

Spring 2016

HLCAnews

Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association

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From The President.....

Welcome to the 2016 edition of the HLCA News, we hope you enjoy it and keep it on the coffee table for a quick reference.

First I need to mention this magazine would not be possible without our advertising sponsors. For this year the sponsorship increased significantly and therefore we are able to bring a magazine 50% larger than last year. Please buy locally. We also have our sponsors' websites under Support Our Advertisers on our website for quick access.

Last year was a tremendous year for the association with our membership increasing about 30% to just shy of 300, about half the lots on the lake, with a corresponding increase in revenue which resulted in a healthy financial year. We would love to see continued growth with a larger portion of lake residents supporting our programs and services such as Lake Navigation Program (Channel and Low Water Markers). We have included in the magazine some year over year statistics of some key metrics along with the financial overview for your review.

In the past year we have had our share of challenges such as landfills, roads conditions, break-ins, high water and the latest permits for docks. We are committed to keep you informed about these issues and advocate for you where it makes sense. A byproduct of the landfill and roads issues is we struck an alliance with the Fort Irwin Residents' Association (FIRA) and their president Gord Cochrane plus Percy Lake Ratepayers' Association (PLRA) and their president Anna Tillman to address these issues. The three groups represented the community in a meeting with our Reeve Murray Fearrey and Councillor Walt McKechnie to discuss landfill and roads issues to a very successful out-come. We are also happy to report that coming out of the meeting we have a mechanism for providing input into the prioritization of work on the roads. To that end Dave Freeman has agreed to be the liaison with Dysart for ourselves, FIRA and PLRA. In support of our relationship with FIRA we wish to encourage cottagers and residents to join both associations, as a result, you will be given a \$10 discount by both associations if you join both.

We were happy to assist the authorities in contacting our members more quickly for the unfortunate break-ins that occurred in October. This is the information we collect that is not in the public domain and will share with the authorities as part of our information policy unless you specifically do not agree with that policy.

As you are aware we moved to a new website and have had a lot of great comments. I must thank Nick Mezzapelli and Connor Blackwell who pulled that together, no small task and many months in the making. It is great to have a renewed presence on the web where we can share information more effectively.

This magazine has had lots of folks contributing from photos, to life memories and articles. I must especially thank Sue Harrison, from her Indianapolis, Indiana home in pulling together many articles and yes Sue does have a cottage at the north end of the lake, a crisp 11-hour drive.

In this issue we have articles on all our key activities which include the Regatta, Fireworks, Kids Bingo, Rock Bass Fishing and Swimming Lessons. In addition, many articles of interest including Well Water, Our Web Site Refresh, the Guest Guidebook, Fort Irwin Residents' Association, Percy Lake Ratepayers' Association, Eagle Lake Fresh Market, Protecting your Cottage, Landfill Information, Native Plants, Understanding Deer, Life Notices and Dysart Council Information Email Alerts and much more.

Don't forget about our Septic Tank Pump Out Contest, we are happy to pay for your pump out.

This association exists to enhance your community; we thank you for your support. We are always looking for ideas and feedback. Have a wonderful summer, be safe and always be aware of your surroundings.

Glenn Scott , President@haliburtonlake.com



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Balance Sheet			
		2015	2014
Assets			
Cash	\$	20,243.50	\$ 11,696.77
Total Asset	\$	20,243.50	\$ 11,696.77
Liabilities and Equity			
Association Equity	\$	21,493.50	\$ 11,696.77
Statement of Operations			
		2015	2014
Membership	\$	17,270.00	\$ 12,220.00
Regatta	\$	5,260.00	\$ 3,751.70
Advertising	\$	2,350.00	\$ 2,450.00
Swimming	\$	5,659.00	\$ 5,414.00
Fireworks	\$	3,159.00	\$ 1,975.00
Hall / Equipment / Mtce	\$	1,300.00	\$ 1,800.00
Bingo	\$	336.66	\$ 405.00
Bank Interest	\$	-	\$ 33.64
Major Projects	\$	4,730.00	\$ 240.00
Clothing	\$	2,385.00	\$ -
Revenue	\$	42,449.66	\$ 28,289.34
Newsletter & Members Letter	\$	3,644.17	\$ 3,509.09
Regatta	\$	1,874.78	\$ 1,650.51
Swimming	\$	6,220.08	\$ 5,573.95
Fireworks	\$	4,070.43	\$ 5,041.64
Hall / Equipment / Mtce	\$	1,923.67	\$ 1,904.09
Bingo	\$	343.42	\$ 362.14
Meetings / Sp Events	\$	750.01	\$ 567.23
Bank Charges (incl Pay Pal)	\$	352.73	\$ 325.48
Utilities	\$	781.34	\$ 1,145.46
Office / Website	\$	269.57	\$ 850.52
Insurance	\$	3,724.92	\$ 3,488.40
Bursary / Donations	\$	300.00	\$ 500.00
External Memberships	\$	1,157.50	\$ 885.25
Clothing	\$	2,522.51	
Major Projects	\$	5,711.27	\$ 4,427.29
Property Taxes	\$	256.53	\$ 217.35
Expenses	\$	33,902.93	\$ 30,448.40
Net Income	\$	8,546.73	\$ (2,159.06)
Statement of Cash Flows			
		2015	2014
Opening Cash Balance	\$	11,696.77	\$ 10,846.73
Change in Cash			
Change in Equity	\$	8,546.73	\$ (2,159.06)
Less: Non-Cash Interest			\$ (33.27)
Add: Sale of Assets			\$ 450.00
Add: Cashed In GIC			\$ 2,592.37
	\$	20,243.50	\$ 11,696.77

Treasurer's Report.....

Year over year revenue up by \$14,160 in four main areas membership (\$5,050), Regatta (\$1,508), Fireworks (\$1,184) and Major Projects (\$4,490, CHA contribution of \$2,250 a part of that), expenses higher by \$3,454 primarily the result of Major Projects (Shoreline Naturalization Project, which was partially subsidized for CHA) and the purchase of \$2,522 of clothing, still some clothing in stock.

Key Highlights

- Summary statistics for 2015 back to 2012 shown below
- Membership blitz following AGM very effective
- Major Projects for 2015, Beach Container \$900, Shoreline Project net \$840 (Gross \$3,100) Navigation \$520, Volleyball Sand \$785 and Geese Management \$210

2015 HLCA Summary Statistics

Membership

	Full	Associate	Total	Year Over Year	# Donated	Revenue	Year Over Year
2015	269	16	285	97	123 (43%)	\$ 17,270	\$ 5,050
2014	172	16	188	-34	77(45%)	\$ 12,220	\$ (1,090)
2013	203	19	222	-10	99 (48%)	\$ 13,310	\$ (1,165)
2012	210	22	232	----	117 (50%)	\$ 14,475	N/A

Swimming

	Revenue	Costs	Net	Year Over Year	Participants
2015	\$ 5,659	\$ 6,220	\$ (561)	\$ (402)	125
2014	\$ 5,414	\$ 5,573	\$ (159)	\$ 1,588	108
2013	\$ 4,751	\$ 6,498	\$ (1,747)	\$ (126)	105
2012	\$ 5,165	\$ 6,786	\$ (1,621)	----	----

Regatta

	Revenue	Costs	Net	Year Over Year
2015	\$ 5,260	\$ 1,785	\$ 3,475	\$ 1,374
2014	\$ 3,751	\$ 1,650	\$ 2,101	\$ 178
2013	\$ 3,822	\$ 1,899	\$ 1,923	\$ 135
2012	\$ 3,559	\$ 1,771	\$ 1,788	----

Fireworks

	Revenue	Costs	Net	Year Over Year
2015	\$ 3,159	\$ 4,070	\$ (911)	\$ 2,175
2014	\$ 1,955	\$ 5,041	\$ (3,086)	\$ 103
2013	\$ 2,583	\$ 5,772	\$ (3,189)	\$ (1,504)
2012	\$ 3,300	\$ 4,985	\$ (1,685)	----

Note – 2013 - \$600 for services for setup and fire

Financial Health

December 31, 2015	\$ 20,243
December 31, 2014	\$ 11,697
December 31, 2013	\$ 13,856
December 31, 2012	\$ 13,543



Just Chillin—Jim Clarke

Submitted by Dave Love



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2016 Website Refresh.....

