



DALHOUSIE LAKE ASSOCIATION INC.

Message from the President

If you are anything like me, you are all longing for the lazy days of summer to arrive so we can spend more time enjoying the beautiful outdoors. We are so fortunate to be in an area where outdoor activities are literally just a short walk or car ride away.

Two of the Seven Wonders of Lanark County are in the Highlands. Blueberry Mountain is the highest point in Lanark County, and Purdon Conservation Area features the greatest abundance of Showy Lady Slipper orchids found anywhere in Canada. There is no admittance fee to these areas and the orchids are in full bloom in June. For more info contact 1-888-452-6275 or visit www.lanarkcountytourism.com

The Dalhousie Historic Library and Museum in Watson's Corners contains artifacts and old books – some donated by Lord Dalhousie in 1828. Info – 613-259-5454 or 613-259-5223.

If you would like to visit some of the other lakes in our area you have a lot to choose from, Clayton, Taylor, White, Patterson, Flower, Round and Clyde to name just a few. No wonder this area is known as prime cottage country.

Don't forget paddling guides are available at the local municipal building in Lanark. Guides for walking tours are also available at www.lanarkcountytourism.com – see "Free Brochures" in the "Plan Your Stay" section.

Also this year Perth, Beckwith Twp, Drummond/North Elmsley Twp and Tay Valley Twp are celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Perth Military Settlement with many activities throughout the summer – info 1-888-452-6275 or www.lanarkcountytourism.com

Unfortunately, Dalhousie Glen golf course closed this year which is a disappointment to all golfers but we wish Tom and Cheryl many fun activities in their retirement.

The McDonald's Corners Farmer's Market is open each Saturday morning but Sean and Anysley will not be operating their canteen. We will all miss their artisan breads and great sticky buns. Still lots of wonderful food, local artisans and great music will be available.

If you feel like a day at the spa you can visit the Circa 1894 Day Spa in Watson's Corners (613-259-9988 or circa1894church@gmail.com). I have seven 2 for 1 passes for you if this is something you would enjoy. Contact me at my email address and I will hold one for you as long as the passes last.

The Dalhousie Lake Restaurant is open for the summer. I would recommend the Montreal Smoked Meat sandwich – Delicious!! Info at 613-278-0091 or info@sylvanialodge.com. Fireworks will be held July 2nd this year. The association voted to contribute \$200 towards this community event.

So as you can see if you can drag yourself away from your own little piece of paradise you will have lots to see and do in the area this summer.

Please be advised that a fire permit is required for all burning including campfires even when the fire ban is off. Fire ban info can be obtained at www.lanarkhighlands.ca or 613-278-2398 ext 236 or 242

Also Wild Parsnip, a noxious weed, has become a concern in our area. If the sap from the plant gets on your skin and your skin is exposed to sunlight it can cause severe burns. Contact with your eyes can cause temporary or permanent blindness. See the bulletin board at Dalhousie Restaurant for a photo of the plant. More info can be obtained at www.healthunit.org/hazards/dangerousweeds

The **normal** hours for the McDonald's Corners waste site for the summer (May 15th to Sep 14th) are:

Thursday	4pm to 7pm
Saturday	9am to 1pm
Sunday	2pm to 7pm

On the Canada Day long weekend, the waste site will be open on the normal days. On the Civic Holiday, and Labour Day long weekends, the waste site will be closed on Sunday and open on Monday

The executive has planned the following summer meetings:

- July – no meeting as the Lake Networking group (which we are a member) will be hosting a presentation by FOCA on 'Cottage Succession" on Sunday Aug 14th 12:30 to 2:30 at the Perth Legion. You can pre-register to secure a seat at info@foca.on.ca or 705-749-3622. The fee is \$10 – see the flyer on the bulletin board.
- Aug 27th – 10:00am. Annual General meeting at M.E.R.A. At this meeting the slate of directors for next year will be elected, a financial report for 2015-2016 will be presented as well as the water testing results.

An agenda for each meeting will be sent to you by email as well as posted on the website (dlai.ca). It will also be placed on the bulletin board beside the boat launch at Dalhousie Lake Restaurant.

The membership drive is once again being conducted by email. Since you are receiving this by email you will not receive a membership package by mail. The fee for this year is \$20 - please make your cheque payable to Dalhousie Lake Association Inc and send to the director of your section by July 31st (see Executive 2015 list below).

If your contact information (address, phone number etc.) has changed since last year, please send the updated information to halljw@sympatico.ca.

Why join a lake association? Here are some reasons I feel are important for your consideration:

- *Your lake association acts as a liaison between the various agencies (Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority, Lanark Leeds & Grenville Health Unit, Township of Lanark Highlands, Ministry of Natural Resources, etc.) and our members. We e-mail or phone our members with pertinent information concerning water levels, events, meetings, etc. If Dalhousie Lake does not have an association these agencies do not know who to contact and important information does not get communicated.*
- *We organize information meetings for members only with speakers who are knowledgeable on specific topics that members have told us they need to know more about.*
- *Your association believes in creating a “lake community” where you know your neighbours, therefore we try to organize a social event once a summer.*
- *The executive attends meetings to get ideas and learn about projects, e.g. Lake Management Plans, that we think our members might be interested in getting involved in.*
- *We attend council meetings if topics are being discussed pertaining to the Mississippi River Watershed, Dalhousie Lake in particular.*
- *The association is interested in preserving and improving the ecosystem of our lake through education, however the association is not a watchdog for other agencies. In the past the executive has arranged for environmental experts from Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority, the Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Health to speak to all members about environmental concerns.*
- *You would find it valuable to visit the association website at dlai.ca or the bulletin board beside the boat launch at Sylvania Lodge for more information about the association.*

There is strength in numbers. My vision would be to have all residences become members to ensure a strong positive voice for Dalhousie Lake. Let's become an enthusiastic, informed lake community. Your membership gives you a voice.

If you have any questions about the association, please contact the director for your section.

I look forward to seeing many of you around the lake and wish you a safe and fun filled summer.

Judy Hall, President
Dalhousie Lake Association Inc.

Executive 2015

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