FARLAIN LAKE
Community Association

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FLCA eNewsletter Fall 2013

Everyone Loves a Parade!

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The Brohm Family Takes the Trophy home!

Well what a wonderful turnout we had this year! We had 15 participants who decorated and cheered around the lake.

The Brohm family from 44 Andrew Dr. took home the trophy this year taking Best Overall Decorated Boat with their amazing Shark Boat decorating. Coming in second was the themed boat Margaretaville by Chris Andrews.

We had so many wonderful entries, Beach Volley Ball by the Walsh Family, the M&M Boat by the Kelso family, the Spider boat by the Konnry family, Tahiti Boat by the Bryla family, It's a Boy boat by the Sulej family, the Fish boat by the Thomson family, the Canadian flag boat by the Chisholm family, Balloon boat by the Korol family, Angry Birds boat by the Turpin family, the Plane boat by the Burns family, and of course we can not forget the Farley boat by the Sweenie family!

We had so many wonderful sponsors who donated some amazing prizes;
Foodland - Bag of Goodies
White Pines Golf - 2 - 9 hole passes
Barber & Haskell - Tasimo Coffee Maker
Brooklea Golf - pass for 4 to Saugeen Golf course
Balm Beach Go Carts - 18 laps on go cards & 2 mini put rounds
Home Hardware -washer toss game
Home Depot - Portable Wireless Speaker
JVL - Sweatshirt & $50.00 LCBO gift card
Kelsey's Restaurant - $40.00 in gift cards
Boston Pizza Restaurant - Cap, Golf shirt & Free Pizza

These are sponsors who have donated for the last couple of years and who should be recognized the next time you stop by!

For next summer please keep in mind the prizes that can be won and the categories which you will be judged on;

- **BEST OVERALL DECORATED BOAT**
- **BEST THEMED BOAT**
- **FUNNIEST CONCEPT BOAT**
- **MOST TEAM SPIRITED BOAT**
- **BEST "FARLY" THEMED BOAT**

If you would like to assist in anyway by collecting prizes from sponsors in town or donating a prize for next summers boat parade please contact either

FLCA Quick Links

FLCA Web Site

Membership Form for 2013-2014

FoTTSA Discount List

Membership

Have you renewed your FLCA Membership for 2013-2014 yet?

If not, click here for the form and send in your payment of only $40 to the address on the form.

Coming Fall Events In Town

Penetanguishene

Jingle Bell Skate - Dec 6
Seniors Holiday Craft Sale - Dec 7
Festival of Lights - Dec 7
Breakfast with Santa - Dec 21/22

Midland

Tree lighting - Nov 22
Santa Claus Parade - Nov 30
Santa @ Wye Marsh - Dec 1
First Light
Sainte-Marie among the Hurons
Novemeber 28-30

Tim Konnry - tkonnry@bosleyrealestate.com 416-846-6361 or
Tammy Turpin - tammyturpin@rogers.com 647-278-5357

Any donations are welcome!!

Thank you
Tim & Tammy

Check out more photos of the parade on the FLCA web site at www.farlainlake.ca under Photo Gallery. Be prepared to put your creative juices to work next summer so we can have the biggest boat parade ever!

President's Message from Doug Kirk

Summer is now a distant memory and this issue will bring you up to date with some very important activities and information as we approach the end of Fall.

We were very pleased with both the new site for the Annual General Meeting and the attendance this year on August 4. Over 100 attended the meeting held for the first time at the Brian Orser Hall in Penetang, representing 51 members! Many thanks to all who took time out of their August long weekend to participate and support your Association! We were also very pleased to welcome Township of Tiny Mayor Millar and Deputy Mayor Lawrence to our meeting.

We have made significant progress this year in the development of our Association. The Board has worked diligently all year to finalize our lake management plan. It was presented in May to the Township of Tiny Council, to a Public meeting in June and put forward for approval of the FLCA membership in August at the AGM. The Lake to Sky Community Management plan was solidly approved by the membership after constructive discussion at the AGM. This is a major achievement, as it sets in place a framework to guide the FLCA in its approach to issues bearing on our lake. All members should appreciate the substantial work done by the Board to pull this project together.

Forward to a Friend

Join Our Mailing List!

Work has continued on the new web site for the FLCA that we will be able to manage ourselves and that has been designed to be a valuable resource for the members of our community. It will be very much an ongoing "work in progress" but you can check it out at www.farlainlake.ca!

On the fun side, the FLCA held its annual boat parade on Saturday August 3rd. Special thanks go to Tim Konnry and Tammy Turpin for their hard work once again in putting this together, and to the generous donations of the sponsors (see the Boat Parade article for a complete list). Please refer to the photo gallery on the new website to view the fabulous entries in this very popular event.

