

Clear Lake Newsletter

Spring / Summer 2021

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Safe Quiet Lakes Survey

Safe Quiet Lakes is once again conducting a lake activity survey. These survey's help SQL and lake associations develop programs tailored to their members needs. This survey will come available in June, be sure to watch your emails and facebook for more information!

2021 Clear Lake Calendar

Thank you to everyone who contributed photos to this years calendar. Be sure to pick yours up when you renew your membership.

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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



Presidents Message

Lake Lovers here we are over a year later and it is still a crazy world out there with this ongoing pandemic. I am hoping everyone is keeping safe as we are all still hoping to have a more "normal" social summer this year, although it doesn't look to be heading in that direction. The ice was off early this year, April 10th, and the Lake water is looking very good and clear. Hopeful this year's testing will give us the good results. As an association we have had a busy fall and winter working behind the scenes fighting off the proposed hauled sewage site and Northern Sanitation at 878 Hwy 592. The MOE had approved this site based on information they had received and as an Association with concerned property owners in the vicinity, we hired an Environmental Lawyer to file an appeal. We are happy to say that on January 15th a decision was made to revoke ECA #19-NOR-97288 hauled sewage site. This is still not quite the end as Northern Sanitation is also in the process of filing for a zoning change to the Township however based on letters and calls from concerned cottagers and residents and a presentation made to Council, we believe it will be difficult for Council to approve this request, fingers crossed. The CLPOA also sent a letter out a few weeks back looking for funding to cover costs from this very important fight and I am happy to say and want to give a huge thank you to the generous members who have contributed thus far and as well to the Bay lake Association for their contributions.



Currently, and based on the pandemic we have no plans for our regular scheduled social events that so many of you look forward to. Hopefully, over the next few months we can turn this around and be able to do something but we will wait and see so stay tuned! With this comes our Yearly AGM, again it looks like we will not be able to host a live meeting so we will be scheduling a Teams or Zoom meeting. We will send out information well in advance so that we can have a good attendance. A meeting on the dock with a cold one, now that sounds better. We are also seeking new directors to add to this much needed Association so please give some thought prior to the AGM.

We have also realized with letters that were recently sent to members that we need everyone to update their home address' and e-mails so that we have the most current info for communication. You can do this when sending in your 2021 Membership fee's (\$40). The most effective way is by e transfer to info@clearlakepropertyowners.com, please be sure to update your info in the message box , or if by regular mail in writing.

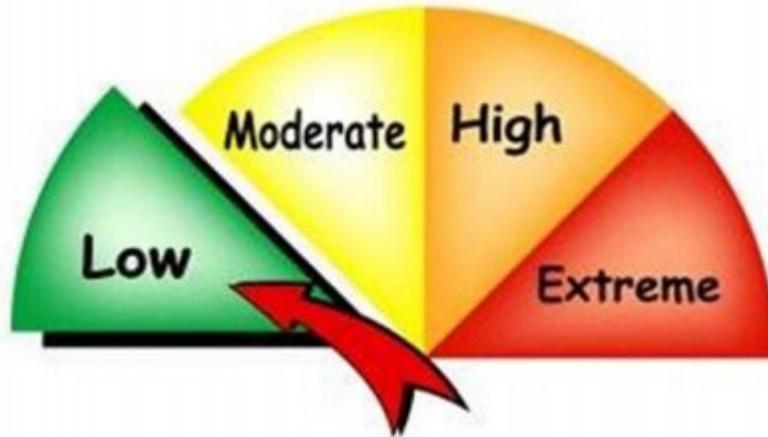
Again, I want to thank everyone thus far for their generosity, it is times like this that a strong Association is needed, and we need to rally as members to have all Cottager's and permanent resident owners to belong to the CLPOA.

Looking forward to seeing all on the water in the coming months!!

Cheers

Ken Core

Township Notices



NO DAYTIME BURNING PERMITTED BETWEEN APRIL 1 AND OCTOBER 31

Open Air Burning is prohibited between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. in the Township between April 1 to October 31.

Residents must be in attendance when burning, do not leave fire unattended. The size of fire is restricted to 2 feet x 2 feet.

Note that all persons are liable for costs incurred by the fire department, including personnel, equipment and apparatus necessary, when called to extinguish a fire that is not in compliance the Township's Open Air Burning By-law.



An Ounce of Prevention Is Better Than A Pound Of Cure

In our last newsletter we shared some details about Clear Lake's position, that it forms part of the head waters of the Lake Huron watershed and that from where we are situated we drain 2.6 square kilometers of land around the lake.

Drainage and what sort of material drains into the lake waters have been a particular environmental concern for property owners.

For folks who have been around for a while, they will remember the serious problems with algae blooms we had on the lake in 2014 as well as the "hot spots" on the lake in the previous decade where swimming and use of the lake water were compromised.

