



You can find the photos which Joanne took at the 2014 Regatta on our website...[www.cordovaalake.ca](http://www.cordovaalake.ca)

## A Message from the President

Hello to everyone. It's the first day of Fall and what a beautiful one! The leaves are turning quickly so if you want to see them you'd better get up here soon!! This is my favourite time of year with the colours that are spectacular and the silence, it is amazing how quiet it is.

We had a good summer up here on Cordova, they complained about the weather in Toronto but we did not get the rain and temperatures below 30C are fine with me.

It was a great day for the Annual Regatta that was managed by the Boland Family and lots of volunteers.. Steve and Orla took the reins and did a fantastic job. Congratulations and thank you from all the Members. Please remember that they always need extra hands in pulling it all together so give Steve a call and let him know how you might be able to help out.

We also organized our first "Clean Up Cordova" day. We had very good results but we need to get more people out next year. Garbage bags, gloves and bottled water are supplied and all you have to do is go for a nice walk along your road and pick up garbage, leave it at the top of the road (for someone else to take to the dump) and then feel good about helping to clean up our lake. Great way to start your Saturday don't you think?? Watch for details in our Spring newsletter..

As you'll read on the next page we also had our first Annual Fireworks event. It was an amazing show choreographed to great music, as good as the ones we used to sit and watch on Lake Ontario. We are going to make this an annual event but do need donations from the Lake. Instead of spending hundreds on your own fireworks why not donate to the Association event and just sit back, relax and enjoy.

I want to remind everyone of the Annual Bocce Tournament this winter. We will be holding it at the north end of the lake at 1PM on the Sunday of Family Day weekend, bocce is a lot of fun on the ice so come out and enjoy.

Here is a clue for all you attentive readers to solve. **"What has declined by 90% over the last 20 years?"** When you have the answer, please go to our website and email us your answer with your name and phone number. The first person to answer correctly will win the \$50.00 prize.

That's about it for now, wishing everyone a good winter, wonderful Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year and looking forward to another great summer next year.

*Joanne*



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- *Where one members' travels have taken her.*
- *Upcoming Election*
- *Read about the winter activities of another of our members.*
- *What to do if you fall through the ice!*

## We Lit Up the Skies

On June 28, 2014 the CLCA sponsored our fantastic First Annual CLCA Canada Day Fireworks event. Many of our members took their boats out into the lake to watch the show. Others gathered at the beach or on their docks to do the same. Milan Kratochvil and Brian Addie showcased their skills and gave us all a real treat.

This was very well received by our members who asked that we make this a Canada Day tradition. So...next year it will be held at the same location at the north west end of the lake. Date T.B.A.

Donations for this event are encouraged. Please send your donation to the CLCA and mark it Fireworks 2015. You may mail your donation to Melanie at 201 FR59, Havelock, ON K0L 1Z0 if you so choose.

For those of you who'd like to see it all at least one more time, please go to [www.cordovalake.ca](http://www.cordovalake.ca), click on the link to the video and sit back and enjoy.



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This newsletter is being delivered to CLCA members. If you know someone who has not yet joined the CLCA please feel free to pass along this contact information to them.

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### Fall Cottage Life Show –Toronto– October 24-26, 2014

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**Cottage Life**  
**SHOW**

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## Bat Population Approaching Extinction

*I received an email from a member reporting that he was surprised to see two bats flying at dusk along Fire Route 54 and was curious to know if anyone else had seen bats around the lake. This simple query started me on a quest for further information as I was not very knowledgeable about the decrease in the bat population. I found an article written by Drew Monkman and have, with permission, excerpted it here. Mr. Monkman is a Peterborough teacher and author of *Nature's Year in the Kawarthas*. He can be reached at [dmonkman1@cogeco.ca](mailto:dmonkman1@cogeco.ca). Additional information came from the Ministry of Natural Resources.*

As hard as it is to believe, there is every possibility that some of our most common bat species could completely disappear from northeastern North America within 10 years. These are the bats that you might typically encounter at the cottage or in an old house or church. This dire projection is being made by Dr. Brock Fenton of the University of Western Ontario, one of the top bat researchers in the world. By all accounts, it would seem that we are witnessing one of the most drastic wildlife declines ever seen in North America.

The freefall in bat numbers appears to be linked to a fungus that is killing the animals as they attempt to hibernate during the winter in caves and abandoned mines. Known as white nose syndrome (WNS), biologists are still trying to understand basic questions about the epidemic. However, parallels are already being drawn to the fungus that is being blamed for the worldwide decline of frogs throughout the tropics.

The most obvious symptom of WNS is the presence of a white fungus growing most often around the nose area. It is not known if it is the fungus itself that kills the bats, or if the presence of the fungus is just a symptom that appears when the animal's immune system has become compromised for some unknown reason. The fungus is similar to one known to infect bats in Europe where, curiously, the bats seem able to survive its effects. Whether North American bats will eventually adapt to the fungus and their populations stabilize is not known.

The disease is fatal to about 95% of the bats affected and has already killed more than a million of the animals.

