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# CLWA Summer Speaker Programs June 17 and July 22

The Crowe Lake Waterway
Association is pleased to present a new program for our members – a series of presentations on issues and topics that CLWA members have been identified by experts in those issues. It's a chance to hear information, ask questions, and get answers. The first presentation of the Summer Speakers Program will be June 17 at the Marmora Curling Club starting at 10 AM. The second will be July 22, at the same time and place.

• A speaker will discuss how we maintain a healthy lake.

CLWA Director Terry Murphy has put together two great programs. The events are free and open to CLWA members and their guests. Coffee and refreshments will be available. Reservations are not required but an RSVP to our email address would be helpful. If you want to submit a question for a speaker, contact CLWA at <a href="mailto:info@clwa.ca">info@clwa.ca</a>

On **June 17** the scheduled topics and speakers will be:

- An officer from OPP will discuss regulation and policing of the waterways;
- Crowe Valley Conservation Authority will talk about working on shorelines and areas near the lake and the permits required.

On **July 22**, at the same time and place, the speakers and topics will be:

• A representative from MPAC to talk about our property assessments and taxes;

## 2023 Membership Renewals

Renewal requests will be mailed in April. Please reply quickly so we can start putting up the 2023 Membership Signs. Here's a suggestion - make a copy of the Membership Form and visit someone who needs to join CLWA. Tell them about CLWA. Invite them to join you as a CLWA member. They'll thank you for it.

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Crowe Lake Matters



## President's Message - Jim Nichol

The first day of Spring is March 20 and I am ready. Anybody else think winter is too long and too cold? I'm ready for Spring and Summer.

We have a new program to add to the CLWA Calendar, thanks to the work of Terry Murphy. He's made arrangements for our first Speakers Program. We tried to come up with issues of interest to our members and MPAC and Taxes and Permits came to mind at once. Terry has a program to address that.

What else do we do in the Spring – we get ready to renew our CLWA Membership! Renewals will go out in April. What else – we get ready for Canada Day. Bill Neill is plotting out a spectacular Fireworks Show.

The Newsletter has news about taxes, the programs at the library, and M&L's on-line permitting process. Plus, articles of interest to everyone.

We need to congratulate FOCA on their

60th birthday. We tried to find out when CLWA became part of FOCA and the best answer we could get was "always". FOCA is an important voice for the cottage community at the Provincial level. We use a lot of FOCA information in the Newsletter and we've been in the Lake Partner Program for many years. Congratulations to them from CLWA.



## FOCA - Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations 60 Years Old

(From the FOCA Facebook page and emails)

On January 7th, 1963, 125 people representing 40 cottage associations met for the first time and decided the time was right to form a provincial association. And so, the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) was born! Today, FOCA represents 50,000 families in over 525 lake, camp, cottage, river and road associations across the province.

In 2022 alone, FOCA's environmental programs engaged more than 1,000 volunteers, and over \$13,000 was granted in program funding for on-the-ground invasive species work undertaken by our member Associations. FOCA released important new reports about short-term rentals, and rural road issues, as well as a first-of-its-kind study of the economic impact of waterfront property owners across Ontario. Our collective annual household spending of \$11.4 billion dollars, including \$700+ million in property taxes, demonstrates the huge economic footprint of our

community and the importance to rural and northern Ontario communities!

[CLWA is a member of FOCA. We participate in many of their programs including the Lake Partners program and a recent research program to study Invasive Species. FOCA offers many benefits to you through your membership in CLWA.]

## **M&L** Cloudpermit

M&L is using Online Software for Building Permitting and Planning Applications. Details on page 7.

# Pleasure Craft Licensing Changes

Transport Canada is proposing changes to modernize pleasure craft licensing, which will come into effect in the winter of 2023. Details on page 8.

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Have You Renewed Yet?

## **News From the Marmora Public Library**



We have some new programs up and running.

- Tuesday at 11:00 am Euchre
- Tuesday at 1:00 pm Beginner Line Dancing (\$5)
- Wednesday at 12:00 Women in Wellness
- Wednesday at 1:00 Intermediate Line Dancing (\$5)
- Wednesday at 3:30 Twisted Stitches
- Thursday at 3:00 Chair Yoga (\$5)

For fans of the Louise Penny's Three Pines series we have a copy of the latest – A World of Curiosities. Time shifts for our team of investigators as a sister and brother appear in Three Pines bringing with them a host of troubles and a sense of dread. A secret room that has been unopened for over one hundred years adds to the mystery. Our favourite characters return with a great tale of suspense and unanswered questions from the past and present.

