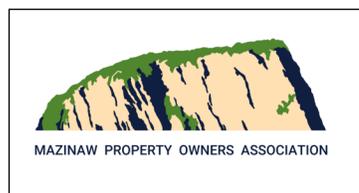


MPOA NEWSLETTER



Picture taken in Barber Bay, Mazinaw Lake



Spring 2018

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Mark Your Calendars

Each year the **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** is held on the Saturday of the Canada Day long weekend in July. **This year it is booked for June 30, 2018 at the Pineview Free Methodist Church**, 14397 Hwy 41, in Cloyne. Did you know that this is where we vote on issues so please attend and let your membership vote be counted. One vote per property.

9:15 – 10:00 a.m. You can renew your membership during this time as well, sip on a refreshment, browse the display tables, and meet your MPOA board of Directors and fellow Mazinaw neighbours.

10:00 am Business Meeting Agenda The Business Meeting runs from 10:00 to noon with topics on the agenda that are relevant to the year's focus items. The agenda is always posted one week prior to the meeting, on the lakemazinaw.ca website.

Please consider bringing a non-perishable donation for the food drive.

The 2018 MPOA Directories will be ready for all 2018 MPOA members, by the June 30th AGM. Please attend the meeting and pick up your copy. If you cannot make the meeting, you can get a copy with your membership renewal at Smarts Marina or Brown's Campground or by making arrangements with one of the MPOA Directors.

This year we decided to go with advertising in our directory. We would like to thank our sponsors and ask that you please support these businesses. We've included their ads in this newsletter as well. Thank you.

We want you! The MPOA are looking for a few new members to join our board of directors. If you think you have some time to give and some skills to share (e.g. for secretary, webmaster, communications, leadership, fresh ideas, etc.) please submit your name forward before mid June to communications@lakemazinaw.ca. It takes a team!

President's Corner

by Arndt Kruger, MPOA President

Welcome Members and Friends to our newly born Newsletter. I am particularly grateful to Fran Bates for taking on this newsletter providing all of us with a lot of relevant information for our lake community. Six years ago I was elected the MPOA president and with the enduring help of many board members and members at large we moved on many different fronts to monitor the quality of our lake water, start a successful fund raising campaign to improve at last the Tapping's Bay dock, to create a second and soon a third updated lake directory involving many people. We also created a website to communicate with our members. We were involved in environmental initiatives like: Gypsy Moth traps and arranged and promoted septic pump outs for water access cottagers. With the aid of FOCA we try to keep our membership informed about water quality and invasive species and environmental issues. We clarified the access to 911 services for water access cottagers.

The MPOA also kept a close contact with our two townships, put a strong word in for the maintenance of the Denbigh Ambulance station and Barrie Township fire hall. Many of these issues and projects are ongoing and are being discussed at our AGM (at which we include guest speakers on many relevant topics).

This summer we are embarking on a major project (see "Love your Lake" in the Lake Steward's section of this newsletter) to have the shorelines of our lake assessed to assure

us of a healthy lake environment.

We also appreciate your feedback and if any of you are interested in serving on the board for the benefit of our lake community or want to apply your creative energies in the production of a possible future newsletter issue, please step forward and contact communications@lakemazinaw.ca.

In closing, on behalf of our board members, I would like to wish you an enjoyable, relaxing and safe cottage season. Arndt



What is FOCA?

- Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations
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- To learn more, visit www.foca.on.ca

Did you lose something on the Lake? Check out the **LOST & FOUND** tab on the lakemazinaw.ca website

Did you find something? Send us an email to communications@lakemzinaw.com and we will post it on the Lost & Found tab of our website.



Lake Steward's Report

by Harry Van Yrmen, MPOA Lake Steward

The water quality of our beautiful lake is one of our primary focuses, as it should be! Have you noticed more weeds growing around your area of the lake? Here are just a few of the initiatives we have done and continue to do. You can do your part too.

New Projects:

Love Your Lake...a major 2018 project initiative

“The shoreline of your waterfront property is called a ‘ribbon of life’ because it is where 90 percent of all lake and river life is born, raised and fed. Natural shorelines support cattail, pickerelweed and reeds that provide habitat for fish, nesting birds, mammals and insects. Plants at the water's edge help filter nutrients and prevent erosion.....” * Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority

“Love your Lake” (LyL) is governed by ‘Watersheds Canada’ and the ‘Canadian Wildlife Federation’ (CWF) and has already assessed over 90 Lakes - many in Eastern Ontario - and Canada wide. When we applied, after the motion to move forward was approved at our 2016 AGM, we were told that Mazinaw Lake had been approved and we were put on their list. We now have confirmation the assessment by their trained staff will be carried out this summer by their trained staff.

