



2011 Otter Lake Association Newsletter

To Otter Lake property owners:

Hello from Otter Lake. Spring is finally here at Otter Lake. The winter was long and the ice was late going off the lake this year, with the cooler weather hanging around till May. Its good to see the birds back, spring peepers singing and many other critters waking up. And of course - the bugs!

There have been some changes on the lake. With regret, two of our residents-- Mrs. Violet Desjardins and Erwin Mueller --have passed away. Both were long-time residents on the lake and known by many. They will be remembered and our condolences go out to the families.

The new Summit Center/Active Living Center in town (G8 legacy) has now been completed and is fully operational. The University of Waterloo has signed a lease for their new building and started in April. The Price Choppers building was revamped and is now called Freshco. Conroy Park has also been completed, with a new soccer field, track and tennis court (just off of Brunel Road next to the Brunel Mart convenience store). One of the major landscapes in town, the Empire Building, is now gone. It caught fire last year and had to be torn down. We now have a blank space at that main street corner. For the history buff, take note of the brick wall that was exposed after the tear-down and see the old "Tailor" sign.

Shirley Everett and her sister June are now full time residents on the lake. They spent the winter monitoring the building of their new home and have now moved in. And if you did not know-Chad and Jodie were wed last fall. We wish them all the best in their lives together!

A new waste management guide was sent out by the district which lists garbage and recyclable schedules. Other important information is included in this booklet and please make sure when recycling that you wash out any containers that held food. This will prevent the animals from knocking over the containers and scattering the garbage all over. Let's all work together to keep our lake area clean and safe. You will also notice behind the recyclable bins is bulletin board. Thanks to Chad for putting this together. This board is one way the OLA will be able to communicate to the people of Otter Lake on any issues and pertinent information.

For the theatre buffs, there is another great line-up of entertainment for this coming season at the Algonquin Theatre. Check out their brochures, available in the theatre lobby or box office.

Another item being developed by the Town is a Unity Plan, which is a guide (social, economic and environmental) to a sustainable future for Huntsville. There have been committees formed to develop ways to complete the actions for each category to head Huntsville on a sustainable path. There are twelve strategies/goals to be worked on

to help Huntsville complete the Unity Plan which will benefit all who live, visit and work here. For more information go to the Town's website and look at the Unity Plan section.

Ted Mercer has been very active on the Huntsville and Lake of Bays Lakes Council for us. This council is made up of many area lake representatives. The council acts as the "umbrella" organization for the different lake associations and provides assistance with concerns relating to lake issues. Their annual BBQ fundraiser is on August 14/11 at Robinson's Independent Store. If you are able to assist during part of the day, please contact Ted or one of the directors.

Check out the Otter Lake Association website at <http://www.otterlake.info>. Chad is our webmaster who keeps this site up to date. He also acts as our treasurer.

To summarize, the OLA is an association for all Otter Lake property owners, to help protect and maintain the water quality, natural beauty and other concerns that involve the lake. The main purpose of our association is to help educate and inform residents in regards to safe practices around the water's edge plus other issues that affect lake quality and our lake ecosystems. Lake water monitoring and testing is being done every year and samples are sent to the ministry. If you are interested in serving as an OLA director or want more information on the OLA please contact one of the directors.

Attached to this letter is a OLA 2011 membership form, which can be filled out and sent to any one of the directors. **BE INFORMED, SUPPORT YOUR OLA AND SIGN UP AS A MEMBER TODAY!** Mail membership forms to: 68 Otter Lake Cottage Rd., P1H 2J3, c/o Chad Schoppel

2011 Annual General Meeting

Date: August 6/2011

Time: General meeting at 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Place: To be determined (check OLA bulleting board)

Pot luck lunch: 12:00 noon

COME OUT AND MEET YOUR NIEGHBOURS, JOIN IN ON THE POT LUCK LUNCH

Please RSVP by July _____ to any one of the directors. We need to know numbers in order to accommodate all who wish to attend. Thanks and see you there!

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