



CLEAR LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Torrance, Muskoka, Ontario
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SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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Hello everyone! Thank you to everybody who was able to join the AGM last weekend.

RESTOCKING

Some of our members have been talking with the Ministry about once again stocking our lake with either splake or trout. The Ministry had previously stocked splake in the mid-80s, but after an assessment in 1986 where they found poor returns (likely due to smallmouth bass) they discontinued that program for our lake. Rainbow trout were stocked up until 2009 when they were also discontinued due to poor returns and the presence of pike. At this time the Ministry is not interested in restocking due to continued presence of bass and pike. Some of our local anglers will be meeting over the summer to continue discussing this issue and plan next steps.

JET SKIS

While fun to drive, Jet Skis can be deadly when operated unsafely. As with all motorized boats, a license (Pleasure Craft Operator Card) is required to operate one, and only persons 16 years of age or older may operate a personal watercraft without supervision. There have been some recent cases of driving too close to shore, driving too close to other watercraft, and driving too close to swimmers. Let's keep this lake safe for everyone to enjoy.

PADDLE UP THURSDAYS

We are continuing our Thursday night tradition of paddling or rowing the lake. We've had some sketchy weather the past two weeks, but we are hoping for clear skies this week. Come out in your paddle boat, kayak, or canoe and meet up with fellow paddlers to get on the water and enjoy the lake.

REMINDER - BOAT RAMP - HOURS 9am-1pm

Please respect Boat Ramp hours. Tell your marina, visiting friends and renters that these hours must be recognized. It is a very small stretch of shoreline between cottagers enjoying their properties to either side and a narrow road to travel. The ramp was built by the Township on the condition these hours be followed. Ensure boat hulls are carefully washed down before entering the lake. Any bilge must have been emptied before trailering to the ramp. It's a boater's keen responsibility to prevent invasive species from entering Clear Lake.

REGATTA (MORE THAN A BOAT PARADE?) - Saturday, July 31

As always, we will be holding the Boat Parade as part of the Regatta this year. However, this year we are also looking to create individual Regatta kits so families can host their own mini-Regatta and share images with the rest of the lake. Details are still being worked out, but we plan on sending additional information before the Regatta weekend.

The Boat Parade will start at 11 am in the big bay.

TORRANCE BARRENS CLEANUP

Following the success of the clean-up efforts last year, Clear Lake Brewing is behind a follow-up event this year on Saturday July 24th between 10 am and noon. Meet at the Torrance Barrens parking area. Garbage bags will be provided, but please remember to bring your own gloves, insect repellent, and sunscreen.

BEARS

A small, approximately two-year-old bear has been seen walking along Clear Lake road and its mother has also been sighted. While bears are typically shy creatures that tend to avoid humans, seeing a bear on or near your property could indicate you are doing things to attract it.

Here are the top three things that can attract bears:

1. Improperly stored garbage and recycling — never put out more than an hour before pickup, flatten boxes, rinse bottles and jars, especially if it's things that are sweet and sticky, like pop or juices

2. Dirty barbecues — wash grills regularly, empty the grease trap every time you use the barbecue, remove all utensils, dishes, and food after eating

3. Feeding pets outside — pet food is an excellent food source for bears; do not leave pet food outside, in screened-in areas or porches



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