Towards the end of 2015 the HLCA Board decided it was time to refresh our website. It's not about building a better mousetrap but rather making it easier for people to interact with and stay informed on what's happening on the lake. HLCA would like to thank Tom Whitaker who hosted HLCA website for the past few years.

HLCA evaluated our refresh requirements based on six key questions.

Does our website clearly convey what you do and what HLCA offers? Within seconds, can viewers understand our organization, what we stand for, how lake residents can reach us, why volunteers are key to our success?

Does the HLCA have adequate control over website domain? Within the past few years the HLCA board felt the domain names could be more effectively controlled.

Can viewers to the website easily and simply navigate around to find what they want? Within a click or two, viewers should be able to access just about anything they want to find, read or download from our website. Don't make visitors hunt through screen after screen. Make it easy and they will want to come back.

Does the website work across different platforms? Does the website look and work well for a desktop or laptop computer screen and equally as well on a small smartphone or tablet.

Does the website tie in with all our programs and activities? Does it announce upcoming events? Does it tie in with your Facebook and other social media postings? Does it present your latest news releases? The website is where it all comes together.

Can we reduce our spending and is the administration easy to use with minimal time? As a non-for-profit organization it's imperative that website costs be as low as possible and be easy to use from a webmaster and administration perspective thereby insuring updates and promoting events can be accomplished quickly and easily.

HLCA is now hosting the website on a platform which is easy to use and meets all of the above requirements. From a client user perspective it's the same URL www.haliburtonlake.com with similar content but easier to navigate and with less clicks. The HLCA also owns www.haliburtonlake.ca and that website is pointed at our .com site. The web refresh also introduces a few NEW features which we believe cottages and residents will appreciate.

- **Photo Gallery**
- **Documents Library**
- **Classifieds**
- **Informative Links** (Government and Recreational)
- **Lake Living Useful Information** (Lake & Environment, Ownership, Cottage Safety)

The HLCA Board welcomes you to take a look and tell us what you think. Please provide us your comments at webmaster@haliburtonlake.com or president@haliburtonlake.com.

We hope you enjoy the changes.

Nick Mezzapelli , Webmaster, HLCA Director



Paul Nowak



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The following shows you how you can set up the email alert.

Click on the following link <https://haliburton.civicweb.net/Portal/>

The following screen shows up



Click on E-UPDATES highlighted with the circle above, the screen below comes up.

A screenshot of the E-UPDATES subscription page. The page has a header with a landscape image. Below the header is a long list of meeting categories on the left side, with a large black bracket indicating that users should select the meetings they want to be informed about. On the right side, there is a text box with the following instructions: "Enter your email address where you wish to receive the updates. Click I am not a robot and then click subscribe." Below this text box, another text box states: "It will indicate you have been successful and will send you an email to that email address within a minute to confirm your subscription." At the bottom left, there is a "Subscribe" button with a black arrow pointing to it.

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The Guest Guidebook.....

A cottage is by nature a social place. The blissful retreat where we go to kick back, recharge and reconnect. Friends and family can enrich the experience. Guests are those special people we choose to share our valuable cottage time with.

Friendships and family relations are fragile and with a little extra care, misunderstandings and miscommunications can be avoided. To ensure these shared moments create happy memories here are a few things every guest should know. This list is particularly important for those who did not grow up with campfires, canoes and mosquitoes.

If you know someone well enough to stay at their cottage, you know them well enough to clarify expectations upfront. Here is a list of things guests should be aware of.

Be Clear about Expectations

- What are your hosts planning to do over your stay?
- When are they expecting you to arrive and depart?
- What essentials should you bring?
- Can you bring the dog?



Be Helpful

- Cottages look easy but they are labour intensive.
- Offer to bring a meal, snacks, beverages, sheets, towels, etc.
- Find out if there is room in the fridge or if you need to keep things on ice while you are there.
- Pitch in whenever an activity is happening whether it is prepping the boat for skiing, keeping the kids entertained or making breakfast.



Be Realistic

- You are not all going to want to do the same thing every moment of every day.
- Add down time into each day to ensure everyone gets a little alone time.
- Give a little! Their house rules won't be exactly the same as your house rules so try to roll with it.



Be Considerate

- Sound travels over water like a lightning bolt. Be considerate of the neighbors especially in the evening.
- Leave your room as you found it.
- Keep track of your belongings while visiting. Don't leave things all over the dock or deck for others to trip over.
- Respect the waterfront. It offers endless potential for fun but it can be a dangerous place too. Please wear a life jacket when on the water.



Be Cottage Country Smart

- Know whether the house is on a septic or holding tank.
- Know what that means in terms of what can be flushed.
- Limit shower time.
- There are very real animals in the woods. Store and dispose of food wisely.
- Be extremely careful with campfires, candles and cigarettes.



Be an Active Participant

- When the host takes the kids tubing, offer to act as spotter.
- When people are collecting kindling for a fire, pitch in.
- When it is time to clean up, roll up your sleeves and help!



Understand the waster management process

- Ask about recycling and the disposal of garbage. Most cottages take their garbage to the landfill and there are very specific rules about what may be accepted and how recyclables are separated.
- Understand when the landfill is open and offer to take the garbage.



Be Appreciative

- Share photos with the host.
- Bring hostess gifts that can be fun for all such as puzzles, board games, active toys or books.
- Leave a note sharing a special memory.

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Do you spend a lot of time at the lake? Why don't you come see what FIRA is about?

FIRA was established circa 1975 and FIRA Hall was built in the late 1980s. As you can see, FIRA has been around the lake a long time. FIRA Hall is located at 5821 Haliburton Lake Road, the north end of the lake.

This year FIRA has been striving to cooperate with Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association even more than we have in the past. Glenn Scott, President of HLCA, has been instrumental in the two associations working together. As a result of this spirit of cooperation, 2016 dues for HLCA for FIRA members are \$10 less per family and dues for FIRA for HLCA members are also reduced by \$10 per family. Another example of this cooperation was the meeting held at FIRA Hall in January of this year hosted by HLCA, FIRA and Percy Lake Ratepayers' Association. This meeting was to discuss issues relating to all of us: road repair in this area and the status of West Bay Landfill. As a result of that meeting, the Presidents of all three associations met with Reeve Murray Fearrey and Councillor Walt McKechnie. You have likely read elsewhere that the outcome of that meeting was very successful. Working together, the Associations are able to accomplish even more.

FIRA invites all folks in this area to join us. As a member of FIRA, you are able to take advantage of the lower prices which have been negotiated for FIRA members with three businesses in the area. As a result, this past year FIRA members received a 6 cent per litre reduction for oil, a 12 cent per litre reduction this past winter for propane and approximately a \$50 reduction for pumping out septic systems. Once you join FIRA, we add you to our list of members which we provide to the three vendors. Our website, www.firahall.ca, also offers a place for buying and selling items you may have. Look under the "classified" section on the website.

FIRA also was and still is a venue where people get together for all kinds of social events, both in the Hall and in people's homes. Did you know that FIRA is the envy of the county? FIRA is the only group that has its own facility from which to run programs and events. Many a time people tell us how lucky we are to have a place nearby to go to and socialize.