The assessments of the lake shore will occur from a boat on a property-by-property basis using GIS (Geographic Information System) taking a picture of the shoreline and using a standardized Shoreline Assessment Protocol and data sheets. Every property owner will receive an individualized report of their shoreline with possible suggestions for improvements. All reports are totally confidential and none of the results will be enforced or shared with any other body or authorities. The MPOA will receive an overall summary describing the general ‘State of Health of the Shorelines’ of

Mazinaw Lake.

If you want more information, there are 2 documents from LyL that describe the project on the lakemazinaw.ca website (under the tab Focus Items / Love Your Lake).

Love Your Lake’s Responsibilities:

Setting up the whole program and communicating with all property owners by mail prior to the start. They are hiring and training staff for the assessments, afterwards evaluating the observations and reporting back to all property owners individually. The actual assessment is supposed to last 2 to 3 weeks weather permitting.

MPOA’s Responsibilities:

The assessment is scheduled for the **first three weeks in July** and we need to secure accommodation for two assessors (summer students) for up to a maximum of 3 weeks at/near the lake (not water access) in a cabin/cottage ideally with some cooking facilities (no need to provide food). We also need volunteers with boats to drive the assessors along the shoreline to perform their tasks. We will divide the lake in smaller sections and hope that property owners familiar with their neighbouring shorelines will be able to assist us with this project

If you see yourself able to accommodate the students or you can help with some of the driving along the lake, this would be a great help. Different locations at the lake for different periods is entirely possible. **Please let the MPOA know if you happen to have the capacity to help us out by sending an email**

to: communications@lakemazinaw.ca

The financial contribution for the MPOA will be \$300 - \$500.

This is a great opportunity for all property owners to get a confidential professional assessment of their shoreline and as members of this lake community we will get

an overall assessment of the health of our lake.

Remember that what goes on your property goes into the lake! That includes fertilizers applied near the water. Rain and irrigation carry these fertilizers into the water and encourage the rapid growth of aquatic plants and algae.

Health of your Septic...a 2018 focus item

For years the townships have encouraged voluntary septic reviews and the MPOA have provided educational speakers to discuss maintaining your septic. This is a primary cause of water pollutant when a septic is not balanced and runs into the lake.

Here's how to keep yours in good shape. By Emma Woolley

<http://cottagelife.com/22524/diy/maintenance-diy/10-ways-to-take-care-of-your-septic-system>

A conventional modern septic system includes a tank, an effluent filter, and a leaching bed (also known as a tile bed, drain field, absorption field, or tile field). Wastewater travels to the septic tank, where the solids settle to the bottom of the tank. There, anaerobic bacteria take over and break down the organic matter. The effluent filter keeps these solids inside the tank while liquid flows into the leaching bed. There it's filtered into the ground, and soil bacteria kill pathogens and continue to treat the water.

Replacing a septic system can cost about \$6,000 to \$30,000—depending on the system's size and location, like if your property is lake access, or on mostly rock—so it's best to take care of what you have, especially since you're legally responsible for doing so. Septic systems last for 20 to 30 years (and sometimes longer) if they're well maintained.

Here are 10 easy ways to keep your septic system in great shape.

1. Know where it is...It may sound obvious, but it's important to know your system's location and have easy access to its tank and leaching bed. Avoid

driving, parking, or building on or near any part of the system.

2. Conserve water...If you've been to a cottage, you've probably seen a note along these lines: If it's pee, let it be. If it's brown, flush it down. Owners aren't just being cute: Excessive water use overloads septic tanks and prevents solids from settling on the bottom. The solids get pushed into the leaching bed where they cannot be filtered out effectively. The clogged soil will not accept more water and backups can occur.

To save water: Flush only when necessary, use a low-flow toilet, install high-efficiency taps and showerheads, tell guests to be conservative with their water use, run your dishwasher and washing machines less often, and fix any dripping taps.

3. Flush organic only...If it isn't human waste or toilet paper, don't flush it. Flushing paper towels, disposable diapers and wipes, condoms, sanitary napkins, tampons, facial tissues, coffee grounds, cigarette butts, grease, kitty litter, and such will quickly fill your tank and clog the system. Even if a product's packaging claims that it's flushable, don't.

4. Seek biodegradable cleaners...Avoid using heavy-duty cleaners (especially those with bleach), toilet pucks, and antibacterial soaps. These products kill the bacteria that keep the system running effectively. Use biodegradable products for tasks that involve frequent water use (such as washing dishes).

5. Avoid chemicals...Never put paints, solvents, pesticides, gasoline, or other toxic chemicals in your system. Don't flush old medication either. Not only will these kill the beneficial bacteria in the tank, they will also end up in the groundwater.

6. Keep trees and shrubs away...The roots of trees, especially aggressive species such as willows and poplars, will travel as far as needed to get to water. Roots can plug up and wrap around distribution pipes in the leaching bed, causing all sorts of damage. Don't plant deep-rooted trees or shrubs on your leaching bed or within five metres of it, and consider relocating those already there.

