

Cordova Newsletter



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CLCA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We experienced an old-fashioned winter on Cordova Lake this year. Lots of snow and the thick ice on the lake was perfect for snowmobiling, cross country skiing / snowshoeing, outdoor rinks / skating and ice fishing.

Although winter was beautiful, I am sure everyone is looking forward to enjoying some warm summer weather and anticipating summer activities on the lake. Our spring was off to a slow start this year.

Also, I want to thank our numerous, dedicated volunteers that make our programs possible (i.e., Regatta, Facebook Group, newsletter, website, lake markers, water sampling etc.), and a special thank you to our CLCA Executive Committee.

As well, I also sit on the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen (HBM) Lake Associations Committee and this year 3 of the members, including myself volunteered to re-write the brochure [HBM Restoring Healthy Waterfront](#).

For this newsletter, the CLCA has included three Articles:

1. **Changes to Small Vessel Licensing Regulations (i.e. Boat Ownership)**
2. **Lyme Disease & Ticks**
3. **Fire Safety in Remote Areas**



Thanks for your continued support and have a safe and enjoyable season on Cordova Lake.

Elaine Epp, CLCA President

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Saturday July 11, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm – CLCA Annual General Meeting (AGM)**
at Cordova Mines Community Centre
55 Alfred Street East, Havelock
- **Saturday August 1st, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm – CLCA Annual Regatta** at FR57
“Beach Road” (North End), with the rain date being Sunday August 2nd, 2026.
- **Saturday August 22nd – CLCA lakeside concert** featuring **Organ Eyes Kaos**, North end of the lake, early evening.
More details to follow.

MAYORS MESSAGE 2026

As we look ahead to the warmer months following a long, cold, and snowy winter, we are reminded that the past year has presented significant weather-related challenges for our community.

In March 2025, our municipality experienced a devastating ice storm that affected not only Havelock- Belmont-Methuen, but much of Eastern Ontario. The impact on residents, infrastructure, and local services was substantial. Later in the year, we faced prolonged drought conditions that escalated to a Level 3 designation and resulted in a county-wide fire ban extending into the winter months. This was HBM's first ever total fire ban. We are hopeful that the significant snowfall this winter will contribute positively to groundwater levels and help ease drought conditions as we move into summer 2026.

Amid these challenges, there have also been important developments and progress within our community. Several new cell towers are currently under construction and are expected to become operational this year, improving connectivity for residents and businesses.

At the provincial level, changes are underway to consolidate Conservation Authorities from 36 to 9. While the intent is to streamline operations, this restructuring will result in significantly larger service areas, and we continue to monitor how these changes may affect our municipality.

Council has also partnered with our neighbouring township, Asphodel-Norwood, to improve access to primary healthcare. Through this collaborative initiative, more than 450 residents have been successfully rostered with a family doctor. We are now actively exploring plans to re-establish a medical centre in Havelock to further strengthen local healthcare services. I am also pleased to share that the Township Grants Program has been reinstated for this year. Funding is available to support private roads, environmental initiatives, and community projects. I encourage residents to visit our municipal website for full program details and application information.

Looking ahead, Municipal Elections will take place on October 26, 2026. A significant change for this election in Havelock-Belmont-Methuen is the elimination of the Ward system. Voters will elect a Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and the top three Councillors at large, who will serve the entire township.

As always, I would be pleased to provide a more detailed report at your upcoming lake AGM. Thank you for your continued engagement and commitment to our community.
Have a safe summer,

Jim Martin

Mayor, Township of Havelock Belmont Methuen



Everything You Need To Know About Canadian Boat Licence Numbers

How to get a boat licence, check the expiry, where to display them on your boat, what boats require them and why.

BOAT OWNERSHIP

CHANGES TO SMALL VESSEL LICENSING REGULATIONS

A Pleasure Craft Licence (PCL) is a paper license similar to your vehicle registration form and it is represented by letters and numbers that should be found on each side of the bow of your boat.

- A copy of the PCL must be carried on board at all times.
- There are new requirements to notify TC of changes in boat information or ownership within 30 (not 90) days.
- Transport Canada (TC) has implemented a \$24 service fee to process new, renewed, or transferred PCL applications.

Whereas, the Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) is a certificate much like a school diploma. As such, it identifies a level of competency, and is good for life and cannot be taken away.

As of January 6, 2026 all new, transferred and renewed PCLs are valid for 5 years. You can check your license expiry date using your pleasure craft license number. For older licenses that didn't have an expiry date, the following expiry dates will now apply:

PCL Issue Date	PCL Expiry Date
December 31, 1974 or earlier	March 31, 2026
January 1, 1975 to December 31, 1985	December 31, 2026
January 1, 1986 to December 31, 1995	December 31, 2027
January 1, 1996 to December 31, 1999	December 31, 2028
January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2005	December 31, 2029
January 1, 2006 to April 28, 2010	December 31, 2030

How to Update Your Information

If your pleasure craft does not have a valid license (including up to date information) or is not registered, you may be liable to a fine. Having accurate information on file is essential for your safety. It allows search and rescue to find you in case of emergency. As of January 6, 2026, you can update your information online at any time, free of charge at: <https://www.pcl-pep.snbservices.ca/1001/PubWeb/Default.aspx?lang=en-CA>

BY: JOHN GULLICK
CANBOAT / NAUTISAVOIR,
MANAGER OF SPECIAL PROGRAMS

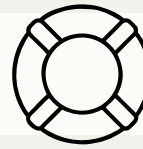
There are Two Ways to Apply for a Pleasure Craft Licence (PCL):

You can apply by regular mail or you can apply online. To obtain, transfer or change information on a Pleasure Craft Licence go to the Transport Canada web site: www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marine-menu.htm. Search Pleasure Craft Licence and that will take you right to the section you are looking for. All of the information, forms and how to use the mail in or on-line process is there and easy to follow. For French just click Français in the upper right hand corner.