Researchers are starting to get a clearer picture of how the bats are dying. Hibernating bats will usually awaken from their torpor a few times each winter and even fly off in search of water, especially during mild weather. However, bats with white nose syndrome are being observed to wake up far too often and to stay awake too long. Being overly active during winter depletes their stored fat reserves prematurely, since the animals require a lot of energy to stay warm in cold weather. To further complicate matters, there are no insects for bats to eat in winter. So, bats with WNS exhaust their fat reserves and end up starving to death. Surveys of four New York State caves last winter found a 90% reduction in the number of bats as compared to two years earlier. One colony went from 200,000 bats in 2007 to 3,000 bats a year later. Probably as a result of the winter die-offs, biologists are now finding that the sites where the bats give birth in summer have also been depopulated.

What the demise of bats will mean to the environment is not clear. Bats are the primary predator of night-flying insects like moths and mosquitoes and can eat half their body weight in insects every night. The disappearance of most bats from northeastern North America could theoretically lead to large increases in insect numbers such as the mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus. More than anything, people need to show bats a little sympathy and appreciate them as a fascinating part of our planet's biological diversity and a stunning achievement of evolution. Their value lies in the simple fact that they exist and are here among us. As you can well imagine, WNS has left much of the bat research community in North America demoralized. Scientists are facing cave floors littered with the animals they've spent decades studying. Unfortunately, this sort of precipitous decline in wildlife species is expected to become more commonplace as climate change takes hold.

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MNR encourages the public to report any unusual bat deaths to the Canadian Cooperative Wildlife Health Centre at 1-866-673-4781 or to the local MNR office. In the Peterborough area, call (705) 755-2001. Bats are very vulnerable to disturbance. No one should enter a hibernaculum between September and April or a bat nursery site during the breeding season in mid-July. There is also some evidence that human activity in caves is contributing to the spread of the fungus. For example, spelunkers could be moving fungal spores between caves on their gear. Therefore, the public is also urged to refrain from entering caves and abandoned mines where overwintering bats may be present. Small numbers of bats do overwinter in caves in the Kawarthas, especially in the Warsaw area.

As mentioned above, bats do occasionally rouse in winter and leave their overwintering site to drink and eliminate wastes. Sometimes active bats end up inside buildings, too. If you come across one, either leave it alone or catch it using a towel. It can then be released outside. Be sure to wear gloves since, in rare cases, bats sometimes carry rabies.

In March 2013 the first cases of WNS were found in Ontario. On April 5, 2013, Canada's Environment Minister, the Honourable Peter Kent, announced funding to respond to the threat of WNS.

"We take our role in protecting and conserving species in Canada very seriously," said Minister Kent. "By providing for national coordination of Canada's response to the disease, we will be able to maximize the contributions of our provincial, territorial and private sector partners, as well as ensure consistency in our approach."

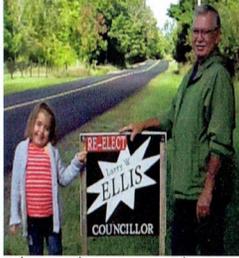
The new Contribution Agreement will facilitate national coordination, surveillance and response to the danger posed by White Nose Syndrome to bat species in Canada. National coordination will ensure efficient and effective use of resources in areas such as disease surveillance, reducing rates of transmission, public communication, and research into appropriate conservation actions, as well as facilitating information exchange with similar interests in the United States. An initial amount of \$50,000 was awarded earlier this year to the Centre to support surveillance and related activities.

White Nose Syndrome has led to serious declines in bat populations throughout eastern Canada and the eastern United States. More than 5.5 million bats are estimated to have died so far. Locations in Canada where bats are known to have been exposed to the fungus for two years or more have experienced declines of over 94 percent, with some as high as 99 percent. The three bat species that are affected are the Little Brown Myotis (also called Little Brown Bat), the Tri-colored Bat (formerly called Eastern Pipistrelle) and the Northern Myotis (also called Northern Long-eared Bat).



## ABOUT ME

As a retired Senior Production / Business Manager. I returned to the Township ten years ago and now reside at the sixth line of Belmont Township (Seabrook/Ellis homestead) where I was born and raised. I am married to Marilyn and we have three adult children and four beautiful granddaughters.



My hobbies include farming and spending time with my family at our cottage on Belmont Lake. I consider myself a good steward of the land and an environmentalist.

I am currently serving my second term as Township Councillor and have represented Council on the following committees:

- Source Water Protection
- Township Revitalization Improvement Project (T.R.I.P.)
- Crowe Valley Conservation Authority Liaison
- Library Board
- Mathison Property Development Project

I have a proven ability to listen to all residents young and old. I will work to improve our community, face challenges and promote economic development.