If you like suspense with a dark shadow, check out anything by Shari Lapena – one of our favourite Canadian authors. The Couple Next Door might be her most well known novel, but her other novels do not disappoint. Check out these titles – A Stranger in the House, An Unwanted Guest, and Not a Happy Family. Page turners one and all.





# Ice Fishing Derby Rescheduled

Chris Live Bait cancelled their traditional winter pike only ice fishing derby. See their website for details.



Happy Fishing



## What Are Superfoods?

While many nutritionists and physicians recommend healthy eating over fad diets, some foods offer more nutritional benefits than others. That's why, in recent years, you might have heard about "superfoods" and why you should incorporate them into your diet.

The term "superfood" doesn't come from medical science. Instead, it was designed by marketers at food companies to help boost sales. But in general, the term applies to particular foods that are nutrient-rich and provide significant health benefits when consumed regularly.

One example of a superfood are eggs, which feature two powerful antioxidants: lutein and zeaxanthin. They are also low in calories, averaging 77 calories per egg. And most importantly, they're full of nutrients such as iron, phosphorous, selenium, and a myriad of vitamins including A, B2, B5, and B12.

There are also a variety of fruits and vegetables that qualify as superfoods, including berries. Berries are rich in antioxidants, high in fiber, and contain a wide array of vitamins, particularly Vitamins C and K1, manganese, copper, and folate. But nutrient levels can vary widely between berries. For example,

strawberries have the highest vitamin C levels of the superfood berries. This heart-healthy food can also help lower inflammation and improve blood sugar and insulin response.

While the phrase "superfoods" might not have a hard definition, there's plenty of evidence to show that certain foods can improve your health and reduce your risk of serious conditions such as cancer, high blood pressure, and heart disease.

# **Assessment Update Delay Continued**

Property assessments for the 2022 and 2023 property tax years will continue to be based on the fully phased-in January 1, 2016 current values. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ontario government postponed the 2020 Assessment Update. They have indicated that 2022 and 2023 property tax years will continue to use the current values This means your property assessment for the 2023 property tax year will be the same as the 2022 tax year unless there have been changes to your property.





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Do Something Nice for Someone

## **How To Survive Drowning**



By Donna Vickroy, Chicago Tribune. Jun 04, 2019 [edited for length]

Just because you know how to swim doesn't mean you know how to survive drowning.

The World Congress on Drowning states that an estimated 66% of the more than 360,000 people who drown worldwide each year knew how to swim, said Dave Benjamin, executive director of the non-profit Great Lakes Surf Rescue Project (www.glsrp. org).

People who know how to swim assume that means they can't drown, Benjamin said. That explains why people take risks, such as swimming alone or beyond their physical capability, and why so often would-be rescuers become drowning victims, he said. Being able to swim is not the same as being able to survive a drowning event, he said.

The criteria for survival included five points: 1) resurfacing after falling into water over your head, 2) treading water for one minute, 3) spinning 360 degrees to spot an exit, 4) swimming 25 yards or length of the pool to get to that exit, and

5) climbing out of water without assistance.

90% of boaters who die in accidents were not wearing a life jacket. If you're knocked unconscious in a boating accident, knowing how to swim won't save you. (www.glsrp. org).



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# Montreal Protocol Working

The Earth's ozone layer is expected to recover within the next 40 years as ozone-depleting chemicals are being phased out of use, a panel of international experts backed by the U.N. says. The panel, which publishes a new ozone layer report every four years, credits the phasing out of nearly 99% of ozone-depleting chemicals for the improvement.

The agency said the Montreal Protocol, a landmark global agreement to phase out harmful chemicals, has significantly aided the recovery of the ozone layer. The Montreal Protocol entered into force in 1989 and regulates nearly 100 manmade chemicals that damage the ozone layer.



# Ravens can remember human faces. Ravens are smart — really smart. Studies have shown that they can use tools, remember human faces, and even plan for the future. This behavior cuts both ways for humans: Edgar Allan Poe's favorite birds have demonstrated a tendency to both favor people who show them kindness and hold grudges against those who treat them poorly.

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## **M&L Using CLOUDPERMIT**

## M&L Using CLOUDPERMIT Online Software for Building Permitting and Planning Applications

Marmora and Lake along with the Building Inspection Services Board (BISB) has moved to Cloudpermit, an online application system for your building and planning files.

When you have a building or planning application you can go to ca.cloudpermit.com where you will be prompted to register for an account.