Use the application process and form to:

- Apply for a new licence: as of January 6, 2026, all new, transferred and renewed pleasure craft licenses are valid for 5 years. Licenses that previously didn't have an expiry date will now have one (see table below).
- Transfer an existing licence: when you buy a used boat, it is your responsibility to transfer the Pleasure Craft Licence.
- Update your licence information: as of January 6, 2026, you must update your license information within 30 days of it changing (e.g., changes to name or phone number). Updating your information is free.
- Obtain a duplicate licence: or
- Cancel a licence: as of January 6, 2026 the criteria for cancelling a license have expanded, a license must be cancelled if the vessel is no longer seaworthy or for other specific reasons outlined by the Minister of Transport.

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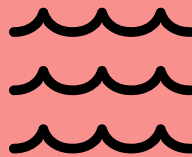
What Boats Require a Pleasure Craft Licence?

By law, any pleasure craft, including personal watercraft (jet-ski), that is powered by one or more motors adding up to 10 hp (7.5 kW) or more must have a valid licence.

Starting December 31, 2027, wind-powered pleasure craft over 6 metres long will need a pleasure craft license. This will not apply to human-powered boats like kayaks, canoes, or dragon boats.

Why Do You Need a Pleasure Craft Licence?

Much like a car or motorcycle licence plate, a valid pleasure craft licence helps law enforcement and search and rescue workers identify pleasure craft in emergency situations.



Where Should The Pleasure Craft License Number Be Displayed?

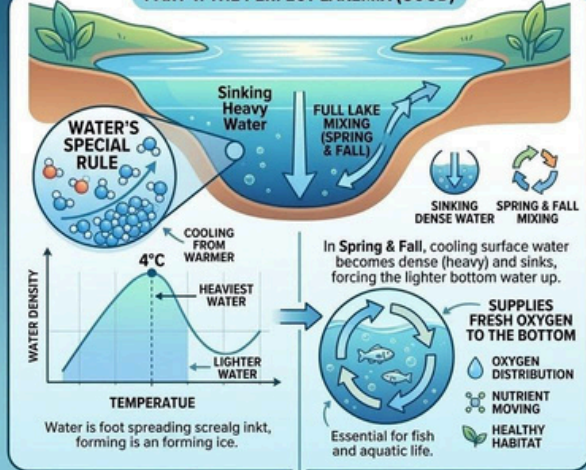
- on both sides of the bow;
- above the waterline;
- as far forward as practical; and
- where it is easy to see.

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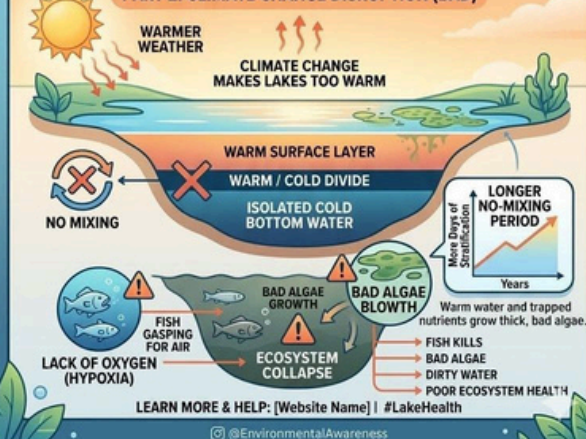
- in block letters;
- at least 7.5 cm (3") high; and
- of a colour that contrasts with the background.

LAKEES NEED TO BREATHE: THE STORY OF LAKE TURNOVER

PART 1: THE PERFECT LAKEMIX (GOOD)



PART 2: CLIMATE CHANGE DISRUPTION (BAD)



**Buoy Oh Buoy...
Have We Got News!**

LAKE BUOYS

The CLCA is adding two more lake buoys to the river channel this year. So we will have three red and three green, with appropriate lights, on each side to more clearly define the river channel.

Remember if you notice buoys have gone missing, which does happen on occasion, please call or text **Chris Lamers** at **613-848-2538**.

Disclaimer: The Cordova Lake Cottage Association (CLCA) assumes no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of these or other hazard markers. Their installation and maintenance are solely an assist to safe boating. Boaters are still required to exercise caution in respect to water depth and unforeseen hazards.

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Cordova Lake 54th Regatta 2026

Saturday August 1, 2026

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

rain date: Sunday August 2, 2026

**FR 57 "BEACH ROAD"
(NORTH END)**

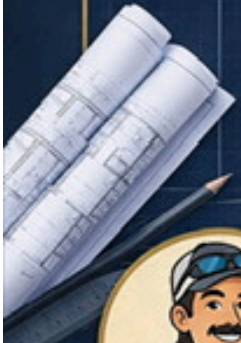
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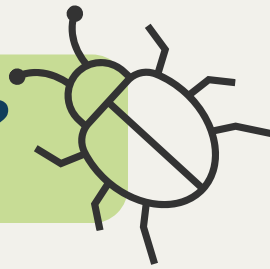
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What's Bugging You?

written by Nancy Grozelle



Every year in early-May, the Cordova Lake FB page starts to light up with the question, “Are they back yet?” Yes, we are talking about the blackfly, and we dread their arrival (although it can be entertaining to watch kids dance the macarena as they wait for their school bus).