I offer you my Council experience and my time and energy for the next four years for continuous improvement.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Accomplishments/Memberships:

- Elected for two terms - 7 years working
- Secured funding for Source Water Protection
- Crowe Valley Conservation Authority
  - Liaison assuring water quality and quantity
  - Belmont Lake Dam Repair
- Planning Advisory
  - Protecting our environment
  - Official Plan Update completed
- Active member of the Library Board
- Ongoing revitalization
- Active member of Celebrate Havelock
  - Promoting our community businesses

I am ready to dedicate 4 more years to resolve the tough issues facing the next council.

### Issues:

- Extremely high policing costs
- Continue lobbying the minister of health and longterm care to meet the needs of our seniors
- Voice continued efficiency strategies to meet the needs of our community without large tax increases
- Promote business/service group involvement to encourage growth and tax base improvement as well as ensure a positive realistic approach to meet the needs of residents

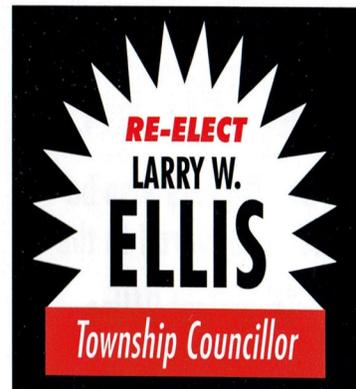
## COMMITMENTS & GOALS

### I Will:

- Provide a clear focus on environmental issues with continued involvement with HBMLA to protect our beautiful lakes
- Work hard and listen to your concerns
- Be accountable and accessible
- Use a common sense and practical approach to decision-making
- Advocate for our local farming operations
- Follow policies and procedures for all residents, equally
- Follow up and follow through on issues
- Be a Councillor you can trust

### Goals:

- Secure longterm care/seniors facility
- Full time doctor coverage at our Medical Centre
- Focus on Economic Development
- Focus on youth facilities



## RESOLVE THE TOUGH ISSUES

## CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENTS

## COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION

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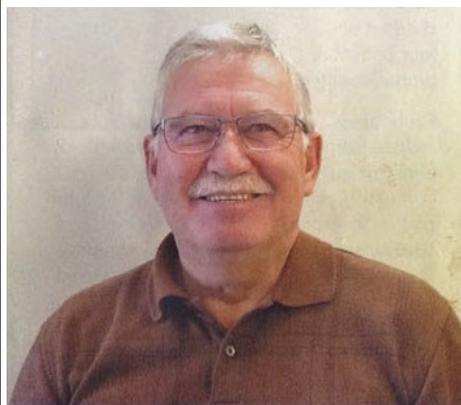
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## Christmas Bird Count

In 1900, American ornithologist Frank Chapman asked birders across North America to head out on Christmas Day to count the birds in their home towns and submit the results as the first "Christmas Bird Census." The Christmas Bird Count, as it is now called, is conducted in over 2000 localities across Canada, the United States, Latin America, and the Caribbean. These bird observations have been amassed into a huge database that reflects the distribution and numbers of winter birds over time.

Christmas Bird Counts are conducted on any one day between December 14 and January 5 inclusive. They are carried out within a 24-km diameter circle that stays the same from year to year. Christmas counts are generally group efforts, though single-observer counts can and do happen. They are organized at the local level, usually by a birding club or naturalists organization.

As well as adding an exciting and fun event to the holiday season, the Christmas Bird Count provides important information for bird conservation. Data from the Count were used in assessment reports that added Western Screech-Owl, Rusty Blackbird, and Newfoundland Red Crossbill to the Species at Risk Act lists, and the general database was used extensively in the recent *State of Canada's Birds* report.

To participate, look for counts happening near where you live by going online to: [BirdStudiesCanada@bsc-eoc.org](mailto:BirdStudiesCanada@bsc-eoc.org). That will provide lists of all the counts happening in each province or territory, along with the name and contact information of the compiler.

If you can't find a count near you and are interested in starting one in your local area, contact National Christmas Bird Count Coordinator Dick Cannings at:

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## Glass Beach Recycled by the Ocean...an amazing tale!

In the early 1900s, Fort Bragg, California, residents threw their household garbage over the cliffs above what is now Glass Beach. It is hard to imagine this happening today, But back then people dumped all kinds of refuse straight into the ocean, including old cars, and their household garbage, which of course included lots of glass.

Beginning in 1949, the area around Glass Beach became a public dump. Sometimes fires were lit to reduce the size of the trash pile (up to 30 feet high). However in 1967, the city leaders closed the area. Various cleanup programs were undertaken through the years to try to correct the damage, but without success.

Over the next 30 years the pounding waves cleaned the beach, by breaking down everything but glass and pottery. The pounding waves washed the trash up and down, back and forth. Tons of polished, broken glass were created by the pounding surf. These smoothened, coloured glass particles then settled along the sea shore in millions, and so a magnificent beach was formed. The name was changed from, The Dump to what we currently know as, The Glass Beach.

In 1998, it became part of MacKerricher State Park. Within a period of a few years the Glass Beach won fame, attracting a large number of tourists every year. Way back in time, people wanted to dump their glass products on this shore; now they would try to get one of these pieces to take home as a souvenir. It is ironic but true that where once it was illegal to dispose the glass on the shore, it now is a crime to remove it. Visiting the Glass Beach today is a unique experience.