Here are some of the things we do and these are basically **year-round** activities:

Wednesday Ladies' Morning, Come and learn to quilt; do needle work; make placemats, bags, purses, pillowcases or knit. The best thing, though, about Wednesday Ladies' Morning is that you don't have to do anything except sit and chat over coffee and goodies, if you wish. It is also here that we design, cut, sew and hand stitch our fabulous **quilt that is raffled off in the fall**.

Exercise classes happen on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays. You name it, we have it: high impact, low impact, yoga, stretching, and meditation. Some are led by an instructor and others are DVD driven. Some are early in the morning and some start later. Some cost money and some don't. Check out our website for exact days and times.

Weigh-in, talk and walk is a new program for the weight and health conscious folks. We meet every Monday afternoon at the Hall at 2 pm, talk about diet and health related issues and then go for a nice walk. All are welcome – It's not just for the ladies.

Cards anyone! Monday nights at 7 pm a group of eager people set up the tables and spend the evening playing bid euchre. Our participants are very happy to teach newcomers how to play.

Happy Hour is every Thursday afternoon from 5 pm to 7 pm (I know that is two hours, but what the heck) and are also lots of fun. We meet at someone's home/cottage and everyone brings their own drinks and a snack to share. There are always lots of laughs and shenanigans. This past winter we met monthly on Saturday evenings for Happy Hour.

Pot Luck Dinners on the third Sunday of every month are also part of our busy schedule. You never know from one month to the next what will appear for dinner. Most times there is a nice balance between salads, entrées, and desserts but as will happen, there have been times when dinner consists mainly of desserts. How disappointing that is for all of us. These evenings are times when we get to know new people and find out their interests and talents.

There are also many other special events happening during the year. Among others, our big fund raiser, **Summer Fest**, happens Saturday of July long weekend. **Pancake Breakfast** is the 3rd Saturday in August. A **Scavenger Hunt** and Pot Luck Dinner see us through a fine September day. The **Harvest Lunch** at the FIRA hall announces the winner of the **Quilt** that we worked on last winter. The **Christmas Cookie Exchange** puts our best baking on the table for all to share. Then there is the **Christmas Dinner** at one of the local restaurants in December and, not to be outdone, we have April's **Silent Auction** of hilarious prizes after our potluck. In addition, we have **FIRA Idol** each year. This year it will be Sunday May 22 7:30 pm, providing members and friends with an opportunity to demonstrate their many talents. That evening is definitely a whole lot of fun, plus we find out about unknown talents of our neighbors!!

To be a member of FIRA you don't have to live at the lake year round. As you can see from all of the foregoing activities, there are things going on virtually every time of the year.

Just here for the summer? Great!,

Go south for the winter? Wonderful!,

Brave the cold winters and the warm summers? Even better!

We'd love to have you come and join us! You can find out more about us at our website, www.firahall.ca. If you wish, feel free to come on out to one of our events or our potlucks before becoming a member to find out even more about us.

Membership is \$70.00 per member, for two that is \$140. However, if you are also an HLCA member, dues are \$60 for one and \$130 for two.

For more information please call Gord Cochrane, 705 754-4980, or e-mail him at gordonchris@comcast.net

We look forward to you becoming a member of FIRA and joining us in our fun journey!!!



Public Beach Shoreline Naturalization

In July 2015, the Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association (HLCA) was approved to receive a grant from the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations (CHA) funded by Fisheries and Oceans Canada, as part of their Shoreline Naturalization Program. The funding was to be used to implement a shoreline naturalization plan aimed at improving the quality of the lake water on Haliburton Lake. The project needed to be completed by November 1. The plan was to naturalize the 368 feet of shoreline at Haliburton Lake's Public Beach (owned by the Municipality of Dysart et al). This involved developing a shoreline buffer comprised of a variety of native shrubs, grasses and perennials that would help prevent erosion and assist in filtering out and capturing pollutants caused from water runoff. This buffer would also provide and sustain a suitable environment for wildlife and aquatic species, and also make the beach less attractive to nesting Canada geese.

To develop the shoreline naturalization plan, the HLCA engaged a CHA recognized shoreline naturalization designer Paul Carey of Carey's Garden Centre and a resident of the lake. Over the course of July and August, the plan was developed and refined with input from key HLCA members. The final plan was then submitted to the HLCA Board, the Dysart et al Municipal Council and CHA for approval. HLCA members were also informed of the plan on an ongoing basis, through periodic email updates and an information booth set up at the annual Regatta. With the plan finalized and the 180 plants ordered, the HLCA sent out a call for volunteers to all HLCA members. Twenty-six cottagers and residents came out to participate in the planting on Saturday, October 10th. Lunch and refreshments were served and the weather was perfect.

The effort was project managed by Lindsay and Andrea Bevan daughters of long time cottagers and HLCA members Bob and Molly Bevan. The HLCA thanks Paul MacInnes, President CHA who works very hard to keep environmental issues front and center for all of us, plus Dysart et al who supported this effort from day one. The HLCA is committed to maintain this shoreline buffer as it is important for all of us.

The CHA's grant was for \$2,250 and the HLCA augmented the costs about \$500 and Dysart is paying for the snow fencing.

The planting crew was,

- Paul Carey and his daughter
- Kathleen and Mike Boss
- Julie and Scott Churchill
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Eagle Lake Fresh Market.....

The Eagle Lake Country Fresh Market sits at the intersection of Eagle Lake Road & County Road 14 in Eagle Lake. It offers a broad spectrum of services including a place to gas up, a post office, beverages and groceries. Most recently the store has been building its capacity to offer prepared foods and a greater variety of cheeses, baked goods and fresh produce. The ability to order prepared main dishes can make entertaining at the lake a breeze!

Nancy Elstone is the store owner. She is excited about the changes and is always looking for new ways to meet the needs of her customers. Given the seasonal influx of cottagers during the summer months, the market has to adjust to the higher demand. She sees adapting and trying innovative things as the key to the market's success. The store's website gives you more information about what the Eagle Lake Country Fresh Market has to offer so go to <http://www.eaglelakecountrymarket.ca> to explore the possibilities.

A variety of breads, rolls, butter tarts, brownies and sweet breads are baked fresh daily. These items are in high demand so if you want to be sure they will have what you are looking for, just call ahead of time and place an order. You can contact them at 705-754-2538.

Ross Gerry is a relatively new addition to the team. He is a butcher/chef/manager who wants to offer customers delicious fine dining they can enjoy at home. His dishes enable you to be the host you want to be without the time consuming task of preparing the delicious meals we all would like to offer our family and guests. It means more time on the dock and less time in the kitchen, without sacrificing quality cuisine.



There will always be ample grocery options in the market but the real opportunity lies in planning a week ahead and calling in your order. Bison, elk, marinated flank steaks and Arctic Char await! They also offer some catering. It is harder to do in the busy summer months but planning ahead helps them ensure that they can meet your needs and ensure the store continues to run smoothly. Buying local has never been easier. Give them a call to explore what they suggest to spruce up the culinary experience at your table!

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Cruizin for Cancer Saturday July 16.....

Consider participating in Cruizin for Cancer this summer on Saturday July 16, at 12pm. Meet at the public beach there is a minimum \$20.00 per boat donation or give as much as you want. You will be supplied a bag of everything pink, you can also decorate your boat however you wish. Remember things falling into the water like balloons and smaller items can choke wildlife so please be responsible for your decorations. Later in the afternoon a draw takes place and the winner receives the tax receipt for the money donated. It is a fun day. Last year the boats ended up at Sand Bay with everyone having a fabulous time. About \$400 was raised last year with a target of \$1000 this year, so please join in. For more information contact Maggie Lawrence (maggie.may1957@hotmail.com)



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Protecting our Cottage and Residence.....

