

Clear Lake Newsletter

Fall / Winter 2020

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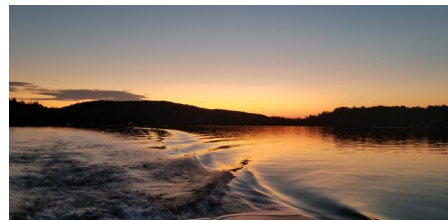
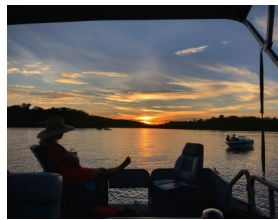
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Calling all Photographers

The Clear Lake Property Owners Association is looking for photos to include in the 2021/2022 calendar. These calendars are distributed to all members around the lake. If you have a photo that you would like to see in next years calendar send them to info@clearlakepropertyowners.com.



Important Numbers

Emergency—911 (Know your Civic Address)

Ontario Provincial Police
888-310-1122

Huntsville Hospital
705-789-2311

Poison Info Centre
800-268-9017

Forest Fire Report
888-863-3473

Hydro (No Power)
800-434-1235

MNR Bear Report
866-514-2327

Emsdale Christmas Craft and Bake Sale

Saturday November 28,2020

From 9am to 2pm at the Emsdale Community Center

Lets get the Christmas Season started.

Help support our crafters, vendors, and artists by shopping local.

All vendors welcome, \$15 for a table.





Presidents Message

Well Lake Lovers it has been quite a year in this crazy world amidst a world wide pandemic , however having a place on the lake to spend time with family as I feel very fortunate to have a place to get away and relax . As an association we have had to cancel our regular social events that so many of you look forward to and hopefully over the next few months we can put this behind us and get back to some type of normality for the next summer season. This however has not stopped the work of the great group of directors on the CLPOA with water testing, beaver and water control and working on initiatives to make Clear Lake a place for families to enjoy for many years to come.

We have realized some of the best water testing results and clarity on the lake this

this past year which is a direct result of everyone rallying together and doing their own part to help the lakes health , so thank you for that. Our membership is down for the 2020 season so I urge current members to rally their neighbors to join , we can only do so much with limited resources we have come so far in the last few years I would hate to see this deteriorate as we are stronger in numbers so looking to all members to help with this quest.

As we head into the late fall and the start of winter I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season with the hope this pandemic will be behind us in the months to come .

Regards

Ken Core

Hydro One to Eliminate Seasonal Rate Class

The Ontario Energy Board has ruled that all customers who had been billed under Hydro Ones Seasonal Rate class will be moved to one of the density-based rate classes. This change will effect approximately 78,000 seasonal customers. To read more please visit <https://foca.on.ca/electricity-pricing>.

Garbage and Recycling

Medications

Do not place unused or expired medication or needles in your garbage or recycling bin, and do not flush them down the toilet or drain. Please see the list of locations to dispose of medications for proper disposal. In addition, most pharmacies will take back medication that they have sold you. Please call your pharmacy for details.

There are many other items that may be returned to the store where purchased (ie. eye glasses, cell phones, paint, just to name a few).

Return Locations

- ◆ **Arnica Medical Pharmacy** 162 Huston St. Burks Falls, Ontario 705-382-2111
- ◆ **Wal-Mart Pharmacy #5743** 10 - 111 Howland Dr. Huntsville, Ontario 705-788-7194
- ◆ **Loblaw Pharmacy #4229** 131 Howland Dr. Huntsville, Ontario 705-787-0922
- ◆ **Shoppers Drug Mart Store #647** 51 King William St. Huntsville, Ontario 705-789-4471
- ◆ **Huntsville Place Mall Pharmacy** 17 - 70 King William St. Huntsville, Ontario 705-788-2896
- ◆ **Huntsville's Hometown IDA Drugs** 10 Main St. E Huntsville, Ontario 705-789-2561

Fall/Winter Hours

Sunday: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Monday: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Tuesday: 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Wednesday & Thursday: Closed
Friday: 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm



Water Quality

Clear Lake sits at latitude and longitude .45.505 N -79.261 W but what makes Clear Lake different from other lakes in our area is our height. At an elevation of 351 meters above sea level, we have one of the highest lake elevations in the Almaguin Highlands.

From where we are situated we drain 2.6 square kilometers of land around the lake. Clear Lake forms part of the head waters of the Lake Huron Watershed by virtue of the fact that our lake water drains through the outlet at the end of the lake, through wetlands, creeks and lakes below us to find its way to the Magnetawan River, which then flows for 175 kilometers past the villages of Burks Falls and Britt as it empties into Lake Huron.

