cci
Cottage Country Internet

COTTAGE DREAMS

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. Visit www.cottagedreams.org

Order by Wednesday for FREE home delivery every Friday or Saturday.

discus supply co.

- plates eco
- plastic cups eco
- cutlery eco
- paper towel eco
- foil products
- grill cleaner
- toilet paper eco septic safe

Contact: Zachary Andrews • 289-221-2776
Contact: Teha Kanchwala • 416 877-0112

APP APP CONSTRUCTION

Carpentry and Home Building

Bobcaygeon, Kawartha Lakes, ON, Canada
Phone: 705-738-5926
Mobile: 705-344-7722
Fax: 705-738-5926

HERE NOW!
High Speed DSL Internet
with UNLIMITED Uploading & Downloading

HIGH SPEED NO LIMITS

nexicom 1-888-NEXICOM • www.nexicom.net

ROYAL LePAGE
LAKES of HALIBURTON REALTY BROKERAGE
INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED

PO Box 39
Kinmount, ON K0M 2A0

Bus 705-488-3060
Cell/Text 416-271-6844
Fax 705-488-1633
Email steve@stevebrand.ca
www.stevebrand.ca

STEVE BRAND, CD
SALES REPRESENTATIVE

KNOT FOR CHARITY CARPENTRY

General Carpentry
Decks - Docks
Interior - Exterior
Painting - Staining
Window Cleaning

Call Scott 705-488-2827
E-Mail knotforcharity@cottagecountry.net

TIM-BR Mart

Bruce Smith Store Manager

Highland TIM-BR MART
1004 Chester Crescent, Harcourt, ON
Phone: (705) 448-2968 Fax: (705) 448-2433
10714 Hwy 503, Gooderham, ON
Phone: (705) 447-2012 Fax: (705) 447-9282
10 Matthews Avenue, Kinmount, ON
Phone: (705) 488-2000 Fax: (705) 488-3439

Three Locations to Serve You!

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 5, 2016. 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 **2016 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 2016 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**