

BEVERLEY LAKE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
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Dear Friends and Neighbors on Beverley Lake:

Your Association President's annual mid-winter letter has become an early spring letter this year! But the closer we come to June, the more our thoughts turn to the beauty and bounty of our lake and the richness of the summer days ahead. I hope all of us can spend more time than ever at our cottages this year, and I hope my letter, later than usual, will only serve to heighten our anticipation to see Beverley Lake as the season approaches.

I and my family are farther away from the lake than most of you, and yet we feel very close through communications throughout the year. A January letter from Doug Kilpatrick and a phone call last week to Stella Cheetham revealed that the Beverley Lake winter has been unusual with not a great deal of snow but untimely and somewhat extreme vacillations of temperature: unseasonable warm and cold spells. Jim and Kathy Wing of Lyndhurst came to California in February and spent a week with us. They visited Disneyland, San Diego, Tijuana, and did all the things one does on a visit to Southern California. We felt that much closer to Beverley Lake hearing first hand from them about the changing seasons in Eastern Ontario.

We also heard recently from Don Raison in Lyndhurst that there has been a rash of break-ins. I hope none of you have been involved. We were, and so were our relatives, the Angermanns on English Island. That news made us feel a little too close to this perennial problem. It is discussed every year at our business meetings, and we'll discuss it again this year. Maybe new ideas for dealing with it can be generated.

This summer we hope to see synopsis copies of John Hensley's comprehensive report on the water quality of the lake. He and George Goudy had been taking water samples under the Self-Help Program sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment. John Hensley reported orally at our annual business meeting last summer that their water samples were indicating we have a long way to go to restore Beverley Lake to the purity that we would all want. At the August 7, 1978, Executive Committee Meeting, your Association officers decided to urge all cottagers on the lake to be alert to water pollution sources such as garbage, refuse, or defective septic or holding tanks. Any source of pollution should be reported to a Lake Association officer. They in turn will report it to the Board of Health in Brockville for proper resolution of the problem. The Board of Health has responded promptly to information received in the past.

The Annual Business Meeting and Picnic of the Association will be held this summer on Saturday, August 4, at 3:30 in the afternoon. Notices will be sent with further details as the time approaches. It will be held at your president's family's cottage -- Blue Heron Point -- at the south end of the lake, the point dividing Kendrick Bay from Halleday Bay. It is reached by car through Lyndhurst and

Kendrick Park. We urge you to bring friends and potential new members.

Finally I would like to report the Association is planning a new event this summer. There are many more people on the lake than in earlier years. We all have the same common interest in protecting our beautiful corner of creation. And yet we don't know each other as well as we might. Many of us have never met. Many cottagers may not even be at the lake at the time of the annual meeting in August. One meeting a year is not enough to involve our growing number of people.

This summer, to try to overcome these difficulties, the Association is planning the first annual water regatta on Saturday, June 30, at 1:00 in the afternoon, also to be held at Blue Heron Point, a convenient location with deep water for swimming and diving events and good rocks for viewing boating events. Again this will be advertised in detail as the time approaches.

This event is planned as a means for us to get to know each other and especially for our young people to get to know each other early in the summer. The emphasis will be on friendly and casual competition. We certainly want to have a sailing race -- open class --, swimming and boating races, a diving contest, canoe gunwale jumping and gunwale jousting events, etc. The following people have volunteered to help in planning and officiating the events: Bert Angermann, Al Brown, Dick Green, Randy Hoffman, John MacInnes, John Newman, Bob Smith, and York Wills. We welcome further ideas and offers of help from anyone with a flair for helping at this kind of family occasion. Please inform your president if you are so inclined. The committee will want to meet during the week preceeding June 30 to make sure all systems are go!

I am eager to see all of you at Beverley Lake, to meet those of you I've never met, and to see our Association continue to grow and represent our growing interest in keeping Beverley Lake beautiful, our home of homes, our most peaceful pocket of water, earth, and sky.

Sincerely,



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