

Loon Call Lake Cottagers' Association Newsletter- Spring - 2021

March 26, 2021



Breaking News

North Kawartha will require clear bags for garbage starting June 1st. For more information read [here](#)

Governance

We will be assessing options for the AGM in 2021 and will update you in the next newsletter. Any thoughts are appreciated, just reply to this email using subject line "AGM Thoughts"

Community

REMINDER: Fireworks are prohibited

Since we are in a provincial park, you need to be aware of the rules. "Possession or use of fireworks is prohibited in provincial parks at all times. They constitute a fire hazard and disturb visitors and wildlife who wish to enjoy the park in a peaceful manner." The full set of rules can be found here: ontarioparks.com/park/www.blueflag.ca/rules

Firework	Minimum Fine
Possess fireworks	\$100.00
Ignite fireworks	\$150.00

Cottager List

Do you need your cottage neighbour's contact information – use the [Contact Us form](#) to find out how to get it.

On the Water

Your Loon Call Lake Executive have been busy these past few months looking for and applying for grants that can help our lake. As a result, we have applied for a Phragmites Invasive Species educational grant and are in the process of applying for a Love Your Lake grant to help with shorelands.

Phragmites - Invasive Species - Not Decorations



Pronounced [frag-mait](#)s (American) or
(British) [frag-'mī-tēz](#) (British)

Image credit: [Invading Species web site](#)

In March we applied for a grant to increase awareness of Phragmites invasive species.

We want to increase awareness of the invasive nature of phragmites. It takes very little to propagate phragmites and a lot of work to remove them, so although they may look decorative, please do not bring them to the cottage. And if they are at the cottage, take them back to the city.

While we were not successful at receiving the grant we encourage you to become familiar with the educational material available and make it available to visitors and renters as well.

For further Phragmites information visit this [link](#).

Love Your Lake



We have submitted an application for funding with which we will purchase plants and host a PPP (Pandemic Planting Palooza). Stay tuned for more information in the next newsletter.

A little bit more about the program:

- The Canadian Wildlife Federation (CWF), in partnership with Watersheds Canada, is thrilled to announce that lake groups who have participated in Love Your Lake are eligible to receive funding. Lake groups can receive up to \$500 per group to improve freshwater health. The Love Your Lake Microgrant Program will provide funding for shoreline naturalization projects that positively impact lake health such as shoreline restoration and demonstration sites.
- Projects should demonstrate the support and involvement of lake community members taking action towards improving and maintaining shoreline and lake health, such as, community members distributing native plants, helping design garden layouts or planting native plant species along shoreline areas.

You can read more about the microgrant program [here](#)

Bancroft Area Stewardship Council Plants

If you are interested in purchasing plants, there are many resources, BASCI is just one of them, enabling you to get shoreline bundles easily and at a good price. [Please see this link for details.](#)

FOCA Elerts

- The February Elert can be found [here](#). Of particular interest is the information regarding the change to electricity rates to eliminate seasonal rates. It's a done deal, we are now into the rollout details.
- The March Elert can be found [here](#). Of interest in this Elert is FOCA's strategic plan for 2021 – 2023 for:
 - **promoting healthy lands, lakes and rivers**
 - **advocating for responsive government**
 - **serving local lake and road associations**
 - **championing affordable and safe rural living**
 - **fostering community, and**
 - **building FOCA's capacity.**

We encourage you to subscribe to Elerts [here](#).

North Kawartha

You can receive timely North Kawartha by subscribing at this [site](#).

Gypsy Moths

You should have sent your contract back to Zimmer Air if you are planning on being sprayed. Thanks to Vickie for working with Zimmer Air for stick handling our cottager list with them.

Cottage Life Show

The Cottage Live show is virtual this year. Check it out [here](#)

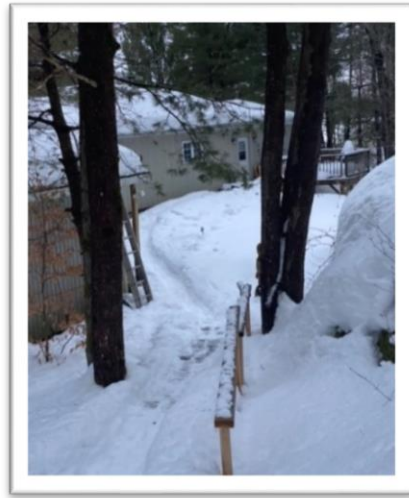
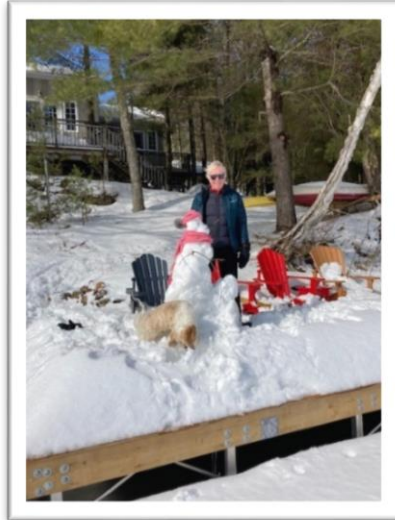
Be Careful - Ice on shorelines

With warm weather and windy conditions, be watchful and wary of ice conditions. For information about water levels for the lakes surrounding Loon Call, this is a good site to visit: www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/on/trentsevern/info/infonet

Winter at the Cottage

Many of our Loon Call Lake cottagers have been enjoying winter at the cottage this year. It is quite a different experience than in summer, with the peaceful quiet and vastly different winter activities.

Photo credits:
Brian Webster /
Margi Colquhoun



And here, for your enjoyment, an excerpt from Henry Decock's blog that says it all:

Oh! Canada

This weekend, I finally got my good rink and a vigorous skate. The entire lake became my ice playground and I lived my dream skating experience.

[For the full entry, follow this link.](#)

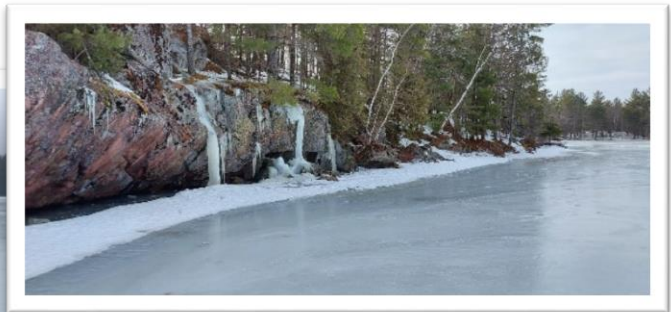


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[More photos can be found on the Loon Call Lake web site by clicking here.](#) If you have photos, please let us know through [the Contact Us form](#) and we will put them on the web site.

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