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# Methuen Lake Cottage Association

## 2020 Newsletter

Plan to join in Cottage Association events by paying your dues and putting the dates on your calendar.  
*See next page for dates and details on events.*

**COVID-19 Pandemic Response!** Pandemic actions will continue to change as the province follows the reopening plan. Watch for email updates for event details and changes as we get creative and take direction from local and provincial government and public health authorities. Health and safety are top priority. When planning to participate in Cottage Association events, do what you are comfortable with to keep yourself and your family safe.

Newsletter Delivery is by email only to addresses we have. Please share with neighbours that do not have email. Email [MethuenLakeCA@gmail.com](mailto:MethuenLakeCA@gmail.com) for contact information changes and additions. Please note your: cottage FR#, 911# (green sign) and if the information is to replace an old contact or add a new one, such as a family member who would also like to receive MLCA news.

**Dues!** Send e-transfer to [sdatfinlay@hotmail.com](mailto:sdatfinlay@hotmail.com) (Sheila Finlay MLCA Treasurer) with question "What is the name of our lake?" and answer "Methuen"

**Or mail to:** Sheila Finlay  
2545 Van Luven Rd.  
Baltimore, Ontario, K0K 1C0

**Donations with your \$20 dues are welcome and appreciated!**

### Association Executive

Chair: Vacant

Vice Chair: Bill Reid 905-391-7682

Lake Steward: Adele Freeman

Members at large: Barb Millar, Stephen Kitchen, Martha Asselin, Neil Williamson, Sue O'Dwyer, Mike Homewood, Steve Bernardo, Gemma Bernardo

**Association email:** [MethuenLakeCA@gmail.com](mailto:MethuenLakeCA@gmail.com)

Treasurer: Sheila Finlay 905-396-7470

Secretary: Sheila Alexander 905-644-8390

# Summer 2020 Events



## **Saturday nights at 7:30 - Pot Banging**

Make some noise on your dock in support of Front-line workers, Emergency services and others that are keeping us safe and fed through this pandemic.

## **Saturday June 27th - Canada Day Boat Parade and Fireworks**

Join the decorated boat parade, at Finlay's Island at **8:30** p.m. on Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup> or wear red and white on the dock to cheer on parade as it passes. Fireworks at **dusk**. Many thanks to Dwight Finlay & Mike Homewood.



## **Saturday, August 1 from 1:00 to 8:00;**

## **Sunday, August 2 from 9:00 to 7:00 - Bass Derby**

Kids, teens & adults are encouraged to participate on both days. Barry Noble and Neil Williamson plan to have at least 2 boats on the lake in order to weigh the fish and record the weight & dimensions, facilitating catch & release. Trophies to the winners of each division: Children 10 & under; Teens 11 to 18; Adults.



## **Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> – Civic Celebration**

Plans are underway for activities that may include: dockside fish pond, dockside Lucky Draw, Scavenger Hunt and Amazing Race Methuen Lake. Watch for an email with details.

## **Saturday, Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 - Golf Tournament**

Join us for golf at Owenbrook Golf Course. This is an excellent starter course for anyone interested in trying golf for the first time or introducing the game to their children. All ages welcome. For more info or to donate prizes call Mike Homewood at 705-656-9250.

## **Saturday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 - Sailing Race**

Meet at public boat launch between Shaw's and the diving rock. Thanks to Stephen Kitchen for organizing. Weather delay date is Sunday, Sept. 6th.



## **Volunteer Needed! - Memories of Methuen Photo Contest**

Instead of gathering on Labour Day weekend, let's share some memories. Watch for an email with details on how to submit photos and how see entries and vote on winners.



## **Volunteer Needed! - Recipe Swap**

Instead of sharing at the potluck or the treat table at the picnic (lemon filled cupcakes, yum), let's share our favourite recipes. Submit recipes to [MethuenLakeCA@gmail.com](mailto:MethuenLakeCA@gmail.com).

## *From the Association . . .*

**About our Roads** – The Cottage Association has no responsibility for the roads into your cottage but we are often asked questions. The two “road associations” are run by volunteers who work hard on your behalf, collecting fees, coordinating road work, etc. For information please contact: [johnstonroad2019@gmail.com](mailto:johnstonroad2019@gmail.com) for North Road FR84 and [glengail.warnock@gmail.com](mailto:glengail.warnock@gmail.com) for South Road FR83

**County of Peterborough Replacement of the North River Bridge** - Please be advised that County Road 46 will be reduced to a single lane using temporary traffic signals at North River Bridge for replacement works commencing Monday June 15th 2020 for approximately 18 weeks. The North River Bridge is located on County Road 46 approximately 0.8 km west of the intersection with Anderson Road and approximately 12.1 km north of Havelock. Timelines are approximate and will vary dependent on weather and other factors. Every effort will be made to keep residents informed of significant changes. Work on weekends may be undertaken to accommodate completion.

**On the Political Front** –We monitor issues of concern to cottagers through HBM Lake Association and FOCA.

**Your Septic/Holding Tank** – Septic and holding tanks need a little love to work properly and keep our lake clean! Here are a few tips to keep in mind!

1. Keep track of when you last pumped out your septic or holding tank. If you don't know, have an operator come in, check the levels and that it is working properly.
2. Make sure that everyone using your cottage knows that you are on a septic/holding tank and that **ONLY** water, sewage and a limited amount of toilet paper should be put down the drains; and **NO** tampons, wipes, paper towels and kitchen grease, or bleach, cleaners and other chemicals that will kill the bacteria that live in the septic system. Post instructions in the bathroom and at kitchen sinks!
3. Take a walk on your septic bed and look for any pooling of water that might suggest the tile bed is not functioning.
4. **Never park or store** items on the septic bed. The tiles and tank can be crushed!
5. Remove all vegetation that will produce roots that can clog the tiles from the septic bed.

Want more information? <https://foca.on.ca/cottage-country-septic-systems-video/>

**Lake Steward** - Surface water testing for E. coli will proceed in July. The birds, animals, fish and reptiles of our lake ecosystem are alive and well. The beauty of the first irises and the loons, seagulls, robins, woodpeckers and new shorebirds making nests makes us aware and grateful for the lake and nature that abounds this spring and soon to be summer. Stay safe and enjoy the natural wonder we have the opportunity to experience.



**Loon Watch** – Adele Freeman at 705-656-9550.



Be respectful of fire bans.  
Watch for signs.