



## Hello and Happy Spring from the SLWA Communications Committee!

### **SLWA Communications**

#### **Newsletter**

Welcome to our 2022 Spring edition of our Newsletter.

It's hard to believe another year of living through COVID has ended. We all still managed to make the best of it and enjoyed family time on our beautiful lake in 2021! We enter 2022 with cautious optimism that we will be back to normal before the summer.

You may have noticed that we haven't sent a newsletter in a while but we're back!

We would love to hear from you with content suggestions and any other ideas you may have regarding this publication. Please feel free to submit your contributions any time. You can e-mail your material to:

[slwa.communications@gmail.com](mailto:slwa.communications@gmail.com)

#### **SLWA Website**

Pat Deane, our website lead has been busy behind the scenes working on the new website after a recent setback. We are happy to report that it is almost ready to publish.

Are you tech savvy and do you want to contribute to our wonderful cottage community? We welcome new committee members. Is there something you want to see on the site? Please contact us. All suggestions are welcome! The link to the new website will be sent via e-mail as soon as the board approves publication.

#### **Yearbook**

Our 2022 Yearbook campaign is underway but we still need the help of our members to secure advertising. If you have dealt with a local business that you think would be a good candidate as an advertiser, please provide us with contact details.

Content ideas are also welcome - articles, recipes and pictures.

Remember ALL members benefit from the funds raised through advertising fees which are allocated towards the cost of winter plowing.

**Shop Local** to support our advertisers.

#### **Photo Contest**

The winner of our 2021 photo contest is Darci Spiteri, her beautiful photo of her son and friend will grace the cover of our new 2022 Yearbook!

# Safety First

Here are some spring safety tips to keep yourself and your family safe as we head up to the cottage for the new season:

Removing any old paint cans and old newspapers. Our local dump in Christie will take hazardous materials, old furniture and appliances. Check for Spring hours of business.

Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide. Do you have enough in your cottage? We are required to have carbon monoxide detectors near all sleeping areas of our homes and in service rooms. Change the batteries each spring to be sure you are properly prepared for an emergency. Clean the dust covers!

Clean or replace your furnace filter.

Grease can accumulate on your stove hood. Properly cleaning this is one way to keep flames from spreading should a fire break out.

Fire extinguishers - Check all needle indicators and dates to be sure they are working.

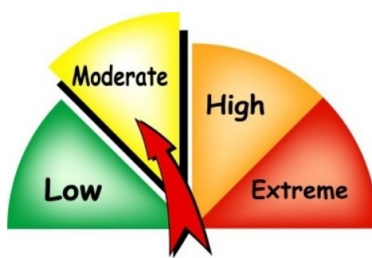
Clean around your dryer (if you're lucky enough to have one at the cottage)! Check the dryer ducts for lint. Accumulation of lint can lead to a fire.

Practice ladder safety. If you plan on climbing a ladder, you should do so accompanied by someone who can help in the event of an emergency. Be sure ladders are placed on level spaces and they have been secured.

Check any gas-operated equipment to be sure all fuel lines are safe.

**Campfires** - Before starting a campfire be sure to check the fire rating. They are posted at the waste transfer sites or you can check online at:

[www.seguin.ca/en/explore-play/firerating](http://www.seguin.ca/en/explore-play/firerating)



**Current Fire Hazard Rating: MODERATE**

**Low**— No daytime burning is allowed unless authorized by Permit. Approved incinerators and camp fires are allowed.

**Moderate**— No daytime burning is allowed unless authorized by a Permit. Approved incinerators and camp fires are allowed.

**High**— NO OPEN BURNING, including incinerators. Burn Permits are SUSPENDED, campfires for cooking and warmth ONLY. NO fireworks!

**Extreme**—NO OPEN BURNING, campfires NOT allowed. NO fireworks permitted.

**Fire Ban**— TOTAL FIRE BAN—NO OPEN BURNING, NO FIREWORKS.

# Roads, Roads, Roads

Spring has arrived on Star Lake and with it comes the thawing of snow and flooding on our roads.

Our Directors of Roads have confirmed that the thaw is underway so the roads are very soft. Therefore, road access is limited to light vehicles throughout the month of April. Large and heavy vehicles will cause costly damage to our roads which will be at the expense of our cottage owners.

