

Mountain Lake Clothing and Accessories

Again for 2011, your Association has obtained a colourful selection of distinctive Mountain Lake clothing for men, women and children, as well as some unique and thoughtful accessories for your cottage. Competitively priced apparel and accessory items will be available for purchase at the Judge Jordan Road boat launch (weather permitting) on the following dates:

Victoria Day Weekend: Saturday May 21st, 10:00 am until noon
Civic Holiday Weekend: Sunday July 31st, at the Annual Picnic
Labour Day Weekend: Saturday September 3rd, 10:00 am until noon

Remember too that Mountain Lake merchandise will also be available at the Annual General Meeting at The Pepper Mill on Saturday June 25th, 9:30 am until noon. Further information about clothing sales and logoed merchandise may be obtained from Ginny Scotta (telephone 705-286-0162 or e-mail penelopeatthelake@gmail.com). Considerable time and effort are expended by Board volunteers to make this clothing available to you, and clothing sales provide very important revenue for your Association! Please appreciate all of the volunteer efforts, support your MLPOA, and boost your Mountain Lake community spirit by proudly wearing our stylish apparel.

Serenity at Mountain Lake *by Geoff Byford*

All property owners at Mountain Lake cherish the serenity that the Lake and its natural environs afford.

Accordingly, property owners must take responsibility for mentoring family members, guests, invitees, and renters to be mindful for the privacy of fellow neighbours, for other persons enjoying the Lake, and for our pristine natural environment.



Loud music and incessant barking dogs can be annoyances particularly as sound travels with less attenuation over open water; the sound of loud boisterous late night partying is inconsiderate and can violate community noise by-law; nighttime fireworks may not be appreciated by immediate neighbours and cottagers farther away (municipal fireworks exhibitions are offered on occasions and are safer); relentless 'churning' of the lake surface on jet skis can be noisy for the shoreline community and the resultant large waves are damaging to shorelines and riparian wildlife habitats. Unshielded bright lights cause glare and distractions over short distances and such illumination can trespass over long distances; unnecessary illumination contributes to light pollution that compromises natural darkness.

Please share your Association's concern for mindfulness and respect regarding these issues with all persons who are privileged to stay at your Mountain Lake cottage or home. Education is always preferable to enforcement! Enforcement by Police, Municipal By-law officials, or by Ministry of Natural Resources officers will inevitably be an unpleasant experience.

Lake Steward's Report *by Bruce MacMillan*

Ice & Water Levels

This spring the last ice melted from Mountain Lake on April 23rd. The high water levels this spring have been more typical compared with the very low levels experienced last year. Go to this site to see the Trent-Severn Waterway graph re Mountain Lake water levels:

http://www.pc.gc.ca/lhn-nhs/on/trentsevern/visit/ne-wl/trent_e.asp

Water Quality

In 2011 we will again participate in Ontario's Lake Partner Program by providing an early spring sample of lake water for nutrient and calcium testing and monthly clarity and temperature readings to the Ministry of Environment. Our results continue to be consistent and satisfactory.

Invasive Species

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources has a program called the Invading Species Watch. This is a volunteer based monitoring program to detect the presence/absence of aquatic nuisance species in Ontario lakes. Specialized filtering equipment is used to obtain samples at several locations on a lake. We last participated in this program in 2007 and I intend to volunteer for this program again this year.

Lake Steward's Meeting

I plan to attend the next meeting of lake stewards for the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Association at the fish hatchery in Haliburton on May 28th. This is an excellent forum to share information and we will be reviewing a newly created manual for lake stewards.

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