## Don't Drive ATVs on Paved Roads

All-terrain vehicles, which are hugely popular among hunters, anglers and other outdoor lovers, are designed for off-road use — their low-pressure tires aren't usually meant for use on paved surfaces and some are prone to rollovers. They are prohibited on most public roads.

But many users are taking their ATVs onto paved roads, and the majority of ATV crash deaths are now occurring on those roads. Researchers have found that deaths of ATV drivers and passengers have increased substantially in recent years as the vehicles have grown more popular and more people take them onto roadways.

Riders are urged to always wear a helmet and other protective gear and to never ride on public roads or under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

In a recent ATV accident, Amy Van Dyken Rouen, a six-time U.S. Olympic gold-medal-winning swimmer, suffered a broken back which severed her spine.

Please make safety part of the plan for every ride and follow these rules of the trail:

1. **Do not drive ATVs on paved roads.**
2. **Do not allow a child under 16 to drive or ride an adult ATV.**
3. **Do not drive ATVs with a passenger or ride as a passenger.**
4. **Always wear a helmet and other protective gear such as eye protection, boots, gloves, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt.**
5. **Take a hands-on safety training course.**

ATVs are designed to be driven only on off road terrain; they should not be driven on paved surfaces. ATVs have solid rear axles and no rear differential, which makes turning on pavement difficult and dangerous; one tire will actually skid when making a turn.

ATVs on paved roads are at risk of hitting or being hit by cars and other vehicles. While passenger vehicles contain safety features designed to protect occupants from collisions, ATVs do not.

If struck by other vehicles, ATV riders can be killed or severely injured.



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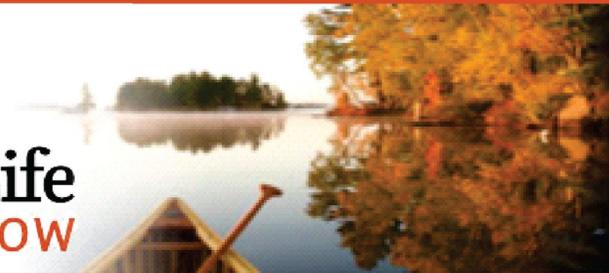


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# DO YOU HAVE WANDERLUST?

**Cordova Lake is fantastic but if you're interested in travelling further afield...**



My family and I have been on Cordova Lake for three years now and we have more than likely passed each other out on the lake! I am a stay at home mother of 3, also running a very successful travel business from the comforts of my home.

I have been a travel consultant for over fourteen years and I am currently working with one of the world's largest independent home-based travel companies, Travel Counsellors.

I am extremely well-travelled; from Australia, to many parts of Europe, multiple trips to Las Vegas and the Caribbean. My travels have taken me from land to sea, having enjoyed many different types of trips from cruises, to motor coach touring, and independent self drive travels through Europe, the Caribbean, Canada and the USA.

Right now is the perfect time to start planning a Southern Holiday, whether it's on the beach or on a cruise.

One of the newest up and coming gems in the Caribbean is Curacao. The city is located on the south central shore of the island and bathes in the warm waters of the Caribbean Sea. The Sint Annabaai canal divides the older part of the city. The Punda side has the Old World Dutch ambience and the best shopping, whereas the Otrabanda side has more contemporary charm. The Queen Emma Pontoon Bridge, joining the two sections, is reserved for pedestrians. With a population of 43,600, the capital has become a huge commercial and industrial center. Willemstad is a charming Dutch colonial style town with enormous historical importance and a gorgeous harbour. As matter of fact, the capital was recently declared a cultural heritage site of the world by UNESCO. It offers lovely alleys and parks to stroll, historical monuments to ponder and a slew of museums to educate and fascinate. The wonderful architecture is best known through the pastel-coloured gable houses.

If you are searching for fun and relaxation in the sun, you are sure to find it at one of Curaçao's 35 plus beaches, from rocky coves surrounded by massive cliffs to long sandy beaches. The south western coast is favoured by swimmers because of the calmer waters. The many international and local restaurants promise delightful meals. Evenings can be filled with excitement at the many casinos or discotheques. Curaçao's underwater world is famous worldwide amongst **diving and snorkelling** enthusiasts, with its 40 different dive areas swarming with many species of coral and fish. Popular sites include: the **Airplane Wreck**, which identifies the site of the remains of an airplane; **Basora**, with its elegant Chinese pagoda shapes perched on the wall as you dive into the depths; **Black Rock / Piedra Pretu** is a spectacular wall dive with a lush shallow terrace and a steep, deep wall, which drops to about 37 m.; **Double Reef & Superior Producer Wreck**, one of the finest wrecks in the Caribbean since it is positioned upright, with her wheelhouse at 24m; and the **Oswaldo's Drop Off and Car Pile** is the most unique traffic jam you are ever likely to see with cars and trucks dating back to the 1940s piled on the wall.

So close up the cottage and pack your bags..... where will your vacation take you???