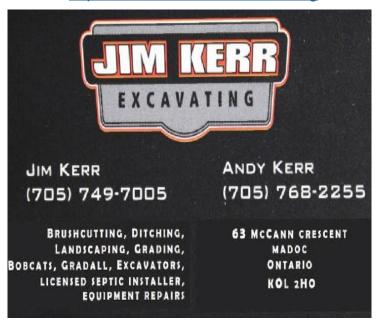
Once registered you will upload the information you have on your file by following these 5 steps:

- 1. Create a new application using the on-line link
- 2. Invite other necessary parties for their information
- 3. Complete the application, upload your plans, submit the application for review
- 4. Revise the application as necessary
- 5. Pay fees and receive permit

## **How Long Does It Take to Process a Permit?**

- 1. Minimum of 10 business days for decks, garages, house, and septic permits.
- 2. Minimum of 30 days for commercial permits

Go to the M&L website for more information or use this link: <a href="https://marmoraandlake.ca/building">https://marmoraandlake.ca/building</a>





# Marmora and Lake Financial Department

From the Marmora and Lake Financial Department:

- 1. Interim Instalments: March 16, 2023, and May 18, 2023.
- 2. Final Instalments: August 17, 2023, and October 19, 2023.

Penalties are incurred the first day of default (the following business day), AND the first day of each month thereafter.

If you are not already setup for preauthorized payments, you can make regular payments via mobile or online banking at most financial institutions. Simply search "Marmora and Lake-Taxes" when adding a bill payee and use your 19-digit roll number as the account number. Note that it may take 2-4 business days for your financial institution to 'deliver' your payment to the Municipality, so please factor this delay into the timing of your payment. Payments received after the due date are subject to penalties and interest - no exceptions. Please direct all questions relating to your tax bill to Ashley Pressick, apressick@marmoraandlake.ca

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## **Pleasure Craft Licensing Changes**

Transport Canada is proposing changes to modernize pleasure craft licensing, which will come into effect in the winter of 2023. Proposed changes to pleasure craft licencing include:

- 1. Introducing a five-year validity period for pleasure craft licences (PCL).
- 2. Expanding the Small Vessel Regulations to include all pleasure crafts equipped with motors of 10 hp or more and all pleasure crafts (including all power-driven and sail-alone vessels) above six metres in length.
- 3. Owners must notify Transport Canada of a name or address change and of a sale or transfer of a vessel within 30 days.
- 4. Easier cancellation of a pleasure craft licence, if a lifetime PCL holder fails to apply, a PCL holder fails to renew a PCL, or a PCL holder wishes to remove their pleasure craft from service.
- 5. Introducing a \$15 service fee to process

an application to obtain, renew, or duplicate a PCL.

[Editor Note: Discussions are being held about changing the requirements for Personal Flotation Devices to make wearing them mandatory on more boats. We'll let you know, but wearing them seems like a good idea, law or no law. See the article How to Survive Drowning on page 5.



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## **Discover Canada's Air Force Story!**





team; or the men and women, both civilian and military, that combined to create the massive, hugely successful British Commonwealth Air Training Plan.

Located on the north side of 8 Wing Trenton, the NAFMC is open daily from 10 am to 5 pm from May 1 to September 30 and on Wednesday through Sunday 10 am to 5 pm from October 1 to April 30. http://airforcemuseum.ca/

The National Air Force Museum of Canada is a must-see attraction in the Quinte area. With over 75,000 square feet of display space attached to a sprawling, 16-acre air park, plan to set aside a few hours to truly enjoy this aviation gem.

Established in 1984, the NAFMC is dedicated to preserving and telling the history of Canadian military aviation. From its first flight on a frozen lake in Nova Scotia, through to today's humanitarian relief missions, the Museum captures the spirit, the daring and the courage of the men and women of the RCAF. Featured exhibits and static aircraft displays await visitors in an informal and family-friendly atmosphere. Marvel at the fragility of the Burgess Dunne, Canada's first military aircraft. Behold the strength of the workhorse of military flying, the Hercules CC130. Over 35 aircraft on-site provide guests with an up close and personal "flying machine" experience, the crowning glory being the fully restored, Second World War, Halifax bomber. The Museum Restoration Shop offers a behind scenes view of the rebuilding process - taking vintage aircraft from mess to masterpiece.

However, it's the stories of Canadian air force personnel that are the real treasures of the Museum. Meet the ingenious POW aircrews who plotted the Great Escape; the gold medal winning, underdogs of the RCAF Flyers hockey



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M&L Draft Budget at <u>2023 Draft Budget</u>



## **Spongy Moth Management Guide (part 4 of 4)**

This Guide is a product of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension. The Guide's original one-year format was broken into 4 articles to fit the CLWA Newsletter seasonal schedule starting with Summer 2022 and running through Spring 2023. This is the final installment, number 4 of 4. The original Guide is at <a href="https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/gypsymothinwisconsin/pest-management-2/management-guide-for-homeowners">https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/gypsymothinwisconsin/pest-management-guide-for-homeowners</a>

## **LATE APRIL:** Place barrier bands on tree trunks.

Just after Spongy Moth (formerly known as Gypsy Moth) caterpillars have hatched, when they are small and young, barrier bands will prevent them from climbing back into trees after ballooning or when they have fallen. Barrier bands can be purchased or made using duct tape or other nonporous material that can be wrapped around a tree trunk and coated with a commercially available sticky material such as TangleFoot® or Vaseline®. NEVER put sticky material directly on the tree trunk. On thin-barked trees, tie butcher paper or paper bags around the trunk before using the duct tape. The sticky material may need to be re-applied periodically due to rain and other environmental conditions as well as when the bands are covered with caterpillars.

