



The Loon's Call

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President's Message

WELCOME BACK!

When heading up to the cottage to open up on May 24th weekend, I was praying the ice had gone out. The locals told me the ice finally disappeared about 3 weeks later than usual. Some of my plantings didn't survive, but on the flip side, evidence of bugs and mice was much less. Mother Nature sure was grumpy this year!

But the good news is summer is here, the boats are in and the birds are busy. And your Executive is gearing up for the season.

Sunday, July 1st – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Come see us at Gull Lake Rotary Park for the Canada Day celebrations! Wear your red and white, renew your membership and come celebrate this wonderful birthday with us!

Sunday, July 8th – 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Come to the Annual General Meeting at the Discovery Centre, Wharf Area, 185 Cherokee Lane. We will update you on finances, water quality, local development, Big Lakes initiatives, and the 2018 Municipal Election, to be held on October 22nd. This is your chance to get informed, express your opinion and question our Council representatives regarding key issues that impact your Muskoka experience.

The Beach is Open! Thank you to the Town of Gravenhurst who spent time and resources cleaning the Gull Lake Park beach area to ensure a safe environment for all who enjoy this location.

Muskoka Airport is Open for Direct Flights to Toronto

— FlyGTA is now offering flights direct to Muskoka Airport from Toronto's Downtown Billy Bishop Airport. A 35 min flight will set you back ~\$140 (one-way including fees and HST). It's an interesting way to make use of the great airport facility in our area.

2018 Municipal Elections

This is our opportunity to make our voices heard! The MLA is looking for our support as they engage in "recruiting and supporting like-minded candidates in order to sharpen focus with respect to long standing, responsible development and fiscal discipline issues". They intend to identify the best fit candidates whose views on key issues are aligned with those commonly shared by Muskoka waterfront residents – particularly in the areas of fiscal accountability and well-managed development. We invite you to go to the MLA website and add your support to this very worthy initiative. We will continue to apprise you of their progress.

Just For Fun - Christmas in July

There is a movement afoot by all the cottages in my bay (most southerly bay on Gull) to have a Christmas celebration on July 21st. Twinkling lights in the trees and on the boats, BBQ turkey with all the trimmings, elf hats and red and green drinks with wonderful neighbours. How about it? Why not celebrate this magical time without boots, snow or ice?

If you take up the Christmas challenge, please send your photos to gullsilverlakes@gmail.com and we will publish them in a special festive album! Merry Ho Ho!

HELP WANTED

What does your Muskoka experience look like? One way to make sure that it is everything you want it to be, is to serve on the GSLRA Board. Come serve for 2 years. Pick an area of interest – membership, finances, development, water quality, Official Plan, noise and light pollution, water safety etc. Whether you are seasonal, a retiree or permanent resident here, we all love our Muskoka, so why not volunteer a little of your time and a lot of your heart to ensure it stays pristine, safe and welcoming. A famous quote asks "What's wrong with the world?" and the answer is "I am." Don't leave the GSLRA work up to the other person – make your contribution to the best place on this planet to have a cottage or home!

See you at the AGM -
Donna McLean,
Acting President



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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2018

Your voice matters!!!

The MLA reminds all Muskoka waterfront residents to take a few minutes to make sure they are registered to vote in this fall's municipal election. To ensure you're on the Voters List, visit www.voterlookup.ca. Check your municipal tax bill to find out if both you and your spouse are listed.

**Has your contact information changed?
Email? Home address? Let us know - email
us at: gullsilverlakes@gmail.com**

**Gull & Silver Lakes Residents' Association
Attend the Annual General Meeting
9:00 am, Sunday, July 8, 2018
Muskoka Steamships and Discovery Centre
185 Cherokee Lane, Gravenhurst**

YOU'RE INVITED — to the GSLRA 2018 AGM.
Doors open at 9:00 a.m. for coffee/baked
goods. The formal meeting will start promptly
at 9:30 am. Join us to hear about and discuss:

AGM
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- The environment and water quality of our lakes
- Finances/membership
- Updates from the Town
- Official Plan and development updates
- 2018 Municipal Elections
- The Election/Re-election of the Board of Directors

Members and non-members alike are all are invited to attend! It's a great chance to find out what's going on and meet your neighbours!

Questions? Comments? Want to help out?

Email us: gullsilverlakes@gmail.com