*Written by Michelle Sciarra*

The world is a  
book, and those  
who do not  
travel read only  
a page.

St. Augustine



# Working to be a Positive Presence in the Community

Please find below excerpts of a letter written by **Phil Higgins** who is **President of the Havelock and District ATV Club** in response to Melanie's request for clarification around ATV use in Havelock Belmont Methuen. You may find Phil's detailed letter in full at [www.cordovalake.ca](http://www.cordovalake.ca)

I am glad to respond to your inquiry as best I can, both from my personal perspective and in reference to the objectives of the local Trails Club; the Havelock & District ATV Club. Please let me make it clear that though named an "ATV" club that our organization builds, maintains and strongly promotes Multi-use Trails.

The ATV bylaw of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen was passed in order to link trail to trail, to link trail to services (food, fuel & accommodations), to link trail to economic centres and to link trail to folk's homes. The bylaw opened the Township's roads to all ATV operators holding a driver's license and operating a licenced and insured ATV. It is not exclusive to club members. Some unique and locally specific elements were placed in the HBM bylaw: a curfew was included as was a reduced speed limit from 50 km/h down to 20 km in medium density populated areas where 60 km/h is the posted limit for cars. I ride my ATV from my home, approximately 2 ½ km to the trail. The limit on my road is posted 60 km/h allowing me to legally travel past my several dozen neighbours at 20 km/h.

Riding on the road is not our wish. We want to ride on the trails. Unfortunately this is not possible everywhere- yet. But one thing we do not support or enjoy ourselves is the use of the road as the riding venue. Our hope is that as we offer more off-road riding opportunities that you will see fewer people choosing to ride only on the road.

Up until last year it was illegal to ride an ATV to Sam's Place in Cordova. We worked to open that piece of County Road. As a developing club it is important to us that we are able to link or trail network to the outside communities in order to encourage the economic benefits rolling in with the folks on neighbouring trails ready to do business in our community. We have also found that this means we need to have the opportunity for our trails to loop or be part of larger loops preventing the need for the trail user to double back the way they came. We have made it a priority to wherever possible invest in trail agreements not at-risk of easy revocation by land-owners. Though not 100% possible we are endeavouring to develop our trail network as much as feasible on municipal and crown lands. We do carry liability insurance which does cover the landowners who have agreed with us to allow trail across their properties. At this time we do not have trail on private land in the Cordova Lake area. We have been focussing our efforts in areas where there is no alternate way to connect our trails; road or otherwise. Our trail network connects to the EOTA trail at County Road 50 south of highway seven and using trail and road links reaches the Gut Conservation Area which is a short gravel road trip back onto the EOTA trail at Coe Hill. Piece by piece we are working to find alternatives to the road links. But that is a long & tedious endeavour. Our route through the Cordova area utilizes Preston Road & links to County Road 48, east through Cordova to Vansickle Road and stays on the road until the Devil's Four Mile north of the lake. This is our longest road link. But until alternate off-road trails can be determined & negotiated, this is what we have to work with.

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Let me reassure you that The Havelock & District ATV Club is working to be a positive presence in the community. We take our work very seriously and take a conciliatory approach to working with our neighbours who might enjoy the out-of-doors in a different way. I intend to keep open dialogue with any willing to participate constructively.



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This was the first time we had a winner on hand when the draw was done. Elizabeth and her husband Ron were driving by Sams Place a little before 3p.m. and she thought, "I think the 50/50 draw is happening today". She came in and was standing there when the lucky ticket that happened to be her daughters was pulled. The excited scream startled just a few people in the store who were not aware that some money had just been won.

Thanks to all for participating. Let's try and outdo this number next year.

Joanne



The winner of the \$100.00 for selling the most tickets was Sams, once again.



### Handy Hint

If Butternut Squash is on your soup menu this fall instead of having to peel and dice your vegetable, which can be challenging, just cut your squash in two and roast it in the oven at 400 degrees for 25 minutes. The flesh will be nice and tender and easy to use in your favourite soup recipe.

On a chilly autumn day there's nothing like coming in hungry at lunchtime or supper to find a hot bowl of homemade soup. Add a salad or slice of wonderful crusty bread and you have a meal to remember!

There are lots of wonderful recipes online for butternut squash soup. Here are a few sites you might like to check out if you'd like to make a tasty fall treat for your family.

<http://www.chow.com/recipes/30466-roasted-butternut-squash-soup>

<http://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/michael-chiarello/roasted-butternut-squash-soup-recipe.html>

<http://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/ina-garten/roasted-butternut-squash-soup-and-curry-condiments-recipe2.html>



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## Remember to VOTE in HBM

CLCA encourages our members, and all individuals, to get involved in the October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Ontario Municipal Elections. The term of office for elected representatives is December 1st, 2014 to November 30th, 2018 (a four year term).

### Ontario Municipal Elections – Key Dates:

Friday, September 12, 2014 Nomination Day – Last day for filing nominations.

Thursday, October 2, 2014 Election Signs – Election signs may be posted starting on this date.