Cottage and Seasonal home break-ins are “crimes of opportunity” and thieves will look for easy targets.

Cottages and seasonal homes are most vulnerable to thieves from the week following Thanksgiving to the weeks prior to Victoria Day, especially if the owners are not using them for fall, winter or spring getaways.

Members of the Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment would like to assist cottage owners in Haliburton County with some crime prevention tips to keep in mind to help protect your property.

- Watch for suspicious people or activity in your neighbourhood. Have a trusted neighbour keep an eye out while you plan to be away. Do not announce your absence over social media.
- Deter potential criminals. Ensure outside lights work and consider motion sensor lighting.
- Lock doors and windows, even if you’re going out for a short time. Install quality locks and a dead-bolt on each outside door.
- Prevent break and enters. Keep garage doors and entry doors secured.
- Avoid access by intruders. Lock your vehicles at all times. Remove or secure valuables out of sight, even when in the garage.
- Store bicycles, tools and personal items in garages and sheds.
- Keep all valuables in the home in secure locations. Consider recording serial numbers and taking photos of personal property for documentation purposes.
- Trees, shrubs and fences create hiding spots for criminals. Keep your landscaping groomed and limit privacy fencing.
- If you’re going to be away, keep the grass cut or driveway shovelled. Do not let newspapers or mail accumulate.
- Check around your property for objects that could be used to break in to your property and eliminate them as options for would be thieves.
- When closing up the cottage, winterize any vehicles such as boats and all-terrain vehicles (ATV’s). Ensure they are covered, locked and the keys are hidden. For motorized snow machines, you can remove the track and hide the keys.

In the unfortunate event that your cottage has been broken into you should call the police as soon as possible and avoid touching anything as the police may be able to find evidence at your property that links to possible suspects.

For more information on how to protect your property please visit www.opp.ca



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Native Plantings for the Cottage.....

Agriculture Canada has mapped out plant hardiness zones. This combined with knowledge of local conditions enables gardeners to anticipate which plants are most likely to survive in a specific area. Haliburton County is generally considered to be in zone 4. Buying locally and asking questions at your local nursery will help ensure your garden thrives.

Native Plants for Shorelines

The area between your cottage and the lake can play an integral role in protecting lake water quality and providing natural habitat for the wildlife in the area. Some cottagers remove all the vegetation along the shoreline which has a negative impact on the lake.

Understanding responsible shoreline stewardship will ensure important wildlife habitat remains in place for species such as spawning fish, aquatic insects, turtles and nesting waterfowl. Shoreline vegetation also protects water quality. When native plantings are in place, they slow the rate of water runoff enabling Mother Nature to filter and cleanse the water before it enters the lake. The root systems of plantings also create greater soil stability resulting in less soil erosion.

The Haliburton County Master Gardeners website provides a wealth of information on all aspects of gardening including native plantings for the garden and the shoreline. It includes a list of nurseries that sell native plantings and offers some useful tips for the practicalities of gardening in Haliburton.



For example, how to deer proof your garden. I watched amused last year as a deer strolled out onto a dock and nibbled my neighbors' lovely bright red geraniums. It was like he had been invited to dinner and he decided to help himself before the other guests arrived.

Theories abound about how to best keep deer out of your garden including hanging a bar of soap from a tree or hanging a series of aluminum plates which will wave in the wind. Perhaps the best approach though is to avoid planting their favorite plants and instead opt to choose plantings they generally do not like.

The website provides a complete list of "deer resistant" plants. Generally, they don't like fuzzy leaves or aromatic plants. They also tend to leave ferns and various grasses alone in the wild which suggests they are good candidates for a garden.



Indigenous plants optimize the likelihood that your garden will flourish! They are well suited to the climate and with your knowledge of how much sunlight and wind the site is exposed to you can plan a beautiful garden that will endure for years to come. The website also lists invasive plants. These are ones that you should not plant. They are overly aggressive and very hardy. They are known to spread quickly taking over your garden.

If you want to attract birds to your garden offer them water, food and shelter. For the safety of the birds (and lake water quality) do not use pesticides. Birds are especially attracted to moving water, fruit producing trees and fragrant blooms. Just adding a bird bath and some plantings they like and you will be well on your way to a bird friendly oasis!

The Haliburton County Master Gardeners' host an annual plant sale. This years' sale will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2015. It operates on a first come, first serve basis so they recommend coming by 9:00 am to get your number and then browse plants as you wait for the sale to begin. The sale will be held in downtown Minden at the Village Green next to the CIBC, from 10:00 am until it is sold out. They will be offering all sorts of plants including hostas, grasses and some native plants such as Rudbeckia and coneflower.

Check out the website at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/haliburtonmastergardener/home/gardening-in-zone-4>



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Swimming Lessons.....

Each year the HLCA operates a swimming program under the guidance of the Canadian Red Cross and the Canadian Life Saving Society. This supports one of the association's strategic objectives of Safety and has been operating for many years. The program is operated as breakeven but many years runs with a short fall which is covered off by HLCA membership fees. This year we are again participating in the Provincial Summer Job Service Program that will assist us offsetting some of our costs. Last year there were about 110 participants in the programs from Parent and Tot (4 yr) to Bronze Medallion. Sessions run every week starting **July 4** and the last week of lessons starts **August 15**.

If you are aware of anyone wishing to take swimming lessons they can register on line at <http://haliburtonlake.com/swimming-lessons/> or show up Monday mornings at 9:00 am and register, all lessons are at the Public Beach.

Septic Pump Out Contest Back Again.....

All you have to do is provide us a copy of your receipt for the septic pump out at your cottage that has occurred in the last two years. So any pump out from August 1, 2013 to August 1, 2016 will be eligible to have the HLCA cover the costs of the pump out to a maximum of \$200. Email to Treasurer@HaliburtonLake.com or mail to 5041 Haliburton Lake Road, Haliburton, K0M 1S0 or drop off at Marina. Winner to be drawn at Regatta. If you have already submitted your receipt last year it automatically is included this year. Last year's winner **Melanie Lounds** was awarded a cheque for \$200. This year the \$200 payment is being sponsored by **French Septic Pumping**.



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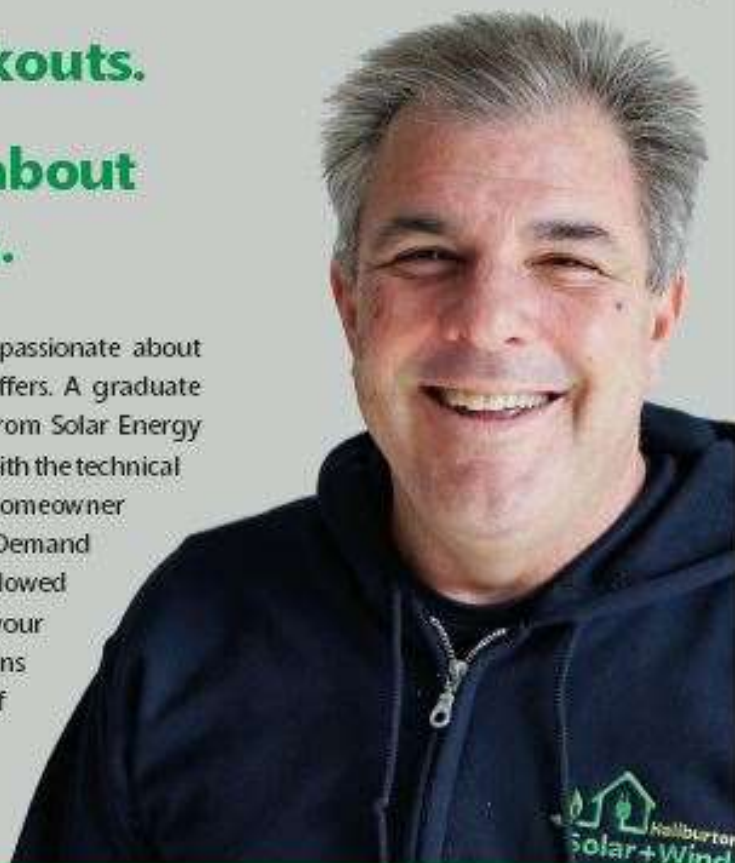


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The Regatta.....

