



DALHOUSIE LAKE ASSOCIATION INC.

Message from the President

I hope everyone is ready for a great summer. In these tough economic times, the simplicity of cottage living seems more appealing than ever. It's time to sit back, get a good book, take a canoe ride or go for a stroll or a drive through the many forested areas in our rural community.

There are many exciting activities going on in our area this summer that are either free or for a very nominal fee.

- o June 20th Orchid Festival - Purdon's Conservatory (www.mvc.on.ca)
- o July 1st 3rd Annual Dalhousie Lake Flotilla
- o July 4th to 12th 175th anniversary of the Tay Canal -Perth (www.tayriver.org/tay175)
- o July 10th Art of Being Green Festival at its new location in Middleville. Discover ways to live a greener lifestyle. (www.artofbeinggreen.com)
- o July 10th to 12th Ontario Family Fishing Weekend – fish license free on any lake or river in Ontario. (www.familyfishingweekend.com)
- o July 11th Perth Doors Open – public is given glimpses of public and some private buildings. (www.doorsopenontario.on.ca)
- o July 17th to 19th Stewart Park Festival in Perth. It's a large music festival and it's free! (613-264-1190 or www.stewartparkfestival.ca)
- o Aug 8th to 9th 12th Annual Garlic Festival (Perth) – admission 5\$, children free. (www.perthgarlicfestival.com)
- o Aug 22nd to 23rd Mississippi River Heritage Festival at McDonald's Corners commemorating the 125th anniversary of the Settling of the Logger's Feud.

Opening ceremonies will be at 9:00am on Aug 22nd at Centennial Park with a native drum ceremony. Morning activities include a tour of High Falls generating plant and a log rolling demonstration.

Afternoon activities will be at MERA Schoolhouse with a log driver's lunch, artisans, children's games, a re-enactment of the feud and many other activities that are still in the planning stage.

Saturday night will see a Log Driver's dinner at the Agriculture hall in McDonald's Corners with entertainment, dance and a bonfire to close out the evening.

On Sunday morning, Aug 23rd, a sunrise church service will take place on the beach at Dalhousie Lake Restaurant. After the service Mississippi Natural Heritage tours depart down the river with the 18 passenger Voyageurs canoes from Perth and any other canoes, pontoon boats etc that wish to join in. Lunch on Sunday will be provided at the Watson's Corners Community Hall.

This is going to be a very exciting event for our lake so watch for the details in local papers or www.meraschoolhouse.org. The lake association meeting on July 4th will have a speaker from MERA to fill us in on all times, locations and activities.

- o You might be interested in seeing the seven wonders of Lanark County that have been chosen by the residents(www.county.lanark.on.ca/Page1574.aspx):
 - Blueberry mountain – Lanark Highlands (highest point in Lanark County)
 - Five span bridge – Pakenham
 - Purdon's conservation area – Lanark Highlands (Lady Slipper Orchids)
 - Mill of Kintail conservation area - Almonte
 - Stewart Park – Perth
 - Silver Queen Mica Mine at Murphy's Point
 - St Peter's Celestine Church – Pakenham

- o Dalhousie Glen Golf Course seniors days are Monday and Thursday with 9 holes for \$9. Tuesday morning and evening is Ladies golf and Wednesday is Mens – both are open to all visitors so you can join in any time. When you don't want to cook, you can go to the Dalhousie Lake Restaurant for a great meal.

So when you get tired of boating and swimming and the kids say they are bored, get out into beautiful Lanark Highlands and surrounding area and have fun!!

The executive attended several meetings this year including Lake Links, Emergency Planning and the public meeting for the new official plan for Lanark Highlands. We are very happy to report that you can now access daily water levels for Dalhousie lake on the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority web site (www.mvc.on.ca – click on water level advisory) I will also post levels on our bulletin board at the Dalhousie Lake restaurant when there is a flood advisory.

The executive also planned our summer activities:

- July 1st Flotilla to celebrate Canada Day
Decorate your boat of any kind and join us on the lake at 1:00pm

- July 4th Information meeting - Mera Hall 10:00 am
 - o Constable Bruce Wilcox – OPP Marine unit – Perth detachment

 - o M.E.R.A (McDonald's Corners Elphin Recreation Association)
Marilyn Barnett – Mississippi River Heritage Festival

 - o Councillor Brian Stewart – News from the Township

- Aug 15th Annual general meeting – Mera Hall 10:00am

An agenda for each meeting will be sent by email and posted at the bulletin board situated beside the boat launch at Sylvania Lodge.

Any successful association requires members and funds in order to carry out its mandate. Our membership drive will take place from mid June to mid July. As we did last year we are sending you this newsletter by mail as it is extremely difficult and very time-consuming to try and contact everyone in person.

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, 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 are committed to organizing 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.*

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.

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