October – TBD – Advance Voting Days – Electors may vote prior to election day for any reason.

Monday, October 27, 2014 **ELECTION DAY**

Monday, December 1, 2014 - Term of Office Commences



## [ Who Can Vote? ]

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Do you ever wonder what some people do when they are not at the lake? You might be interested in the following link detailing Maureen Carlson's Texan activities.

[http://www.brownsvilleherald.com/news/local/article\\_e3f8d55a-7c05-11e3-877f-0019bb30f31a.html](http://www.brownsvilleherald.com/news/local/article_e3f8d55a-7c05-11e3-877f-0019bb30f31a.html)

We would love to hear what you do when you're away from the lake...hobbies, travels, charity work. Please send your information to Melanie for inclusion in the May newsletter.



Autumn, the year's last, loveliest smile." *W.C. Bryant*

## Road Signs



In the Spring a cottager had suggested that 'no exit' signs be put at the end of each road to reduce traffic. When this topic was raised at the annual meeting, the members suggested that the signs should be costed.

I am pleased to inform you that we are currently awaiting quotes and will report on this in the next newsletter.



## Please Don't Feed the Deer

If there's one topic wildlife biologists agree on, it's the folly of feeding deer. Conventional wisdom is unanimous: Don't do it.

Animal lovers pity deer when temperatures dip and snow covers the ground. When a big storm blows in, they feel compelled to suddenly offer food. Pallets stacked high with "deer corn" at farm supply stores encourage this harmful behavior.

The problem is that deer digestion is a finely tuned physiological process. As the seasons change, deer diet also changes. From herbaceous vegetation in the spring and summer to acorns in the fall to woody browse in the winter, deer require several weeks to slowly adapt to new foods. It doesn't happen in just a few days during a snowstorm.

Wrong kinds of feed can cause digestive problems, and even if the right type of feed is used, feeding can lead to other issues, including:

- Encouraging more deer in an area that might not have the habitat to support them (leading to poor reproduction, smaller fawns and higher winter mortality rates).
- More deer-vehicle collisions as deer cross roads to get to feeders.
- Deer losing their natural fear of humans.
- Bringing natural predators, such as wolves, closer to populated areas where feeders are placed.
- Increasing the risk of disease transmission among deer and other animals.
- Increasing the metabolic rate of deer, therefore increasing the amount of food they need.



Resist the urge to be kind this winter. A suddenly available supply of food wreaks havoc on deer digestion and can be deadly.

## Remembering Joe O'Neill



I'm sure most of our members have become much more aware of the disease ALS or as it is sometimes known as Lou Gehrig's disease since the ice water challenge. Thank you to all who participated in the challenge and especially to those who generously contributed in memory of Joe and others who suffered or are suffering from ALS.

Joe O'Neill, a long-time resident of Cordova Lake was diagnosed with ALS in January, 2012 and passed away in May 2012. Joe was a relatively healthy individual his entire life. He was rarely sick, he was in reasonably good physical condition and enjoyed life. In fact, he was happiest and most content when he was here at the cottage on Cordova Lake.

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis is a horrible disease and it is terminal. ALS attacks the neurological system. It usually affects mobility resulting in complete paralysis and the respiratory system fails. Major advances toward determining the cause have been made in recent years, however there is no known cause and no effective treatment. ALS does not discriminate. It affects everyone differently and it can strike at any age. Joe lived only four months; some live for many years. The average life after diagnosis is two to five years. Thank you for the opportunity to remember Joe on Cordova Lake and to provide some information on ALS.

*Written by Joe's loving wife Jan who has been asked to be the guest speaker at the Seniors Club in Marmora on October 1, 2014. at approximately 1:30p.m.*

## Preventing the Spread of Invasive Species

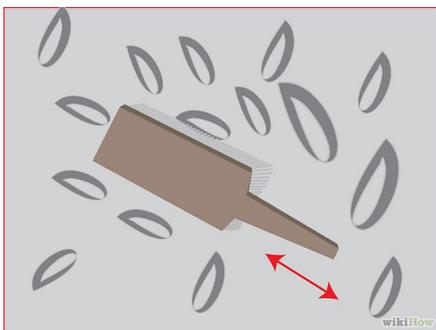
Slime, algae, and Zebra mussels are only some of the things that can attach to your boat bottom. Collectively this phenomena is referred to as Fouling. Besides being unsightly, fouling growth can increase the roughness of the hull, decreasing the vessel's performance and maneuverability, increasing drag, reducing speed and increasing fuel consumption. If left unattended, fouling leads to corrosion of the hull and to the vessel's deterioration. It can also significantly contribute to the spread of invasive aquatic species.



A perfect time to clean your hull is when you take your boat out of the lake in the Fall. To clean the fouling from the bottom of your boat, you will first have to haul it and move it on land, away from the waters edge. If you have access to a pressure washer, wash as much of the growth off, as you can, while the fouling is still wet. If not, use a scrub brush, such as a deck brush on a long handle and scrub off as much as you can. This will work, even if the growth has been left to dry. Some people use strong cleaners on their boat which can contaminate the lake. Please do not use powerful, toxic cleaners on your boat whilst it is in the lake or at the water's edge.