Here are some fun facts:

- Once the Trilliums start to bloom, you can bet that the black flies will be out in full force
- Just like mosquitos, only the females bite. They need to feed on blood to develop their eggs
- Canada has over 160 species of blackflies, but only a few target humans (hard to believe, right?!)
- They are terrible fliers and avoid open spaces or strong breezes which is why you find them in dense wooded areas – keep those fans going on your deck!
- Unlike mosquitos, they are mainly active during the day – lucky for all of you night owls
- They see in dark colours and are attracted to black and dark blue clothing.
- They have their own song, written by Canadian Wade Hemsworth – “The Blackfly Song”.
- The good news is after 3-5 consecutive hot days (25 Celsius), the black fly population starts to drop rapidly – bring on those hot days!!

Source: thecanadianencyclopedia.ca






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I'm not just your agent—I'm your neighbour.





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LYME DISEASE & TICKS

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Although there are other types of ticks in Ontario (e.g. dog ticks), only the blacklegged tick can transmit Lyme disease. Dog ticks are larger and common all over Ontario, while black legged ticks are smaller with established populations occurring sporadically throughout Ontario.

The adults are fairly easy to see on clothing, but the nymphs are much smaller, harder to see and can transmit Lyme disease too. Ticks cannot fly and usually come in contact with people or animals by positioning themselves on tall grass and bushes and grabbing on when you walk by.

Check for Ticks

- ✓ Look for ticks on yourself and others after being outdoors.
- ✓ Remove ticks carefully and as soon as possible.



If you find an attached tick, use tweezers to carefully remove it. [Learn how to remove ticks safely.](#)

NOTE: Public Health Units in Ontario no longer provide testing results for ticks, although they may still provide identification. Ticks submitted for identification are not tested for the bacteria that causes Lyme disease. Instead, consult [e-Tick online](#) for assistance identifying ticks.



Figure 1: Dog tick

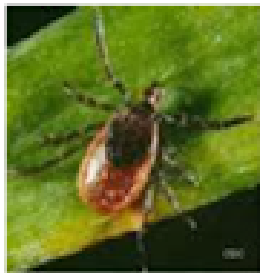


Figure 2: Blacklegged tick

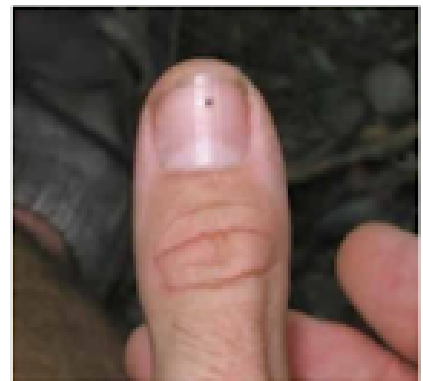


Figure 1: Blacklegged nymph (dark speck on thumb nail)

See [FOCA Lyme Disease Fact Sheet](#) (source of images above)



Check Your Tick



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Unfed tick

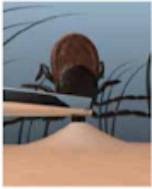
If you see a tick on your body that looks like **the unfed tick pictured above**, it means that the tick was probably attached for less than 24 hours therefore there was not enough time to transfer the bacteria.

Fed (engorged) tick

If the tick on your body looks like **the fed tick pictured above**, then this indicates that the tick has been attached for a longer period of time and may have transferred the bacteria. Consult your health care provider.

Remove Your Tick

- Don't squeeze the tick or try to burn it off or put anything on it.
- Grasp the tick by the head as close to your skin as possible. Pull it straight out, gently but firmly. Use tweezers if possible.
- Thoroughly clean the bite area (use soap and water or a disinfectant). Make note of the date you removed the tick.



Let's Target Lyme!

www.ontario.ca/lyme

- Lyme disease is caused by the bite of a black legged tick infected with the bacteria. **The tick needs to be attached for 24-36 hrs before it is able to transfer the bacteria.**
- A red rash may appear within 3 days to several weeks following the bite; a bulls-eye rash may be present in the area of the bite. You may also have a fever with the rash.
- Symptoms of the disease may include bull's eye rash, fever, headache, fatigue, muscle and joint pain. These may disappear within 10 days. But if left untreated, Lyme disease can progress and affect the nervous system, joints and the heart.
- If you develop symptoms of Lyme disease, consult your health care provider.**

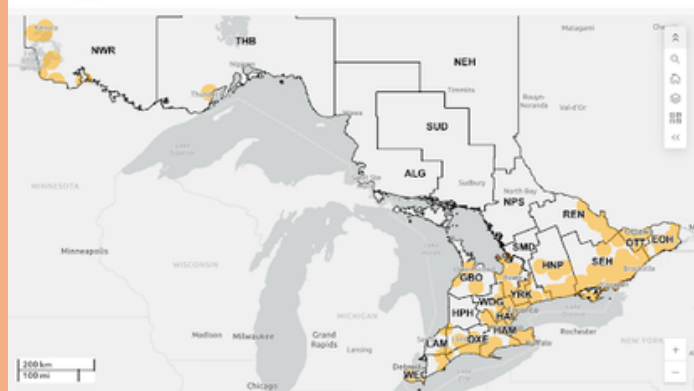
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Ontario has launched a new **Vector-Borne Disease Tool** that posts weekly and yearly running totals of cases of Lyme Disease reported, and a map of parts of the province considered to be 'established tick areas' (source of the 2026 image below).

The map is one of several scrollable 'tabs' on the online tool – look for the small 'forward' arrow near the bottom right of the webpage.

