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Methuen Lake Cottage Association

2021 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! With the pandemic continuing most events planned for this year will respect physical distancing guidelines. All events will respect public health advice. Please watch for updates on any activities that must be changed as a result of public health direction.

Newsletter Delivery is by email only to addresses we have. Please share with neighbours that do not have email. Email 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 (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, Dave Bernardo, Martha Asselin, Neil Williamson, Sue O'Dwyer, Mike Homewood, Steve Bernardo, Gemma Bernardo, Alistair Munro

Association email:

MethuenLakeCA@gmail.com

Treasurer: Sheila Finlay

905-396-7470

Secretary: Sheila Alexander

905-644-8390

Summer 2021 Events

Friday July 2nd - Canada Day Boat Parade and Fireworks

Join the decorated boat parade, at Finlay's Island at **8:30 pm** or wear red and white on the dock to cheer on parade as it passes. Fireworks at **dusk**. Thanks to Dwight Finlay & Mike Homewood.



Saturday, July 31st – Civic Celebration



Lucky Draw! 1:00 – 3:00 pm dock at Asselin/McCarthy Cottage. Buy tickets and put on the prize baskets of your choice, 3 /\$5; 7 for \$10! Martha will call winners and drop off prizes at agreeable time. Please contact Martha at 249-494-0807 or martha.asselin@sympatico.ca to donate prizes.

Lemonade 1:00 – 3:00 pm at Finlay's dock on the island. Funds go to future Cottage Association events.

Scavenger Hunt If you have a group or a single who would like to participate in this all ages activity, please sign up using [Scavenger Hunt google doc](#), to be sent instructions. If you have trouble with google doc, email Adrienne Ogilvie at adrienneharriss@hotmail.com with names and ages in your group.

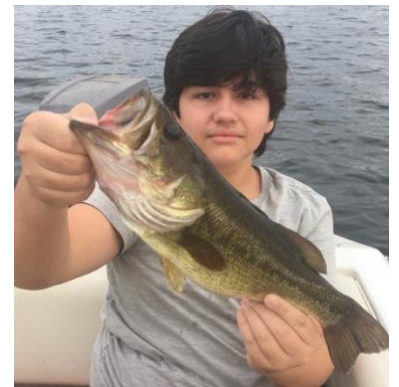
Fish Pond! 12:00 – 4:00 pm at O'Dwyer dock in bay at northeast end of the lake! Use [Fish Pond google doc](#), to sign up children of any age for a time slot. If you have trouble with google doc, email Sue O'Dwyer at sueodwyer@rogers.com with children's names, ages, and preferred time. If you don't have transportation, we will try to come to you after 4pm. Please sign up early!

Sunday, August 1 from 10:00 to 7:30 - Bass Derby

One day only! Kids, teens & adults are encouraged to participate. Barry Noble and Neil Williamson plan to have a boat with a flag on the lake near the small island to weigh fish and record weight & dimensions, facilitating catch & release. Trophies to the winners of each division: Children 10 & under; Teens 11 to 18; Adults.

Golf Tournament

Sadly, Owenbrook Golf Course is permanently closed. Mike Homewood is looking at alternatives. Details will be provided when available.



Saturday, Sept. 4th - Labour Day on the Lake

Sailing Race 11:00 am start at public boat launch between Shaw's and the diving rock. Contact Dave Bernardo beforehand if you are interested in participating: davebernardo@gmail.com. Thanks to Steve Kitchen for organizing for many years and to Dave for taking over. Weather delay date is Sunday, Sept. 5th.

Flotilla 3:00 pm Paddle or power your boat to the west end of the lake near Homewood's to let it float back down the lake while chatting and enjoying some music and 'bring your own' refreshments.

Fall 2021 Event

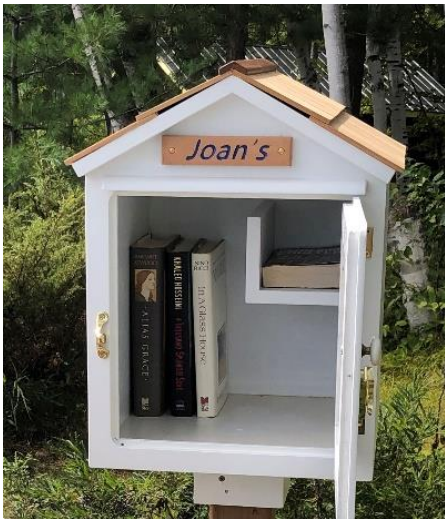
Saturday, Sept. 18th 9:00 am – 4.7 km Walk/Run Event



Register with Alistair at alistairmunro@me.com by Friday, September 17. All ages, runners and walkers welcome. All participants will be required to sign a waiver. Check the weather forecast and dress appropriately. Meet at the top of the hill approximately 2.5 km from Sandy Lake Road on Johnston Drive, - Fire Route 84. There is room for some vehicle parking at the starting point. Boat parking available at Munro/Bowry, Millar's and O'Dwyer's docks. Runners and walkers will proceed to Sandy Lake Road - turn around and return to the starting

point. Handheld timing will be recorded for all participants. Map attached. Simple brunch after at the Munro/Bowry cottage, - 536 FR 84.

From Members . . .



Looking for something to read? Stop by the Homewood cottage to peruse Joan's little lending library.

If you want to discuss what you read... Book Club starting in July. If interested contact Martha Asselin (249-494-0807 or martha.asselin@sympatico.ca) or Barb Millar (705-761-1801)

How about helping to create some reading material? Craig Homewood is collecting stories about the history of cottaging on Methuen Lake. He has a great start, but would like to hear from others. Please get in touch with Craig at LCraigHomewood@gmail.com to share stories about the origins of cottaging on Methuen Lake.

Methuen Lake Swap Doc Thank you to Brooke Millar for creating a way to let fellow cottagers know about things you have to sell or give away or things you may be looking for. Please keep this link among Methuen Lake Cottagers. [Methuen Lake Swap Doc](#).

In case of Emergency! Defibrillators are available:

- 1) on the island inside the back door of Finlay's cottage.
- 2) At Bill and Karen Reid's Lot 66-41 FR84A
- 3) At Steve and Gemma Bernardo's Lot 29a FR83.

Fire water pump on Finlay's island.

From the Association . . .



Lake Steward - Surface water testing for E. coli will proceed in July. White balloons on sticks at the shoreline can be used to deter Canada Geese. Stay safe and enjoy the natural wonder we have the opportunity to experience.

Loon Watch – It has been reported that the loons are nesting in the bay between Reid’s and Bottomley’s/Thompson’s. Contact Adele Freeman at freeman.ea@gmail.com or 705-656-9550 with other loon news.

Gypsy Moth Explosion Continues! For a good background, on what can be done, check this info from the Kawartha Conservation Authority. <https://kawarthanow.com/2020/07/29/how-to-deal-with-the-gypsy-moth-explosion-in-the-kawarthas/>

Elections – No elections are being planned for this year due to the pandemic. Executive members will continue in their current positions.

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 for North Road FR84 and glengail.warnock@gmail.com for South Road FR83

July 1, 2021: Clear Garbage Bag Program becomes mandatory at Havelock Belmont Methuen Transfer Stations. See <https://www.hbmtwp.ca/en/living-here/garbage-recycling-and-waste.aspx> for details.

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/>

Be respectful of fire bans.
Watch for signs.

