



SPRING 2010 NEWSLETTER

Are you in the loop?

Are you getting SLOA e-mail? If not, please send an e-mail to sloa@rogers.com and we will add you to the e-mail list. **Something new this year** - We will be posting news items on our Sunset Lakes web site - www.sunsetlakes.ca and look for the link to owners association. So please check it for the latest information on upcoming events.

SLOA Committee for 2010-2011

John Dawson - President
Marcel Falardeau - Vice President + Pool Access/Grass cutting/Communications
Terry Lister - Treasurer
Cynda Lavoie - Secretary
Claudia Buttera - Gardening
Helene Drouin - Water Quality Control
Heather Counsell - Pool
Dan Weslake - Design Review
Debbie Ng - Social Events

Welcome to New Residents

Rajiv Gupta & Sandra Kopmann - 6731 Waterside Court
Rob & Melanie Vastag - 6853 Twin Lakes
Robert Koktan & Deanna MacArthur - 6804 Lakes Park Drive

Community Events

Come out and meet your neighbours...and enjoy all that makes Sunset Lakes such a beautiful community

Spring Clean-up Day

Join us at the pool area at **9:30 AM on Saturday May 1st (or Sunday May 2nd at 1:00 PM if it is raining Saturday)** and lend a hand with some community clean-up chores. We will have coffee and muffins to get you started!

Social Activities

Debbie Ng has put together a list of events with tentative timings for the upcoming year:

- **Tennis lessons:** The National Tennis School is once again providing lessons at our courts on Saturday mornings for six weeks starting on May 8, 2010. If you are interested in participating please e-mail Andrew Wilson at andrew@wilsonlawpartners.com **no later than April 15nd, 2010**. Check our web site as we will be posting updated information there. The cost will be similar to last year (approximately \$82.75 for six one-hour lessons (for the younger children) and \$120 for six ninety-minute lessons (for older kids and adults)). As with past years, children and adults (both beginner and intermediate) are encouraged to participate. Separate age-group lessons will be set up for the children. Any rainouts will be accommodated by extending the lessons by an extra week. See you on the courts!

- **Neighbourhood Garage Sale:** 29 May
- **Pool:** Opening – 22 May. Closing - 11 Sept
- **Part-time Pool Assistants:** We are looking for two or three part-time pool assistants to help with scheduled testing, cleaning and maintenance of the swimming pool area. No experience is required; successful applicants will be trained on the job. If you are interested in working a few part-time hours between May and September please contact Heather Counsell at hdcounsell@rogers.com
- **Swimming lessons:** Please see the poster at www.sunsetlakes.ca. The cost will be approximately \$120/week per child and open to Greely area. Lessons will be for one hour each morning for the week either 5-9 or 12 -16 July. We require nine children per week to run the course. The courses are run by the YMCA/YWCA. If interested please contact Debbie at (613) 574-0143 or by e-mail sloa@rogers.com by 22 May.
- **Water ski school:** Karen Stevens is organizing the water ski school this summer in July for kids young and old. Children can be registered through Judy Anderson at janderson6783@rogers.com. Also check the website for information as July draws near.
- **Canada's Capital Slalom Challenge:** organized by Judy and Dan Anderson (821-4629) is 3rd and 4th July - pot luck + fajitas from Lone Star.
- **Golf tournament:** We have scheduled the SLOA Golf tournament for the 11 Sep (TBC). Watch our website for details.
- **Fireworks, Community BBQ:** to coincide with the pool closing and golf tournament – 11 Sep 2010.
- **Hockey Tournament:** weather permitting Family Day in February 2011 on our lakes. If interested in volunteering to help organize the day please contact Debbie and watch the web site for details.

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. We are planning to do it again this year. We need 4 volunteers on Sunset Lake, two volunteers on Twin Lake and one volunteer for each of the ponds to administer the product. It is very easy and will take less than an hour two or three times a 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.

Once again we 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 last year - **NutraFX Turf** which acts as a bio-stimulant, helping 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

Design Review and Covenants

Welcome to spring! - the season of cool nights, warm days, rain, flowers and...landscaping and outdoor improvement.

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.

The SLOA Board's Design Review Committee is made up of volunteer Sunset Lakes' owners, i.e. your neighbours, and has the responsibility of performing a design review of your proposed project(s). It is NOT the intent of the Design Review Committee to make judgments as to what is or is not beautiful or to unduly hamper or restrict the owner.

Further information on the Deed Restrictions can be found online at www.sunsetlakes.ca/sunsetlakes/sunset_index.htm. As for the Design Process itself, it consists of the following steps:

- **Step 1** – Look at the landscaping and design of exterior structures in Sunset Lakes to get an idea of previously accepted designs;
- **Step 2** - Submit a concept sketch and discuss your ideas with a member of the Design Review Committee (Daniel Weslake) to ensure that you are heading in the right direction. Prepare a formal Design Review Application (available online at www.sunsetlakes.ca/sunsetlakes/design_review_application.doc.) and give it to Dan Weslake.
- **Step 3** – Proceed once you have received written Design Review Approval.

For more information, contact, the SLOA by email at sloa@rogers.com and include any questions, concerns or details that you may have regarding your project. A response is issued, typically, within a day or two.

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).

Dog owners and residents are encouraged to confront any pet owner not scooping - it sets a bad example for those of us that do.

We know dogs are escape artists of the greatest kind, however owners are responsible to keep their dogs under control at all times. There are residents who do not have a great affinity for dogs that

have a right to use the pathways, so please be consider of others and use leashes and if swimming in the lakes have your pet under control. Many thanks.

Garbage attracts those critters not considered as pets. Please store garbage cans out of site (in garages) and consider alternatives to placing garbage bags out overnight.

If working on renovation projects, please store materials/items removed/debris, in your garage if you expect they will be out for more than a day.

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

Please let nature feed the ducks. Feeding the ducks and geese encourage them to stay on our lakes and ponds. We wish to discourage this as their droppings can affect water quality significantly and introduce parasites to the water. If you fence off your waterfront it will also discourage geese from coming onto your lawn and staying.

Have you seen our canoe? If so please let us know. It should be returned to the beach area on Sunset Lake.

See you at the spring clean up 1 May