Blacklegged Tick (BLT) Established Risk Areas



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ASIAN LADY BEETLE (Invasive)



M-shaped mark

NOT THE
SAME ANIMAL

NOT THE SAME ANIMAL



Swarms on buildings



Bites



Stains orange



Displacing natives

NATIVE LADYBUG



No M marking



Overwinters in nature



No staining



Doesn't bite



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STRANGEST FACTS



I'M NOT AN ATTACKER.

I can't "throw" my quills—that's a myth. I'm just a slow-moving vegetarian who prunes the forest for the light.



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**I'M NOT JUST CUTE;
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Gardening Tips & Tricks



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STRANGEST FACTS



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TALK TO A NEIGHBOUR
John Meloche

A local Cordova Lake resident, here to help

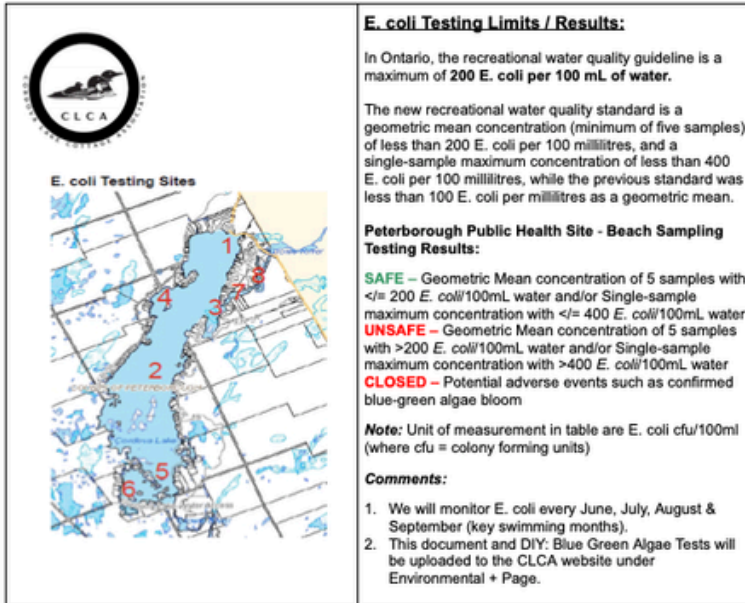


Email John directly
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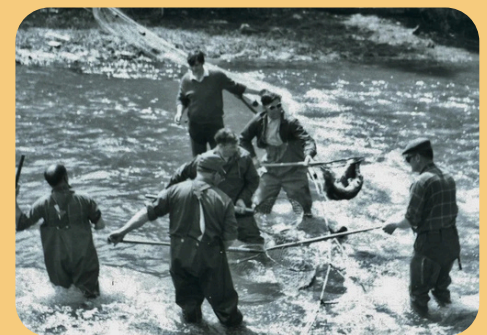
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Sample Date	Sample Time Range	Beach 1	Stump Bay 4	River Bridge 8	River Midway 7	River Mouth 3	Mid Lake 2	South End East 5	South End West 6
26-Jun-24	10:00 am - 10:40 am	11	3			71	4	2	2
08-Jul-24	11:15 am - 11:50 am (concentrated on river)			23	47	34			
02-Aug-24	11:10 am - 12:10 pm	5	2			45	8	3	19
11-Sep-24	11:40 am - 12:45 pm	4	1			25	1	1	1
20-Jun-25	7:45 am - 9:30 am	10	11			185	12	2	6
15-Jul-25	1:00 pm - 1:30 pm (concentrated on river)			50	91	75			
28-Aug-25	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	1	6	291	178	93	0	1	2

The results get updated on the [CLCA Website](#) under Environmental + > Water Quality / Testing > [Summary E.coli Testing Limits - Results](#)



The Story of the Cordova (Deer) Lake Fish Hatchery 1938 - 1991

<https://www.marmarahistory.ca/new-page-88>

FISHING THROUGH HISTORY

Cordova Lake was historically stocked with Smallmouth Bass (1917, 1948, and 1950), Walleye (1943 and 1944), and Muskellunge (1947 – 1990). The Deer Lake Fish Hatchery on Fire Route 18, which reared and stocked Muskellunge into the lake, was closed in 1991.

Cordova Lake contains the following fish species:

Native: Banded Killifish, Blackchin Shiner, Blacknose Shiner, Brown Bullhead, Cisco, Common Shiner, Fallfish, Golden Shiner, Largemouth Bass, Logperch, Northern Pike, Pumpkinseed, Rock Bass, White Sucker, and Yellow Perch.

Introduced: Muskellunge, Smallmouth Bass, and Walleye.

Cordova Lake has a surface area of 253 ha, a maximum depth of 13.5 m, a mean depth of 4.4 m, and a Secchi depth of 4.3 m. While it has a fairly shallow mean depth with a good length of shoreline relative to the total volume of the lake, the value of these factors in terms of fish production/abundance may be offset by its moderate nutrient enrichment.

Margaret Bérubé

Management Biologist | Peterborough Work Center – Peterborough Bancroft District
Ministry of Natural Resources | Ontario Public Service

BEHIND THE CONTROLS WITH BOB BARRETT!

A bird's-eye adventure with Clare and Nancy

If you've lived on Cordova Lake anytime over the past 30 years, you likely know Bob Barrett and his float planes. There's nothing like seeing him fly over our lake and tip his wings! Bob and his wife Diana bought their cottage in 1985 (Bob told me they had a choice between the cottage and a new truck – I think they made a really good decision!). Bob got his pilot's license in 1995 and has owned and refurbished several planes since then. In 1996 he purchased a Cessna 170B and later spent 9 years building an amphibious float plane. He is 3 years into his next restoration. Bob told me that every plane serves a different mission.

