



President's Message

Hello neighbours! Here we are on the other side of another Northern Ontario winter! I think we would all agree that for the most part it was a very mild and easy winter! We did get a good blast of it towards the end of the season but overall it was beautiful! Winter is such a gorgeous season with so much beauty everywhere you look. It's so amazing how many incredible wonders of nature one can see when taking the time to notice what's all around us out here.



I had the opportunity to take photos of two gorgeous Northern Lights displays. Our home faces directly north, and one of the perks to that is we have a front row seat to these exquisite light displays. What a treat to wake up early for!

I also wanted to share a photo of a Lynx that I stopped for just past Cooper's corner. What a stunning animal! It moved slowly enough to give me time to snap a couple

pictures. I was so grateful to have spotted this majestic creature!

As we head into spring time, the Hudson Lakes Association meets again in May where we will be discussing updates to our website, regatta plans for August and some new signage that will welcome residents and visitors alike to our beautiful Hudson Lakes area!

Thank you to those of you who participated in the Lake Capacity Study Survey for getting those filled out. We will be providing you with updates as to meetings and important dates provided to us by the Township of Hudson and J.L Richards as they move forward in updating the official plan and zoning by-law process.

Finally, I hope you find some time to read through and enjoy this newsletter. It's a collaborative effort, and hopefully of interest to you as a resident of our beautiful lakes area! Once again a big thank you to Nicki Duke who voluntarily puts this whole thing together! Thank you to everyone who submitted articles and photos and to Renee Catt who edits and proofs all content.

As always please reach out if ever you have any questions or concerns, I'm happy to help out in any way possible.

Loving life to the full,

Sarah Desmarais
HLA President



Snowshoe Trek
Photo by Dana McLean

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IT'S ORDERED!

This summer visitors to the lakes will be greeted by a new sign. The iconic map at the A, B, C junction is being replaced. The sign has been mended over the years but with paint peeling, a broken leg and add on information randomly added, it was time to bid farewell to the old sign.

HLA members Jim Brookfield and Laurie McLean took on the task of designing, pricing and ordering the new sign. They even took several snowmobile rides 'researching'! The new sign will be a similar construction as those used by the snowmobile club. It will include an updated map, list what addresses are found on which roads and will have an area designed for notices.

Projected completion is weather dependent... or more specifically, thaw. The plan is to install the sign as soon as the frost is out of the ground and hopefully, before the spring bug season begins. A call out for help is forthcoming.

~ Dana McLean



FORESTRY ACTION

This past season was another busy one for the Hudson Lakes area. Slash pile burning happened in Firstbrook Township (south of Pike Lake) and gave people an evening show last fall with flames and smoke visible from Pike Lake. Slash piles are made when the branches left over from harvesting are pushed into a pile to be burned to prepare the site for regeneration.

Alex Welch (local logging contractor) was logging in Firstbrook Twp., south of Bartle Lake, towards Pike Lake in the fall and he is expected to continue harvesting this site in the future.



Google image

Georgia Pacific - Englehart have two blocks left in the Twin Lakes area (Hudson 121 and 122) in the 2023/24 Annual Work Schedule but more groundwork needs to be done to determine the feasibility and access. There is some rough topography in the area and Hudson Township has put in place restrictions on log hauling on Road A. GP also has one more block on Hwy. 558 (Firstbrook 124), but again this needs more groundwork. It is unlikely that harvesting these blocks will take place in the near future.

Interfor – Elk Lake had also hoped to access Lundy Township through Road A, but was denied access to the harvest site (Lundy 131).

~ Mike Anderson

RECIPES - A FEW OF THE WINNING ENTRIES FROM THE 2022 REGATTA BAKED GOODS CONTEST

Blueberry Cheesecake (Andréanne Gauthier)

Base layer

- 2 cups graham crumbs
- 1/4 cups melted butter
- 1/4 cups brown sugar

Save a little to sprinkle on top

Mix 2 8 oz. cream cheese with:

- 1 cup white sugar
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 2 tsp. lemon juice

Fold in 1 container of Cool Whip and your favourite fruit such as raspberries or blueberries.

Pour over graham crumb base and top with more fruit and sprinkle graham mixture on top.

Enjoy!

Hummingbird Cake (Tricia Hosking)

Ingredients

Cake Layers

- 3 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for pans
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon table salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3 large eggs, lightly beaten

Cream Cheese Frosting

- 2 (8-oz.) packages cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 2 (16-oz.) packages powdered sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Directions

Prepare the Cake Layers: Preheat oven to 350°F. Whisk together flour, sugar, salt, baking soda, and cinnamon in a large bowl; add eggs and oil, stirring just until dry ingredients are moistened. Stir in vanilla, pineapple, bananas, and toasted pecans.

Divide batter evenly among 3 well-greased (with shortening) and floured 9-inch round cake pans.

Bake in preheated oven until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean, 25 to 30 minutes. Cool in pans on wire racks 10 minutes. Remove from pans to wire racks, and cool completely, about 1 hour.

Prepare the Cream Cheese Frosting: Beat cream cheese and butter with an electric mixer on medium-low speed until smooth. Gradually add powdered sugar, beating at low speed until blended after each addition. Stir in vanilla. Increase speed to medium-high, and beat until fluffy, 1 to 2 minutes.