### Washing Your Boat

Wash with fresh water and spot clean to prevent dirt build up. **Do not allow soaps or detergents to enter into the water as soaps** may add nutrients that promote algae bloom. An increase in algae bloom can lead to a decrease in oxygen available to fish and other aquatic animals and can lead to suffocation.



Do not allow excess cleaning products to enter into the water. The most damaging pollutants are those that persist and tend to increase in concentration as they are transferred through the food chain.

Use less harmful cleaning methods, including *baking soda*, *vinegar*, *lemon juice*, *borax*, and good old-fashioned elbow grease.

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# Nuisance bear complaints in Central Ontario triple year-over-year

Pick your ripe berries promptly and keep your garbage in bear-proof containers if you don't want hungry bruins scouring your yard for a pre-winter snack.

After a long winter and a damp summer, bears are beginning their pre-winter bulk-up earlier and more aggressively this year, particularly in the Parry Sound and Muskoka region, wreaking havoc for both cottagers and full-time residents.

This summer, there have been 354 complaints regarding nuisance bears, which is triple the amount from last year at this time. Two bears have also been shot this season—one near Bracebridge and the other near Orillia—after repeatedly entering populated regions.

The bears have been leaving a mess in their wake: ravaged bird feeders, flattened barbecues, and crushed garbage bins and composts. Mike Hall, co-coordinator for the Ministry of Natural Resources Bear Wise program, told the *Toronto Star*, "They are foraging constantly and trying to double their weight for hibernation. It's a cycle of feast and famine. That's what causes us problems."

He also adds that there are more complaints than usual because the bears had plenty of food last season. This season, the berry crops have been less plentiful, which means even a faint smell of a fruit peel decomposing can cause a frenzy for a hungry bear.

To keep your property bear-free, block off any access to food, including compost, garbage, pet food containers, and bird feeders. After cooking food on the barbecue, leave it on to burn away any leftover grease. While camping, never store any food in a tent (even a tube of toothpaste can smell like snack to a bear), and hang it from a nearby tree in a bear-proof container.

Written by [Samantha Edwards](#) as found in *Cottage Life* online magazine.



On the lighter side...Ted and Betty Maker alerted me to this video taken during a winter bear census in Algonquin Park.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch\\_popup?v=vJRDpTUIrJI&vq=medium](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=vJRDpTUIrJI&vq=medium)

The voice you hear is Canadian funny guy Rick Mercer.

## Making Your Fuel Go Further

Are you finding it expensive to drive to the cottage on a regular basis. One way to save money is to SLOW DOWN. If you drive at 100 km instead of 120 km, you save 20 % on gas! Plus it is safer, less stressful, less polluting and attracts no speeding tickets! Saving a few minutes is not worth missing these savings.



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## How to Survive a Fall Through Ice

What should you do if you fall through the ice? **First, try not to panic.** This may be easier said than done, unless you have worked out a survival plan in advance. Read through these steps so that you can be prepared.

**Don't remove your winter clothing.** Heavy clothes won't drag you down, but instead can trap air to provide warmth and flotation. This is especially true with a snowmobile suit.

**Turn toward the direction you came.** That's probably the strongest ice.

**Place your hands and arms on the unbroken surface.** This is where a pair of nails, sharpened screwdrivers or ice picks come in handy in providing the extra traction you need to pull yourself up onto the ice.

**Kick your feet and dig in your ice picks to work your way back onto the solid ice.** If your clothes have trapped a lot of water, you may have to lift yourself partially out of the water on your elbows to let the water drain before starting forward.

**Lie flat on the ice once you are out and roll away from the hole** to keep your weight spread out. This may help prevent you from breaking through again.

**Get to a warm, dry, sheltered area** and re-warm yourself immediately. In moderate to severe cases of cold water hypothermia, you must seek medical attention. Cold blood trapped in your extremities can come rushing back to your heart after you begin to re-warm. The shock of the chilled blood may cause ventricular fibrillation leading to a heart attack and death!



## Keep the burglars out!



As you know, this summer a number of cottages around Cordova Lake were broken into. During the Fall and Winter months when cottages tend to be less well used and there are fewer people around them, break-ins are more prone to happen. In order that you not fall victim to thieves we suggest:

1. Make sure you have quality deadbolts on all your doors and high quality padlocks and hasps where applicable. Locks aren't foolproof, but they do slow down a break-in and they may convince the would be burglar to go elsewhere for easier pickings.
2. Ensure all the window curtains are closed, including those in your boat-house and garden shed. Thieves are not as quick to break in if they don't know what is inside.
3. Ensure all your valuables are out of sight when you are not at the cottage. Items like expensive cameras, laptops, etc. will probably go home with you, but if they don't, put them under the couch or somewhere else, just don't leave them out in the open.
4. Patio doors, frequently a weak spot in the security, should have something laid in the track to prevent the door from being forced open. The same holds true for sliding windows.
5. Letting a trusted neighbor know your contact phone number and an idea of when you will not be at the cottage is always a good idea. People who live in the country are usually quite in tune with what is going on around them and can keep an eye on your place.
6. Larger items like boats, boat trailers and utility trailers should be locked. You can use a hitch lock or fasten the trailer to a large tree with a chain and padlock. Boat trailers are expensive and frequently stolen with or without the boat.
7. Don't leave keys to boats, ATV's, padlocks etc. in a place where they can be easily seen or stolen by someone who does get into your cottage. Thieves have been known to take impressions of keys using wax, returning later to steal the item with a newly minted key.

