Friends of Oak Lake Spring 2022



# 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 <u>friendsofoaklake@gmail.com</u>



## Winter Skate Day 2022

Several Oak Lake residents braved a sunny but blustery and cold afternoon of skating, conversation and laughter. Well done!

# **Gypsy Moth Season Begins**

FOOL has created a Gypsy Moth Combat Calendar to help residents be ready for the battle at <a href="https://www.friendsofoaklake.com">www.friendsofoaklake.com</a>



## Oak Lake Photo Contest and Calendar Fundraiser

FOOL's 2nd Annual Oak Lake Photo Contest (and subsequent 2023 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.

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### **Upcoming Events**

Friends of Oak Lake will host some upcoming events.

- All Watercraft Regatta July 1st 2022 from 12-1pm
- Fishing Derby July 5th,
  2022 from 8am 3pm
- Annual General Meeting -Saturday August 20th, 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.

Visit our website for more info.

# **New Boating Regulations**

Ontario releases NEW legislation regarding watercraft and lakes to stem spread of aquatic invasive species. Check it out...... <a href="https://www.intelligencer.ca/news/new-ontario-boating-rules-jan-1-to-stem-spread-of-aquatic-invasive-species">https://www.intelligencer.ca/news/new-ontario-boating-rules-jan-1-to-stem-spread-of-aquatic-invasive-species</a>



## 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.



## **Fishing Contest - NEW!!!**

This year FOOL has partnered with High Falls Outfitters to have a fishing contest on Oak Lake with prizes to be won. The event

will take place July 5 from 8-3. The date was chosen so that we take advantage of "Family Fishing Opportunities" without having to purchase a fishing licence. There will be two classes of entry: Junior—all those 16 and under: Senior those over 17 and only one category this year, resulting in two prizes. More info on our website.



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### **Bottle Bin**

Bottle Bin Fundraiser is going well. Please remember to drop off your empty alcohol beverage containers to 30A Neighbourly Rd or email <a href="mailto:friendsofoaklake@gmail.com">friendsofoaklake@gmail.com</a> 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 <a href="mailto:friendsofoaklake@gmail.com">friendsofoaklake@gmail.com</a>

### 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 <u>www.friendsofoaklake.com</u> click Newsletters at the top to see newsletters dating back to 2019

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