Assemble Cake: Place first cake layer on a serving platter; spread top with 1 cup of the frosting. Top with second layer, and spread with 1 cup frosting.

Top with third layer, and spread remaining frosting over top and sides of cake. Arrange pecan halves on top of cake in a circular pattern.

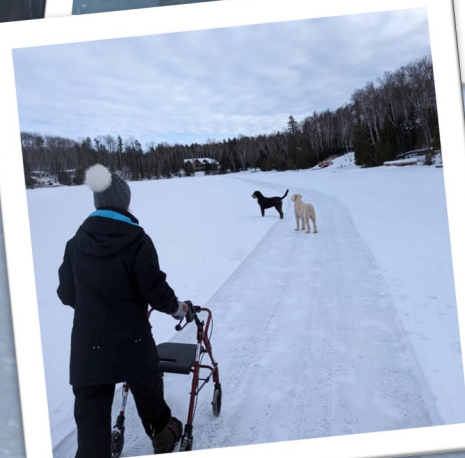
- 1 1/2 cups vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 (8-oz.) can crushed pineapple in juice, undrained
- 2 cups chopped bananas (about 4 medium bananas)
- 1 cup chopped pecans, toasted
- Vegetable shortening

Additional Ingredient

- 1 cup pecan halves, toasted



WINTER FUN AT THE LAKES!



**Fun on
the ice!**

**McLean's
Annual
Polar Plunge**
(Fairy Lake)



May the **FOREST** be with you



Save the Date

for the **74th** Annual Twin Lakes Regatta



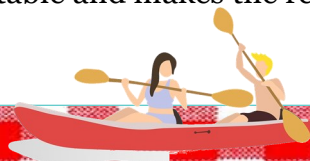
Mark your calendar and join us on **August 5-6** for regatta festivities, which have grown to include a Volleyball Tournament on Pike Lake, the Pon-Tune Sing-a-Long on Fairy, Art and Photography contests online, along with our standard boat parade and races on Twin.



We are always looking for volunteers so if you are available to help with the planning or day-of set up please contact Chelsie at chelsie.mcknight@gmail.com. It is a great way for teens to collect volunteer hours.

An advance thank you to our generous cottagers, residents, and business owners whose support fills the prize table and makes the regatta possible!

~ Chelsie McKnight



MAKING WAVES

Rebecca Ramsay was exposed to water skiing from a very young age having spent her summers on Twin Lakes at the cottage. When she was only 6 years old, she attended McClintock's Water Ski School in Cambridge, Ontario. By the time Rebecca was 8 years old her father Bill taught her how to slalom ski and at the age of 12 she attended a water-skiing school for formal jump training.

At the age of 16 Rebecca was on the Ontario Water Ski Team and competitive tournament skiing began for her. She spent the summer when she was 17 at McClintock's Water Ski School and when Rebecca competed in her first Nationals, she won the jump division.

In the last few years Rebecca has competed in numerous competitions including the U21 Worlds in Calgary and more recently she represented Team Canada U21 at the Pan Am Championships in Chile. Rebecca came away with 1st in Jump, 1st Overall, 3rd in Slalom, 4th in Tricks and the team was 1st Overall.

Rebecca is currently attending Florida Southern College on an academic scholarship in the Exercise Science Program and she is a member of the Collegiate Water Ski Team. Her goal is to compete in the Open Worlds this Fall. Keep making us proud Rebecca!!

~ Renée Catt



DUMP ETIQUETTE

Along with the sunny and warmer weather comes the season of spring cleaning! I thought it would be timely to do a short write up on some useful tips in regards to how we use our landfill site. I'm sure we are all aware that our current dump site will not last forever. In fact, the projected end of life timeline of our dump is creeping up on us faster than we'd like to believe. As residents, it's in our best interest to ensure that we try to preserve the longevity of the dump and to be as environmentally responsible as possible as well.

Recycle Tip #1 - Break down boxes and take items out of bags before putting them into the bins - this REALLY saves space in the bins and prevents them from filling too quickly.

Recycle Tip #2 - Rinse out and peel off labels from jars and cans - not only does this align with recycling expectations, but it also helps prevent wasps and hornets from gathering in our recycle bins.

Recycle Tip #3 - Please DO NOT place household garbage into the bins - the items to be placed in the bins are glass, aluminum, recyclable plastics and cardboard paper only.

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Dump Tip #1 - Avoid throwing out items that could be donated or repurposed - organizations such as the Northern Animals Rescue and Sanctuary in New Liskeard gladly accept donations of unbroken and functional items that they then sell to benefit their organization. Instead of unnecessarily throwing out something that could be useful to someone else, why not consider donating and helping out a great cause at the same time.

Dump Tip #2 - Please only dump into the trench items that are accepted - our dump attendant will direct you in regards to where to drop other items (eg: electronics, tires and appliances)

Dump Tip #3 - Please do not throw recyclable material into the trench. Please follow the above tips and use the provided bins. This will help to prolong the life of the dump.

Thank you for being a considerate and responsible steward of our lakes area!

~Sarah Desmarais

Hudson Lakes History books are available to purchase at the Hudson Library for \$30.