What you may not know about Bob is his longtime support of the Cordova Lake Cottagers Association (CLCA), and I'd like to tell you about his special mission with his Cessna 170B. Every year at the Regatta, Bob offers an hour-long plane ride in his Cessna 170B for auction and it is very popular item - Nancy and I have tried for years and always get outbid. Finally, last year, I think everyone took pity on us, and we got the winning bid! We told Bob we would like a winter flight so that we could have a bird's eye view of the Crowe Valley Watershed so, in early March when conditions were perfect, Bob landed at the North end of the lake and we boarded.



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Over the next hour, Bob took us over **Lost Lake**, the **Devil's Four Mile**, **Stony Lake**, **Lake Kashabog**, and back down to the **Marmora Mine**, **Crowe River**, **Trent River**, **Belmont Lake** and home to **Cordova** which, of course, was the highlight as we tried to pick out the roofs of our friends' cottages!

Thank you Bob for a wonderful aerial tour of the 'hood and for your ongoing support of the CLCA!

-written by **Clare Matthews**,
Cordova Newsletter co-editor

FIRE SAFETY ON THE LAKE

Ontario fire crews responded to 643 wildland fires during the 2025 fire season (April 1 to October 31). These fires burned nearly 600,000 hectares (approximately 6,000 square kilometres) of land, marking a significant increase from the 480 fires recorded in 2024.

Did you know that half of all wildland fires are caused by people?

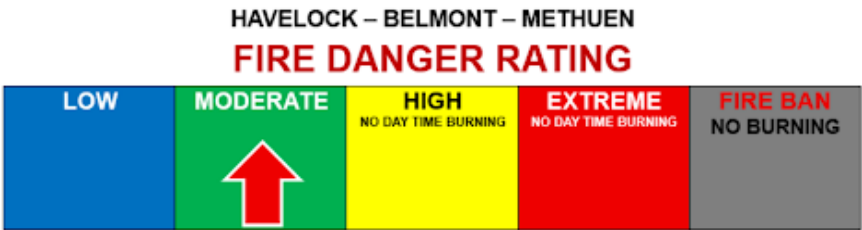


Your Role

Before starting any outdoor fire, always be mindful of local conditions, and check with your local municipality about possible fire restrictions before burning.

Check Before You Burn

Municipalities post current fire danger ratings and fire restrictions during the fire season (April 1 to October 31 each year), and impose fines for failing to comply with local fire bans.



HBM FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES - FIRE DANGER RATING SIGN

LOW - open-air burning permitted with a permit

MODERATE - open-air burning permitted with conditions and a permit

HIGH - No Day Time Burning - no open-air burning permitted, only small campfires in the evening with extreme care

EXTREME - No Day Time Burning - no open-air burning permitted, only small campfires in the evening with conditions and extreme care

FIRE BAN - No Open-Air Burning Permitted at Anytime, No Campfires Permitted

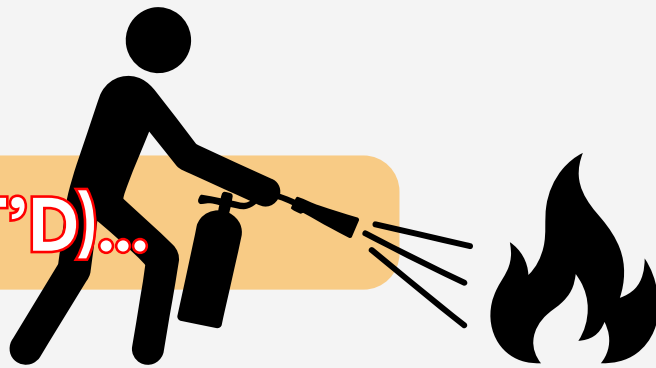
Small recreational/campfires do not need a fire permit.

For more information on Open Air Burning within the Township, view [By-Law 2017-075](#)

To Report a Wildfire:
Central and South Ontario – Call 911 or your local municipal fire department
Northwestern Ontario – Call 310-FIRE (3473)

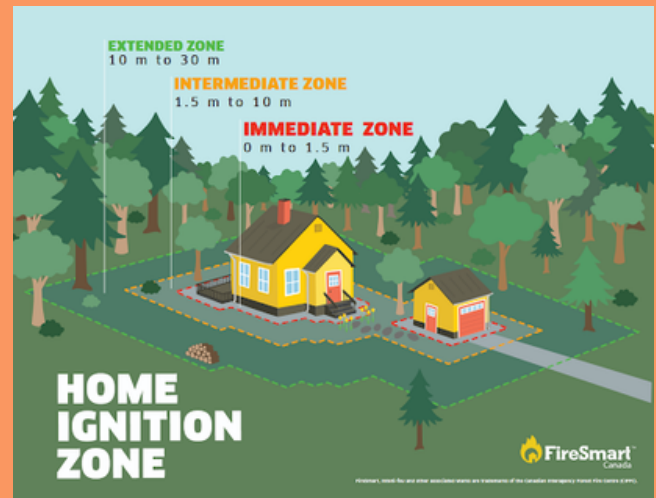


FIRE SAFETY (CONT'D)...



FireSmart Your Property:

Spring is a great time to take steps that help protect your home or cottage from wildland fire. With a few practical actions around your property, you can lower the chance of a wildland fire damaging buildings. See graphic below for Home Ignition Zones. (Start at the roof, work down the exterior walls, and then focus on the areas closest to your structure).



