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Captain Otty's Log

Newsletter of the Otty Lake Association

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OTTY LAKE WINTERLUDE 2006

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

David Reesor

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to Spring 2006 at Otty Lake. For those of you who didn't visit Otty this winter, you didn't miss much winter weather. We had a mild winter like most of Ontario and there wasn't much snow to be seen or shoveled! Cross-country skiing was in short supply in the area but we were able to skate on Otty several times during the winter. The last skater was seen touring Little Otty and Mud Lake in early March after a thaw and freeze. On March 23rd I chopped through the ice to put in a pump to melt the ice around our marine railway and I was

surprised to find there were 18 inches (46cm) of solid ice. Suddenly spring arrived and 10 days later we have no snow and the ice is almost gone. Yesterday I could see the herons preparing their nests in the heronry on the Rideau Ferry Road. The loons will be the next to arrive. They must be waiting nearby for their return to our lake. Last year we heard the first loon calling the day before the ice left the main part of the lake. We should hear them soon. It won't be long until we will be looking for the arrival of the first hummingbird as well. If you enjoy these fascinating birds, you may want to visit the website of the Ontario

Hummingbird Project as we have done. Check out www.ontariohummingbirds.ca

In my last message, I wrote about the development of the Lake Management Plan for Otty Lake. I received a number of comments following the fall newsletter. Many of the comments were positive about the development of the plan and its goal of ensuring Otty will be enjoyed by future generations. I also heard concern that the OLA was against development on the lake and that the goal of the Lake Management Plan is to prevent development. We know there will continue to be development and redevelopment on our lake. We want to ensure that it is “sustainable” development and redevelopment without negatively affecting Otty Lake.

I’m new to Otty, having lived here for 3 years and much of my knowledge, concerning the lake, has come from talking with many of you. Recently I visited a lovely small cottage on one of the bays of Three Bay Road. On the wall was the OLA map of Otty Lake from 1981. I was surprised to see that the names of all of the residents were included on the bottom of the map. I’m not sure of the total but I expect there were less than 300 names on the map. The vast majority of those names were for seasonal residents (cottagers).

Today, we have a total of 547 residences on or adjacent to the lake. You might be surprised to learn that 273 are seasonal residences and 274 are permanent. Otty Lake is a wonderful place to live and the percentage of permanent residences will certainly continue to increase. If it isn’t done properly, we will put the lake under pressure and at risk and that is why the OLA is committed to the development of the Lake Management Plan and is committed to assisting other lakes in the area develop one as well.

Our AGM will be on July 8th this year, at the Lions Club Hall, at the Perth Fair Grounds (same venue as last year). If you have opinions or concerns, please bring them to the meeting. We want to hear from you. This will also be an excellent opportunity to learn more about the development of our Lake Management Plan and to meet with other residents of Otty Lake.

The meeting will begin at 8:30 AM with exhibits and displays and the business part will be from

9:30 AM to noon. I’ll look forward to seeing you there. Enjoy your spring and let’s hope we have a beautiful summer! If you want to contact me, please call me at 326-0094 or email me at davidanddaphnereesor@yahoo.ca.

David Reesor

ADDRESS CHANGES

Just a reminder to let us know if you change your address, so you will receive your CAPTAIN OTTY’S LOG.

Please send address changes to the Otty Lake Association, Box 20122, Perth Mews Mall, Perth, ON, K7H 3M6 or by email to

ottylake@sympatico.ca

What’s been happening with the Otty Lake Lake Management Plan

Karen Hunt

The Lake Management Planning Committee has certainly not been in hibernation over the winter months!

Since Otty Lake was selected as the first of three core lakes for the Tay Watershed Lake Management Planning Program on Oct. 24, 2005, members of our Lake Management Planning Committee and other volunteers have been gathering all available historical and current data about Otty Lake. OLA members have located carefully preserved Otty Lake documents and MOE, MNR, RVCA, Tay Valley Township and Drummond /North Elmsley Township have all assisted in tracking down Otty Lake data.

Sincere thanks to the many individuals who have assisted in this task.

Sheanna Tinlin, Program Manager for the Lake Management Planning Program, has begun to organize the compilation and analysis of the Otty Lake information and it will be presented in a

comprehensive **State of the Lake Report** that we are hoping to have ready for the AGM in July.