There was threat of rain but it held off and the August 1 Regatta was a tremendous event. The HLCA was again very fortunate to have Karley Salsbury lead the charge, Brayden Siersma was integral in the planning and organizing. Karley's family and friends made the date a success. New events were introduced: pulled pork showed up for lunch and the raffle baskets where a tremendous hit. It was a great day and a financial success which assists the HCLA in other endeavours.

The event winners are shown on the next page but not enough can be said about volunteer support with a special thanks to everyone.

- Life Guards – **Sasha Walker and Jasmine Smith**
- Volleyball – **Owen Blackwell**
- Horseshoes – **Lori Powell & Sue Mason**
- Marathon Swim – **Mackenzie Guest**
- Regatta 5KM Run Down – **Steve Salsbury, Debbie Salsbury, Matt Salsbury, Miranda Allan, Kent Guest, Scott Siersma, Chris Smyth**
- Canoe Races – **Kathleen Boss**
- Sand Castle Judges – **Miranda Allan & Chris Morris**
- Kids Activities – **Mackenzie Guest, Sasha Walker, Jasmine Smith**
- DJ – **Connor Blackwell**
- Head Cooks – **Kathy Siersma & Carolyn Smyth**
- Food Crew – **Heather Walker, Brian Walker, Kent Guest, Steve Salsbury, Chris Smyth, Kelly Neaven & Brenda Guest**
- Registration – **Debbie Salsbury & Miranda Allan**
- Raffles and 50/50 Draw – **Debbie Salsbury, Matt Salsbury, Miranda Allan & Chris Morris**
- Merchandise Table – **Mel Smyth & Chris Smyth**



Picture courtesy Ted Dixon

- Shoreline Naturalization Table – **Lindsay Bevan & Andrea Bevan**
- Outhouse pump out: **Mike Morrison**
- Volleyball Court Prep: **Paul Metcalfe**

The membership raffles were won by: **Marc Kramer** a \$100 gift card from Source for Sports, **Darlene Scott** a \$100 gift card from Emmerson's Lumber and **Ron Beveridge** a \$100 gift card from Bonnie View. These gift cards were donated by **Drew and Kristin Century 21 Real Estate**. The Septic Pump Out Contest was won by **Melanie Lounds** \$200 towards a septic pump out. The 50/50 draw was won by **Janet Vanstervan** \$350 paid out.

Regatta 2016 is already in the planning process! We are always in need of volunteers, if interested please email Karley at ksalsbur@mail.uoguelph.ca (remember these hours count towards high-school community hours).

Keep your eye on the Facebook page this June and July for Regatta updates and announcements, this year the Regatta is **July 30!**

Picture courtesy Wesley Orobetz (wesbetz3@hotmail.com)



The Regatta..... The Results

Horse Shoes

1st Place –Derek Hillaby and John Shaw
2nd Place – Jamie Burton and Mark Cloutier

Marathon Swim

1st Place – Max Hughes
2nd Place – Chris Sparringa
3rd Place – Zoe Astill

Egg Toss

1st Place – Andrew Bernard & Cale Carlsen
2nd Place – Brian Walker & Chris Smyth
3rd Place – Sheldon McDonald & Zack Clarke

Volleyball

1st Place – Camp 6000

Team Members: J-Rod Spoonjadd, Mike Wilson, Grey Baumgartner, Jen Wilson, Steve Prinse, Will Gallant, and Liz Swick

2nd Place – Meet the Blockers

Team Members: Heather Dumitry, Owen Blackwell, Andy Orr, Jocelyn Orr, Kaan Yilmaz, Connor Blackwell, and John Blackwell

Canoe Races

Men's Singles

1st Place – Mark Saar
2nd Place – Mike Sabo
3rd Place – Josh

Men's Doubles

1st Place – Mark Saar and Juri Coleman
2nd Place – Mike Sabo and Bob Bevan
3rd Place – Alan Smyth and Pat Quinlan

Women's Doubles

1st Place – Molly Marrek and Lindsay Bevan
2nd Place – Katrin Elstrat and Leila Coleman
3rd Place – Lillian and Caileigh

Women's Singles

1st Place – Katrine Elstrat
2nd Place – Caroline

Run Down 5km Race

Best Time

1st Place – Tyson Dyck
2nd Place – Daniel Labach
3rd Place – Steve Moore

Closest to Predicted Time

Male – Terry Labach (15 sec. from prediction)
Female – Kim Radersma (3 sec. from prediction)

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The Regatta..... The Results



Swimming

4 & Under Years		5 Years	
Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
1 st Nathaniel Knell	Ruby Powell	Ryan Scott Anderson	Sophia Wright
2 nd Eagan Gardner	Rachel Orphanos	Jett Manix	Layton Lunshof
3 rd Ryan Anderson	Emily Suits	Layton Smith	
6 Years		7 Years	
1 st Cooper Smith	Ava Powell	Jamie Vishawadice	Emma Thomson
2 nd Brayden Taylor	Alison Kea	Everett Smith	Hannah Mcklennon
3 rd James Bradbury	-	Keiran Burton	Avery Kelly
8 Years		9 Years	
1 st Thys Radersma	Amelia Shields	Matthew Simpson	Bailey Fesco
2 nd Maddox MacOdrum	Julia Kea	Liam Miller	Shannon Hicks
3 rd Lucas Whitaker	Lauren Wiseman		
10 Years		11 Years	
1 st Derek Vanzwop	-	Myles Radersma	Brynn Miller
2 nd Noah Astill	-	Andrew Forester	Riley Lavery
3 rd Nolan Shiarelli	-	Cooper Lavery	Kylie Nolan
12 & 13 Year		14 Years and Over	
1 st William Forester	Allison Ferris	Gordon Dumitra	Zoe Astill
2 nd Michael Forester	Kaitland Persyn	Sam Forester	Jade Davidson
3 rd Josh Simpson	Hannah Tvalitalo	Jeff Miller	

Sand Castle Contest

1 st	Alligator - Team Members: Bailey, Erin, Cara, Alli, & Shannon
2 nd	Village - Team Members: Nathaniel and Lisa
3 rd	the Pool- Team Members: Jade, Hannah, Hazel, & Nate

Canada Day Fireworks.....

It was a great show July 4! The weather was great, despite the odd bug - in fact there were lots.

We must thank again Chris Smyth, Steve Salsbury and Dave Freeman as the igniters and set up team and Paul Metcalf for storage and of course Brian Walker for his thought leadership. All the folks at the beach and in their boats loved it. About 100 boats at best count.

For 2016 the fireworks are planned for **Saturday July 2**, with the rain date **July 30** the date of the Regatta. Fireworks donations go directly to fund this event. Donations can be made with your membership payment or cash donations at the Marina or Public Beach the evening of the event.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's event.

HLCA Fireworks Committee



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For those who aren't sure what the Derby is:

What is it?

A little tournament for fishing enthusiasts of all ages.

When is it?

