



NEWSLETTER

Environment First | Protecting Our Lake

Website

Residents of Oak Lake are encouraged to visit the website www.friendsofoaklake.com to learn about the non-profit and registered Ontario lake association.

Looking for Volunteers

Friends of Oak Lake are looking for volunteers to work independently or collaboratively in areas such as;

- Social media
- Environmental Law
- Website Management
- Lake Stewardship
- Social/ Educational Material Development/ Events
- Government Grant
- General Volunteer

Contact Us

Have a question or concern or suggestions to offer for events? Please feel free to reach out. We can be reached by email at friendsofoaklake@gmail.com



Don Leslie - Memories of Oak Lake

The recent passing of life-long Oak Lake resident Don Leslie inspired FOOL to release a variety of past articles and documents regarding Oak Lake and which will be available for Members. Various authors and titles including, Memories of Oak Lake, The Lure of Oak Lake, Our Beloved Oak Lake, Remember When, A Dance Hall to Remember and Swimmers Taking the Plunge at Crescent Beach.

Septic Inspection Program Coming to Oak Lake

Quinte West Mayor Jim Harrison indicated in 2022 that a residential septic inspection program will be coming to all waterfront property owners within the Municipality of Quinte West including Oak Lake. Get ahead and better understand your septic system now at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DWg-Ul4sTE> or visit www.friendsofoaklake.com for more information.





Upcoming Events

Friends of Oak Lake will host some upcoming events.

- Earth Day Trash bash - April 22nd 10am-12pm
- All Watercraft Regatta - July 1st from 12-1pm
- Fishing Derby - July 8th from 8am - 3pm
- Annual General Meeting + BBQ - Saturday August 19th, 12-2pm

Become a Member

Begin enjoying the benefits of membership. Which include;

- A vote on the actions of Friends of Oak Lake
- Access to information related to Oak Lake
- Access to information from the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA)
- And More!

Membership costs are \$25 per household and fees are used exclusively for projects intended to improve both the health and quality of enjoyment of our beloved Oak Lake.

Oak Lake Photo Contest and Calendar Fundraiser

FOOLs 3rd Annual Oak Lake Photo Contest (and subsequent 2024 Calendar) is up and running! Review contest rules, tips and timelines on our website. Voting will take place later in the summer and wrap up at our AGM.



Home Flood Protection

A few simple things can help keep water at bay! Clean eaves troughs, extend downspouts and discharge pipes two meters away from your house, remove debris or obstructions from storm or floor drains, ditches and culverts, test your sump pump, clean out your backwater valve, ensure property grading directs water away from the home or cottage, and check all pipes, fixtures and appliances for leaks.



Safety Reminders - Smoke Alarm, Fire Extinguishers and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Never underestimate the importance of properly working safety devices. They each save lives! Change batteries annually and ensure your residence is equipped with at least one ABC Fire Extinguisher. Also, a friendly reminder to clean out your BBQ and it's grease trap.



Your Shoreline is Oak Lakes Ribbon of Life

Shorelines are small but vital ecozones as they serve as transition zones between land and water and are referred to as a water body's "Ribbon of Life". Natural (not manicured) shorelines perform essential functions including water and pollutant filtration, preventing land erosion and providing a biodiverse habitat for flora and fauna. Making small changes to your shoreline can create dramatic improvements to the health of Oak Lake.

Secure Your Recycling

On waste collection days your recyclables can blow away during windy weather littering the neighborhood. Secure your blue boxes properly! Put recyclables out the morning of collection, never overfill blue boxes and if possible, use or improvise a lid. Learn more at www.durham.ca/waste.



Bottle Bin

Bottle Bin Fundraiser is going well. Please remember to drop off your empty alcohol beverage containers to 30A Neighbourly Rd or email friendsofoaklake@gmail.com for pick-up.



Report Floating Debris

Fool is asking residents to report any objects in-or-on Oak Lake that they deem as potentially hazardous, including floating debris so that we can remove them from the lake. Send an email to friendsofoaklake@gmail.com

Resources (click title to open link)

- [Oak Lake Biology](#)
- [Shoreline Info](#)
- [Shoreline Do's and Don'ts](#)
- [Wastewater Info](#)
- [Wastewater Do's and Don'ts](#)
- [Hutchinson Environment Sciences LTD - Year 1 Report](#)
- [Hutchinson Environment Sciences LTD - Condensed Report](#)
- Previous Newsletters www.friendsofoaklake.com click Newsletters at the top to see newsletters dating back to 2019