As well, when ready, the Report will be distributed to Otty Lake shoreline and near-shoreline residents and to agencies and organizations which have a vested interest in the long term health of the lake and their input sought. We will plan meetings with these groups next summer and fall just as we did in the first stages of the lake management planning work. The feedback received will assist in the development of the **Otty Lake Management Plan** itself.

The target is to develop the **Otty Lake Management Plan** next winter and it will then be circulated back to the community for comment. Once the Plan has been finalized, implementation will be an ongoing process.

What will the **Lake Management Plan** Offer to the Otty Lake Community?

The Lake Management Plan will include recommendations for ongoing stewardship and land use planning actions.

It's our lake – we have to look after it!

The Lake Management Plan will be developed by the Otty Lake Community working in partnership with the municipalities and agencies and organizations that have a vested interest in the long term health of the lake. We are therefore hopeful that appropriate land use planning decisions will be reached which will protect the long term health of the lake.

The Lake Management Plan will be an action plan for all of us to use going into the future to ensure that Otty Lake is the lake we want it to be.

DOCKS

Bill Hale

Docks – it is said with respect to boating that “There is nothing, absolutely nothing, quite so fun as simply messing about in boats” – Wind in the Willows. There must be some equivalent expression about the dock at the cottage.

Like a lot of things in our life these days things are not as simple as they used to be and we have learned from our past.

We now recognize how fragile our lake environment is and that there are many things that we can do to preserve the well being of the lake. Although the dock that you now have and use may be grandfathered and you can continue to use it there is much information available on docks and waterfront planning that can assist you if you are considering changes or the installation of a new dock.

Before you start – as with most projects there seems to be more work in the planning than in the execution. Thankfully there are several resources available to us to take some of the guesswork out of docks.

“The Dock Primer” a booklet produced by Cottage Life in association with Fisheries and Oceans Canada is an excellent reference. This book will guide you through “Getting Started”, “The Shape of Things to Come”, “Dock Types”, “The Approval Process” and “Further Reading”

Let's briefly discuss these areas.

Getting Started – Whether you are replacing an existing dock or building a new dock there are things to think about and do before you start. Time invested here will help you to avoid some potentially damaging and costly mistakes. You are encouraged to draw a detailed map showing the location of buildings, lot lines and prominent features including the type of shoreline – rocks, sand, and trees. Also note significant features in the water like rocks, weed beds, water pipes, prevailing currents and where the waves come from.

Consult with your neighbours if you are new to the area for information that they can provide about things like local fish and wildlife habitats.

Consider how you want to use your shoreline – do you want to dock a boat, do you swim from

shore or do you want a place to sunbath and perhaps launch a small sailboat or canoe?

There are many shapes for docks, rectangular is the most common but there is also U-shape, L shape and finger docks. Each has their merits and compromises so consider your needs and options carefully.

Materials for framing, decking and support are varied as well. Wood is a popular choice and western red cedar, redwood, cypress and eastern white cedar stand up well and look good. Pressure treated wood is not recommended.

Because of the environment that a dock is exposed to, the manner in which you fasten the materials together is important. Screws and bolts work much better than nails and galvanized or other corrosion resistant fasteners are crucial for a long lasting structure.

Popular dock types are floating and pipe docks and more recently we have seen cantilever, suspension and lift docks.

Permits are required for large projects or if the dock is attached to an upland structure of more than 100 square feet.

The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority located at 1128 Mill Street, Box 599 Manotick ON K4M 1A5 (613)692-3571 or 1-800-267-3504 is a good first stop for advice and assistance. Contact the Land Resource Centre. They have "The Dock Primer" and they will assist you through the dock planning and building process.

Water Quality Measurements at Otty Lake

By Murray Hunt

Nutrient Loading - The OLA collects phosphorous samples and measures water clarity under the auspices of the Lake Partner Program of the Ministry of the Environment (MOE). Phosphorous and water clarity measurements are the indicators used by the province for nutrient

loading of participating lakes. Higher nutrient loading promotes weed growth and algae blooms.

The Lake Partner Program is a province-wide, volunteer-based, water-quality monitoring program. Volunteers collect total phosphorus samples and make monthly water clarity observations on their lakes. This information will allow the early detection of changes in the nutrient status and/or the water clarity of the lake due to the impacts of shoreline development, climate change and other stresses. Volunteers at Otty collect 12 "total phosphorus" samples from May to October and make monthly water clarity observations. The phosphorous samples are sent to the MOE Dorset Environmental Science Centre for analysis.

