



FALL 2010 NEWSLETTER

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Visit www.sunsetlakes.ca under the link to "owners association" for SLOA news and updates to events.

SLOA Committee for 2010-2011

John Dawson - President

Marcel Falardeau - Vice President + Pool Access/Grass cutting/Communications

Terry Lister - Treasurer

Claudia Buttera - Gardening

Helene Drouin - Water Quality Control

Heather Counsell - Pool

Dan Weslake - Design Review

Debbie Ng - Social Events

Welcome to New Residents

Alexandre & Nina Statch, 1089 Misty Morning,

Patrick & Ann Marie O'Neill, 6884 Twin Lakes

Community Events

Annual General Meeting: Mark your calendar for 30 Nov 2010 7:30 pm for this year's AGM. More to follow. (We are moving the date from February to attract more attendance)

Fall Clean-up Day -16 Oct at 9:30am: We will be pulling in the docks, putting the nets away, storing the canoe and generally cleaning up the area. Meet your neighbours at the pool and start your day off with coffee and a TimBit . Rain Day will be Sunday at 1:30 pm. See you there.

Skating Rink: Now that fall is here, we are anxiously awaiting winter. To help make the winter pass we have been clearing and flooding a common skating rink and oval on Twin Lake. The rink is **use at your own risk**. If you are willing to help with the rink, please call or e-mail John Dawson at 821-5113, john_christinedawson@rogers.com. Christine will be greatly appreciative of any help coming forward!

Hockey Tournament: weather permitting Family Day in February 2011 on our lakes. If interested in volunteering to help organize the day please contact Debbie Ng (613) 574-0143 or e-mail debdng@gmail.com and watch the web site for details

Social Activities: Debbie Ng will be putting together a list of events with tentative timings for the upcoming year so check the web site. XMAS Carolling is being planned – watch the website for details.

Thank-yous

Tennis lessons: Another great success this year. Many thanks to Andrew Wilson and his family for organizing this year's lessons. See you all again next year. For the 2011 program, check our website as we will be posting updated information in February 2011.

Neighbourhood Garage Sale: Hope everyone enjoyed moving their treasures from one household to another. We will plan on a similar event in May 2011. Thanks Debbie for the organization and advertising.

Pool: A big thank you to Heather Counsell and her family for the effort to get the pool open and operational this year. Heather sends out a special thanks to her team - Becky Ng, Kailey Taplin and Drew Pearson for doing a spectacular job of keeping the pool area clean and safe over the past three months. A few residents have passed on their appreciation directly, and it is great to have their hard work acknowledged as the pool season comes to a close for another year.

Swimming lessons: There were not enough participants to warrant swimming lessons in the pool this year. We will try again next year. If interested in helping to organize please contact Debbie NG at (613) 574-0143 or e-mail debdng@gmail.com by 21 May 2010.

Water skiing: A special thanks to Judy and Dan Anderson for hosting **Canada's Capital Slalom Challenge** on Sunset Lakes. It was a great time to see national level competition and to enjoy a great evening of socializing. Karen Stevens organized the water ski school this summer and I am sure Dan and Judy will have it all in hand for next year in July for kids young and old. Check the website for information as July draws near.

Golf tournament, Fireworks, Community BBQ: We had planned to have all coincided with the pool closing but it just did not work out. There were too many people with other commitments and funds were a concern. We will do better next year. We need a golf tournament organizer to come forward **now!** (please contact Debbie Ng if interested - (613) 574-0143 or e-mail debdng@gmail.com)

If anyone in the community has further suggestions for social events, and/or would be willing to help out with event planning please contact Debbie at debdng@gmail.com

Water quality and the effects of fertilizers

Using **NutraFX Algae** (a safe and natural product) worked last year to control the algae in our lakes and ponds. The nitrate and phosphate levels are under control. We plan to use the product again next year and will need four volunteers on Sunset Lake, two volunteers on Twin Lake and one volunteer for each of the ponds to administer the product. If interested please contact John Dawson. A thank you to Shane O'Neil, Jamie Taplin, Marc Seaman, Claudia and Rob Buttera, Steve Finkelstein and Ed Lister for their help this year. (NutraFX Algae introduces a naturally occurring bacterium which out-competes the algae for nutrients. The algae, now lacking a ready food source, cannot multiply. The introduced organism quickly

dies off once the food sources become limited. The result is an increase in the water clarity, reduced sludge formation and improved overall health for the aquatic environment.)

We continue to ask residents to assist us to help find alternatives to pesticides and fertilizers. A major factor that contributes to the problem of high levels of algae in our lakes is the *run-off from fertilizer used on lawns throughout the community*. They continue to enter into Twin Lake in significant volumes at two “hot spots” which then feeds into Sunset Lake which also has three additional culverts feeding runoff water.

Without *eliminating* the use of fertilizers on our lawns this will be a **never ending battle**. The only permanent solution lies in total eradication of the use of traditional fertilizers.

We introduced an alternative in 2009 - **NutraFX Turf** which acts as a bio-stimulant, helping to release soil nutrients present and improving water absorption and retention capabilities. It contains natural plant growth stimulants, minerals and vitamins. NutraFx Turf is one viable option to traditional fertilizers and with some minor research, you will find many others. If you wish to order **NutraFX Turf** please place your order through John Dawson (613-821-5113) or preferably through e-mail at john_christinedawson@rogers.com . There are other products also available. Please do your research and use these more environmentally friendly products. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us, or contact Mr. Roland Poirier directly at NutraFX: (613) 258-7496 or www.nutra-fix.com

Covenants

Being a resident of Sunset Lakes confers many benefits and privileges. However, with those benefits come certain responsibilities, as dictated, primarily, by the *DEED RESTRICTIONS FOR SUNSET LAKES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS* which can be found online at http://www.sunsetlakes.ca/sunsetlakes/sunset_index.htm.

Reminder of some covenants (www.sunsetlakes.ca):

We realize there are extenuating circumstances and you may need an exception to a covenant for a short period of time. If that is the case let us know and we can work out a solution. Some of the perennial observations made to the Board are –

- Driveways that have not been paved (or equivalent type surface) within one year of construction.
- Trailers, boats, RVs, etc. continue to be stored on driveways or in yards for prolonged periods (greater than a week).

As a Board you have entrusted us with the responsibility to ensure the covenants are followed. To this effort we have enclosed a copy of a form letter we will be using in the future to inform those resident who are in violations of a covenant. We realize that this often occurs inadvertently and will work with all to come to an amicable solution.

Vandalism

Vandalism continues to be a problem in the neighbourhood. Residents have experienced broken sprinkler heads, solar lamps removed and broken, patio furniture upset, after hours alcohol parties in the parks, and several other inconvenient nuisance acts. A general “retake charge of our community” campaign needs to

take place. As a start, we ask that you report all incidents to the police. They are asking for our help. As well all should respect that the pool and park areas are closed after 10pm and anyone found there will be charged with trespassing. The patience of residents is running very low and your help to stem this type of activity is appreciated.

Stay in touch for the latest news on our web site - www.sunsetlakes.ca .