As part of a water shed, we understand that the activities that occur on our lake can affect the water systems elsewhere in the water shed. It a good thing to remember to avoid fertilizer usage anywhere near the shore line because of the likelihood of runoff adding to nutrient levels throughout the water shed.

Our members keep an eye on what's happening throughout the other lakes that are part of our system. We know that a number of lakes in the Lake Huron watershed have been infested with an aggressive invasive plant species called phragmites and one lake community just north of us had to post swimming advisories because of algae blooms in parts of their lake this summer.

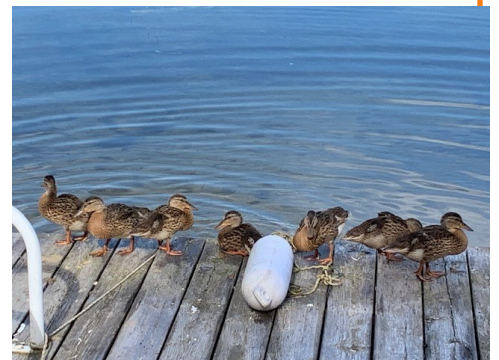
CLPOA Association members are active in monitoring the health of our lake water quality to prevent these sorts of problems from occurring on Clear Lake.

This year we continued to enjoy good water quality on the lake. Although some of the testing programs such as the Lake Partner Program were down due to the COVID-19 emergency, we were able to make alternative means to continue our lake water testing program for nutrient levels by taking water clarity observations and phosphorus sampling on our own.

We continued our recreational water quality monitoring program this summer. Those results have been posted on the CLPOA website and indicate some very good results from the series of monthly tests taken at five locations around the lake.

The critical element in our lake water quality program is steps taken to prevent algae blooms occurring on the lake by monitoring lake water levels. We do this through work of association members working to keep the beaver dam at the outlet flowing a steady pace in order to maintain lake water at levels that help remove the threat of seasonal higher than normal lake water surface temperatures.

This summer we were pleased to see we were sharing our lake with a number of new waterfowls, a Great Blue Heron, three Common Loons and two families of Mallards all were seen to be enjoying the lake with the rest of us.



Surviving Covid-19 on Clear Lake



The title of this article would have been “News & Events” had we have had a normal summer.

I thought to myself, what is there to write? As spring unfolded to summer, I saw the boat traffic increase, I saw skiers & tubers with smiles & the noise of summer fun.

But something was different. Everyone had their own bubble group & in many cases one group did not combine with another. It was something that I had to get used to even though I knew it was the responsible thing to do. There was no Golf tournament, Regatta or Pig Roast to report on. So, I decided to write about how our family (Joy & myself) survived the Covid Blues on Clear Lake.

For those of you that don't know me well, Joy & myself became full time Clear Lake residents in 2017. A move we have never looked back on but may never have fully appreciated until this year. We both work locally in safe environments which we are very thankful for as working does pass the time & keeps us moving forward. It's not so bad knowing what we get to come home to.

Joy was able to work from home during the summer. We made a makeshift office for her in our bedroom & upgraded our internet. As I would leave for work Joy would prepare for her stressful workday by answering the phone & working the computer while looking out onto our beautiful Crazy Bay. During her breaks & lunch she would soak up the sun on the end of our dock. No wonder she was always in such a good mood & full of energy when I came home.

Every man relies on his toys to get him through a crisis & I am no exception. Between taking the traditional early evening cruise or trying to pull our two daughter's friends newbie skiers out of the water our boat got much use.

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We have two daughters, both are Respiratory Therapists & sure were kept busy especially during early to late spring. The highlights of our summer were when they would bring their fellow co worker friends for some fun & R&R at our place. They sure deserved it after working so hard as part of the Hospital's front line team. The hard part was not allowing our oldest one to visit us during the early to mid spring months when Covid numbers were high & the hospitals were going crazy.

Another highlight was the concert, courtesy of Sean Rowe & hosted by the Dobson's. It was also an adventure as I saw the hailstones accumulate in the boat as I tried to put the top on & keep the girls dry. We were able to watch it for a half hour before the skies opened up. We came home soaked to the bone but really happy.

I love photography & Astronomy. I relied on those hobbies heavily to pass the time as well. Because we have the luxury of little light pollution in our night skies I was able to view the Andromeda Galaxy, & few nebulas as well as awesome views of Saturn & Jupiter. I am in the midst of upgrading my telescope so that I can eventually photograph these amazing sights & share them with you.

