



ASSOCIATION DES PROPRIÉTAIRES DU LAC PAPINEAU

# NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

*(Replaced for this edition by  
"Message from Editor")*

Spring is almost here and, with that, a new season is coming. For me, it may be my last summer at the lake! It is with a very heavy heart that my husband, Dan, and I have decided to put our cottage up for sale this summer. Among other reasons, the 8-hour drive and family health issues have made the decision easier. It will be very hard to leave Petit Lac Long, where I have been coming since I was 5 years old! My family, on both sides, had cottages on the lake and my parents even met at the old dancehall. It will also be hard to leave my duties on the Association Board, where I have made so many friends and have thoroughly enjoyed everything I did. Over the next few weeks, we will be looking for volunteers to take over my duties but I will continue as long as I can. I will spend as much time as necessary to train those who step forward. I will send out an email separately, with my "job description" so people can select those tasks they want to take over. I truly will miss my family, friends and neighbours at the lake, as well as my colleagues on the board. In the meantime, please savour your time with family and enjoy your preparations for the upcoming summer season!

Barb Brehn Langer

(Translated by Kate Gosselin/Jill Munro)

## FIRE PERMIT REQUIRED FOR ANY BURNING!!!

Don't forget to get your free permit, valid for 30 days at a time. The permit is required for any fires outdoors, even for roasting marshmallows!

if someone reports smoke, the fire department can check whether there is a permit for the property without having to come out to check.

[Permis de brûlage - RIDM - Régie incendie des monts.](#)

## In the event of another burn ban:

Call the fire department during office hours or 911 at other times to report any burning or fireworks. This is the direction provided from a senior officer at the fire station. Some residents disobeyed the burn ban in May/June 2023 but we didn't have a number to call during non-office hours.



For your information: our little lake is really narrow, as you can see from the measurements above.

## DID YOU KNOW??

- On April 8, 2024, part of Canada will witness a total solar eclipse. During this celestial event, the Moon will align perfectly between Earth and the Sun, casting its shadow on our planet. As a result, temporary darkness will sweep across parts of the country, captivating countless spectators. The path of totality will pass through cities and towns in Southern Ontario, Southern Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland. People outside this path will still be able to observe a **partial solar eclipse**, during which the Sun won't be completely hidden. It's a rare and spectacular phenomenon that hasn't graced Quebec in over 50 years, and it'll be more than 80 years before the next one occurs in 2106! **Don't watch without protective glasses!!!!**
  - **TAKE CARE OF YOUR PETS DURING THE ECLIPSE!**
    - **Keep Them inside with blinds or curtains drawn, according to advice from vets.**



- One of local lake residents is currently renovating a Pizza Hut location in Sainte-Agathe and, when completed and opened, will be providing **DELIVERY TO LAC PAPINEAU RESIDENTS!** Stay tuned!

## Need your 2023 boat stickers?

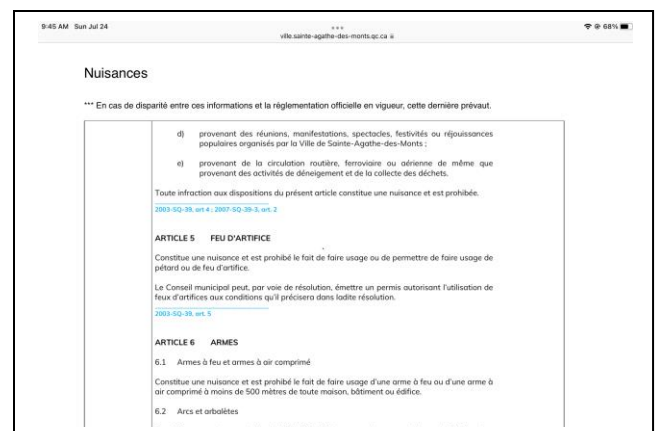
Members of your board will be available on dates in May, June and July at the boat launch, to hand out 2024 stickers to residents who have paid their 2024 membership.

**First date: \*\* May 25 - 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm \*\***

Watch your email for the dates in June and July later in the spring.

## Important Reminders

- If you are having visitors who are bringing a boat with them, please let them know about our boat washing rules. Boats can be washed with a power washer and vinegar, lemon juice, borax or baking soda. Do not use harsh chemicals or acids!!!! Regardless of where you wash your boat, the harsh solutions will seep into the lake.**
- If replacing your dock, please dismantle and remove old one. People are just leaving their old docks in the water, which allows any chemicals from the wood to leach into the water. They also pose a safety hazard.**
- Fireworks are illegal in Sainte Agathe des Monts! Fireworks disturb everyone, especially children and pets and their usage may be reported to the fire department.**





### **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.

### **Septic Cleaning Offer for Lac Papineau 2024**

Once again, your board is negotiating discounts for **2024 PAID MEMBERS** for septic cleaning. The dates and discounted prices will be emailed to all paid members at a later date this spring. Residents must be present during cleaning. The first date will be in early June.

**Please do not call Sani-Nord directly to book a cleaning on these dates.**

### **STILL WORKING ON REVIVING YOUR SHORELINE OR NEED HELP?**

Laurieanne Brès can help! She offers her services in lakeshore landscaping again this year. She still has room for spring planning and the time is coming for placing orders in tree nurseries. Contact Laurieanne directly for more information. (Leave a message – poor cell reception) 418-763-4811

### **Know your board**

President:	Robert Brès
Vice President	Jean-Claude Lecompte
Treasurer	Daniel Zours
Secretary/Editor	Barb Brehn Langer
Administrator	Adam Finkelstein
Administrator	Louis Doré

**Many thanks to Mathieu Huppé, Hugues Raymond and Wolf Raan for their translation assistance.**

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!

**Don't forget to check out our website!**

[www.petitlaclong.org](http://www.petitlaclong.org)

### **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.

### **2024 Waste/Recycling Calendar now available!**

Please go to [www.vsadm.ca](http://www.vsadm.ca) to find the 2024 Garbage/Recycling Calendar. Please recycle and help Sainte-Agathe meet its' targets.