7. Plant shallow-rooted species...A good way to avoid soil erosion is to plant native grasses over the leaching bed. Don't overwater, as any excess may interfere with the soil's ability to treat waste. Doug Joy, general manager for the Ontario Rural

Wastewater Association, recommends planting periwinkle or other groundcover, as these plants require very little irrigation, if any.

8. Insulate distant systems...If your septic system is located far away from the cottage, insulate the pipe running from the building to the septic tank to prevent freezing during the winter. Joy recommends packing rigid foam insulation around the pipe, something many property owners he knows have done recently. To insulate the entire system, let the grass grow long over the tank, increase soil cover, or add a layer of mulch. According to Joy, if a system is constructed properly and buried deeply, freezing is unlikely.

9. Beware of storms...If you own a system with a submersible pump, installing a lightning arrestor helps protect it from power surges that can ruin your septic's inner workings. To avoid system overload, ensure that your eaves trough and foundation drains are sending water away from the leaching bed. If it gets too soggy, it won't absorb enough oxygen or neutralize the waste.

10. Inspect and pump...Have your system inspected and its contents pumped out by a professional every three to five years (or when the tank's volume is about one-third full). You can open the hatch to look inside, but never stick your head in or enter the tank. The gases inside are not only smelly, they're dangerous. If you inhale them, you could pass out and fall in, and inhalation alone can kill you—so leave the inspections to the professionals. While inspections are discretionary in parts of Ontario, a recent amendment to the Ontario Building Code (OBC) makes system inspections mandatory in other locations. Properties that are affected include those along the Lake Simcoe shoreline and watershed, and other vulnerable areas. To find out if you're required to arrange an inspection, check with your municipality. For more information, visit the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing website, and/or contact your municipality.

Of note:

In February 2018, FOCA and the Ontario Onsite Wastewater Association (OOWA) launched a formal **Request for Review** through the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario, to challenge the current management and maintenance protocols under the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, and the Ontario

Building Code. Learn all about this request, and get lots of good information about onsite wastewater systems, here:

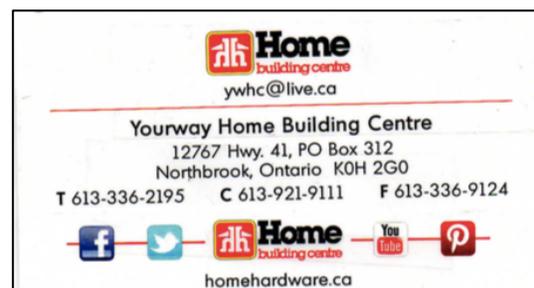
<https://foca.on.ca/septic-systems/>

Pumping out your septic tank on a regular basis is critical to reducing nutrient flows into lakes. The frequency of your pump-outs will vary based on the size of your tank, your family size, and the number of appliances your use. Please consider pumping your septic tank every 5 years to maintain it's health.

Ongoing Initiatives:

Invasive species testing. Each year we work with the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA), Invasive Species Community Outreach Liaison, by volunteering to sample our lake. There is a very specific way to do this sampling set out by the MVCA and after completing sampling of 3 specific spots in Mazinaw, it is sent to the MVCA for testing. In the past 4 years, our lake has been free of invasive species however some of our neighbouring lakes have not been so lucky. It is therefore very important to be as vigilant as possible in protecting our resources

Soapy wastewater from dishwashing and bathing should be disposed of in soil at least 60 meters from the water's edge to prevent harming wildlife and creating nutrient-induced algae blooms.



Past Projects:

Boat washing practices to get rid of potential species that might have become lodged on the boat from other lakes. As a result of our work, the OPP, Hydro, Fire department, Bell, etc have put policies in place for boat washing prior to launching their boat in the lake. The Park has put up signs at their launch sites.

Shoreline Planting Project: A very important aspect is the vegetation between



the land and the shoreline that help filter pollutants before they reach the water. The MPOA engaged with the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority on a **shoreline planting project** for Mazinaw lake. The MVCA provided 359 free shrubs and trees to the 28 members who participated.

Fish habitat enhancement program. The MPOA may consider participating in Watersheds Canada's fish habitat enhancement program this year. Here is a [video](#) which includes an explanation of what they have learned.

Septic Pump Outs for water access properties: Every few years, members get together to coordinate getting their septic

tanks pumped. It is more cost effective, and, the company will only do it when there are a certain number of jobs on the lake to do (as they have to bring in a barge for this project). This has been done twice in the past 5 years by 10 separate lake access families. If you would like to organize a pump out in the near future, the MPOA will help you by advertising.



Water Rangers (150 test kits)

A big part of this initiative was Citizen Science, and increasing awareness of water quality. This initiative, led by Lisa Martin, completed 150 tests at various locations around Mazinaw in 2017. Lisa did the lions share, but involved children from Brown's campground, and other members of the MPOA. To see the results, click this link www.waterrangers.ca and then you can use the map to find our lake.

