



Spring Newsletter 2025

Dear Cottagers and Community Members

As we welcome the vibrant colors and warmer days of spring, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the recent ice storm that tested our resilience and unity. The storm brought significant challenges, but it also highlighted the incredible spirit of our community.

During the ice storm many of us faced power outages, fallen trees, and hazardous conditions. Despite these difficulties, I witnessed countless acts of kindness and support. Friends and neighbors checked in on each other, worked tirelessly to clear roads and ensure everyone's safety and well-being.

As we move forward, let's continue to nurture the bonds that make our community special. Spring is a time of renewal, and I encourage everyone to participate in upcoming community events and initiatives. Together, we can build an even stronger and more connected community. Thank you for your unwavering support and for embodying the true spirit of neighborliness. Our AGM will be in person this year at the Galway Hall on June 1. Please come and share your Ice storm stories, let's embrace the beauty of spring and the opportunities it brings.

Warm regards,

John Fernandes, President CLCA

Meet the CLCA Board Members Team

President	John Fernandes
Vice President	Christine Brickman
Secretary	Sharon Brickman
Treasurer	Carol Ing
Membership	Linda Mielewczyk
Past President	John Hubbard
Board Member	Rainey Weidauer

Lake Steward: Shawn Baldwin

AGM 2025

Where: Galway Hall
Event: Annual General Meeting
When: Sunday June 1st, 2025, 10:00 am
(coffee/tea provided)

**Community Appreciation Lunch
& cake to follow the business meeting, a time
to chat, and to share ice storm survival stories.**

If you have photos from Ice Storm please send before May 30 to:
crystallakecommunityassoc@gmail.com
or via Messenger to Crystal Lake Community Group

New! CRYSTAL LAKE ACTIVITY GROUPS
Be sure to peruse the sign-up sheets for all the **NEW**
fun summer lake activities.
**Group Leaders needed! Please let us know if you are
willing to be a Group Leader.**

- CLCA AGM Business Meeting 2025
- CLCA Business
 - Lake Stewardship update on Crystal Lake
 - 2025 Crystal Lake and area Events
 - Topics of interest in the Trent Lakes Municipality
 - **Q&A's: please send questions in advance, or submit on a card during the meeting**
 - **Luncheon and cake to follow- Ice Storm stories!**



CLCA Events 2025

- ✓ CLCA Annual General Meeting Galway Hall June 1, 10 am
- ✓ Get the Lead Out! June 21, 12 – 3pm Crystal Lake Dam
- ✓ Canada Day Recycled Crafts & Hot Dogs June 28
- ✓ Crystal Lake's Got Talent Aug 9 hosted by McInnis & Worona's
- ✓ Haunt the Docks August 23
- ✓ Fall Food Drive Oct 10 - 13 for the Kinmount Food Bank



Other Community Events 2025

- ✓ Summer Supper Galway Hall June 28, 5pm
- ✓ Kinmount: Music In the Park Every Thursday starting July 3
- ✓ Farmers Market Every Saturday 9 to 2pm starting May 17th to Thanksgiving
- ✓ Kinmount Fair Labor Day Weekend Aug 29 to 31st
- ✓ Fall Turkey Supper Galway Hall Nov 1
- ✓ Artisans Marketplace Weekdays 11 am to 5pm, Sat 10 am to 5pm, Sun 10 am to 4pm
- ✓ Highlands Cinema opens May 2 for the season www.highlandscinemas.com
- ✓ Events at Galway Hall Workshops, Line Dancing, Euchre see below
- ✓ PickleBall Kinmount Fair Arena 3 days per week M,W,F July 2 – Aug 22

Galway Hall

Workshops:

- Hat Burning May 10
- Summer Theme Paint Party June 29
- Decorative Sign July 13
- UV Resin Jewelry August 10
- Fall Theme Paint Party Sept 27
- Soy Candle Oct 11
- Winter/Christmas Theme Paint Party Nov 8
- Line Dancing every Wed at 10 am
- Euchre every other Fri 7pm May 9 - Nov 21