Anyone heading up during this time should be mindful of these conditions.

# Seguin News

## Humphrey Ice Loop!

A big thank you to Danny Shoebottom and the volunteer firefighters who worked so hard to build the outdoor rink this past winter. It was a huge success!



## The Craft Room Rosseau

Founded in 1994, The Craft Room is a one-stop shop for all your gifting needs. The gift shop features gourmet kitchen, bath and beauty, giftware, books, games, craft supplies and neat things for kids and tots. I'm sure you have all been customers at this wonderful store owned by Sue Watson and her mom Betty.

They have announced that they're retiring and will be closing the store at the end of 2022. We are all so happy for them but sad that we will no longer have this beautiful store to visit in Rosseau. The town will not be the same without them. Be sure to pay them a visit this summer and wish them well.



## Seguin Invites Public Participation

Seguin Township is now using a new engagement tool to get insights, opinions, and ideas from Seguin residents. They will also be using this tool to distribute their newsletters.

Please take a moment to register yourself at [www.letsconnectsequin.ca](http://www.letsconnectsequin.ca) where you can join the conversation about issues that matter in Seguin Township.



## Gypsy Moths

Experts say to prepare for another LDD moth infestation this spring.

Severe LDD moth infestations are cyclical, occurring every seven to 10 years, and usually last three to five years. Star Lake was fortunate enough to have had minimal damage to our forests compared to other areas of cottage country.

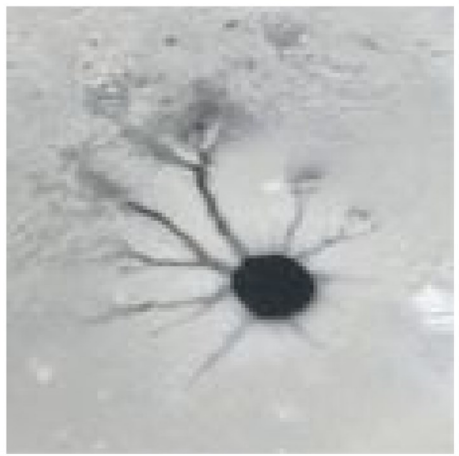
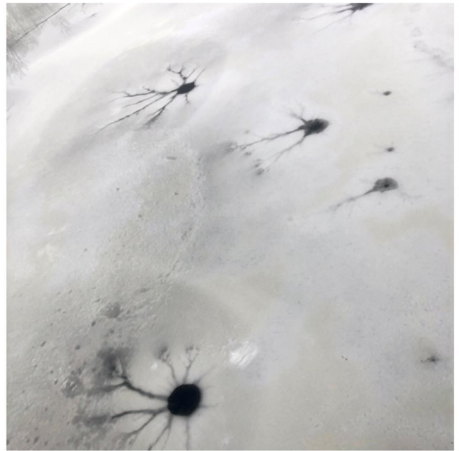
The egg masses hatch in the spring and larvae emerge. The moth larvae consume leaves, defoliating trees, and in some cases, trees are left incapable of reproducing leaves.

If you've spotted the egg masses, experts say to wear gloves and scrape the mass into a bucket of soapy water. If you see the caterpillars, they recommend wrapping burlap around the trunk of your tree to keep them at bay and remove them the same way as the egg masses.

Keep on the lookout for them!