The result for "total phosphorous" for 2005 is an average of 13.4 µg/L, which is within the range of 12 to 15 µg/L of the past few years. These multiyear results indicate that Otty Lake is in a mesotrophic, or middle-aged, state i.e. the values are between 10 and 20 µg/L. Water clarity is high, currently 4.9 meters, due to the presence of zebra mussels and is less useful as an indicator of nutrient loading.

Other Water Quality Programs - The OLA will continue this summer with its ongoing program of E.Coli. sampling for bacterial levels. Volunteers from the OLA will also assist the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority with its program of macro invertebrate benthic monitoring. This program collects insects and shellfish in shallow areas of the lake. The presence and abundance of certain species gives an indication of the health of the lake, as these species have different sensitivities to pollution.

**Otty Lake Association
2006 Annual General Meeting
Saturday July 8th, 2006
Lions Hall, Perth Fairgrounds
Cofee/Tea, Discussions and
Displays at 8:30am
Business Meeting 9:30 – noon
WELCOME TO ALL**

REGATTA 2006

David Code

Mark your calendar.

The annual Otty Lake sailing Regatta will take place on the afternoon of Sunday September 3rd, with the usual variety of boats present. Although the event is a race, it is open to all comers, regardless of experience, and boats are handicapped to ensure fairness to all.

WHATS ON LOCALLY

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

For information about activities in Perth visit:

www.beautifulperth.com

For information about Tay Valley Township:

www.tayvalleytwp.ca

For information about Drummond North Elmsley Township:

www.drummondnorthelemsley.com

Ethics for Anglers and Boaters

by *Wally Robins*

Whether you fish, water-ski, sail, kayak or enjoy sea-dooing, it is important to consider the impact of your actions on other boaters and people on the shore. The issue of safety immediately comes to mind. But there are other factors too, ones that can create very negative or positive relationships between people who share the lake.

Using a Boat Launch

Public boat launches bring out the best and worst of boaters. I can't count the number of times I've watched someone with sub-par trailering skills tie up a launch as they zig-zag their boat towards the launch ramp. If you use a launch, learn how to back your boat in quickly and efficiently. Before launching your boat, put all your gear on board and unhook tie-downs so that others waiting to use the ramp don't have to wait. A final point for anglers who launch in the early morning hours relates to noise, especially if the launch is close to cottages or homes. Be considerate of people who are likely still

asleep at 4:30 a.m. Keep your voices down, don't slam vehicle doors and for heavens' sake, don't have the truck radio blasting!

Speaking of Noise....

Remember that voices carry a long way over water. Believe me; people on shore really don't want to hear about the big one that got away at the last spot you fished. They especially do not want to hear this expressed in language that is better suited for a locker room. Anglers aren't the only people that need to be conscious of the volume of their conversations. Personally, I've heard some loud and intrusive conversations from not only fishing boats but from canoes, pontoon boats and sea-doo's. And, if you have a boom-box on board, remember that not everyone shares your taste in music.

Treat the Lake With Respect

Amazingly, there are still boaters and anglers who think nothing of throwing candy wrappers, cigarette butts, used fishing line, and aluminum cans into the lake. If you fall into this category, give your heads a shake! Water systems aren't garbage cans. How would you feel if people threw their trash on your front lawn!!!

Respect Other Boaters

Every watercraft on a lake deserves to be treated exactly the way you would like to be treated. If you drive a large boat, either reduce your speed and your wake when passing a smaller boat, or give it a very wide berth. No matter the size of your boat, do not motor, paddle or row between someone fishing a shoreline or a shoal. If an angler is trolling, you will not receive a friendly wave if you motor closely behind his or her boat.

Fishing Docks and Shorelines

This is a major sore point on other local lakes and is beginning to emerge as a confrontational issue on Otty. From a legal perspective, lake residents do NOT own the water. The water beside and even under your

dock, moored boat or swimming raft is public property. Anglers have the legal right to fish these areas. And, the big bass you and your kids have named that lives beside your dock does not belong to you.

On the other hand, anglers have a responsibility to fish docks and shorelines considerately and intelligently. If your casting skills aren't up to par, you can expect to receive some nasty comments from people who aren't impressed with lures bouncing off their boat or docks. When swimmers are present, find another dock to fish. And never break off a lure that someone might step on when swimming.

A Final Thought

Ethics can not be legislated. Our behaviour is our choice. We can choose to be responsible for what we do and how we may affect others. Make a thoughtful and considerate choice. Everyone will benefit.