Check out their Facebook site



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Water Levels

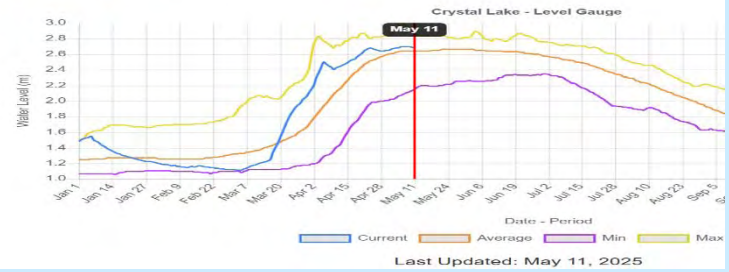
Water levels are important to all of us on Crystal Lake. The Coalition of Equitable Water Flow CEWF, are one of the organizations the CLCA supports.

As seen in the chart the water levels on Crystal Lake are above average for this time of year.

Water levels will continue to fluctuate based on the needs of the Trent and weather conditions.

Crystal Lake

Graph Table



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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!

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



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Thursdays 6:30 pm
Kinmount Austin Sawmill Park

Hosted by the Kinmount Community Volunteer Management Committee

JULY & AUGUST

July 3 The Mark Ekins Band
Sponsor:
Custom Cottage Concierge—Shannon Jonas

July 10 Live on the Line
Sponsor:
Crystal Lake Community Association

July 17
Sponsor:
Salmon Lake Cottage Owners Association

July 24 Gary and the Rough Ideas
Sponsor: What's Your Sign
Sponsor: Lorraines Floral Creations

July 31 Cash on the Barrelhead
Sponsor: Violets Frozen Yogurt
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Aug. 7 Melissa Payne
Sponsor: Kinmount Pharmacy
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Aug. 14 The Recycled Teenagers
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Aug. 21 Jeff & Anthony "Margin Call"
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What does 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 and Haunt the Docks
- ✚ We purchase and maintain buoys to mark some of the rocks and shoals on Crystal Lake.
- ✚ We maintain a website 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, Emergency Contact Fridge Magnet & Promo Codes
- ✚ We keep the Welcome Signs and various planters looking beautiful
- ✚ Partnering to get Members Only Promotions and Discounts such as Cottage Life and FOCA

CLCA acts as a liaison and represents us all on various important matters:

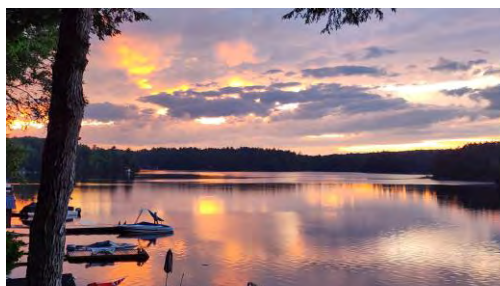
- ✚ We liaise with the Municipality of Trent Lakes Council and staff regarding waste management, roadway maintenance, development and by-laws and policies that impact Crystal Lake and area
- ✚ We support the Crystal Lake Steward who takes water samples to be tested by the Ministry of the Environment 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!



Crystal Lake Map

The revised Crystal Lake Map has been distributed to our members!
Blue Recycle Bins also available



OPP Patrol

The OPP patrol both our lake and roads during the day and night. Know and follow the rules of the lake and road.

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



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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



Crystal Lake Red Chair at White's Beach

The red chair has been a big hit! Share your family fun pics with us...



CLCA have long standing 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):
 - Your membership dues help to support FOCA. They are dedicated to supporting the interests of Ontario's waterfront property owners for 525 Associations.
 - FOCA provides credible expertise, environmental stewardship, programs & services with a large network
 - If you are a CLCA member you get discounts: Rogers, Kokomo Resort, Park'N'Fly, Cade Associates, Canadian Canoe Museum, Cottage Life & Action First Aid



Lake Stewardship Test Results for 2024

As we embark on another cottage season it is important to remember our environment and water quality. We have received the results from July 24 2024 water quality testing as seen below:

- ✓ **Phosphorous level** – Avg 6.64 actual 6.3
This is a good result as higher levels can cause invasive & toxic algae species
- ✓ **Secchi depth** – Avg 6.25 Actual 6.5 Healthy Lake (Visibility is Good)
- ✓ **Dissolved Calcium** – Avg 31.2 Actual 33.4
Indicates hard water, common for our area, potential cause for increase in zebra mussels
- ✓ **Chlorophyll Concentration** - Avg 2.01 Actual 1.22
Good result as it leads to better clarity in the water and less nutrient pollution
- ✓ **Dissolved Oxygen** - DO % saturation 57.2 DO Conc. (mg/L) 9.84
Sample taken about a metre off the bottom of deepest point in lake approx. 80 ft, low but common for deep lakes Trent lakes as well as Trent University continue to monitor

In summary, Crystal Lake continues to maintain as a healthy body of water, we continue to monitor and work with various organizations to have the lake tested and see results on yearly basis.

Lake Steward
Shawn Baldwin

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!

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RECYCLED CREATIONS CANADA DAY EVENT

COME AND CELEBRATE AT WHITE'S BEACH! CREATE A RECYCLED MATERIALS ART PROJECT (THEME TO BE ANNOUNCED)

OPEN TO CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER
WORK ON YOUR ART PROJECT IN ADVANCE
ART THEME TO BE ANNOUNCED 2 WEEKS PRIOR
PRIZES AWARDED FOR AGE CATEGORIES
BRING YOUR RECYCLED PROJECT TO THE BEACH FOR 1:00PM!

JUNE 28 1:00-3:00PM

OPEN TO ALL CLCA MEMBERS TO JOIN US AFTER 2:00PM ON THE BEACH FOR HOT DOGS AND FROZEN TREATS!

SIGN UP: CRYSTALLAKECOMMUNITYASSOC@GMAIL.COM



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
- ✓ Water-ski, tube, surf & wake-board 200 meters away from all shorelines
- ✓ Consider the size of the wake produced when purchasing a new boat

Are You Interested in Advertising?

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Poison Info Centre: 1-800-267-9017

Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868



Non-Emergency Numbers

Police: 1-888-310-1122 Tele- Health Ontario 1-866-797-0000

Ambulance: 705-286-2424

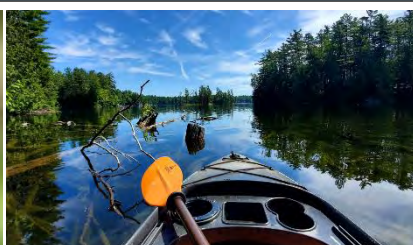
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Hydro One: 1-888-664-9376 Outages: 1-800-434-1235

Bell Canada: 416-310-2355

Municipality of Trent Lakes: 705-738-3800

After Hours by-law enforcement Trent Lakes Ext 300



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

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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 we can say 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.

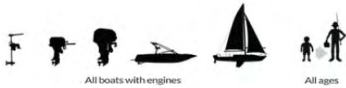
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DO I NEED A BOATING LICENSE IN ONTARIO?

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.

The Crystal Lake Book Exchange Library Book Exchange is at White's Beach! What a fun and easy way to get more use of a great book!



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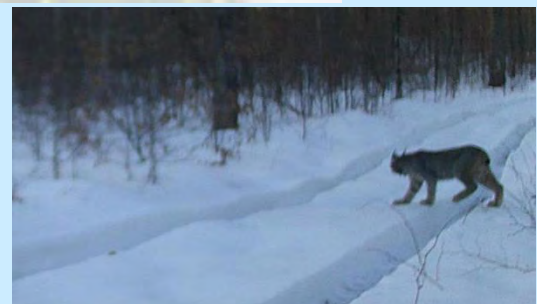
Transfer Station Summer Hours April 15 - Sept 15

Crystal Lake

Sunday - 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Monday - 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday - Closed
Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Thursday - Closed
Friday - Closed
Saturday - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Kinmount Foodbank Donations



Short Term Rental Registration

The Municipality Trent Lakes has recently implemented a by-law designed to ensure that Short-Term Rental Accommodations (STRAs) are managed responsibly and enhance the quality of life for everyone in the community.

The by-law includes a process for registration, safety standards, and operational procedures.

