



ASSOCIATION DES PROPRIÉTAIRES DU LAC PAPINEAU

NEWSLETTER

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Barb Brehn Langer, Editor

Summer 2024

MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD:

For the summer newsletter of the Lac Papineau association, Barbara Langer, our secretary and head of the newsletter, asked me to speak to the residents. Of course, I didn't mention the subject that inspired me. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Barb's outstanding contribution to the lake association over the past five years, since the arrival of the current board.

Barb joined the board as secretary but gradually improved her task with the management of the membership database, the publication of the seasonal newsletter, internal communications of the council, communications with residents, members of the association and many other tasks that arose. She relentlessly followed the many files that kept us busy and made sure that the follow-up was done efficiently.

Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end and last fall Barb announced that she would be leaving our neighbourhood at the end of the summer of 2024 and consequently, is also leaving her position on the council.

In preparing the job description for the secretary position, we had to divide the load in half so as not to scare off the volunteers who would show up. You understand here that Barb had a titanic task within the council; she combined several tasks with an attention and professionalism that does her credit. So it was a good strategy to split this position as we found two new board members who are excited to take over from Barb over the summer. They are **Isabelle Puvilland** and **Lise Ouellette**.

We invite you, when you meet Barb this summer on the lake or along her walks on Chemin Paiement, to share your gratitude for the remarkable contribution she has made to the association.

For those interested in what inspired Barb to contribute so intensely to the association, I was told how her father George was very involved in the association, including the initial installation of the aerators and their financing. It is clear that this great devotion is hereditary!

Thank you so much Barb and have another great summer with us!

Members of the Lac Papineau Council

Important Reminder:

Transport Canada regulations have imposed the 10km/h speed limit in the 2 narrows in our lake. We are hoping that everyone will comply out of their goodwill, rather than having neighbours report neighbours to the town for non-compliance and face fines. We have received complaints this year as more and more boats are exceeding the speed limits, making the lake dangerous for other users.

19th ANNUAL LAKE SWIM

POST SWIM REFRESHMENTS AT BOAT LAUNCH

3rd LAKE TO BOAT LAUNCH

SATURDAY AUGUST 3 @ 10:00

RAIN DAY SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 @ 10:00

All swimmers should be accompanied by a boat for safety purposes.

(Note: The lake swim is not an association-sponsored event. However, the association is pleased to provide refreshments at the end of the swim)

DON'T FORGET!! Fireworks are illegal!

Know your board

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



Enjoy this spectacular photo taken over Petit Lac Long by Robert Hobbins. This was a very rare and extremely strong solar storm, which created the unusual phenomenon of Aurora Borealis, seen as far south as Alabama and Florida.

May 10, 2024

DO YOU OWN A BOAT WITH BALLAST?

Be sure to empty your ballast before coming into the lake, if you have been in another body of water. It's not enough just to wash the outside of your boat.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our annual meeting was held on Saturday June 22. Minutes have been sent out so check your email for all the news from the meeting like the new boat washing station project!

HAZARDS IN THE LAKE OR ON ROADSIDE

Call the town at 311 (or open a ticket) to have any hazards removed.

Catch a muskie??

Please remember: **DO NOT** return the muskie to the lake. It is an invasive species which we do not want in our lake.

Don't forget to check out our website!

www.petitlaclong.org

GOT YOUR WHISTLE??

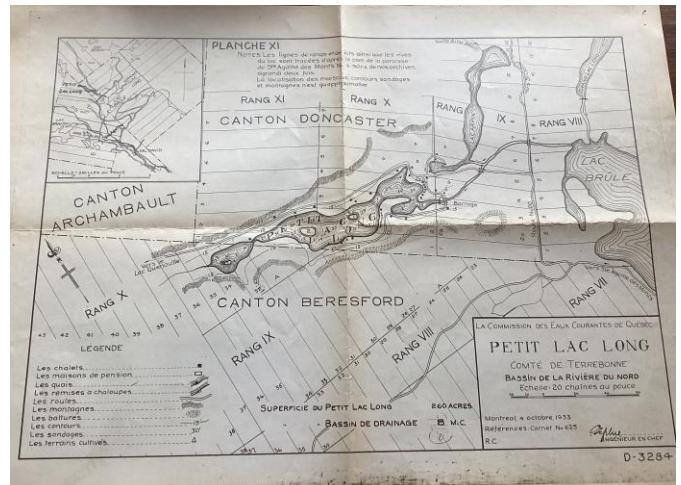
It is recommended to carry a whistle with you when boating. Don't leave home without it!