OTTY LAKE WINTERLUDE 2006

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One of the winter highlights on Otty Lake was the Winterlude games organized by Patti Boyd. This annual event took place on January 28th under bright sunny skies. More than 125 people attended and participated in this family affair. The events featured such fun games as three legged races, tug of war for children, ladies and men; golf with a soggy tennis ball; toilet seat horse shoes toss, turkey curling, ski relay and then the tie breaker, ball hockey game. The teams were based on competition between the North Shore and the South Shore, family and friend, people from all around could join in. The "Otty Lake Girls" also treated us this year with a terrific half time performance. After each game the winning team received points. The team with the highest score wins the home made Golden Boot trophy and bragging rights for another year.

As the sun set the large crowd descended on the Boyd home for a potluck dinner followed by spectacular fireworks. Such an event requires a lot of volunteers to make it successful and these included the Boyd's neighbors Susan and Jamie

Mannion, Gillian and Jay Taylor and Marsha and Andrew Rivington. The amazing 260 feet hockey rink was plowed by Dave Carson with the assistance of the Campbell's and Sullivan's. Over the past five year many friends and families have helped make the day such a success. The three 12 foot ice Inukshuk sculptures were designed and cut by Mike Avery and Andrew Rivington. Many long cold night hours were taken by these guys and neighbors to build them more then once. The day was a huge success again and it's a great opportunity to get outdoors and meet new people around our beautiful Otty Lake.! See you next year.

TAY VALLEY TOWNSHIP UPDATE

Maureen Towaij

Councillor Tay Valley Township

2006 Municipal Election Changes

There are several important changes in this year's November 13th Tay Valley Township Municipal Election. For the first time, voters will be able to vote electronically by either phone or internet. PIN numbers and instructions for electronic voting will be mailed to all rate payers. TVT reports that the voter participation rate in the 2003 election was 47% and hopes that given the large seasonal population, a much higher participation rate will be achieved through the convenience of electronic voting from home. Voting will still be accommodated in person at the Township Offices on Harper Road additionally, for the first time, the Deputy Reeve (Deputy Head of Council) will be directly elected by the voters in addition to the Reeve (Head of Council). These two positions are particularly important as they hold seats at Lanark County Council which, in fact, gets a larger share of property tax dollars than the municipality. The final change is that municipal councillors will be elected for a four year term versus the current three years. This change was made provincially and impacts all Ontario municipalities.

Feasibility Study - Proposed Private Road Grant Program

Tay Valley Township Council has been presented with a dilemma. Owners of property

accessed by private roads (primarily waterfront property) have experienced increases in assessment resulting in increases in taxes. The maintenance of private roads is the responsibility of the property owner. Some property owners perceive an inequity between the taxes paid and the services provided. As the Township grows and develops many seasonal, waterfront properties are being converted to permanent residences. Such development along private roads may increase the cost of maintenance of the private road through increased traffic and passage of heavy construction vehicles. While the approval authority rests with Council and the fee/tax revenue benefits the Corporation, the increase in road maintenance costs are borne by the property owners along the private road.

On March 28, 2006 Council passed the following motion:

That this Council study the establishment of a grant program for associations managing the maintenance of private roads including the financial and physical history and implications.

The Proposed Private Road Grant Program Feasibility Study will provide fact based information to aid in determining whether the perceived inequity is actual and if so the source of the inequity. In addition, the Study will explore options available should the Council seek to address an identified inequity including the drafting of a program for consideration.

Ice In/ Ice Out on Otty Lake

Do you have historical notes regarding the dates that the lake freezes over or the ice leaves Otty Lake each year? The Lake Management Planning Committee would like to include this data in the information we are gathering about the lake.

Please contact Karen Hunt at mkhunt@perth.igs.net or 613 264-9273. Many thanks for your assistance.

Our View of Otty Lake

by: Andrea Klymko and Barbara King of EcoScapes

As many of you may know from last year's newsletters, AGM, or through meeting us in person last summer on Otty Lake, Andrea Klymko and myself (Barbara King), of EcoScapes, were hired to conduct an update of the 1987 Shoreline Survey of Otty Lake.

We would like to thank all of you that allowed us access your properties to orient ourselves on our maps and to those who generously offered us drinks, cookies and most importantly washroom facilities!

Andrea has grown up seeing changes on Otty Lake for many years now, for me this was a first time look. Growing up on the water myself, I can certainly appreciate why so many of you have been drawn to reside or cottage here. In this regard, we would like to commend those of you that are working hard to protect the environmental integrity of Otty Lake through good land management practices.

