



NEWSLETTER

Association des Propriétaires du Lac Papineau

Barb Brehn Langer, Editor

Winter 2021



President's Message

I sit peacefully in my living room, whose view overlooks the lake, trees, mountains and a beautiful blue sky. A beautiful sunny day is emerging, although the thermometer indicates minus 27!

Warm in front of a good coffee, I finish reading the newspaper and start writing this message. My inspiration comes from my feeling of privilege, having this beautiful, frozen lake on my doorstep and so close to all our hearts.

How many people dream of such an environment? To simply look out the window and see such a landscape; open the door to breathe this clean air, and cross the threshold to enjoy outdoor activities.

Given the current situation, I would add: privileged also to be in good health. So many people are currently hospitalized and would give everything, just to breathe freely and return to normal daily life.

With these words, I wish you all a very Happy New Year; health, happy moments with your loved ones and hours of fun on the lake.

Robert Brès, President

Neighbourhood Watch

See something? Say something!

I'm sad to report that firewood was stolen from a Ch Paiement resident's property this fall and reports of stolen boats and pedalos have been seen on our Facebook group. Let's all be vigilant!

What has your board been doing during the Covid pandemic?

Meetings: Although we have been unable to hold annual general meetings for two years in a row due to Covid, we are hoping that 2022 will be different. Having any meetings will depend on the current restrictions in place for gatherings and the general comfort of our members to meet as a large group. In the meantime, your board members have been meeting by Zoom and are still getting things done. We have not had meetings with our board advisors or volunteers either during the pandemic for safety reasons. We do our best to keep everyone updated on what's going on through mass emailing and our quarterly newsletter.

Financials: Every year, our treasurer finalizes the annual income statement and financial results for our association. Under normal circumstances, this information would be given to members at the annual general meeting but it's still available to paid members at any time. Simply contact me for the latest financial results.

Remember: if there is anything you need information on or wish to discuss, you can contact your board members directly.

DID YOU KNOW??

... There used to be a hotel on Ch. Paiement, across from #3902. It was called the Forest Hills Hotel and this editor has family members (McHenry's) who worked there in the 1950's, as dishwashers and luggage boys.

.....Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts used to celebrate winter with its' own winter festival, named "Snow Fiesta". It included parades, dog sled and sulky races, an ice castle, and downhill ski races. There is even a 1950 video from the National Film Board which documents the winter fun in our town. Go to www.nfb.ca and search for Snow Fiesta.

Thanks to Michael Shragie for your Facebook post, telling readers about this fun event!

... There is a Facebook group called Comité du Patrimoine de Sainte Agathe des Monts. You can follow their page, look through their many pictures and learn much of the history of the area. For example, here are some bits of historical trivia that I found during my search of their documents:

- Newspaper reports in 1873 of a lake monster in Lac des Sables – no one would go in or near the water.
- Earthquake hit Sainte Agathe on September 14, 1904
- Huge fire destroyed 84 buildings in town on May 26, 1923
- There used to be a zoo north of town, which accommodated over 1,000 animals.

Thanks to Heather Camlot for sharing their page on our Facebook group!

NEW WAY TO SURF!

Like probably many of you, I had the opportunity to see this surfer last summer. Wow! What a beautiful invention this electric surfboard is!

Robert Bres, President



Missing summer already?

Here are some pictures to remind you of the enjoyable 2021 season and the upcoming one!



"Zen"

Photo credit:
Marie-Josée
de Gagne



Photo credit: Robert Hobbins (aerial)

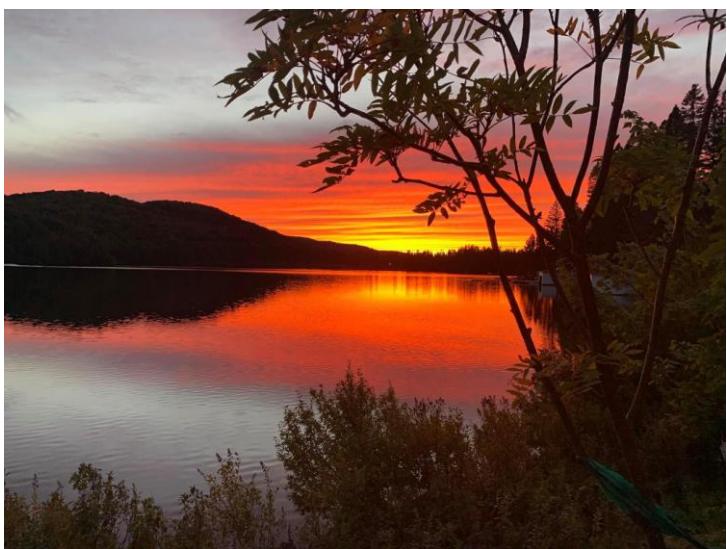


Photo credit: Micheline Girard-Giroux

Don't forget to check out our website!

www.petitlaclong.org

ARE YOU MOVING???

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS??

Don't forget to update the association with changes to your email address, or if you move away from Lac Papineau, so we can update your contact information.



Pet Owners – please take note!

It may not be the city but people still don't appreciate picking up after someone else's animals! Keep your dogs on leash when walking, to prevent any mishaps.

BEFORE I AGREE TO 2022, I NEED TO SEE SOME TERMS & CONDITIONS!

I'M NOT ADDING THE YEAR 2021 TO MY AGE BECAUSE I DIDN'T USE IT!

Know your board

President:	Robert Brès
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Many thanks to Mathieu Huppé and Hugues Raymond for their translation assistance. Without the help of these volunteers, we couldn't issue this newsletter!

Everyone on your Board volunteers their time but we can't do it alone! We really appreciate the help we are given by volunteers around the lake.

Do you have a new neighbour?

Please tell them about our association and how to get in touch with us. We will provide them with a Welcome Package, containing the most recent issue of our newsletter, our Code of Conduct, information on our board and more!

NEW SIGNS HAVE ARRIVED!

They will be installed at the 2 channels and near the islands in the spring. The objective is to reduce boat speeds in those areas and improve the overall safety of the lake.