Note: Lake Stewardship is the practice of managing our lakes through preventative and/or remedial actions to safeguard the ecological health of our lakes for future generations. Stewardship is about citizens and stakeholders taking action and steering grassroots lake planning and implementation of actions that help protect water quality.

Mississippi Valley Watershed in the News!

Our local conservation authority (Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority) recently received an overall “A” grade in the Ontario Conservation Authorities 2018 Watershed report. See the attached link for details. <http://mvc.on.ca/watershed-report-card/>

Programs like the Love your Lake project that our lake is doing this year is just the kind of stewardship we need to keep our watershed and our lake in the healthy state we are currently enjoying.



Bon Echo Swim Program

If you have children, or you plan to have your grandchildren visit you at the cottage this summer, you may be interested in signing your children up for swim lessons this summer at Bon Echo Provincial Park on Lake Mazinaw. The Mazinaw Lake Swim Program has been running for 45 years! The dates for the 2018 summer program are from July 2-27. If your child cannot attend the full program, that is fine. Please contact Mary Kelly at yram@golden.net or 613-336-6806 for further details.

A red rectangular advertisement for Custom Cover Ups. The text is white and yellow. It says "Custom Cover Ups" in large white letters, "Boat Tops, Upholstery, Blinds" in smaller white letters, the phone number "613-336-9336" in yellow, and the email "customcoverups@gmail.com" in white at the bottom.

Treasurer's Update

By Rose Prevoe

The financial position is presented at the AGM each year. At the time of publishing this newsletter, the year ended March 31, 2018 financials were not yet complete. In general, the MPOA are in a good position this year due to a very dedicated board. We receive monies from annual memberships, and this year from advertising in our upcoming directory. This was due to considerable effort from Fran & Bob. I would like to say a special thank you for their efforts. The sale of gypsy moth traps is subsidized. Our expenditures generally include insurance, website hosting charges, gypsy moth traps, FOCA membership, AGM meeting rental and bank charges. We will have a surplus this year. Next year there will be additional costs associated with the Love Your Lake initiative as well as the cost of the directories which will be reflected in the 2019 financials.

Note: Due to a successful advertising campaign, the cost of the new 2018 directories will be covered.

THE LAND OF LAKES GARDEN CLUB

The Land O'Lakes Garden Club meets at 7:00pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month April through November at the Pineview Free Methodist Church in Cloyne. They have a wonderful lineup of speakers and anyone is welcome.

They will be holding their annual Plant Sale on Saturday May 26th at the Barrie Hall in Cloyne starting at 9:00am. Both veggies & great variety of perennials will be for sale.

The MPOA sponsor the Land of Lakes Garden club's planting of a flower box at Tapping's Landing. Once planted, they need to be watered to get them started. The club are asking boaters who use the landing public dock to please help by watering them in June if they are dry with the plastic pail attached to the flower box. Thanks!

If you would like to join the club please consider doing so directly with the Land of Lakes Garden

What you should know about invasive species

Invasive fish species such as the Round Goby impact our aquatic ecosystems by competing with native fishes for food and habitat, altering food webs, and preying on sport fish eggs and larvae populations.



Figure 1 Round Goby

Invasive invertebrates such as the Spiny Water Flea and Rusty Crayfish can also adversely affect our aquatic ecosystems by competing with native species for resources, such as food and habitat.



Figure 2 Spiny Water Flea (Left) & Rusty Crayfish (below)

These invaders can be introduced and spread in a variety of ways including ballast water, movement of bait, the aquarium and water garden trades, live food fish, unauthorized introductions, and canals and water diversions.

What can you do?

Avoid transporting water from one lake to another either in boats and bait pails. Boats coming from another lake should be drained and washed before entering Mazinaw lake. Bait pails that could contain invasive species in water should never be carried from one region to another and the bait should never be released into Mazinaw. In Ontario, the fishing regulations control live bait to prevent the spread of infectious fish diseases (viral hemorrhagic septicemia), unwanted fish species and invasive species. You need a valid fishing licence (e.g., sport or conservation) to catch your own live including baitfish, leeches, crayfish, and northern leopard frogs. It is illegal to import live fish, crayfish, live leeches or salamanders. **Provincial regulations** (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/fishing-live-bait>) **do not allow you to release live bait or dump the contents of a bait bucket, including the water in the bucket, into a lake, river, stream or within 30 metres of any water body.**

Mazinaw Lake is in Ontario Fishing zone 18. Please read the [Rules](#) specific to this area.

Forest pests impact our forest ecosystems by degrading the quality of wood, eliminating wildlife habitat and recreation & cultural value.