Start at the roof, work down the exterior walls, and then focus on the areas closest to your structure (see graphic below)..

FireSmart Canada

THREE STEPS TO COST-EFFECTIVE WILDFIRE HOME PROTECTION

Complete these 3 steps to reduce the risk of a wildfire spreading to your home. For items listed under step 3 check with your municipality about any permit requirements and the availability of subsidies. Give decks, sheds and outbuildings within 10 m of your home the same FireSmart consideration as you do your home.

STEP 1: MAINTAIN WHAT YOU'VE GOT A LEAST TWICE PER YEAR

\$0 - \$300

- Remove needles, leaves and other debris from gutters, roof surfaces, decks and balconies. Regularly clean vents.
- Remove combustible materials (firewood and lumber) stored within 10 m of the house perimeter and under decks.
- Remove all combustible ground cover (brush and plants) within a 1.5 m of the house perimeter.
- Mow the lawn to <10 cm and plant low growing, well-spaced shrubs and other vegetation.
- Prune trees to create a 2 m clearance from the ground to the lowest tree branches.

STEP 2: COMPLETE SIMPLE UPGRADES

\$300 - \$3,000

- Install non-combustible fencing within 1.5 m of the house (concrete, fiber, metal, chain link or stone).
- Install non-combustible ground surfaces within 1.5 m of the house (mineral soil, rock, concrete or stone).
- Create a 15 cm ground-to-siding non-combustible clearance (e.g., install cement board or metal sheathing).
- Add a non-combustible 3 mm screen to all external vents, except dryer vents.
- Replace worn or missing weather stripping on all doors, including garage doors.

STEP 3: COMPLETE MORE COMPLEX UPGRADES

\$3,000 - \$30,000

- Install Class A fire-resistant roof covering (e.g., concrete fibre, metal or asphalt shingles).
- Install non-combustible siding (brick, metal, stone, concrete fibre board).
- Install multi-pane or tempered glass windows and exterior fire-rated doors.
- Remove conifer trees that are within 10 m of the house.
- Rebuild all deck components to be fire-rated, with a continuous surface.

NOTE: Not all actions will be applicable to each home. Completing these steps does not guarantee the prevention of fire. Cost estimates are based on a 2,500 sq ft home.

INTACT CENTRE ON CLIMATE ADAPTATION

For additional resources visit: FireSmartCanada.ca

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Fire Safety Plans, Fire Drill & Fire Safety Training

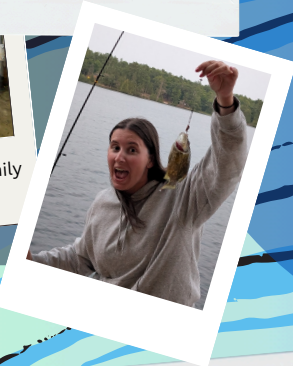
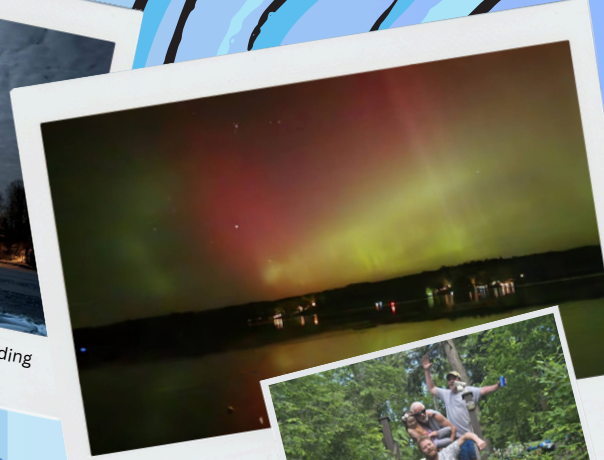
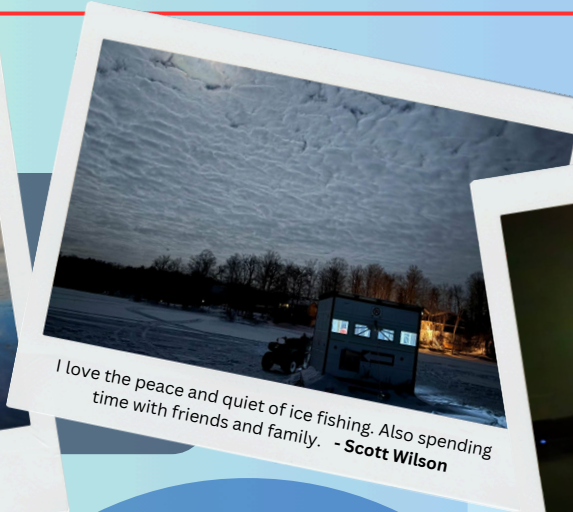
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CORDOVA COMMUNITY

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✨ Celebrating the faces, stories, and spirit that make Cordova shine ✨



CORDOVA CANDIDS:

THIS IS MY CORDOVA



an early morning photo from our deck
-Dominic DiBlasio

Thanks to all who submitted!



Heron playing peekaboo, The beauty of nature
-Deb Neicke

CORDOVA TOURS

Building new traditions on familiar shores

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Tell us about yourself and your Cordova cottage history!

The Francis family includes Dan, Elise, Scarlett (12), and Colton (10). While they may be newer cottage owners, Elise's roots on Cordova run deep, 75ish years deep! The original Elson family cottage built by her great-grandfather still stands across the bay, and her mom, Sandy Rice, has built her dream home next door.