One of the immediate priorities for the FLCA is getting an action plan readied to deal with the Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) invasive aquatic plant infestation on the southwest shore of the lake. The EWM eradication project planning is well underway but much has to be done to successfully battle this invasive weed in our lake. We alrady have volunteers at the ready to assist with this project and fundraising will be necessary to complete the operation. Please see the articles in this and upcoming newsletters to stay current with aquatic invasive species management efforts.

We continue to monitor the issue of septage management within the Township, attending the public meetings and providing input where appropriate. It is hoped that the Township may have a decision on the best option at some point this fall and we will keep you informed. Meanwhile we also continue to monitor the use of the septage field off the 17th Concession. Finally, in answer to several questions from members, your association has been working with MNR to humanely remove the nuisance beaver from the west side of the lake.

The other priority is membership growth. With respect to the Association membership, it is vitally important that you support the FLCA through paid membership. There are still a number of you who have not renewed so for the 2013/2014 year. If so we would really appreciate it if you could send your membership fees along with the Membership Form to the FLCA c/o 37 Andrew Drive Tiny, Ont. L9M 0B4. If we have not received payment by the end of December, this newsletter will be our last communication with you.

Your Board is very focused on these priorities to enhance the quality of our lake experience. I hope that you will consider taking an active role with your Association. Willing hands are always warmly welcomed. More volunteers will enable us to undertake more meaningful work to protect the lake and strengthen the Farlain Lake community. Please see the list of volunteer opportunities on the web site.

And once againour sincere congratulations to Bill Sweenie as the receipient of the Bill Whittam Envirnomental Award presented by the Severn Sound Environmental Association!!

Trusting you will enjoy the rest of the fall at the Lake!

Douglas Kirk
President, FLCA

Aquatic Invasive Species Update

- Pete Andrews

A steering committee of Farlain Lake volunteers has been formed to develop a strategy to manage the aquatic invasive species Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) in the lake.

The invasive species was first discovered during the aquatic plant study of the lake undertaken by the FLCA in 2012. The isolated infested area was quarantined and monitored this past summer by FLCA volunteers.

The EWM 'Weed Warriors' steering committee will develop a strategy over the winter months to hand harvest the EWM in July 2014, obtain a work permit from the Ministry of Natural Resources, raise needed monies and support for the control project, and develop/distribute communications/education material.

Members of the EWM Weed Warriors steering committee include Bob Allan, Margaret Brohm, Judy Buchannan, Bruce Fligg, Brian Kelso, Craig Smith, and me.

Please contact me (pan747@sympatico.ca) for information on the aquatic invasive species Eurasian Watermilfoil.

Septage - The Big Picture

Pete Andrews

There is a direct connection between the septage disposal field near Farlain Lake and the Township's request to resolve the septage management issue for the Township overall.
The sooner the Township determines and implements a strategy to centrally manage the disposal of untreated septage the sooner the septage field off the 17th Concession will cease to operate.

In addition to continuing to monitor the septage disposal in Farlain Lake's watershed, FLCA Board members are participating in the Township's Septage Management Class Environmental Assessment Process. Phase 3 of the process has been initiated to determine which septage treatment method is the most efficient and cost effective method.

The final decision on management the septage generated in the

Township will affect every property owner in the Lake's community. The FLCA has continued to be your voice at public meetings and providing input into the process. It is expected that another public meeting will be held once the decision on strategy has been made. We will continue to keep you informed.

Making 9-1-1 Count

Seconds count during an emergency.

- **Post a Call 9-1-1 note in large print on or near your telephone.** Note should list your telephone number and municipal address.
- **Ensure municipal address (9-1-1 sign) at the end of the driveway is properly posted and clearly visible.** Keep the 9-1-1 sign clear of branches, grass, snow or other material.
- **When making a 9-1-1 emergency call provide the most accurate information possible.** i.e. Township, road, municipal address number at end of driveway, etc.
- **Remain calm and answer the 9-1-1 dispatch operator's questions.** Speak clearly and slowly. Answer all the dispatch operator's questions honestly and to the best of your ability.
- **Send someone to meet the ambulance and/or fire department vehicle.**
- **Clear a path for the patient.**
- **Have health card, medication and patient's health history ready.**

We Need More Members.....

by Tammy Turpin(#67 Farlain Lake Rd W)

Why do we need to have more members you ask.....well first off, to keep the association alive!! Without members we would not exist! As an association we can make things happen. As individual property owners we have a very limited voice with all government

agencies. History has taught us, that whether the issues are environmental, external, internal, we have no voice without an association. **As an association we stand as one voice.** Please read the article about The Eurasion Watermilfoil Threat and see how as an association we can make things happen and get things done.