Figure 3 Emerald Ash Borer

Forest pathogens (e.g. Emerald Ash Borer) can be caused by different organisms that affect the whole tree, causing defoliation, root decay and stem cankers that reduce the distribution of nutrients throughout the tree. One of the commonest ways that forest pathogens are spread is in

firewood. You can avoid this by buying firewood locally. You may have noticed signs along the highway suggesting you should not pick up fallen wood and transport it to your area to use for firewood as you may be transporting the Emerald Ash Borer without knowing it.



Figure 4 Male Gypsy moth (left) & caterpillar (below)



The Gypsy Moth

is the greatest insect defoliator of mixed hardwood forests in Eastern Canada. Although it prefers oak, it is known to attack up to 300 different plant species.

The male moth is dark brown and the female moth is a light buff colour.

The adult moth emerges in July and is followed immediately by mating. The female moths only live about a week but can lay one egg-mass of 600-800 eggs.

Defoliation caused by Gypsy moths can be reduced in the next season with the use of pheromone traps. These traps emit a smell that attracts males to a trap with a sticky interior surface which prevents them from escaping. The traps only attracts the male adult moth, consequently female moths in the area may never become mated.

The MPOA purchase Gypsy Moth traps and make them available for sale each year at the AGM (inserts are free). The traps can be brought in at the end of summer and can often be used again the following year with new inserts. Please contact a MPOA board member (lakemazinaw.ca) for more info.

To ensure the maximum effectiveness of the traps, it is essential that they be placed by the first week of July. Where high populations of moths are present, it is possible to catch 300 or more moths in a single trap. Note *: Each year our members using these traps report they catch a lot of these moths so it is working! Our aim is to protect our forests around the lake.

Invasive Phragmites (European Common Reed) is an invasive plant causing damage to Ontario's biodiversity, wetlands and beaches. It is a perennial grass from Eurasia that is an aggressive plant spreading quickly and out-



competing native species for water and nutrients. It releases toxins from its roots into the soil to hinder the growth of and kill surrounding plants. **It is against the law to buy, sell, trade or purposely grow invasive Phragmites.**

More Information:

- For excellent [videos](#) about 1) the Spiny water flea 2) the Round Goby, 3) Zebra mussels, and 4) best practices for boat cleaning when moving between different bodies of water.
- [Rusty crayfish video](#)
- [Round goby video](#)
- [Emerald Ash Borer](#)
- [Phragmites](#)
- Ontario Invading Species Awareness program info@invadingspecies.com

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LOCAL NEWS

Dump Hours

Here is a link to the [Township of Addington Highlands waste site hours](#)

Public Notice

Mackavoy Waste Site hours will be changing effective Sunday April 1st. 2018. The new hours will be **Summer/Winter**
Wednesday 8-12
Sunday 10-4
NOTE: When Monday is a holiday, Mackavoy site is open Monday instead of Sunday.

Here is a link to the [Township of North Frontenac waste disposal hours](#)

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The Four Corners in Kaladar

The Kaladar Hotel was demolished in March of this year. The property which the Kaladar Hotel was on, was purchased by the Ministry of Transportation a number of years ago. As reported in the Frontenac News, it "was purchased with the intention of tearing down the hotel and using the adjacent land as part of a planned redesign of the Hwy7/Hwy 41 junction. The highway work is still pending..."

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

...For boat access cottages

We hope you never have an emergency, but during one, seconds count and clear thinking does not always prevail. Know what to do in advance...share with Friends & Family and any renters should you rent your place.

The MPOA contacted Mark Schjerning, Chief of Emergency Service, County of Lennox and Addington (ambulance services) and Casey Cuddy, Fire Chief for Addington Highlands & Ward 1 of North Frontenac to get their advice, so we could share with our MPOA members. This focus is primarily for boat access cottagers where access for EMS can be very challenging.

- In the case of personal injury or a heart attack, can you bring the person to the road side to meet the EMT or will you need the EMT to come to the cottage across the lake?

OPTION 1:

Transporting the person needing medical assistance:

If residents are able to meet the emergency responders at a landing or dock on the road side, this will significantly reduce the response time and result in the person needing medical attention receiving care much earlier.

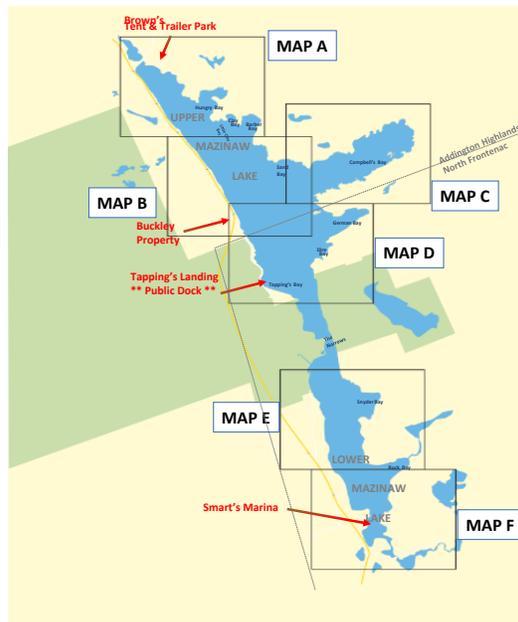
It means the EMS doesn't need to take the time to go get the boat, (or wait for it if it is at another emergency), launch it, and go across the water and back.