CLPOA members have worked hard to improve the lake water quality, including testing of septic systems, education about ill effects of fertilizer runoff and shore line erosion.

You can imagine our surprise when we learned last fall that the road access and earth removal work going on across the corner from Hwy 592 and Bay Lake Road, was being done in connection with an Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) that had been granted by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for a sewage dewatering site.

Our immediate concern is the location of these dewatering trenches and that when operating they would have an adverse impact on the groundwaters that drain into the Clear Lake. We set about to learn as much as we could about how the permit was granted for a site, which we felt posed a threat to the water quality of Clear Lake and to other nearby lakes and residential properties.

Let me just say that finding out detailed information about the hydrological assessments that went into the granting of the ECA was exceedingly difficult to do. Many of us who were involved have been trying to get the facts on the ECA, and we had a very challenging time in getting the appropriate answers to our questions.

One overriding concern is that the water from the dewatering trenches would carry pathogens and other materials that could move through the groundwaters and drain into Clear Lake.

A local resident commissioned their own hydrological assessment on the proposed site for the dewatering trenches and evaluated the technical data on which the Environmental Compliance Approval had been granted. This assessment showed that there are serious concerns with the proposed activities in connection with the underlying bedrock aquifer and the types of soils found in this area for the movement of pathogens and other pollutants to migrate through the groundwater.

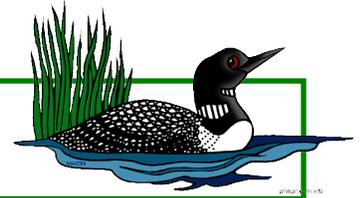
Following an old adage, that it is easier to prevent a problem than trying to correct it later. Local residents got together, a diverse group of property owners, resort and business owners worked to appeal the decision to grant the ECA. One of our main arguments in the appeal is that the 'approved ECA requires that there shall be a minimum separation distance of at least 500m from any "Sensitive Use", which is defined in the ECA to include "residential, commercial, community, recreational or institutional uses at which people regularly congregate".

We are satisfied to find that our appeal was successful. The initial Environmental Compliance Approval was revoked in January of this year. However, a new application for an ECA may still be made. Therefore, the CLPOA is monitoring the new process for granting ECA's on a weekly basis to find out if any new applications have been submitted.

Below is a link to the MECP website if you want to find out more about the ECA application process

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/environmental-compliance-approval> .

Written by Brian Isard

CLEAR LAKE SNOWMOBILER'S CORNER by Glenn Iverson

The best way I can think of to sum up our 2021 snowmobile season would be a short but furious roller coaster ride that starts with a slow climb!

Since 2017 when I spent my first full winter here the 2nd week of November was when things turned white & stayed that way until late April. November 30th, 2018 I was snowmobiling at Haliburton Forest & it was pretty good too. A few December's we saw trails officially open before Christmas.

November & December 2020 came & went without snow for the most part, in fact we were lucky to have a White Christmas due to a last-minute snowfall. It was enough to coat the roads really well for a few days until the snowplows came around. Christmas Day, many were out on their sleds including myself road running & getting pumped for the season ahead.

Due to Covid, many sleds were purchased in a frenzy, new & used to escape the stress of the pandemic & many new riders were introduced to the sport.

The 2nd week of January our trails partially opened from the Seguin trail to north of Kearney. However due to a mild December & January Clear Lake was not yet staked & riders had to road run to catch the Seguin Trail.

Monday January 18 Clear Lake was finally staked. I was so happy as I was getting tired of wearing out my carbides out road running to get to the north trails.

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Later that afternoon the news spread that all North Bay/Parry Sound district trails were to be closed on Jan. 21 due to Covid 19. Of course, the trails were starting to really take shape & colder weather & snowfall cooperating nicely. This was a huge disappointment for Trail Pass holders.

It was strange seeing our lake trail relatively quiet over the next 5 weeks. Many of us resorted to trailering our sleds to where the trails were open to the south. I spend much of that time snowmobiling around the Dorset & Halliburton areas.

Monday Feb. 22 North Bay / Parry Sound district trails finally reopened with much snow left & great trail conditions. Unfortunately, they were only to be enjoyed for another 2 weeks before the conditions took a sudden turn & wiped out our trails for the season by the 2nd week of March.

What a roller coaster ride it was! Let's all stay safe out there, do our part in fighting this virus pandemic, have an enjoyable summer on our lake & a longer normal snowmobile season ahead.

