



## **FALL 2011 NEWSLETTER**

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### **SLOA Committee for 2011**

John Dawson - President  
Marcel Falardeau - Vice President + Grass cutting/Communications  
Terry Lister - Treasurer  
Roy Rodrigues - Secretary  
Claudia Buttera - Gardening  
Jamie Taplin - Pool  
Dan Weslake - Design Review  
Debbie Ng - Social Events

### **Welcome to New Residents**

George Markus and Mary Angus 6779 Lakes Park Drive  
Ken and Jenny Meister 6799 Lakes Park Drive  
Jon and Natasha Lundstrom 1040 Tranquil Gate

### **Community Events**

**Annual General Meeting: Mark your calendar for 8 Dec 2011 7:00 pm for this year's AGM. More to follow.** (We are moving the date to before Christmas to attract more attendance)

**Fall Clean-up Day – Saturday 22 Oct at 9:30am:** We will be pulling in the docks, putting the nets away, storing the canoe and generally cleaning up the area. We will be doing an extra clean up of the path around Sunset Lake and will need a work crew to haul the stuff back to the beach for future burning. Come out to meet your neighbours at the pool and start your day off with coffee and a TimBit. The Rain Day will be Sunday, 23 October at 1:30 pm. See you there.

**Skating Rink:** Now that fall is here, we are anxiously waiting winter (not really). To help make the winter fun 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 John Dawson at 821-5113 or email [john\\_christinedawson@rogers.com](mailto:john_christinedawson@rogers.com). Christine will be greatly appreciative of any help coming forward!

**Hockey Tournament:** weather permitting, Family Day will be in February 2012 on our lakes. If you are interested in volunteering to help organize the day please contact Debbie Ng (613) 574-0143 or e-mail [debdng@gmail.com](mailto:debdng@gmail.com) and watch the web site for details

**Xmas Caroling and Sleigh Ride:** XMAS Caroling and sleigh ride are being planned – watch the website 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.

## Thank-you

**Tennis lessons:** Another great success this year. Many thanks to Andrew Wilson and his family for organizing this year's lessons. For the 2012 program, check our website as we will be posting updated information in February 2012.

**Neighbourhood Garage Sale:** Hope everyone enjoyed moving their treasures from one household to another. We will plan on a similar event in May 2012. Thanks Debbie for the organization and advertising.

**Pool:** A big thank you to Heather Counsell, and Jamie and Kim Taplin and their families for the effort to get the pool open and operational this year. Heather had to withdraw from the pool position after getting us going – too many grandchildren. She did manage to recruit Jamie and Kim into the position and many thanks to them for coming forward. Jamie and Kim send out a special thanks to their 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.

**Water skiing:** A special thanks to Judy and Dan Anderson for hosting **Canada's Capital Slalom Challenge** on Sunset Lake. It was a great time to see national level competition and to enjoy a great evening of socializing. Dan organized a day of water skiing lessons and we hope all who wanted to took the opportunity to give it a try. Dan is planning to organize the same thing next year so check the website for information as July draws near.

Special thank you to Debbie Ng for all she does to organize our social calendars. 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](mailto:debdng@gmail.com)

## Water quality and the effects of fertilizers

With the heat this summer, we had an especially bad year with algae. Again, we used **NutraFX Algae** (a safe and natural product). On learning of our added challenges, the company came to help out. Again it worked but we had to use extra applications (the company donated their time and product). 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, Rob Koktan, Claudia and Rob Buttera, Ed Lister, Harold McKeown, Joe and Maureen Funai for their help this year.

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*. The nitrates and phosphates 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 also are experiencing an increase in the duck population on Twin Lake. Ducklings are cute but as the numbers continue to increase the water quality on our lakes will deteriorate with increased fecal matter and parasites. Accordingly we ask residents - **Please do not feed the ducks!!!**

## **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](http://www.sunsetlakes.ca/sunsetlakes/sunset_index.htm).

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).

## **Vandalism**

Vandalism, although reduced this year, continues to be a problem in the neighbourhood. Residents have experienced car break-ins, late night alcohol parties in the parks, and several other inconvenient nuisances. It is important that we actively address vandalism by reporting all incidents to the police. The police have encouraged us to report incidents to help them identify and address problem areas.

**See you on Saturday 22 October and at the Annual General meeting.**