- You must have your address ready when you call 911 whether you want them to cross the lake to you or you will meet them on the road side. **They will not send an ambulance if you don't have a civic address.** "Tapping's Landing at Mazinaw Lake" is not good enough! Thus, you need to know in advance the address you want the ambulance to be dispatched to.

Here are 4 addresses that these services can be directed to:

1. Brown's Camp: 61 Addington Road 5, RR# 1 Cloyne
2. Buckley Property: 16833 Highway 41 Cloyne (613-336-1053). **Note: Ambulance can drive down to the dock** and you can leave your boat for a short time.
3. Tapping's Landing: 371 North Mazinaw Heights Road, Cloyne
4. Smarts Marina: 1018 Smart Road, Cloyne (**note: gate is only open during business hours**)

Consider visiting them in advance to know exactly where they are and which makes the most sense based on your location.



5. Consider making arrangements with a “buddy” directly across the bay on the road side, with good access for emergency vehicles. *The accessible road should have a solid smooth surface with enough space to handle larger emergency response vehicles. Laneways should be at least 12 feet wide with trees and limbs trimmed up at least 12 feet high. There also needs to be enough area to turn vehicles around. The “buddy’s” property should not have steep lake frontage and should provide easy access to the lakeshore. The water access persons should know the 911 address of their “buddy” (e.g. 12345 Hwy 41).

Keep the number handy (on the fridge; in the front page of this directory) so you are not searching for it when an emergency

OPTION 2:

Meeting the EMS on the road access side & transport the EMS to the emergency on the other side of the lake

*Sometimes it may be impossible to move someone requiring medical attention. In such cases, another option which can be organized to speed up time, is to meet the EMS on the roadside (e.g. as per the options noted in #1) and transport the EMS to the emergency with a “safe boat”. * Note: A safe boat is one that meets the Canada Shipping Act – “Small Vessel Regulations” and has enough life jackets for the persons to be transported. If a response is needed during non-daylight hours then the boat must have proper navigational lights and an operator who knows their way around the lake (body of water) in the dark. Please note that the emergency responders therefore the municipalities will assume no responsibility for damage to privately owned boats.*

** Caveat: if the boat is safe, the fire department will go in a private boat until they get their own boat there. This is subject to change, as per the township rules and subject to change.*

OPTION 3:

EMS come to the emergency on the other side of the lake

If you are unable to employ options 1 or 2 above, the EMS service, when faced with a remote response will employ a coordinated response often involving fire services, OPP, MNR, and DND Search & Rescue. The Fire Department in NF have one boat which is stored at the Cloyne fire station. This boat is used to service all surrounding lakes, not just Mazinaw (within the Kaladar/Barrie Fire Department’s response area, there are over 1,548 square kilometers, and 40+ lakes). Transporting the boat and launching it does take valuable time. Please note: It is the policy of the Fire Department that they do not respond across ice (frozen bodies of water).

- You need to make sure your 911 number is clearly visible from the water should the fire department come to your cottage by boat.

Fire Emergencies for Property Owners

Just ask Betty and John MacDonald about how a lightning strike started a fire at their lake access cottage...or Rose Prevoe about how an outdoor fire (which was fully extinguished with water) went underground through the root system and started a fire in a nearby tree. Things happen even though you think you’ve done your best to avoid them.

Casey Cuddy, Fire Chief for Addington Highlands provides advice on how to prepare and potentially avoid a fire: ‘First let me say groom your lot for wild fire protection. The basic is trim trees back from cottage, keep dead

leaves, pine needles and grass cleaned up around and under buildings. Keep a fire extinguisher handy and know how to use it. Make sure you have a working smoke alarm on every level of the cottage and outside all sleeping areas. This includes bunkies or any area used for sleeping. In the spring (first time up to cottage) install new batteries. Every time you return to the cottage test the smoke alarms to ensure they are still working. Draw a fire escape plan and practice it, especially with children as a number of them will not wake up to a smoke alarm. Have a meeting place. Life is always more important than a cottage. Call the fire department from outside the cottage."

When having a fire in an outdoor pit, always check with your local fire department information line at 613-336-1851 or the Township of Addington Highlands & Township of North Frontenac website to ensure there are **no fire bans in place**.



Note that you should create your fire pit far away from trees and where you know there aren't underlying roots that can catch fire. Did you know that a fire in your outdoor pit could potentially travel underground and along the roots, catching fire to a nearby tree? Having your fire pit on a natural rock bed or in a wood burning container (which you can purchase at a hardware store) is

most ideal. Always have a bucket of water ready before you light your campfire. Keep your fire under control and attended at all times. It is advisable not to have fires on windy days however if you decide to do this, keep it small and do not put leaves and other light materials on that can get taken away with the wind.