DID YOU KNOW??

There were less than 25 chalets around the entire lake in 1933! Now, there are in excess of 160 homes around our lake. Below is a map of our lake in **1933**. Last year and continuing into this summer, there are some homes on our lake with very low water levels in their wells. The water table is becoming lower every year! It is becoming even more critical to conserve our water, particularly in light of the changing climate patterns: less rain, less snow, higher summer temperatures, etc. We must reverse this trend!

Here are some tips to conserve water:

- Fix those leaky taps. Even 1 slowly leaking tap can waste up to 20,000 litres of water a year.
- Switch to water-saving shower heads and limit shower times.
- Add a brick or some stones to your toilet to reduce the amount of water required for a flush or use low flow toilets.
- Keep some tap water in the fridge so you don't have to run the water for a while in the summer to get cold water.
- Use lake water to water your plants, or get a water barrel to collect rain water.



CAA Quebec members vote every year on the worst roads in the province. This year, Hwy 329 tops the list as the worst road in QC!

INVASIVE ROADSIDE PLANTS

(Re-published from Spring 2021 newsletter)

Japanese Knotweed is one of the world's top 100 most invasive species. It has hollow, smooth, purple to green coloured stems up to 2.5cm in diameter. The hollow jointed stems have reddish-brown solid nodes surrounded by a papery sheath. The stems die back each fall and the dead stalks remain standing over the winter. Numerous new stems emerge in the spring. The juvenile stems resemble asparagus spears and are purplish in colour, fading to green as they mature. Japanese Knotweed grows rapidly; stems can grow up to 8 cm per day. The plant can grow 1 m in height in three weeks, with the mature plant reaching full height by the end of July. This plant grows in large bamboo-like clumps, reaching heights of 1-3 m. The roots grow at least double that length underground.

This invasive plant has been identified near a few properties on Ch Paiement and it will continue to spread if not addressed.

How to get rid of Japanese Knotweed:

- 1. Cut down and remove the canes.** Japanese knotweed will not regrow from cut canes, so it's important to trim down as many as you can. Use shears to cut off the canes as close to the ground as possible, then remove the cut pieces from your lawn or garden. You may also use an environmentally safe weedkiller
- 2. Mow the plants down weekly.** If you continually cut the remaining aboveground portions of Japanese knotweed, the plant may weaken and die. To remove remaining or regrowing weeds, mow the plants down as short as possible each week to help kill them off.
- 3. Contact a professional if all else fails.** Japanese knotweed can be quite difficult to remove, so don't get discouraged if your attempts fail to eradicate it completely. Do an Internet search for companies that specialize in removing this stubborn weed and ask them to inspect your property and give you an estimate for removal. Though you'll have to shell out some money, many companies guarantee their work, making it a worthwhile expense.
- 4. Do not dispose of the plant by burying, composting or throwing the cut pieces in your brown bin.** The plant must be burned in a controlled setting (after drying for a week) or gathered in tightly tied bags for the garbage or landfill.



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.

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!

Be a Good Neighbour!

Please be respectful when travelling around the lake in boats. Don't go too close to shorelines and docks to respect your neighbours' privacy.

PLEASE CLOSE THE GATE!!!

When you use the boat launch gate, please be sure to close it immediately and CHANGE THE CODE! You would be surprised to hear how many people have left the gate open this season alone! All our efforts to keep our lake clear of invasive plants will be for nothing, if outside or unwashed boats get on our lake through the open gate.

FIRE PERMIT REQUIRED!!!

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 a 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 but we didn't have a number to call during non-office hours.