For further information on the by-law and how it might impact you, visit the Municipality of Trent Lakes website.

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- ☐ I am a good swimmer
- ☐ I just live right there
- ☐ It doesn't fit well
- ☐ I get a bad tan
- ☐ I never see the police here
- ☐ I don't have to wear it
- ☐ I have been boating in this lake for years
- ☐ They are under the seat/bow
- ☐ I live around the corner

- ☐ They were here yesterday
- ☐ They are in the other boat we have
- ☐ First trip of the season
- ☐ My "help" gets the boat ready
- ☐ I thought the marina would do it
- ☐ Its my friend's boat – not sure where they are



In the event of Severe Weather Alert

- Keep phones and flashlights charged and backup charger
- Have enough food & water on hand for your family and pets
- Have your equipment serviced: chainsaw, generator
- Keep gas on-hand and vehicles filled up
- Understand propane supplier agreement
- Consider having someone turn your generator on/off during an extended outage to conserve fuel
- Consider shutting your place down: empty fridges & drain waterlines
- Do not run your generator in attached garages or carports
- As communication networks may be out, let your family know in advance your situation
- Trim or cut danger trees and limbs
- Check on your neighbours
- Consider fully winterizing your place

Kinmount Pickleball - Kinmount Fairgrounds

Pickleball 3 days per week July 2-Aug 22

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Join the Kinmount Pickleball Facebook site for info



CLEAN + DRAIN + DRY YOUR BOAT



Motors, boats, and Ontario's ecosystems can be ruined by zebra mussels and other aquatic invasive species. Take a few simple steps to preserve our lakes and fisheries: **CLEAN** off any plants or debris, **DRAIN** bilges and ballast water, and **DRY** any wet areas of your boat.



Cottage Kits

[Home](#) / [Live](#) / [Recycling and Garbage](#) / [Cottage Kits](#)

If you rent out your cottage, make waste disposal easy for your guests. Cottage kits are available for purchase and provide a one-time Waste Disposal Card.

Please read the Municipality of Trent Lakes' [guidelines](#) for being a good neighbour and ensure your guests are well informed.

Cottage Kit Contents

The cottage kit contains:

- A one-time Waste Disposal Card
- A clear garbage bag for your garbage
- A clear garbage bag for your recyclable containers
- A [Waste Management Guide](#) that includes Transfer Station Hours and locations
- Campfire information

Purchasing Cottage Kits

Cottage kits are \$5.00 each and must be purchased by the registered property owner. They are available at the Municipal Office or at any of the [Transfer Station Sites](#).