Fireworks: Never let off fireworks unless you are in an area with lots of open space. Always have a bucket ready in case of an emergency before you start your display. On occasion, we have been given reports of cottagers letting off fireworks near their cabin and close to the woods. This is not an acceptable practice and nearby cottagers have raised concerns. Always be thoughtful of safety, fire prevention and your neighbours.

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Fireworks & the Environment:

Many members have brought forward their concerns about fireworks...how close they are set off to our forests, cabins, the effects to animals and pets.

Did you know that fireworks are environmentally damaging and have an effect on the health of our lake? They are made of cardboard, plastic, gunpowder, heavy metals and chemicals which falls to the ground and/or lake when they are set off. Not only that, but they affect our pets who cannot be consoled and shake long after the fireworks end. But, what about the forest animals...and our precious loons, and other birds?

FIREFIGHTING KITS FOR THE COTTAGE by Murray Russell

Here is an example but there are lots more http://www.onestopfire.com/kit_c.htm. I also have found good deals at Princess Auto.

We went together with our neighbors and it cost under \$500 each. It has a 2" hose and fires water well over the cottage top. I keep the hose coiled and stored under the north side so it is not exposed to UV. The hose is long enough to reach both cottages.

Any device must be maintained and tested regularly. I test the pump every month in the summer. I ensure at least one from each cottage is trained and yes we do fire drills too-the grand kids love it especially on a hot day.

I mostly fear a forest fire – that is why I insisted on a 2" capability. In addition we put a steel roof on the cottage to prevent a forest fire from burning down through the roof.

The Bon Echo Narrows

At the 2017 AGM, a member brought forward the issue that the light at the narrows was out, making it a difficult experience to find the Narrows and go through them in the dark. After discussing this with the new Superintendent of the Bon Echo Park, we have good news. Here is his response dated August 4/17: " *The electrician repaired the light at the narrows yesterday and I checked it last night. It is working properly now. We have sealed the fixture in attempt to make it more vandal proof. We will monitor it to ensure this important light is functioning.* "

Furthermore, the park will impress on the boat renters to stay outside of the marked channel at the narrows with their kayaks and canoes unless they are crossing from one side to another. Swimming is also being discouraged at this place.

Speed at the narrows: This is legally a complicated issue but common sense recommends to all boaters passing through the narrows to slow down to approx. 5km/h for safety reasons and to prevent shore line erosion. Cottager would also know not to water ski close to the narrows due to the many non-motorized boaters.

As reminder the Bon Echo Park is a wonderful place with many interesting events during the summer and as cottagers we are privileged to visit the park from the water free of charge.

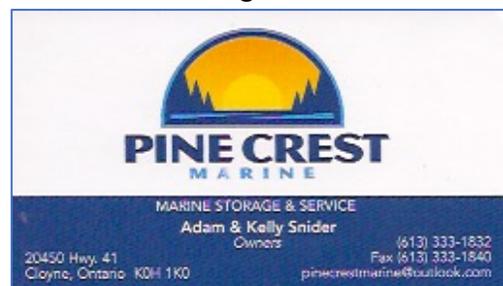


PHOTO CONTEST

Please note that the MPOA are challenging all MPOA members to another photo contest. In 2014 we had some spectacular photo submissions. Here were the top 3 as voted by MPOA members. Will you be our next winner?

Mazinaw Monster, submitted by Howard Goodfellow



2. Witches in the Air, submitted by Loretta Farraway



3. The Narrows, submitted by Lorraine Gibson, taken by Ashley Gibson



Here is the process:

- all photo submissions to be sent to communications@lakemazinaw.ca by **August 1/18**
- with the submission, must include the name of the photographer, cottage number, contact information, location where the photo was taken, title of your photo
- limit of 3 submissions per cottage
- must have permission of any people in the photo
- photos will be posted on the lakemazinaw.ca website under photo gallery, photo contest
- prizes awarded for top 3 photos
- please note by submitting your photo you give the MPOA permission to use it as they see fit (e.g. on the website, on a future directory cover).
- one vote per cottage, per category
- the process for voting will be posted online...stay tuned!

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MPOA MEMBERSHIPS

by Kate McGovern, MPOA Director of Memberships

The purpose of the MPOA shall be to unite property owners for the purpose of dealing with members, governments, organizations and agencies relative to the quality of life and environment of the community.

The effectiveness of the MPOA is largely due to the volunteer efforts of board members and the support of a large and growing membership. The more members we have the stronger our voice so be sure to continue your membership this year.

Last year, we had 223 members, which means that over 60% of the total properties are members of the MPOA, more if you think about the fact that some families own more than one cottage. The good news is that the majority of our members are repeat members and the board receives wonderful notes of appreciation each year.