## MAY- JUNE: Apply insecticides.

If you choose to use pesticides to control Spongy Moth (Lymantria dispar) caterpillars, they must be applied at this time. There are two options: biological and chemical pesticides. For assistance in applying insecticides, consider contacting a certified arborist.

Biological pesticides. The most common treatment used against Lymantria dispar caterpillars is a spray of Bacillus thuringiensis, commonly called Bt. This biological pesticide is highly specific, meaning different varieties of Bt affect only very specific species. Bacillus thuringiensis kurstaki (Btk) is the certain strain that must be used to control Spongy Moth. This

bacterial insecticide kills caterpillars that eat it within a week of its application. Bt causes the cells of the caterpillar's stomach lining to rupture. Bt is found naturally in soil and degrades within a week when exposed to sunlight. The variety of Bt used against Spongy Moth only affects caterpillars of moths and butterflies that feed on treated leaves. Bt has no affect on animals, birds, people, or even other insects. It is sold under various labels (Dipel, Foray, and Thuricide, to name a few). Bt must be applied to trees in May when caterpillars are less than 1/2-inch long. Timing is critical as Bt is significantly less effective on older/larger caterpillars.

Chemical insecticides. Numerous insecticides are registered as being effective against Spongy Moth caterpillars in Wisconsin. Many products are available at your local garden center or nursery. Check the label to make sure Spongy Moths are listed. Bifenthrin, carbaryl, zeta-cypermethrin, and permethrin are the commonest active ingredients and are available in several formulations. If you elect to use a chemical insecticide, consider the potential impact on beneficial insects and natural enemies such as predators, parasites, and honeybees. ALWAYS read and precisely follow the label directions.



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## **Honeybees Vaccine Approved**



By Zoe Sottile, January 7, 2023

https://www.cnn.com/2023/01/07/us/honeybee-vaccine-usda-approval-scn-trnd/index.html

The United States Department of Agriculture has approved the first-ever vaccine for honeybees to prevent American foulbrood disease, a fatal bacterial disease that can destroy honeybee colonies, officials say. The USDA told CNN that it issued a conditional vaccine license to Diamond Animal Health, the collaborating manufacturer for Dalan Animal Health, on December 29. The agency said that it was its "first licensure of a honeybee product."

"We hope the availability of this product will aid in the prevention and/or treatment of the disease American Foulbrood in honeybees given their central role in American agriculture (e.g. pollination)," said the USDA in a statement shared over email.

Unlike traditional vaccines, the honeybee vaccine isn't injected with a syringe.

Instead, it's mixed into "queen feed," which the worker bees consume, according to Dalan's statement. The worker bees incorporate the vaccine into royal jelly, which they feed to the queen bee. Once the queen bee has consumed the vaccine-laden royal jelly, "fragments of the vaccine are deposited in her ovaries," says Dalan. Then the queen's larvae will be born with immunity to the disease.

Dalan says that the vaccine will be available for purchase in the United States in 2023.





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# Mercury launches three electric outboard motors

Cottage Life, by Craig Ritchie, JANUARY 17, 2023 (edited for length)

Mercury Marine has announced—for the first time—a trio of all-new electric outboard motors that the company says will form the foundation for a full line of battery-powered boat engines.

The company officially unveiled its new Avator 7.5e electric outboard motor at the 2023 Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas on January 3. Intended to power smaller vessels like cartoppers and inflatables, the Avator 7.5e outboard generates 750 watts of power, allowing performance comparable to that of a 3.5 horsepower gasoline-powered outboard but with the advantages of no noise, no fumes, no emissions, and no need to buy fuel or cart Jerry cans down to the dock.

Mercury Marine president, Chris Drees says that the Avator 7.5e is just the first model in what will become a full line of electric outboards for Mercury. "We also have the larger Avator 20e

and 35e models, which will be released later this month. We're going to have five electric models by end of this year." The company says the new motors will begin shipping to dealerships across North America in late winter or early spring, just in time for the coming boating season.





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**Enjoy the Sunshine!**