We are hopeful for a great snowmobile season as it is my favorite sport around here. If it is going to be a covid winter it is easy to social distance with your helmet on.

So really, surviving Covid 19 on Clear Lake could be compared to another family's dream on a normal year.

We are so hard done by.

Written by Glenn Iverson



Kids Corner

O R T X G T U R K E Y O
 G Y K A O G N R C V N O
 G K P U M P K I N C O I
 T H A N K S G I V I N G
 W A O C Z K R C Y O I Y
 C L T S A M C B K L L O
 J L E R T R E A T S O E
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 M W B W V C V I X D V G
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 R E U B L N S S I G F P
 H N A N R J M J S R S B

Word List

THANKSGIVING CARVINGS LEAVES TREATS TURKEY
 HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN GHOSTS TRICKS CANDY

I appear once in summer and twice in autumn, but never in winter. What am I?

The letter U

What falls but never breaks?

!Nighfall

What can be a cap, a bed, a bank and a bird at the same time?

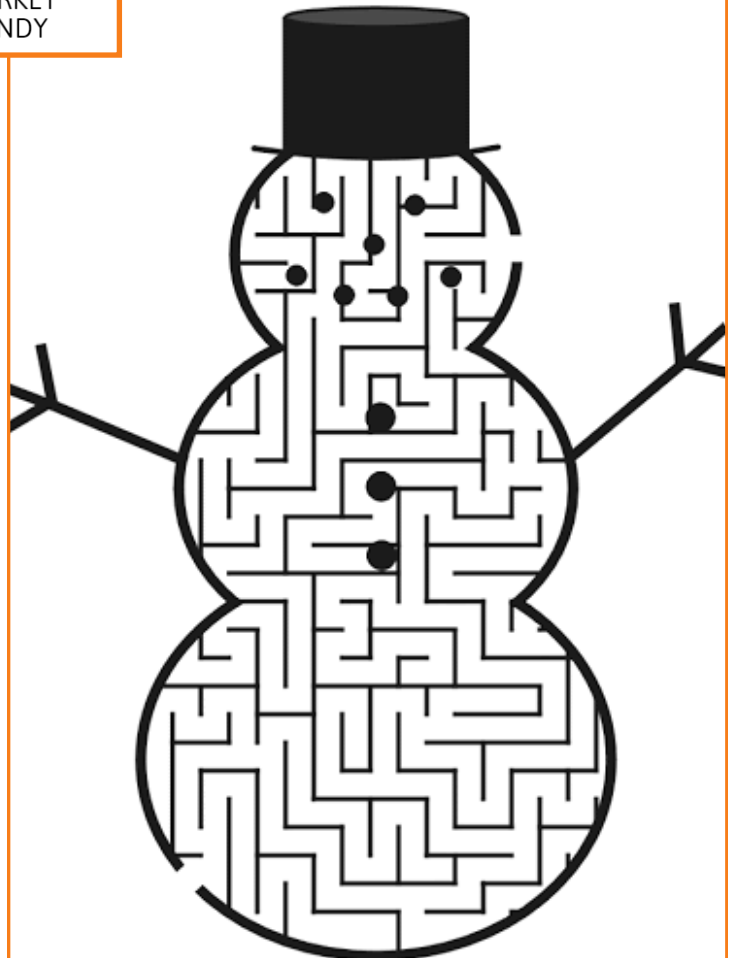
!Snow

Where do snowmen love to dance?

!At a snow ball

How do you fix a broken pumpkin?

!With a pumpkin Patch





2020 CLPOA Executive Members

Ken Core-President

Ron Cox- Water Level / Beaver Dam

Gina Newhall- Communications

Geoff Pantling -Treasurer

Bill Core-Municipal Relations / Septic Testing

Brian Isard - Water Quality

Glenn Iverson - Secretary

CLPOA Accepts E-transfers!



CLPOA is set up to receive online transfers for payment of membership dues and donations.

Interac e-transfers can be sent to:

info@clearlakepropertyowners.com

Please be sure to send a separate email with the security question answer. You can find the membership forms on the CLPOA website!

*Our CLPOA website has relaunched! Please go and take a look at it.
www.clearlakepropertyowners.com*



You can find us on Facebook! At "CLPOA Lake Lovers" this is an association run Facebook group. Please join to find out the latest information regarding the lake directly from the CLPOA!

Hope's Clover FARM (Novar) (705) 789-1777

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