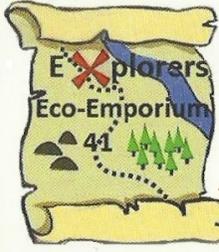
*This year we'd like to ask you a favour please. **The membership fees are always due by July 1st of each year. Please do your part to pay on time, just like you would any other bill. We ask you to do this so that the board members don't have to follow up with members to pay, saving us time to focus on things that matter most. Thank you!***

Dues for 2018 are \$20 per residence (Only one membership per residence, irrespective of the number of families sharing a cottage...only one vote per residence at the AGM).

Here are ways you can pay:

- At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) each year
- Mail a cheque to MPOA, P.O. Box 251, Cloyne Ontario K0H 1K0. Cheque should be made out to "MPOA"
- By credit card. Go to lakemazinaw.ca membership tab / renew membership and choose. [PayPal online](#) (note: you don't have to join PayPal...select PayPal and use the "Don't Have a PayPal Account" option to pay by credit card). When you click on this link, it will ask you to log in to the MPOA website to continue. Please use your email address as the user id. If you have forgotten your password, you can ask it to be reset on the website, or you can send an email to communications@lakemazinaw.ca to send you a new password.
- At Smarts Marina
- At Brown's Campground

We want to keep building our membership as it is important to share initiatives with all owners, to make sure the lake receives the most benefit. Please do your part and promote the MPOA to your neighbours who are not members. They can join by sending an email to communications@lakemazinaw.ca or download the new member form from the website, fill it in, pay for their membership at any of the above options.



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Photo taken by Leslie Yeow

The Night Sky

*by Murray Russell, MPOA
Director, FOCA Rep*

The night sky initiative is a worldwide movement. First let me correct some misconceptions about security and lighting. I am the FOCA (Federation of Ontario cottage Owners association) rep for MPOA, and have been for 25 years. This is where I was trained-by OPP theft specialists. They told us that bright lights do not deter thieves because it makes sharp shadows in which thieves like to hide. They told us that automatic motion lights are the only lighting deterrent that has been proven to send thieves away. They don't really know whether the light came on because of motion or if someone turned a light on.

Many people around the world have become concerned with light pollution-so much that some cities have passed bylaws prohibiting people from shining lights unnecessarily at their neighbors. One city in Arizona even boasts that one can now see the milky way at 10 pm from downtown locations! A whole city has been developed using shrouded lights in Florida.

Last year the executive asked me to present on the Night Sky initiative as several members brought the concern forward that some cottagers were shining bright lights 7/24 and some installed solar lights on their dock that never go out. We got immediate results - I could actually see Saturn up at

my end of the lake! While I was lucky, the word needs to continue to be spread around the lake.

Biologists agree that lights on all night especially around bodies of water are quite disruptive of wildlife.

Please keep your lights to a minimum, buy solar lights that can be switched off when you don't need them, replace bright lights with motion lights so we can all enjoy the beautiful night sky in our peaceful Mazinaw retreats. Your neighbours will thank you.

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AN OUTING ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

BY FRANCINE BATES

Are you missing out on one of the great treasures of our area? Of course we all know about the beauty of kayaking and canoeing along the shores of Lake Mazinaw, especially past the Bon Echo Rock, where we can see pictographs, or a bunch of climbers braving an upward climb. But did you know that at the north end of Mazinaw, is the Mississippi River which runs between

Mackavoy Lake and the Mazinaw and you can voyage down it and rarely see another sole? It is difficult to do this by motor boat because of the shallow water at times, but paddling along it's shores in a kayak, canoe or even a paddle boat is definitely a trip worth taking!

It is great at any time, but magical when the fall colours are out and there isn't a wind, with the scenery mirrored in the water. Please watch the lakemazinaw.ca website for the date and time for a group adventure...and, then, don't forget to pack a picnic and some water, sunscreen and a hat!

Sail Mazinaw



Mazinaw Lake is a beautiful sailing venue. The lake is surrounded by citadels of bare rock that generate thermals and local shore breezes. The windiest time of the day is typically at 2pm. But the orientation and the shape of the lake mean that it seldom generates large swells or white caps. It is a fun sailing venue whether you have a sail boat, a wind surfer, etc.

The intention of 'Sail Mazinaw' is to get a great number of sails on Mazinaw Lake all at the same time. It is not a race but an opportunity to be social, maybe introduce someone new to the sport, while enjoying a day of sailing. While this is not an MPOA event, many members enjoy participating in it. In years past, sailors have been invited to meet for breakfast and then end up at the Bon Echo Provincial Park lagoon for a bbq, followed by an afternoon sail. Check out Sail Mazinaw's Facebook page:

facebook.com/SailMazinaw.
The 2018 date is Saturday
July 7th; that's the
weekend after Canada Day
and after the MPOA's
Annual General Meeting
so get ready!



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