Written by Glenn Iverson



Kids Corner

Slime Recipe

Makes 1 small ball

Takes 10 minutes

100ml PVA white glue (children's craft glue or CE marked glue)

½ tsp bicarbonate of soda

gel food colouring

1 tsp contact lens cleaning solution

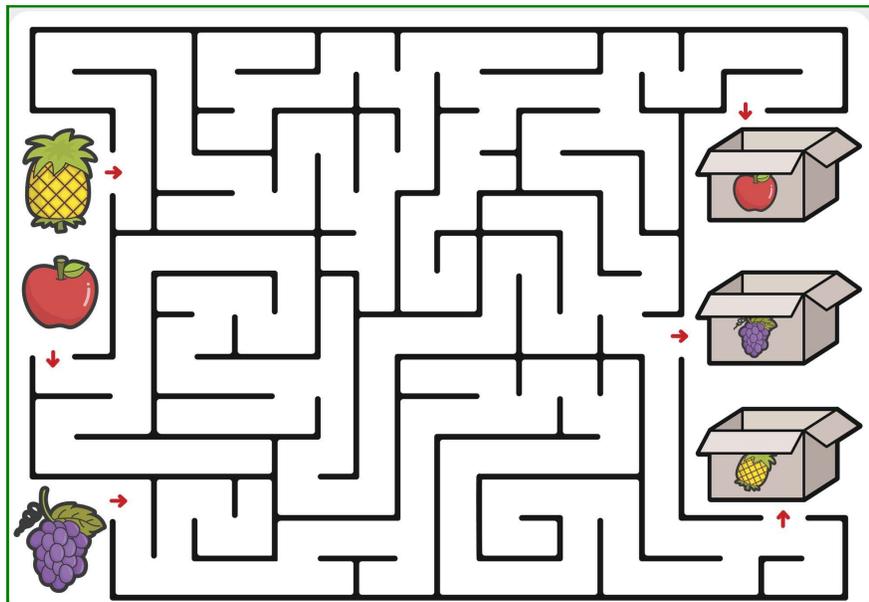
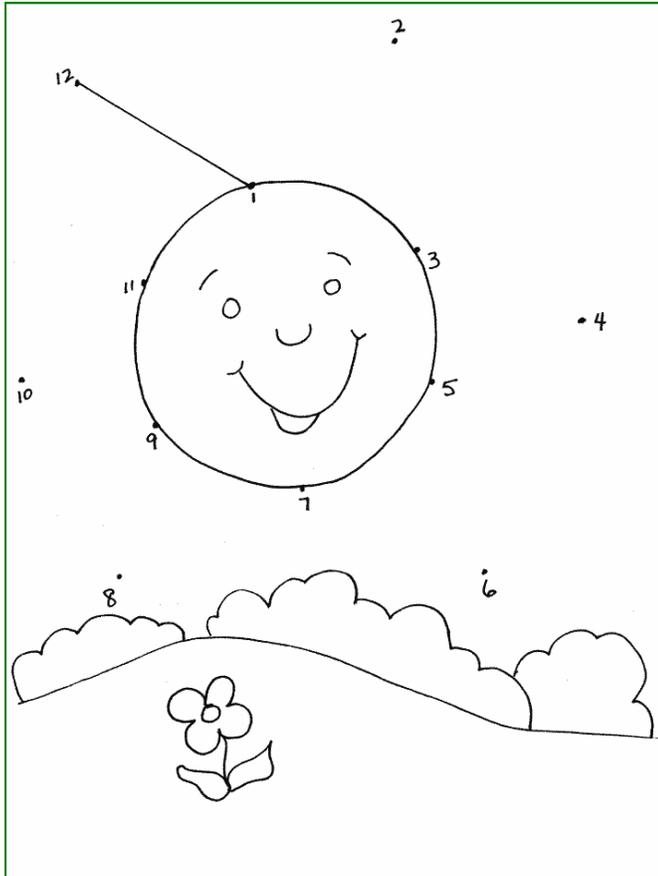
glitter (optional)

1. Squeeze the glue into a mixing bowl (look for a bottle in a 100ml size if possible so you won't have to measure it out). Add the bicarbonate of soda and mix well.

2. Add a drop or two of your chosen gel food colouring. Less colouring gives a pastel colour; the more you add, the brighter the colour. Mix until well incorporated.

3. Add the contact lens solution and mix. The slime will begin to form, going stringy before coming away clean from the bowl into a ball.

4. Once it has formed, take it out and knead it with your hands. It will be sticky at first but after about 30 seconds you'll have a smooth and pliable ball. Add glitter at this point, if desired, and work in with your hands. Store in a pot with a lid.





2021 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!

Possible Important Dates

Clear Lake AGM—July 4th

Regatta—Aug 8th

Pig Roast—Sept 5th

***Dates and events may change due to the on going pandemic*

*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

- Monday 08:00 AM to 07:00 PM*
- Tuesday 08:00 AM to 07:00 PM*
- Wednesday 08:00 AM to 07:00 PM*
- Thursday 08:00 AM to 07:00 PM*
- Friday 08:00 AM to 07:00 PM*
- Saturday 08:00 AM to 07:00 PM*
- Sunday 08:00 AM to 06:00 PM*