Canada Day 2024



Kinmount Music in the Park



Larry - Crow's Nest



Winners of Name that Tune





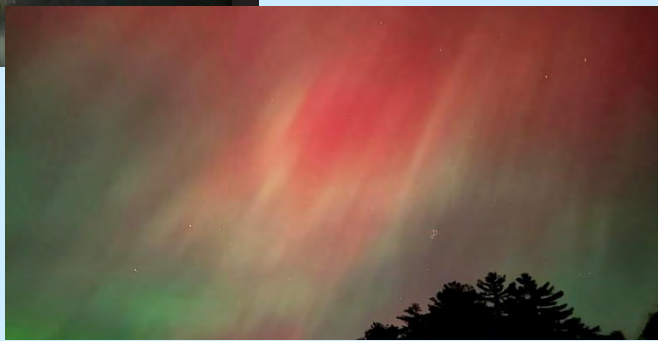
Crystal Lake Loons



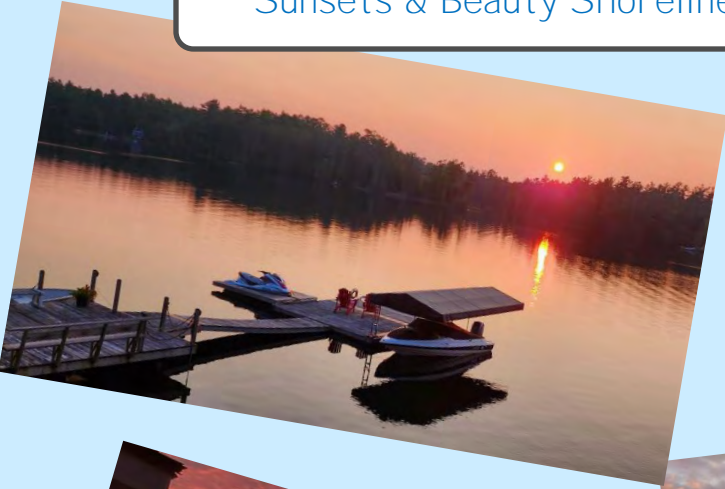
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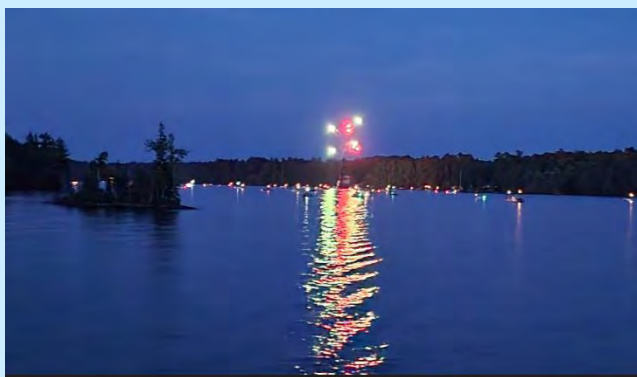
Northern Lights!



Sunsets & Beauty Shoreline



Fireworks and a Boat-In



Crystal Lakes Got Talent



FIRE SMART YARD CHECKLIST

Did you know that most home ignitions are caused by burning embers that start fires in yards that spread to the home? You can prevent this! Creating and maintaining a firesmart yard will protect your home and neighborhood. Follow this weekly checklist to keep your home safe.

If you contract someone to care for your yard, review this checklist with them. And remember – the key to fire safety is maintenance, maintenance, maintenance!

CLEAR ZONE 0

- ☐ Remove combustible items within the first 5 feet around the house
- ☐ Remove hazardous plants like juniper, Italian cypress and bamboo
- ☐ Use non-combustible mulch, like gravel, stones or pavers

LIMB UP TREES & TRIM BRANCHES

- ☐ Prevent fire from spreading from the ground to tree tops by removing the lowest branches of the trees to at least 6 feet
- ☐ Keep bushes and plants low beneath trees to avoid "fire ladders"
- ☐ Remove dead branches
- ☐ Trim branches 10 feet from the roof

REMOVE LEAVES AND DEBRIS FROM

- ☐ Zone 0
- ☐ Gutters
- ☐ Rooftops
- ☐ Beneath bushes
- ☐ Under decks and staircases
- ☐ Behind garage or sheds

RAISE "SKIRTS" OF BUSHES & HEDGES

- ☐ Trimming bushes a couple feet from the ground will allow you to keep the bed beneath clear of leaves

KEEP SPACE BETWEEN PLANTS

- ☐ Thin out bushes and plantings to allow space between plants to prevent the spread of fire
- ☐ Weed and clean beds regularly



UNDER DECKS

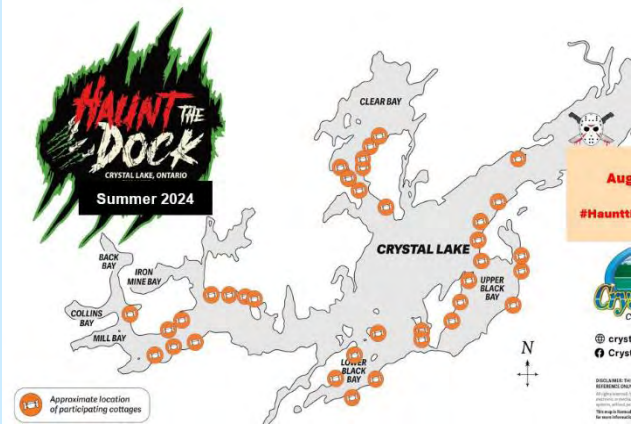


UNDER SHRUBS



YOUR GUTTERS

Haunt the Docks



Kinmount Fair