The derby runs 4 weeks out of the summer, with weigh-ins being Sundays at the Public Beach. Please check our events calendar for the exact weeks.

How it works?

You catch as much Rock Bass (Sunfish also accepted) as you can throughout the week or while you're visiting the lake and bring your fish (fresh or frozen – we accept both) to the public beach on Sundays at 12:00 p.m. until 12:30 p.m. for the weigh-in. Prizes are awarded to the top 3 catchers with the most weight in fish.

The Why?

Rock Bass eat aquatic bugs, crayfish and small fish/minnows. Because they like to eat small fish and minnows we don't like a lot of them in our lake. Females can lay an average of 5,000 eggs depending on the size of the female. That is a lot of Rock Bass! We want to keep the Rock Bass population down and our other fish populations from decreasing. The fewer Rock Bass we have in the lake, the better!

Where to find them?

They are generally found in rocky areas or around submerged logs.

How to catch them?

Rock Bass rarely refuse bait. They can be caught using an artificial lure or live bait. If you don't have any fishing equipment, a stick, some string and a hook with a worm works well too!

This year the first weigh is Sunday, July 24 12 noon to 12:30 pm.

Candice Bradbury, a HLCA Board member is always happy to weigh the catch of the week :)



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For the Kids Bingo.....

The amazingly successful kids bingo is on again for the summer of 2016. Last summer, we had an incredible turnout every week and sometimes it became so full and inclusive, it was like a big party for everyone to enjoy! Parents can socialize with other adults and kids can enjoy the time playing bingo with their friends, it's a fun time for the entire family! As always, the all-time favorite Last Man Standing was a huge hit, we always hear lots of laughter and see bright smiles from all the kids. This is a great opportunity, for you and your kids to meet new cottagers around the lake. Bingo is every Tuesday at 7pm to 8pm starting from July 12th to August 16th. Don't forget about our only fundraiser! Pizza bingo on Tuesday July 26th, buy pop and pizza at 6:30pm and play bingo at 7pm. Last year our turnout for pizza bingo was so huge we ran out of bingo chips, so the kids improvised and used rocks! It was amazing to see all the fun everyone was having. As always, bingo is free and newcomers are always welcome to join the fun!



The Bingo callers are Yazi Yilmaz and Olivia Feder





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Life Notices.....



Hal K. Wright

It is with much sadness that we announce the passing of Hal K. Wright on February 19th 2016. Hal touched the lives of many and he will be greatly missed by his family, countless friends, and past Ontario Hydro colleagues throughout the province. He will be remembered as the loving husband of Amelia (predeceased). He will be loved and missed by his children Amelia, Stephen, Martha, and Clark; and grandchildren Marie, Jane, Robin, Connor, Cameron, Maclean, and Griffin. He was a proud Queen's Gael (BSc Eng. '56), and a generous friend to many who crossed his path. At Hal's request, there will be a private family service and cremation. In lieu of flowers, donations are being collected for causes close to his heart; Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Foundation or the Pet Therapy Program through St. John Ambulance.

Donald MacMillan

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Thursday afternoon, September 3, 2015 in his 58th year. Beloved husband and best friend of Emilie Mandarin. Loving father of Stuart, Rebecca and step father to Christopher. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Mason and Erica. Dear brother of Daniel, Dave and Doug. Also remembered by many nieces and nephews. Don retired from Military after twenty six years of Service. He was a Master Corporal. Upon retirement, Don joined the Highland Appliances family as a Service Technician.



Phyllis Louise Gray

Phyllis passed away suddenly on May 24, 2015, in London, Ontario at the age of 87. Phyllis and her husband Doug (2009) were Haliburton Lake summer residents for over 60 years. They purchased their first cottage on South Bay in the early 1950s, and later (1976) relocated to the north end of the lake on what is now known as Charcoal Road. Together with daughters Cathy, Anne and Barbara, and grandchildren Michelle and Amanda, Phyl and Doug enjoyed many happy times at the cottage. Haliburton Lake was a significant part of their lives.

Life Notices.....

In loving memory of Doris Laver.

In her 83rd year, with family by her side, Doris passed peacefully on May 29, 2015. Beloved wife of the late Earl Laver(1993). Loving mother of Glenda (Dan), Judy, Wendy, Cindy and Duane. Loving grandmother of 10 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Doris was a life member of the Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary, an avid quilter and a cottager (since 1955). Doris and Earl were married in Haliburton and spent their honeymoon at the cottage that Earl had on Haliburton Lake that now fosters decades of cherished family memories and will continue for many years to come. Known for her wit, sense of humour, creativity and independent spirit, Doris was loved by all and will be greatly missed.



Mary Lyons (1921 -2016)

Our dear mother passed away peacefully on March 20, 2016. She grew up in Toronto and married our Dad, Al, in 1946 after WWII. Together they raised seven children. Dad passed away in June, 2002, just prior to celebrating their 56th wedding anniversary. Mom loved having her family around her. She always looked forward to family visits at home in Toronto and at the cottage on South Bay of Haliburton Lake. She loved evening campfires, boat rides, and seeing the grandchildren play on the beach. Mom and Dad would make a special point of watching the full moon rise up over the hill on the other side of the bay. We still do this! Although very busy with her family, Mom felt the importance of supporting her community. As well as assisting several charitable fundraising campaigns in Toronto, she served on the HLCA Board of Directors for a number of years. During this time, she helped with membership campaigns, organized a couple of dances, one at Sir Sam's Inn, and also took charge of weekly euchre nights at the Community Hall for a period of time. Some of us were influenced by her commitment and served on the HLCA Board in years past. Our Mom loved us, believed in us, and encouraged us to live our lives to the full in our own individual ways. We feel the great loss of her sweet spirit with us here on earth, but rejoice knowing that she is in a far better place!



Life Notices.....

Bill and Roberta Barker

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Shasta Lutz and Hemmo Hakkarainen

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Joan Bowness

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Olivia Lizotte

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Maggie Lawrence, Paul Nowak and Kathryn Imrie

Important Landfill Information.....

Disposal of recyclables and garbage in cottage country requires organization and pre thought. The Municipality of Dysart et al operates five landfill facilities which are open specific hours throughout the year. In order to utilize the landfill, everyone is required to present a landfill card when arriving at the site. These are issued by the Municipality.

Garbage and recyclables must be properly packed to be accepted at the landfill. The website offers a detailed list of what can be accepted and how it should be packed. Check out the details at the township website. <http://www.dysartetal.ca/portfolio-view/landfill/>.

The details of summer landfill hours for 2016 are provided in the chart below. A map showing specific locations of each site is available on the website. Please be mindful of the hours the sites are open and plan to drop off your garbage and recyclables within that timeframe. If you miss the drop times, ask a friend or neighbour to drop it off or wait for the next opening. Dropping garbage on the side of the road is illegal and irresponsible. The health of our lakes and forests is important and garbage/recyclables don't belong there.