When Dan and Elise found their cottage in 2024, they loved that it gave them a place to create their own family traditions while still being connected to generations of family history. From their dock, they can look across the bay and see where it all began. What do they love most about Cordova? The people. The lake is beautiful, but it's the community, friendships, and traditions that keep them coming back year after year.



growing up on cordova



Cottage when purchased



The day we got the key

Making Friends with the Francis Family

Daniel Francis & Elise Francis, #31 Fire Route 59A



photos provided by Daniel Francis

Is the building original, or have you made any modifications since you've been there?

The cottage is original, but the outdoor spaces have seen a few updates. The family is slowly making it their own and creating a place where family and friends love to gather.



learning to drive 1



learning to drive 2

Daniel & Elise Francis
#31 Fire Route 59A

Are there any other facts or stories you would like to share with us?

Dan was introduced to Cordova after meeting Elise in 2001 and quickly fell in love with lake life. Together, they have enjoyed becoming active members of the community and helping carry on some of the traditions that make the lake so special. Elise, alongside her close friends from the Campin and Vance families, helped organize the Regatta from 2022-2024, continuing a tradition started by her mother and grandmother before her. Dan also volunteered as CLIT Master for a year. Both have enjoyed finding ways to give back to a community that has meant so much to their family.

Do you have any tips/words of advice for newcomers on the lake?

Get involved, say hello to your neighbours, and volunteer when you can. The friendships and connections you make are what turn a cottage into a second home.

Do you want to nominate an awesome neighbour for our next spotlight? Reach out to Jen or Clare!

Exciting News!

Planning for the new Campbellford Memorial Hospital

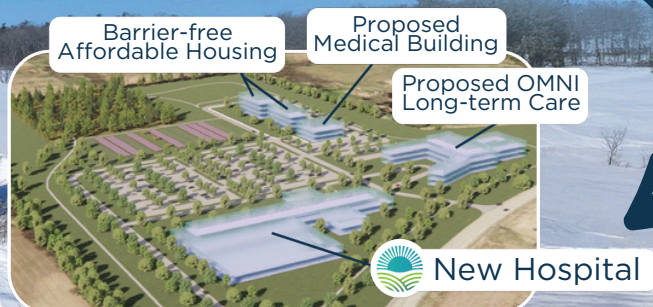
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Planning for a new state-of-the-art Campbellford Memorial Hospital is underway!



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DESTINATION DAY Trips

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adventures
flowing
beyond
Cordova

Trade the dock for the stage and discover some of the region's best live theatre this season.



Westben Theatre – Campbellford

~30 minutes

Nestled among the rolling hills of Campbellford, Westben offers an unforgettable blend of world-class music and the beauty of nature. From Broadway favourites and classical performances to folk, jazz, and celebrated Canadian artists, the 2026 summer season has something for everyone. Set in its iconic open-air barn, Westben provides a one-of-a-kind concert experience that's well worth the drive from the lake. To explore the full season and purchase tickets, visit westben.ca.



Globus Theatre – Bobcaygeon

~45–50 minutes

Located just outside Bobcaygeon, Globus Theatre has been delighting audiences for over 20 years with professional live theatre in a charming converted barn. From laugh-out-loud comedies and captivating dramas to dinner theatre and musical productions, there's something for every theatre lover. Make it a full day by exploring Bobcaygeon's shops and restaurants before settling in for a memorable performance. To learn more, visit globustheatre.com.



4th Line Theatre – Millbrook

~45 minutes

Experience Canadian stories where they happened at 4th Line Theatre, an award-winning outdoor theatre nestled on a historic farm in Millbrook. Each summer, audiences gather under the open sky to enjoy original productions inspired by the people, places, and history of rural Ontario. Bring a lawn chair, pack a picnic, and enjoy an unforgettable evening of storytelling beneath the stars. To learn more, visit 4thlinetheatre.on.ca.



MARKET SPOTLIGHT

FILL YOUR BASKET WITH FRESH PRODUCE, HANDCRAFTED GOODS, AND LOCAL FLAVOUR FROM THESE NEARBY MARKETS.



The Kawarthas is home to an incredible community of makers, growers, artists, and small business owners.

One of the best ways to experience this area of the region is by visiting its local markets, where you'll find everything from fresh produce and baked goods to handmade art and unique gifts. If you're looking to explore local markets this summer, I recommend the Havelock Farmers' Market, held Friday afternoons from 1-5pm right on highway 7. On certain Saturdays through the season, the Norwood Market brings together vendors, growers, artisans, live music, and community organizations at 42 Victoria Street, making it a great stop for both residents and visitors exploring the area. Another favourite is Market at The Mews in Warkworth, held on Friday afternoons from 2-5pm beside The Village Pantry on Main Street throughout the summer. Set in one of Northumberland County's most charming villages, it offers a thoughtfully curated selection of local makers, artisans, and farm fresh goods.

As the owner and designer behind Feeding On Frost jewelry, I've spent more than a decade participating in and hosting markets across Southern Ontario, and I've found that the Kawarthas truly has one of the most welcoming and supportive creative communities anywhere. My advice to cottagers and visitors is simple: take the scenic route, stop at a local market, and chat with the vendors. You'll discover incredible local talent, support small businesses, and likely leave with something special.

For more information on these markets and more, check out this [Explore Kawartha Lakes Article](#).

