

## SPRING 2017 NEWSLETTER

Warm Greetings to all! We anticipate a great summer at Clear Lake for returning cottagers and newcomers! A hearty welcome. Thanks to all cottagers for supporting CLPOA with your membership fees and by volunteering for the fun, family Regatta.

### **CLPOA AGM**

#### **Saturday, July 8, 10am, at Torrance Community Centre**

Refreshments will be served and we hope every cottage will be represented. Come early, carpool with neighbours or walk over. It is a good chance to visit fellow cottagers. *Note: Zion Presbyterian Church, strong member of the Torrance and Clear Lake community for decades, has a fundraiser Bake Sale that day so bring a few dollars for treats to take home to the cottage.*

I want to thank my Clear Lake Board Members for their hard work, time and commitment to attain our common enjoyment and for 'standing on guard' for Clear Lake. Board activity continues throughout Fall, Winter and Spring. Thanks to my fellow board members Ian McClennan, Ron Algate, Charlie Wilkins, Marg Kenwright, Erin Beckett and Mike Silver and a special thanks to Sharon Cleverdon for managing and protecting our Membership List.

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & PAYMENT OF FEES**

**Our Annual \$30 Membership Fee** is critical for the Association to function. It helps pay for

- Clear Lake water testing
- Marking the shoals with buoys (Please, do not tie up to the buoys)
- Insurance
- And offsets cost of Member Events

Early payment of fees is appreciated. Three ways to pay:

1. **By Cheque to: CLPOA c/o Sharon Cleverdon, 1077 Clear Lake Road, Torrance, ON, P0C 1M0**
2. **By Online Transfer:** Customers of TD Canada Trust may pay by online transfer (the Membership Renewal Form, sent separately, describes how).

3. Or by Cash: Bring cash or cheque to the AGM on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Each property may have up to four (4) paid memberships, age 18 and over, so consider getting the next generation involved! Only 2017 paid-up members of CLPOA may vote at the AGM.

AN UPDATED MEMBER CONTACT LIST will be available at the AGM and at other events this year. Please submit any contact information changes as soon as possible so they can be included.

***In an effort to be more environmentally friendly and to save postage, we emailed this newsletter to all members who supplied their email addresses. If you received this newsletter by post, but now have an email address, please let us know.***

## **2017 REGATTA**

### **Saturday, August 5 at the Silver's Dock – 1139 Ridge Road**

We need volunteers to make the Regatta a big success. To help, even in a small way, please sign the Volunteer Form (sent with your Membership Renewal Form) or let us know at the AGM.

- **Decorate your boat** and be part of the Boat Parade – maybe even win the coveted 'Broken Paddle' Award!
- **11:00 am** – Parade starts at the entrance to the Big Bay, travels around the bay and continues around the rest of the lake to cheers of those watching from their docks.
- **1:00 pm** – Water Activities start at the Silver's waterfront, 1139 Ridge Road. All ages are invited to join in! Bubble-blowing for the very little ones, swimming for all, paddle boat races, and the ever-popular Tug of War.
- **Delicious, FREE lunch** of hot dogs, corn on the cob and pop

***MARK SATURDAY, AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup> ON YOUR CALENDAR!***

## **CLEAR LAKE PUBLIC BOAT LAUNCH**

The new concrete ramp is to be used only between 9am and 1pm. Before launching, please clean your boat, dump bilge water before arriving, and note location of boulders on shore. Because of the gravel shoulders on the ramp, it is not possible to install a floating dock. We recommend that you have two people to launch your boat. If you are not experienced in launching a boat without a dock, we recommend you have a professional do this for you.

**Signs Regarding Boat Launch:** Both 'Hours of Use' (9am to 1pm) and 'No Parking' signs are installed at the ramp. 'No Parking' signs are in place as far as 200 metres on either side of the boat launch.

## **MUSKOKA'S DARK NIGHT SKY**

At the AGM July 8, Mike Silver will speak to this issue. His summary follows:

“The Clear Lake Association has supported the Torrance Barrens Dark Sky Reserve since its inception. Its continued viability and that of Muskoka's dark sky, less affected by light pollution, is under severe threat from the inaction of Gravenhurst and the District. We pay taxes to the District and the night sky is one of Muskoka's treasured assets and the Barrens Reserve an asset of which we on Clear Lake are the principal beneficiaries. We need to make our voices heard if there is to be any chance of preserving it. Gravenhurst and the District are flagrantly violating the Dark Sky Bylaw! This is all to countenance corporate greed without regard to night sky preservation.

“We need to act. We need to act now.”

## **WATER QUALITY RESULTS FROM 2016 TESTING**

Please see the results posted on our CLPOA Website, [www.clearlakemuskoka.ca](http://www.clearlakemuskoka.ca). Thank you, Bob and Sharon Cleverdon, for your time and effort collecting the lake water samples several times every season and submitting them to the Muskoka Lakes Association (MLA) Water Quality Initiative on our behalf. The cost for testing is approximately \$1,000 this year. With a \$30 discount for each CLPOA member who is also a member of MLA, it would benefit CLPOA if more of our members joined MLA. Check out their website ([www.mla.on.ca](http://www.mla.on.ca)) to see benefits of membership.

## **LOON NEST**

The loons are back! Let us know if you know where they are nesting. We must all keep well away so that the loons can be as protected as possible. When you see them on the lake, please slow right down and give them a very wide berth.

In closing, I extend my sincere wishes for a safe and happy summer. I look forward to seeing you at the AGM on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 10am, at the Torrance Community Centre.

Best regards,

*Dennis Cartwright*

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President, CLPOA, on behalf of the Board of Directors of Clear Lake Property Owners Association

NOTE: 2017 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & REGATTA VOLUNTEER FORM SENT SEPARATELY