

Buckshot Lake Cottagers' Association

Newsletter October 2018

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Introduction:

We've had an interesting season, with a very hot and dry summer, and a couple of quite nasty storms. The most recent, that accompanied the tornados in the Ottawa area, scattered some belongings around the lake. Your BLCA website Lost and Found page was able to help out in connecting owners with wandering possessions.

A big Thank You again to volunteer Bob Haynes for looking after the shoal markers, putting them in place in the spring and removing them in the fall to avoid loss due to ice damage. Picking the right time when he's at the lake and available, ideally as late as possible in the fall but before the weather turns nasty, can be quite tricky. This year they were taken out on September 14. Trying to instal or remove the markers in rough weather is a very bad idea, since the whole point is to have them near dangerous rocks. Please be sure to use extra caution in the off-season if boating when the markers are not in place.

A survey is being prepared to gather comments on what activities would most interest lake residents, including ideas to enhance or replace the annual Poker Run / BBQ social event. Please give it some thought, and assist your directors with your best ideas.

Photo Contest Results:

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2018 Photo Contest winners, who are:

Nature / Wildlife: Pamela McComb

Landscapes: Karen Mcilroy

Cottage Life: Kaitlin Black

Young Photographer: Connor Brown

The winning photos, and all finalist photos can be viewed at

<http://buckshotlakeassociation.com/2018-photo-contest/>

The contest had a very good response this year, with 15 photographers submitting a total of 61 photographs. Thank you to all who submitted the many excellent photos, to all of you who voted, and to Donna Crome who again organized and managed the contest.

Keep those lenses clean and batteries charged and start collecting candidate photos for the 2019 contest.

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New North Shore Rd Sign:

A big "Thank You" to our neighbourhood artist Karen Mcilroy and the Karen and Jim installation team for the new sign at the entrance to North Shore Rd. We now have a very nice lake scene mural replacing the old, worn and faded "Pine Ridge Estates" marker.

Membership:

The present membership count is at 83, thanks to the hard work of Guy Lefebvre, our membership director, and several helpers.

FOCA Update:

Part of your membership fee goes toward registering the BLCA as a member of FOCA, the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations. FOCA is a not-for-profit organization representing volunteer associations and individual property owners all across Ontario on provincial matters. Information on FOCA membership benefits and cottage insurance options is contained in the files accompanying this newsletter. More information is available on the FOCA website at <https://foca.on.ca>

Dry Hydrant Update:

The latest information from NF Fire Chief Eric Korhonen is that the parts for the dry hydrant for Buckshot have been delivered and the approval process is almost complete. Installation will be at the Brown's Creek culvert, and should be underway by the end of October.

North Frontenac Zoning Bylaw Open House:

You are invited to an Open House to discuss the Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review for the Township of North Frontenac. The Open House will be held on Saturday October 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Office, 6648 Road 506 Plevna, Ontario. More information at <http://www.northfrontenac.com/news.html?ac=post&id=1128>
The draft zoning bylaw can be found at <http://www.northfrontenac.com/services-planning.html>

Website:

Don't forget to visit your website for news related to the lake. Both the Buy/Sell and the Lost and Found pages are active. To post an item, send information to info@buckshotlakeassociation.com.

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