



NEWSLETTER

Association des Propriétaires du Lac Papineau

Barb Brehn Langer, Editor

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President's Message

The preservation of the lake is the mission of our association, but to achieve this, we must all get involved and act at different levels. Thus, although our small door is always open to those who would like to take a ride with a light boat, we could not accommodate more motor boats. The current number of boats, and the traffic caused on the most beautiful days, already means that not everyone goes there at the same time. Also, what about the situation when a larger boat takes up all the space? This will soon be a thing of the past as residents are increasingly aware that the lake is too narrow to accommodate such boats, given the impact of oversized waves for the safety of other boaters and the protection of shorelines. That being said, it happens that some residents give the access code to people who come from outside. Through this practice, they ensure that there is more traffic on the lake and these newcomers do not necessarily respect our Code of Conduct. This can pose a threat to our security. Similarly, it may happen that these other boats have circulated on other bodies of water, bringing here invasive plants that would contaminate the lake. The most formidable is the Eurasian Watermilfoil. Once installed in a body of water, this plant proliferates non-stop, suffocates any other aquatic flora present and interferes with recreational activities. It, therefore, poses a threat to the lakes and ultimately affects the property values. Already more than forty lakes are impacted in the Laurentians! Near us: Lake Ludger, Lake Cardin, Lac Quenouille, Lac à la Truite and Lac Carré.

When will it be our turn? We must be very vigilant and participate in large numbers in actions to protect the lake.

We therefore ask residents to clean their boats thoroughly before launching, otherwise to ask the boat companies to do it for them, and to ask for confirmation. We are also developing a vignette (sticker) project to identify the boats owned by residents of the lake. It is a homemade initiative proposed so that everyone can be responsible for their boat and its' impact on the lake. These stickers will be given free of charge with your membership in the Association, according to your commitment to clean your boat before launching, and to respect our code of conduct.

Let us hope that we will all row in the same direction.

Thank you!

Robert Brès, President

Please remember:

If you invite friends to join you on the lake, be sure that they follow our procedures and get their boat, trailer, kayak, canoe washed before launching it. We are working hard to prevent Invasive European milfoil. Last year, in nearby Lac Ludger/Lac Cardin, divers were used to pull out all the bad growth. This was a huge effort and very costly.

www.ludger-cardin.org

RAPID SPREAD	It spreads very quickly, mostly by fragmentation. The fragments are artificially created when human activities or even the action of wind, waves or duck feet break the stems.
DRINKING WATER	Its presence even causes taste and odor problems in drinking water supplies.
NAUTICAL TRAFFIC	Boats passing through a Eurasian watermilfoil infested area represents a high risk of fragmentation, caused by the oars, the keel or the propeller. Furthermore, the resulting fragments in the water can be transported by the wind and currents from one part of the lake to the other, and even to another body of water through the tributaries. The fragments can also stay attached to any boats and can survive during several weeks if kept humid, representing a high potential of spread to other watersheds.
SHORELINE BANKS	After a storm or during the decomposition stage of the plant, the beaches and shoreline banks can become littered with decomposing vegetation. These sites become less attractive for those using the water and their maintenance cost increases.
SWIMMING	The presence of thick mats of Eurasian watermilfoil makes swimming less appealing and even represents a danger for swimmers, increasing the risks of drowning since their legs can become entangled in the stems.
PROPERTY VALUE	The resale value of lakefront properties could take a significant hit (up to 50% or more) because of the lakes becoming visually less attractive and all the problems resulting from this plants presence.

Having trouble opening or closing the lock at the boat launch?

(Reposting Howard Wiseman's Facebook advice – thanks, Howard!)

To lock, the code needs to be at the same line as when you opened it. The line is in photo. Then close and then turn the dials to mix it up.

Ps. to open gate for boats, the "walk through" gate needs to be closed otherwise it gets in the way. . It is bent, so you need to push hard.



DID YOU KNOW??