Municipality of Dysart et al – Landfill Hours of Operation

SUMMER LANDFILL HOURS	SUMMER May 1 st to September 30 th	WINTER LANDFILL HOURS	WINTER October 1 st to April 30 th
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KENNISIS LAKE* (4531 Kennisis Lake Rd) Wednesday & Friday Mon, Tues, Thurs, Sat Sunday & Holiday Mondays	CLOSED 10 am to 5 pm 10 am to 6 pm	Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri Thursday & Saturday Sunday & Holiday Mondays	CLOSED 10 am to 5 pm 10 am to 5 pm
WEST BAY* (5409 Haliburton Lake Rd) Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday Sunday & Holiday Mondays	10 am to 5 pm 12 noon to 8 pm	Thurs, Sun, & Holiday Mondays	10 am to 5 pm
HARCOURT (1123 Packard Rd) Tuesday & Friday Wednesday Saturday Sunday & Holiday Mondays	8 am to 12 noon 8 am to 5 pm 10 am to 5 pm 10 am to 8 pm	Tuesday & Thursday Sunday & Holiday Mondays	12 noon to 5 pm 12 noon to 5 pm
<i>Landfill sites are open as posted and will include the following holidays, ONLY if they fall on a Monday or a regularly scheduled day:</i> <i>Good Friday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, Civic Holiday, Labour Day, Thanksgiving Day, Boxing Day</i> <i>CLOSED: Family Day, Christmas Day, New Years Day</i> <i>*Kennisis Lake and West Bay accept ONLY Household Refuse. NO building materials accepted.</i>			

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Percy Lake Ratepayers' Association.....

Percy Lake, just a little further (by road) and smaller than its sister lake, Haliburton Lake, with its many bays, alcoves, two small islands, and sandy spits holds a special meaning for its residents. It is a place for various activities - swimming, boating, fishing, biking, hiking, etc., repairing and fixing our cottages, but also, and very importantly, a place for peace, especially early morning and evening.



We treasure what the lake has to offer, and care about protecting the health and environment of the lake and the natural habitat that abounds. In that respect, the PLRA and its executive seek to play an important role in communicating to its members and all residents on the lake various issues pertaining to Percy Lake and its environs, and as a recipient of concerns as well. We are attentive to municipal issues related to roads, landfill, septic systems, etc., and provincial matters of general and specific interest.

Presently, there are over 70 residents on Percy Lake, of which approximately 45 are members of PLRA. While a relatively small association, PLRA, which was formed in 1981, is an active member of the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Association (CHA); the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA); and the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF). As well, we work closely with HLCA and FIRA, our neighbouring associations, on issues affecting our common areas.



Our main social activities on the lake include a Fishing Derby, (we have a very active group of anglers of all ages) and a Corn Roast and barbeque and silent auction on one of the resident's beach – all on one day!

This multi-layer day event, rain or shine, has proven to be great fun for everyone.

This year, our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will be held at the FIRA Hall on the morning of July 23, with Dysart's Reeve Murray Fearrey, Councillor Walt McKechnie, and a representative of the OPP dropping in.

Our special guest speaker will be **James Rogers**, Forest Conservation Officer for the County of Haliburton. FIRA and HLCA are most welcome to attend his talk which will be very informative on forestry issues within the County.

We will send out more information on this event and hope that you can join us for his talk and socialize with us afterwards.

Looking forward to meeting you,

Anna Tilman, President PLRA



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Understanding Deer.....

It's that time of year again when nature is rejuvenating itself after a long winter. Which also means our neighbourhood deer are having their babies! We thought it would be a good idea to share some important information about the behavior between a mother and her fawn in the days following birth as well as some other helpful tips in cohabiting with these beautiful creatures.

Fawns are generally born from April through June and a doe may have between one and three babies, two being most common. Fawns are born with their eyes open and fully furred. The fawn is able to stand within ten minutes of birth and can walk in about seven hours. Healthy baby fawns are left alone daily by their mothers while they forage for food, even right after giving birth. Unfortunately, many times a lone fawn is picked up by people who mistakenly think the fawn has been abandoned. Sadly, those fawn have been taken from the mother unnecessarily. In other words, they have been kidnapped.



Kidnapped fawns should be immediately returned to the exact location where they were found and then left alone. The mother will return and always take her baby back. If, however, you do not leave the fawn alone, the doe will not return to her baby as she will sense danger. Once she senses the potential danger is gone, she will then rejoin her fawn.

The only time a fawn should be picked up and taken to animal control is if it is obviously ill or injured. If a fawn is wandering aimlessly and crying, that may be an indication the mother may have been hurt and will not return.

The fawn's natural predators are wolves, coyotes and domestic dog packs. Fawns are born scent-free and have white camouflage spots which protect them from predators. The doe continues to keep her babies scent free by consuming their urine and droppings. This is yet another reason why humans should never touch a fawn. Leaving human scent on their body will attract predators to the fawn. If you have touched a fawn or are returning the fawn to the place where found, please do the following:

- Put on rubber gloves and get a towel;
- Rub the towel in the grass/leaves then wipe the fawns body with the towel to remove human scent;
- Leaving the gloves on, return the fawn to the place where found. Now the fawn is once again scent-free and waiting for mom to return; OR
- With gloves on, return the fawn to the place where found and rub the fawn down with leaves and grass to make the fawn scent-free.



Young fawn stay with their mother through the following winter.

The destruction of habitat through logging and development has played a large part in the decrease of deer. Sadly, automobiles kill thousands of deer annually. White-tailed deer are mostly nocturnal, but can be seen any time of the day. The following are a few tips on how to make your drive safer for you and the deer:

- Heed wildlife warning signs and adhere to the speed limit.
- Where forest or fields are on both sides of the road, scan for wildlife at all times. Be particularly attentive during dawn, dusk, and nighttime hours.
- At night, always watch for reflection from the eyes of deer and other nocturnal animals.
- If a deer “freezes” in your head lights, stop, if safe, and turn your headlights off and on so the animal can pass.
- When you see brake lights, it could mean the driver ahead of you has spotted deer. Stay alert!
- If one animal crossed the road ahead of you, stop and watch; there will probably be others.
- Deer hooves slip on pavement. A deer may fall in front of your vehicle just when you think it’s jumping away.
- If you accidentally hit and kill a deer, move it far off the road. Often a doe will be killed and her fawn is still there in harms way. The living fawn(s) will stay by their dead mom and/or dead sibling for hours.
- If an adult deer is hit by a vehicle and wounded, immediately call the non-emergency number of the local police for assistance. Please do not let the deer suffer.

Do not touch an injured deer as their sharp hooves will do major damage to you.

Deer are such beautiful creatures to observe, but if you do not want them in your garden, here are some helpful hints to humanely keep them away:

- Fruit trees are a natural attractant. Fruit should be harvested and fallen fruit removed.
- Grass and underbrush should be kept trimmed.
- Attractants can be surrounded by repellant plants such as: catnip, chives, garlic, lavender, onion, sage, spearmint and thyme.
- Visual stimuli like mylar tape, scarecrows, bright lights, loud noises and radios will sometimes help keep the deer away.
- Fencing individual plants

If you see an adult deer with a broken leg or other injury, leave the animal alone unless it can’t stand up. Even though the injury may take a long time to heal, this is far preferable to the trauma of chase and capture. Wild animal’s ability to heal and their adaptability of some injuries are quite amazing.

Being able to observe deer and enjoy their incredible beauty, innocence and wildness is an unforgettable experience and privilege that we can all enjoy.

Remember, if you encounter a fawn lying quietly in the woods, do not disturb. Mom is nearby and will go back to her baby when you are gone.

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Water in our Wells.....

Many of the property owners on our lakes rely on a well to provide potable water for use within the cottage. The water that supplies the wells is called groundwater. This is because it is stored below the surface of the ground, versus surface water which is above ground (lakes, rivers etc.). The area in which groundwater is stored is called an aquifer. Aquifers come in many forms, but in general groundwater in aquifers is water that is trapped within the spaces between granular particles and fractures or gaps in rocks.