With the lake survey completed, the information gathered, compiled and finalized, we would like to share with you a few thoughts on the shoreline trends we identified. Below we have included some ideas for simple, easy changes you can make on your property to protect water quality, your property investment and improve the aesthetics of Otty Lake!

The following are some shoreline trends that were identified during the survey:

- Removal of Understory Vegetation, Planning for the Future

Removal of understory vegetation (shrubs, small trees and herbaceous plants) can expose soils along your property. Diversity is the spice of life.....do you have trees on your property that are all the same age? If so, you should plan for the future. If a tree comes down on your property, do you have a replacement tree coming up to substitute what was there? A younger tree or shrub not only provides shoreline and upland

soil stabilization, but has the added benefits of providing wildlife habitat, shade and natural beauty for generations to enjoy.

TIP: Encourage understory growth this spring by planting some young native trees and shrubs strategically to encourage buffers throughout your property. Prune trees and shrubs to open views rather than removing them.

- **Raking, Raking, Raking**

The yearly tradition of raking up pine needles, leaves and other natural debris on your property, especially along slopes, expose bare soils and prevent new plant seedlings from coming up. Soils are then exposed to wind and rain, resulting in soil loss and lake sedimentation.

TIP: Consider the spring debris as mulch for your property and put the rake away! This organic material not only stabilizes your soil, but adds nutrients and helps plant species thrive on your property. Save yourself some time and energy this spring and let nature do the rest.

- **Accessing the Water**

Your shoreline access point is a high traffic area. Regular access can impact the sensitive soils along upland trails and shorelines causing erosion from exposed and compacted soils. Think about how you use your shoreline..... do you need more than one access to the lake; will one modest pathway or trail do the trick? Try to limit access routes to your shoreline and encourage the vegetative buffers along pathways leading to your waterfront.

TIP: Trails and pathways are prime spots for exposed soils and erosion, think about mulching your pathways or using permeable materials to protect bare soils and allow rainwater to be absorbed. If possible, build raised access steps down to your waterway that are open faced allowing sunlight to penetrate through so vegetation can grow underneath to protect soils and mitigate potential erosion problems.

- **Lawns to Shorelines**

Believe it or not, lawns are considered a hardened surface. 55% of water that lands on a lawn runs straight into the lake bringing with it warm water, nutrients and sediments that can negatively affect water quality. Lawns also have short root systems that result in poor soil binding, creating potential

erosion problems. All these factors over time can affect fish stocks, water clarity and quality.

Imagine the collective impacts on Otty Lake of all the groomed lawns to the shore's edge together! It's alright to have some lawn around your cottage or house, try leaving a vegetative buffer of native shrubs and trees for nature along your shoreline!

TIP: Save some time and energy.....start a buffer or expand the one you have. The easiest way to start a buffer is to leave a few metres of lawn unmowed. Plant native trees and shrubs within this buffer zone to help absorb overland runoff that would otherwise enter your lake. You will also help create wildlife habitat!

- **Soften your retaining wall**

Realizing that many of your homes and cottages were built long ago with shoreline retaining walls and may have limited areas for shoreline plantings, you can soften your retaining walls by simply planting native vines such as Virginia Creeper or Wild Grape. This will provide some shading of the water for wildlife and protect the soils from eroding along your wall's edge.

TIP: Leave logs and other natural debris (driftwood) and rocks along the retaining wall to slow down wave energy and provide fish habitat.

By taking some of these small steps and simple changes, you will help to protect your property value and keep Otty Lake beautiful for future generations to enjoy. Remember that for any work around your shoreline contact the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority. If you have any questions about these recommendations, contact the Otty Lake Association, or EcoScapes for more information at: www.ecoscapesc.ca
info@ecoscapesc.ca
(613) 273-8174

Participate in Pitch-In Week

April 24 – 30, 2006

Your Help is Needed!

A large amount of trash is in clear evidence along roadsides, ditches and the Otty Lake shoreline now that the snow and ice have melted. Each of us can play a part in looking after our local environment.

The Otty Lake Association is registered as a participant in the 2006 Pitch-In Week* campaign. We encourage individuals, road associations and local community groups within the Otty Lake shoreline and near shoreline areas to be good stewards of our community. As families or neighbourhood groups please volunteer a few hours of your time to pick up debris and take it to your local landfill sites.