EXPLORE
**Farmers'
Markets**
In Kawartha Lakes



written by guest columnist, Cheyenne Twiner

Cheyenne is a Havelock local, the Market Manager for the Town of Norwood, and owner and designer of Feeding on Frost - Nature Inspired Fine Jewelry since 2012. She frequents 60+ markets a year to sell her jewelry, which is also available online at www.feedingonfrost.com. When she's not making jewelry, selling at or managing markets you can find her at Focal Brewing Co. in Hastings working both in the taproom, and as their Events Manager.

CORDOVA MINES CORNER

C♥RDOVA MINES RECRATIONAL ASSOCIATION SPOTLIGHT



This vibrant village has a lot going on through the work of the Cordova Mines Recreation Association (CMRA) and its volunteers.

Throughout the year, the Association cooks and hosts regular dinners in the Community Centre for up to 100 people (all are welcome) for just \$20.00 a person and runs a monthly "Kidz Club" on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The CMRA organizes additional events such as the annual Cordova Mines Santa Claus Parade, an Easter Egg Hunt, Earth Day with garbage pick-up along our main roads, and Canada Day celebrations with fireworks and a BBQ at the firehall. They are also selling Cordova Mines sweatshirts and tee-shirts.

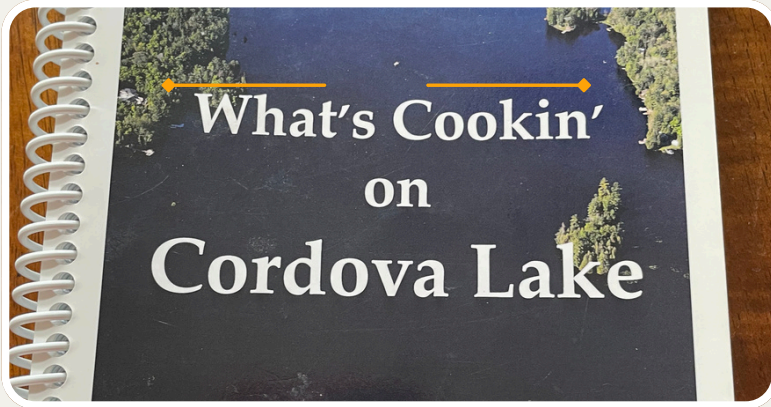
The CMRA is always looking for volunteers, so if you would like to get involved in the community, please contact the President Lisa Howie at lisa.howie2@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Pickleball courts** are now open at the Cordova Outdoor Rink!! The HBM Township is excited to announce the addition of 2 new pickleball courts next to the Firehall. Bring your family and friends, stay active and enjoy one of Canada's fastest growing sports!
- The CMRA is hosting its 3rd Annual **Classic Car Show** in Cordova Mines on August 22nd from 10:00-2:00. Bring the family for a BBQ and check out some sweet cars. If you are interested in showcasing your own car, please contact Nancy Grozelle at getclancy@xplornet.com or at (613) 472-2225.
- Come join us for our **Pork Dinner** on Saturday September 26th. More details to follow, but mark it in your calendar now!

For information on all of CMRA's events and initiatives, check out their website: cordovaminesrec.ca or follow them on Facebook or Instagram





TIMELESS RECIPES, SHARED MEMORIES, AND A PINCH OF NOSTALGIA!

What's Cookin' on Cordova Lake was first published over a decade ago, with a second edition released in July 2021 by Allyson Gubb and Janet Gammon. Featuring a cover photo by John Meloche and production support from Joanne Boutkevics, the cookbook celebrates the recipes and traditions that have long brought our lake community together.

We asked Allyson to share one of her favourite recipes for this edition of the newsletter, and she chose her beloved Chicken Divan.

"All of the grand kids enjoy it as well. Sometimes I'll make three at a time and take them to my kid's houses on a weeknight to give them a break from cooking. It's always very well received!"

CHICKEN DIVAN

Allyson Gubb

Serves 6

- 2 crowns of fresh broccoli, parboiled
- 6 boneless skinless chicken breasts, cooked and sliced
- 2 tbsp butter
- 3 tbsp flour
- 2 tbsp chicken bouillon powder
- 2 cups milk
- 2 cups grated old cheddar cheese
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp curry powder
- Paprika
- Panko

Arrange cooked broccoli on bottom of greased 9" x 13" baking dish. Top with cooked chicken slices. In a saucepan, melt butter, blend in flour, bouillon powder, mustard powder and curry powder. Add milk, stirring constantly. Cook over medium heat until smooth and thickened.

Remove from heat. Add cheese and stir until melted. Pour sauce over chicken and broccoli. Sprinkle with paprika and then sprinkle with panko. Bake at 350°F for 30 minutes or until heated through.



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ORGAN EYES KAOS
will be playing on
Cordova Lake on **August
22nd!**

North end of the lake,
early evening. All are
welcome. Stay tuned for
more details to come!



Organ Eyes Kaos is a group of serious hobbyists with a shared love for classic rock and blues. Rooted in the music of legends like The Rolling Stones, CCR, The Beatles, Aerosmith, Bad Company, and Chris Stapleton, the band brings a laid-back, fun-first approach to every performance.

Known for rich harmonies and solid musicianship, Organ Eyes Kaos doesn't just play the hits – they put their own spin on them, delivering familiar songs with a fresh energy that keep audiences engaged, whether they're singing along, just tapping their toes, or dancing all night long!

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CLCA MEMBERSHIP – RENEW YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP OR JOIN TODAY!

The Cordova Lake Cottage Association (CLCA) is a not-for-profit organization run by a volunteer Board of Directors that works with cottagers and permanent residents.

You can pay your \$30.00 Annual CLCA Membership by 3 methods, e-transfer, cheque or cash. See the website for more details: www.cordova lake.ca/membership

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