You have all made an investment in your cottage, and for a very small annual fee of $40.00 per family, this gives each and everyone of you an association which can make things happen. But without the members this association will cease to exist. We need at least 100 members but always encourage more...

I have been on the Lake since 1978 coming up with my family when I was young and now the operator of our family cottage. This lake is special to me, as I know it is for all of you who have either been on the lake your whole life or have in recent years stumbled onto this wonderful secluded piece of heaven, but in order to make it last with the beauty that it holds we need to make sure messages are heard and things get done.

In order to make this happen an association is needed, which we have, but in order for it to survive, members are required. In order to get members we need to have fellow cottagers like yourselves who are reading this, to go to your neighbours on the lake and encourage them to come out to the meeting and listen to what is happening around us. We need more people!Without people the association can not covers the costs which are part of operating an association.

Also as a member you will receive many discounts from local vendors!! This alone is well worth the $40.00 you will spend..

Encourage your neighbours by talking to them about the issues we are facing, the need for strong community support and consider bringing them with you to our next annual meeting in 2014!

Joining is easy - just download the Membership Form here and send it in to the address on the form. Thank you for your support!

Beaver Beware!

As a follow-up to numerous complaints about beaver damaging trees on shoreline properties, the FLCA has provided advice on how to protect trees while deterring beaver from gathering food. A good short term solution is to wrap chicken wire around the trunk of the tree.

The mesh wire or sheet metal should extend one metre above the ground. In addition, you can use repellent chemicals, offensive to smell and taste, as a deterrent. You can also install wire fencing around the trees but unfortunately none of these options is really practical on a large scale on residential, cottage or large properties.

The FLCA has located the beaver lodge on the Lake's shoreline and the beaver's food (branches) stockpile in the water.

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has been apprised of the nuisance beaver and will be advising us on the viable options to manage them.

Lake to Sky Management Plan

LAKE TO SKY MANAGEMENT PLAN WAS APPROVED AT 2013 AGM

At the 2012 Annual General Meeting, Pete Andrews presented his very comprehensive report on the State of the Lake. Please click here to view the State of the Lake Report from last year.

Six years of research and community input has been integrated into a draft Lake to Sky Management Plan to protect lake community values and to address the issues that threaten those values. A special meeting was held earlier this summer on June 23 at the Tiny Township Community Centre to provide members an opportunity for feedback on the Plan prior to finalizing it for presentation to the FLCA members for approval at the Annual General Meeting which was on Sunday August 4. Click here for the final version of the Plan.

The draft Lake to Sky Community Management Plan was also distributed to community partners (i.e. Township of Tiny, Simcoe County, Ministry of Natural Resources, etc.) for review and comment.

The health of our Lake is the responsibility of everyone in this community. The final Plan will help to guide the FLCA's work over the years to come. You have already seen the results of some of the monitoring work with the Eurasian Watermilfoil issue and the threat it poses to the health of the Lake. We want our beautiful Lake to be there for your children and they want it to be there for their children - be sure to take the time to review the Plan if you haven't already done so and feel free to contact the FLCA Board for further discussion.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are seeking volunteers to take an active role in monitoring water quality. Volunteers are a tremendous asset to water quality protection of the lake for the benefit of present and future generations.

What does it mean to be a volunteer?
We need two volunteers to form a team to collect water samples for the Ministry of the Environment Lake Partner Program. Samples are required once per month between May and October. The team would also collect water samples for E.coli testing the day after each holiday weekend throughout the summer.

We also plan to expand our monitoring efforts by installing a water level gauge. We need a volunteer to record water level readings throughout the summer.

What do I need to be a water monitor?
First and foremost you are interested in protecting the water quality of the lake. You also enjoy the out of doors as you will be collecting water samples from a boat at different locations on the lake. Training and monitoring equipment will be provided.

Ongoing water quality monitoring is necessary to understand the interactions between the environment and the lake. Monitoring by volunteers is necessary to obtain long-term data or new data that otherwise may go unmonitored. Water quality data helps the community make informed decisions about maintaining or improving water quality in the lake.

BECOME A MONITOR! VOLUNTEER ACTIONS CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.

If you are interested in becoming a water quality monitor or wish to know about the importance of water quality monitoring, please contact

Bill Sweenie (telephone #) email: sweenie@csolve.net

Haven't paid your membership dues for 2013-2014 yet? (Due August 5, 2013). Don't let this be your last communication from the FLCA - please renew now! We need the support of everyone in the community!

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