OPP Constable Jonathan Beckett says "There's not much you can do to stop a really determined professional thief from breaking into a cottage, but there are many steps you can take to deter them and reduce the risk that your cottage will be targeted. Since most cottage burglaries are done by amateurs, even a few simple security precautions can thwart most of them."

The OPP would like to encourage anyone with information on these crimes or any other crime to contact the Ontario Provincial Police at [1-888-310-1122](tel:1-888-310-1122).

Should you wish to remain anonymous, contact Peterborough Northumberland Crime Stoppers at [1-800-222-8477](tel:1-800-222-8477) (TIPS) or you can submit your information online at [www.stopcrimehere.ca](http://www.stopcrimehere.ca)

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## Monarch Butterflies Need Federal Protection to Keep from Disappearing

As monarch butterflies are beginning their epic migration from Canada and the U.S. to Mexico for the winter, concerns about the drastic rate at which they're disappearing from the landscape have led environmental and health organizations to petition the government for federal protection. Recently, the Center for Biological Diversity, Center for Food Safety, Xerces Society and monarch scientist Dr. Lincoln Brower filed a legal petition with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service seeking protection for monarchs under the Endangered Species Act.



According to the petitioners, monarchs have declined by a shocking 90 percent in less than 20 years and "may have lost more than 165 million acres of habitat — an area about the size of Texas — including nearly a third of their summer breeding grounds." Last winter, the numbers of these iconic butterflies reached a record low, raising worries about their future survival. According to the Xerces Society, in the 1990s, an estimated one billion monarchs made their way from the north to the oyamel fir forests in Mexico where they spend their winters sheltered by the trees, while another million were believed to spend the winter at sites in California. Now, scientists believe there are only 33 million left.

Scientists believe the widespread use of herbicides and pesticides, illegal logging in Mexico and a loss of milkweed — the only plant that monarchs lay eggs on and the only plant the caterpillars will eat — have all played a role in their severe decline.

According to the Center for Biological Diversity, "Scientists have predicted that the monarch's entire winter range in Mexico and large parts of its summer range in the states could become unsuitable due to changing temperatures and increased risk of drought, heat waves and severe storms."

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# Monarch Butterflies Are Vanishing: Here's How You Can Help From Your Own Home

While monarchs go about their amazing journey unaware of efforts to protect them, there are a number of things we can do to help them survive. Gardeners and landowners are being encouraged to restore their habitat by planting milkweed plants on their property and allowing space for them to grow.

We can also help by not using pesticides at home and by making sure that plants we're buying from garden centers haven't been treated with anything that's toxic to monarchs or other pollinators.

The Center for Food Safety also recommends choosing foods, especially corn and soy products, that are grown organically because the damage of increased herbicide use on these genetically engineered crops is believed to be a leading factor in the decline of monarchs. Learn more about monarchs and how to help them at:

[Use Your Summer Gardening to Help Butterflies and Bees](#)

[Your Bee-Friendly Garden Might be Killing Pollinators](#)

[6 Ways to Celebrate the Birds and the Bees for National Pollinator Week](#)

“Monarchs are in a deadly free fall and the threats they face are now so large in scale that Endangered Species Act protection is needed sooner rather than later, while there is still time to reverse the severe decline in the heart of their range,” Brower, who has been studying the species since 1954, said in a statement.



Read more: <http://www.care2.com/causes/monarch-butterflies-need-federal-protection-to-keep-them-from-disappearing.html#ixzz3Bmp112Ys>

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## Winter Driving Tips From CAA

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Keep your exhaust pipe clear of snow. Carbon Monoxide can be exhausted into your vehicle. It is colorless, odorless, and deadly.

Keep your gas tank at least half full. Condensation can build up in a near-empty tank and that can cause a fuel line freeze-up.

Do not drive with your heater in the recirculate mode. There is too much moisture from you and melting snow on your shoes or boots for the defroster to work properly.

Keep the following in your car: extra gloves, a blanket, flashlight and batteries, a bag of sand or kitty litter, a small shovel, chocolate for emergency energy, extra windshield fluid, a snowbrush / ice scraper, and a candle and matches for light and heat.

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Cordova Mines Recreation Association Community Events

Friday October 24th 6PM ROAST CHICKEN DINNER

Saturday, November 15th CHILI LUNCH

Saturday November 29th SANTA CLAUS PARADE