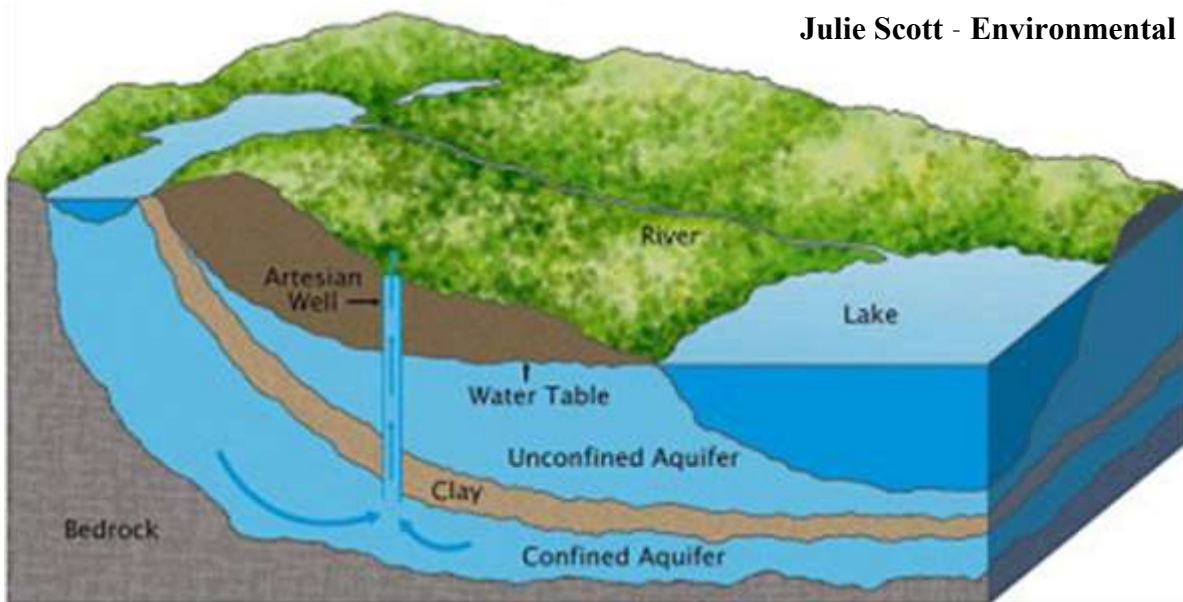
When a well is used, the groundwater within the aquifer is drawn down. Overtime, the aquifer is naturally replenished by nature through the hydrological cycle. The hydrologic cycle involves circulation of many forms of water (rain, snow etc.) between land, the atmosphere and bodies of water. Precipitation becomes groundwater when it infiltrates into the ground and enters an aquifer.

There are two main types of aquifers, unconfined and confined. An unconfined aquifer is when the surface of the groundwater is exposed to atmospheric pressure. The start of an unconfined aquifer is also referred to as the water table elevation. A confined aquifer is one that is isolated from atmospheric pressure due to impermeable geological formations that exist above and below the aquifer (ie. bedrock). The isolation from atmospheric pressure results in the aquifer becoming pressurized. In some cases, the pressure within the aquifer becomes so great, that when a well is drilled, the groundwater free-flows out of the well instead of having to be pumped. When this occurs, the well is called an artesian well. There is an example of an artesian well on Haliburton Lake at 5747 Haliburton Lake Rd. As many members of this Association know, there is a pipe that is constantly discharging water, this water is a result of an artesian well.

It is important to realize, that although it seems like there is an endless supply of groundwater, aquifers can be depleted, especially confined aquifers because it is harder for the water to penetrate the geological features that confine the aquifer. Groundwater recharge time varies greatly depending on soil and aquifer types, it can range from a few hours to hundreds of years. However, given the topography and the fact that the lakes are at a low point where water collects, it is likely that the recharge time is low in lake areas.

Recharge time can be impeded by human activities including development and logging. These activities can result in reduced water infiltration and more surface runoff. Groundwater recharge is an important process for sustainable groundwater management. The goal should always be to ensure that the volume taken from an aquifer in the long term is less than or equal to the volume that is recharged. Let's all work together to ensure that the volume of water in our aquifers is adequate!

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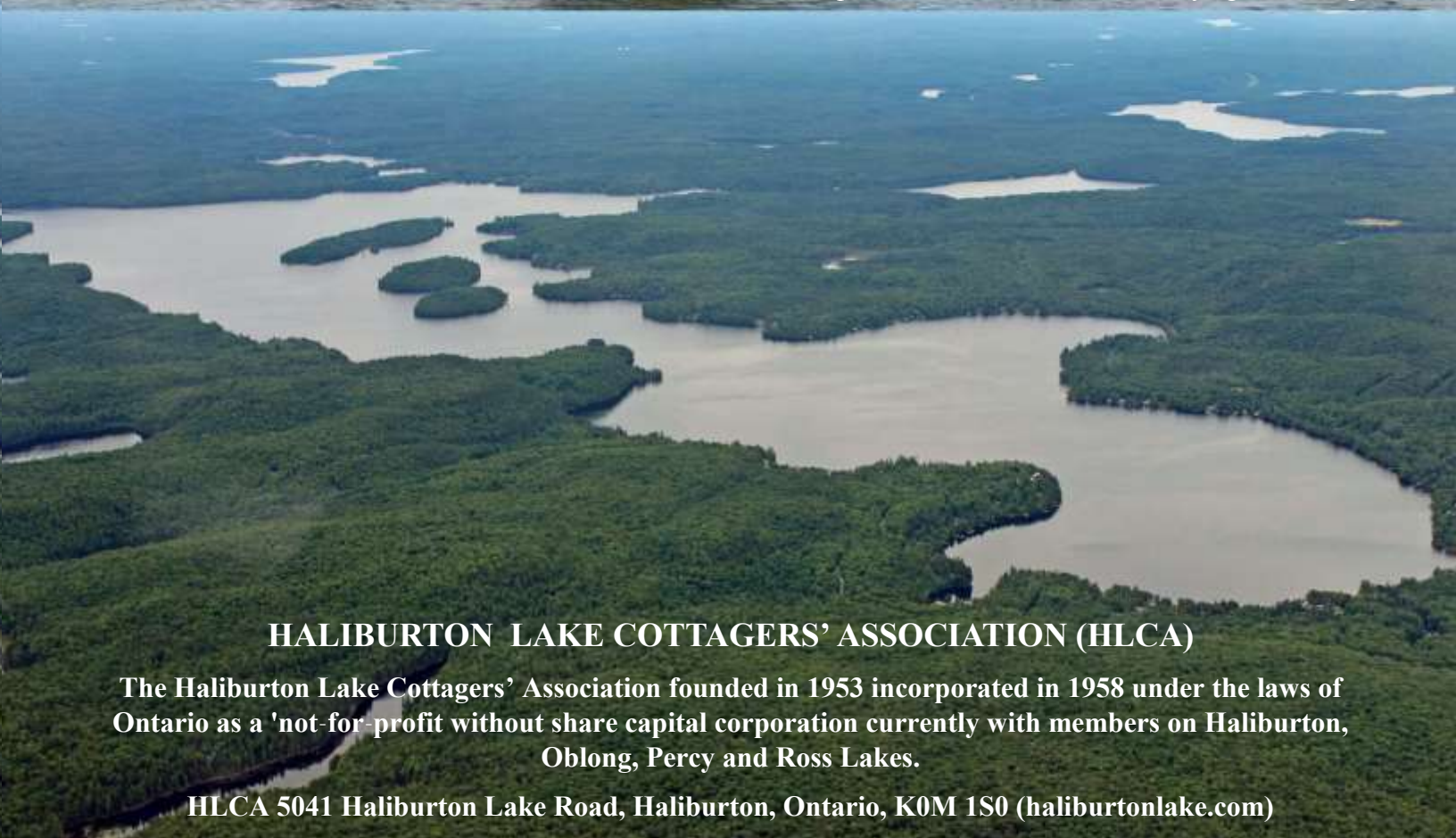
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