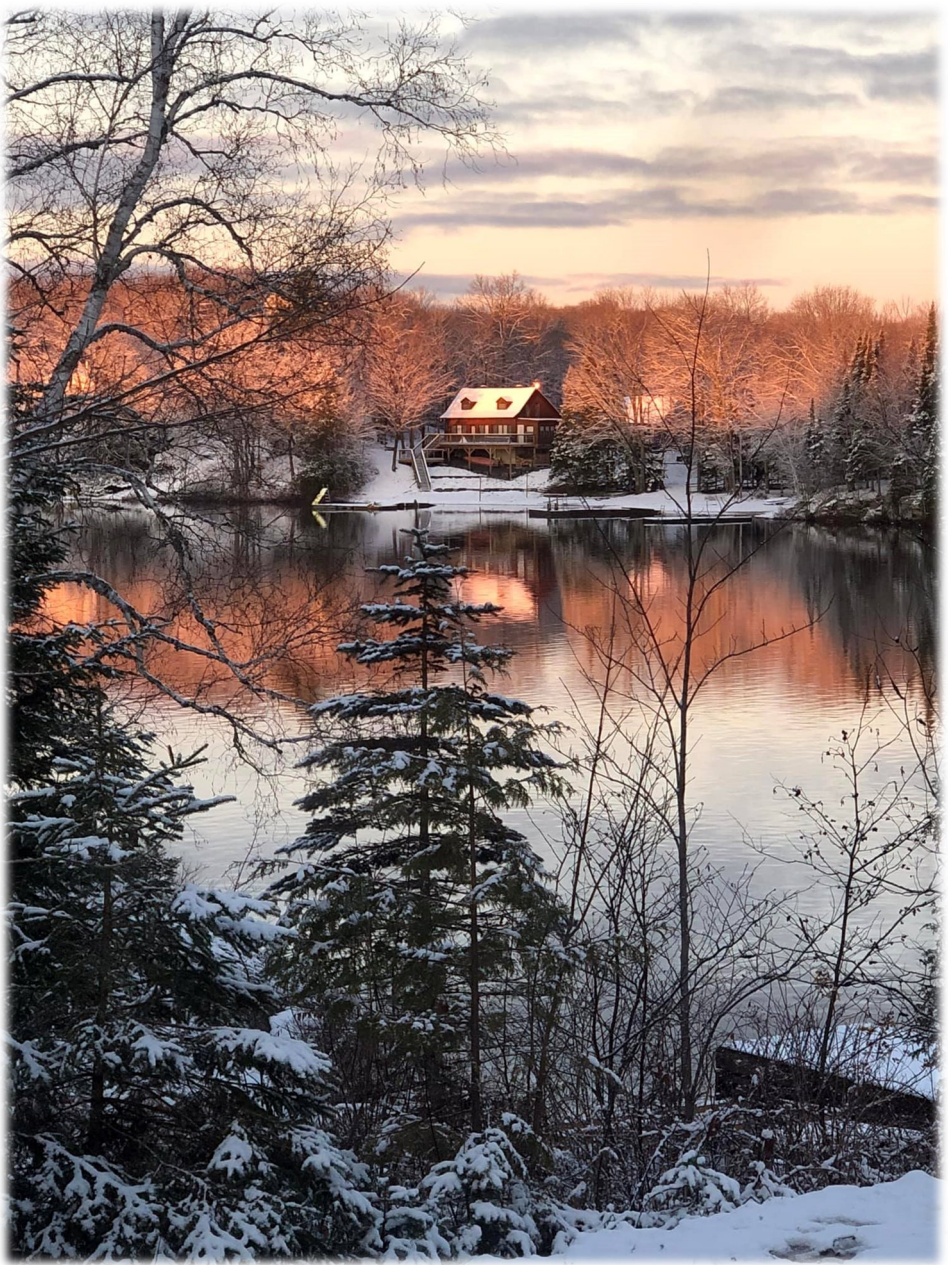
# Photos from our Members



*Star Lake Ice Art—courtesy Sara Slater*



*Big Sky—courtesy Brian Spiteri*



*Sunrise over Stone—courtesy The Jays*



*Sunset—courtesy Brian Spiteri*

# Our Board & Committees

## Board of Directors

**President – Willi Thurner**  
**VP Star Lake Woods/Hilltop – Bernie Cissek**  
**VP Morningside – Brian Gee**  
**Director of Roads (SLW/HT) – Martin Bliss**  
**Director of Roads (SLW/MS) – Bill Bergen**  
**Director of Environment – vacant**  
**Treasurer – Elles DeWolf**

**Secretary - Pat Deane**  
**Member at Large – David Donaldson**

## Committees

The following is a list of our standing committees:

- Road Committee Star Lake Woods/Hilltop
- Road Committee Morningside
- Winter Roads Committee
- Recreation and Welcome Committee
- Environment and Safety Committee
- Communications Committee
- Nominating Committee



*37th Annual Seguin Sled Dog Mail Run - Courtesy Ann Masson*

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