

OTTY LAKE ASSOCIATION

1990-2

JUNE

COMING TO THE ANNUAL MEETING?

Date: July 14
Place: Perth Library
Time: 9:30 a.m.

Your Executive will report on

Water Quality * * Shoreline Planting Program

Home Safety * * Development on the Lake * *

* * Finances * * Recreation and Sport * *

Gypsy Moth Control Program * * Township affairs

Election of new officers to Executive, Counsellors and
Advisory Council

and will entertain discussion on any concern you may have.

As usual, we will try to adjourn by 11:30

Come. And bring your neighbour. (We start on time)

T - shirts, Otty Lake caps +
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and golf shirts will be +
+
available at the meeting. +

TREASURER'S NEWS

Judy and John Burns, our energetic Treasurer and Membership
Director, wish to advise that their new address is now
R R # 3 Perth, Ontario. K7H 3C5. Tel. 267 1834 or.
at the cottage 267 3063

Otty Lake good neighbours

PORKY ! BEGONE !

Dear reader. If you have a faint heart or a runny nose, we would suggest that you turn the page and skip this story. It's enough to make a person pass out or reach for the Kleenex. Don't say you were not warned!

A pair of our Otty Lake good neighbours had a frightening experience the other day. On the way into Perth to see the famous Austrian Lippizaner stallions their car failed to slow down when the driver applied the brakes, and they were lucky to escape without injury. All garage operators in Perth were unavailable to diagnose and repair the problem but, with the help of the CAA, they got home again safely. A personal inspection revealed that the brake hoses had been eaten through. It seems that porky had been at their car while it sat at the cottage.

The brakes have been fixed, but the owners are wondering how to stop it happening again. At last report they had wrapped the car in chicken wire while it sat there; but this is only a temporary solution. How to solve this problem? Conventional rural wisdom suggests that what porky wants is salt, so we should give them salt, near but not on the car. But this could merely attract a lot of animals, including brake-lovers. Hang moth balls from the hoses? Some of us will try anything if we are desperate enough. Any good ideas from the readers?

ELMSLEY GARBAGE PICKUP

We have been advised that the weekly garbage pickup in North Elmsley will continue to be conducted on Mondays all year, including those Mondays that are holidays, such as July 2 or August 4. So if you are accustomed to having to stand over until a Tuesday, forget it! MONDAY. Every Monday. Enquiries may be directed to the Twp Clerk, M. McEwen at 267 3371 or to Mr. McGrath at 283 3918.

SHOAL MARKERS

Norm Hull has again set out the shoal markers for the season. He wishes to acknowledge the handsome gift of \$60 worth of fluorescent spray paint for these aids to navigation, from Otty Lake Good Neighbour William Lynn. To which the rest of us add our own thanks; and to you, Norm, for doing the job for us.

BUILDING LAWS

Before building anything a property owner should first consult the Building Inspector or By-law Enforcement Officer for the Township. A permit may be required. The same holds true for demolishing a structure.

Some of the key features of the local By-laws in North Burgess and North Elmsley are:

Setback from shore - minimum 50 feet for new structure (if an R zone; 100 feet in A zones.)

Septic tanks and tile beds must be at least 100 feet back.

There are also provisions for side yard distances. Further advice can be obtained from

Jim Connell 267 4605 - in North Burgess
Doug Beesley in North Elmsley

If you intend to build a dock or place any kind of fill in the water, you must obtain permission from the Ministry of Natural Resources. The Carleton Place District Office can be reached, toll free at 1-800-7901.

CARING FOR THE LAKE

Another way of caring for Otty Lake is by respecting the shoreline. Keep it as natural as possible. Plant (or leave) shrubs, grasses or trees near the shore to bind the soil together and prevent erosion. Those bulrushes or cattails by the shore may be a wildlife habitat, so think twice before pulling them out. And don't even think about using fertilizer within 50 feet of the shore! Fertilizer that gets into the water is one of the causes of excess algae growth that speeds up the aging of a lake. A supergreen lawn looks good in the city, but if you insist on having that kind of lawn at the lake, please keep the lawn well away from the shore.

SAILING

Sailing resumes, with Sunday afternoon tours and races for those who enjoy some company. For information call Peter Code at 267 1399. All boats welcome. No experience necessary.

LAKE CAPACITY STUDIES

Some years ago Otty Lake was the subject of several studies, in relation to capacity for development. By most standards, Otty was overdeveloped. But the Province chose not to interfere. Now North Burgess Councillor Tony Inderwick is again reviewing the literature in this field and will soon be able to compare and report his findings. Previous formulas have considered such factors as swimming and boating use, ratios of dwellings to water surface, amount of phosphates entering a lake, and evidence of water quality deterioration. The Otty Lake Association will supply all available assistance in this project.

Zebra mussels to invade

Rideau system this summer

By Tom Spears

Citizen environment writer

Zebra mussels, the striped little clams that can choke underwater pipes and destroy fishing grounds, have been found in Picton.

And the hard-to-kill pests are likely to invade the Rideau waterway sometime this summer, a scientist studying the multi-million-

dollar problem says.

A new colony has been confirmed at a cement company's dock just outside Picton, said Joe Leach of the Ministry of Natural Resources Monday.

Once even a couple of zebra mussels are firmly established "there's no way you're going to stop them," he said. "I imagine

they'll be all through the Bay of Quinte this summer."

The Rideau and Kawartha lake systems are the next logical spot to expect the tiny European invaders, which have almost no natural enemies, Leach said.

"There's a lot of small boat traffic from Lake Ontario (into

the inland lakes). They can hitch a ride upstream."

In their larva stage, the mussels can latch onto boats and let go days or weeks later to start a new colony far from where they began.

And the Rideau waterways are rich in calcium. That protects them from acid rain, but also

makes a zebra mussel paradise.

"The water conditions (in the Rideau) are ideal for them," Leach said. "There's lots of calcium for them to make shells... and it's warm and shallow with rocky outcroppings." The mussels like to build colonies on rocks and other hard surfaces such as water pipes and docks.

Imported accidentally from Europe in 1986, the mussels were first found in Lake St. Clair in 1988.

They have spread through Lakes St. Clair and Erie, and are found in several parts of Lake Ontario. Other colonies are at Cornwall, Duluth (Lake Superior) and Green Bay (Lake Michigan).

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IN CASE YOU
MISSED IT.

CHECK YOUR BOAT AND TRAILER
BEFORE GOING FROM ONE LAKE
TO ANOTHER.