Both the Township of Tay Valley and Drummond/North Elmsley support this special week in which community members are encouraged to help clean-up our local environment.

In Tay Valley Township participating groups are asked to register with the Township by April 21, 2006 in order to receive free bag tags.

Your help is needed to make this program work effectively!

- For more information about the Pitch-In Canada campaign check out www.pitch-in.ca/CleanupWorld/E-CleanupWorld11.html

Please contact Karen Hunt at mkhunt@perth.igs.net or 613 264-9273 if you have any questions about Pitch-In Week.

North Shore Initiative

The Otty Lake North Shore Clean Up initiative which is an annual event organized by **Fred Lepine** of Burgesswood took place on April 10th when 20 volunteers from Burgesswood, Loon's Way, MacMillan Drive and Maple Glen cleaned up Otty Lake Side Road from Scotch Line to Burgesswood (6.2 km). They collected 23 bags of trash, an assortment of automobile pieces and 12 tires.

SHORELINE WORK RESTRICTIONS FOR FISH SPAWNING

Rideau Valley Conservation Authority and its environmental partners remind waterfront property landowners, cottagers and construction project managers that there are restrictions for in-

water work in various waterways and lakes in our area. Many are in place now although they vary with weather, thermal conditions and types of fish that inhabit the waterways. These timing windows restrict construction activity in or near the water. The best advice is avoid the fines and penalties under the provincial and federal legislation and delay your in-water work until after the restrictions have passed.

The purpose of these timing windows is to allow an appropriate time and stress-free environment for fish to spawn and raise their young in our local lakes and streams. Fishing, including associated recreational activities, is a multi-million dollar industry in Ontario. Approximately \$1.7 billion is spent annually in the province on a range of goods and services related to recreational fishing. It provides employment for thousands of people in the commercial and recreational fishing industries as well as the related service industry supporting it. Fewer fish mean fewer jobs and degraded river health.

Here are the main timing restrictions when no in-water work may occur in areas of the Rideau Valley:

- warm water fish communities: from March 15 to June 30
- mixed fish communities: from October 1 to June 30 (e.g. Big Rideau Lake)
- cold-water fish communities: October 1 to May 31
- Ottawa River (only): work restricted from March 15 to July 15

The timing windows are researched and set annually by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources staff who have the mandate to set, enforce and allow exceptions or extensions. People wishing to report violations, ongoing in-water work or other problems are encouraged to contact their local Conservation Authority, Department of Fisheries and Oceans or Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources office.

It is also a wise idea to call the Rideau Canal National Historic Site office. The contact

for information or to report illegal work on the bed of the Rideau Canal is John Simzer, Compliance Officer at (613) 283-7199, ext 225.

The LandOwner Resource Centre (LRC) in Manotick (613)692-3571 or 1-800-387-5304) can assist if you are considering shoreline work such as docks, boat slips or shoreline erosion protection measures. Staff can assist and advise you on permit requirements or restrictions. Different timing restrictions apply in some areas of warm, mixed and cold-water fish communities, so it is important to check before beginning work on projects near the water.

Construction in or close to water can affect fish by disturbing the soil and causing erosion. The release of construction runoff and soil into the water can stress fish and reduce their chances of survival in the following ways

- reduce spawning success by smothering the eggs and preventing them from hatching
- inhibit young fish's ability to see prey and feed properly
- suffocate young and adult fish
- inhibit movement and migration of fish
- change water temperature
- reduce water quality.

For information on the shoreline work restrictions in your area, call Mark Scott, RVCA Biologist at (613) 692-3571 ext 1138 (1-800-267-3504 ext 1138) or the MNR Area Biologist (Kemptville) at (613) 258-8204 or MNR Kingston (613) 531-5700. Make sure you know the rules. The quality of our environment is at stake.

**Do you have your well tested?
Would you be willing to make the test results available to the scientists who are studying the ground water in our lake watershed area for the Otty Lake State of the Lake Report?
If you are willing to assist, please contact Karen Hunt at 613 264-9273 or mkhunt@perth.igs.net**

Request for 2006 Fee, \$20.00

Please support the Otty Lake Association by sending your annual fee to:

**Otty Lake Association
Box 20122
Perth Mews Mall
Perth, ON Canada K7H 3M6**

If you are not already a member please consider joining. With your membership our voice is strengthened and we are heard as we work towards improving this lake we all love as well as preserving it for future generations.

Thank you

Visit OLA on line at:

www.ottylake.org