LE P'TIT TRAIN DU NORD



The train first arrived in Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts in 1892. The current station was built in 1902 on rue Demontigny, as per Canadian Pacific's "Standard plan No. 1 without living quarters." The station was moved to its current site in 1913 and then enlarged.

With the improvement of main roads, particularly the construction of the Autoroute du Nord in the 1960s, rail activity on the Montréal-Mont-Laurier line began to decline. Interrupted in 1960, the service resumed in 1978, but rail operations were definitively abandoned in 1981 for passengers and in 1989 for goods. The railway tracks were taken up in 1991 and in 1994, Ste-Agathe railway station was designated as part of the country's railway heritage by the Canadian government.

The government of Québec purchased the railway line between Saint-Jérôme and Mont-Laurier the same year and created the now famous recreo-touristic corridor, "Le P'tit Train du Nord" linear park, which was officially inaugurated in 1996. The former station building was restored at that time, and has been used as a service area for cyclists since then. A tourist bureau and the local Chamber of Commerce are also housed on the premises. A small local history museum was set up in 2005. On October 14, 2008, the station was severely damaged by fire, but subsequently restored and it reopened in June 2010.

Open: daily, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed on December 25 and January 1.

Le Patriote

Since 1967, Le Patriote has presented the shows of the greatest of song, humour and theatre. Located a few steps from the majestic Lac des Sables, the beaches and the campsite, this mythical room of the Quebec cultural scene is air-conditioned and can accommodate up to 650 spectators. Located in the foyer of the theatre, the Desjardins stage of the Boîte à chansons du Patriote presents shows in cabaret format and can accommodate a hundred spectators. Check out their website and Facebook page for full details.

Don't forget to check out our website!

www.petitlaclong.org

LOOKING BACK.....

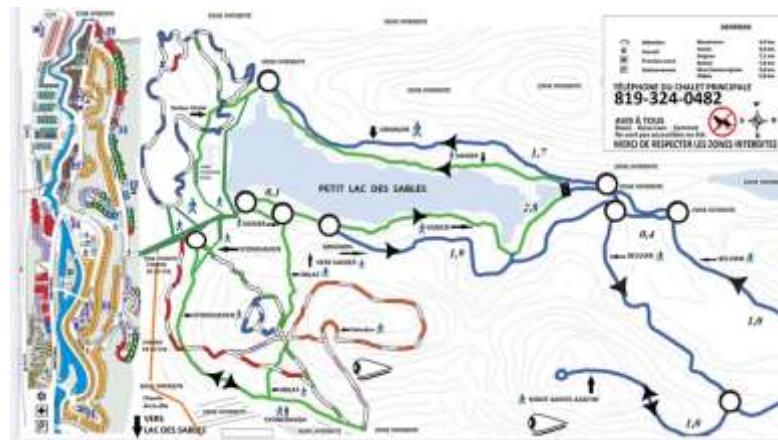
Resident Jon Kantor, with his parents and sister, taken on his dock on Petit Lac Long 1949/1950



Do you have any old pictures taken at our lake that you would like to have in our newsletter? Just email them to the editor.

WHO KNEW?

...that there were so many hiking trails around Lac des Sables?



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.

2022 Waste/Recycling Calendar now available!

Please go to our website www.petitlaclong.org and select "About the Lake" to find the 2022 Garbage/Recycling Calendar.

Please note that there are no large item pick-ups scheduled. Residents are asked to take large items to the EcoCentre, free of charge.

Septic Cleaning Offer for Lac Papineau 2022



*** Please send Barb Brehn Langer your preferred date, along with your lake address for septic cleaning & contact phone number to provide to SaniNord.

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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!

COMING ON MAY 15/16, 2022!!

Total lunar eclipse

What is a total lunar eclipse?

A total lunar eclipse takes place when the earth comes between the sun and the moon and its' shadow covers the moon. Eclipse watchers can see the moon turn red when the eclipse reaches totality.

When can I see it?

The total eclipse begins at 9:32 pm on Sunday, May 15, 2022, with maximum viewing at 12:11 am on Monday, May 16. Weather permitting, we should be able to view the eclipse from beginning to end.