



## Hello and Happy Summer from the SLWA

### Member Engagement

#### 2021 AGM

Save the date for the 2021 AGM on:

**Thursday, August 19th, 2021 at 7:30pm**



In anticipation of ongoing COVID-19 restrictions and for the safety of our members, the AGM will be held as a Zoom Meeting. The invitation, financials and agenda will be sent out on or before June 30th 2021.

Your Board continues to meet monthly to stay on top of relevant issues for all members.

### Welcome Our New Members



Please join us in welcoming Sally Kim & Yong Kwan and their family to Star Lake. Their permanent home is in Toronto and they are first time cottage owners. Sally & Yong have three children; Nathan is 14, Emma is 12 and their youngest, Lauren is 10. The children love the water; swimming, canoeing, fishing and boating. To quote Yong "Sally and I are very excited to be on Star Lake and look forward to making lots of great memories here."

### Farewell To Past Members

Please join us in wishing Todd & Sandra Magani and Rick & Debbie Coulombe a fond farewell. Both couples have taken advantage of the extremely hot market and have sold their cottages.

### SLWA News

#### Be A Good Neighbour – Respect “No Trespassing”

We have a few neighbours who own property that borders on our road system. These neighbours have expressed concern for constant trespassing by ATVs, dog walkers and pedestrian traffic. “No Trespassing” signs are being torn down and access barriers are being removed. We ask that our members not be among those that do not respect the wishes of our neighbours. Please do not trespass on the following private property:

- The property opposite lake side and beyond the end of Hilltop Lane
- The property opposite lake side on the hill on Star Lake Woods Rd.
- The properties on both sides of the common road
- The property on the right side of Morningside Dr. when turning off Star Lake Woods Rd.

If permitted under COVID-19 restrictions, when you have guests, please remember to advise them not to enter these restricted areas. It is private property that is not part of our cottage road system or within the property lines of our member cottages.

# SLWA Communications

## Newsletter

Welcome to our second quarter 2021 edition of our Newsletter.

In the first quarter edition we invited members to suggest a new name. No new name suggestions were submitted and in fact those that took the time to respond liked the name "What's Up", and so it will remain. Let's extend a big thank you to Ann Masson who named the newsletter "What's Up".

We are always looking for photos, content suggestions and any other ideas you may have regarding this quarterly 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

Updates are coming soon to our website: [starlakewoods.com](http://starlakewoods.com). Thank you to all members who responded to our survey requesting your feedback. The response was good and we will use your feedback to ensure the refreshed website meets your expectations. Three months after launch, we will raise another survey to obtain your feedback and further suggestions for improvement.

## Year Book

The SLWA Board of Directors and the Communications Committee completed the work on our first annual SLWA Year Book. It was delivered to member cottages on the May long weekend. In spite of a late start and the impact of COVID-19 restrictions, it is a **HUGE** success by:

- Raising **\$5,937** to support just shy of the total cost of plowing our winter roads (\$6,000)
- Promoting our local businesses and the services they provide; we could not have succeeded without their advertising support so **PLEASE**;



- Featuring articles, local news, events, activities and area sites and landmarks relevant to cottage owners
- Including some family fun with a word game, a crossword puzzle and a photo contest

This project was the brainchild of our former Interim President, Rick Coulombe and without his ongoing lobbying for support, it would not have happened. The success of our first annual Year Book is directly a result of the dedication and hard work of Rick, Year Book lead, Debbie Coulombe and Communication Committee Chair, Anne Bergen.

The annual effort of determining and agreeing on tiered fees; a tremendous source of aggravation, has been eliminated. This is the greatest benefit for all of us.

In addition, we would like to thank all members who submitted content suggestions, photos, recipes and recommendations of local businesses who might have been interested in purchasing advertising space.

We would love to receive your feedback and ideas for next year's edition here:

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

## Communication Committee Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to join the Communications Committee to support future editions of the Year Book as well as contribute to on going initiatives we produce for our membership. If you want to join an enthusiastic team, please e-mail us at:

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# Our Special Environment

- **Gorgeous spring night sky** - moonlight and starlight illuminate the sky casting shadows on our cottage getaways as they come to life
- **Beautiful** sunrises and sunsets as with every season!
- **The Lake is open** – water bikes, canoes and pleasure boats are now familiar sights again; cool nights bring rising mist in the morning
- **Spring Animals and Birds coming out of hiding** – rabbits, squirrels, blue jays, woodpeckers all busily preparing for new family members



Spring Garden—Courtesy Ann Masson



Pileated Woodpecker—Courtesy Melany Smith



Red Trilliums— Courtesy David Klim



White Trilliums—Courtesy Anne Bergen



Morning Mist—Courtesy Bernie Cissek

# Safety First

## Boating Safety

It's time to get the boat back in the lake for another season of fun on the water. Whether you are tubing, wakeboarding, skiing or just enjoying a ride around the lake, remember that large waves close to shore can cause:

- Land erosion
- Water quality degradation
- Dock and boat damage
- Wildlife/Fish habitat destruction

We all share space on one of the most beautiful lakes in the area and all our members as well as our neighbours have a right to enjoy it.

Remember to:

- Protect our water quality
- Respect aquatic life and wildlife
- Respect each other's right to enjoy being on the water
- Follow the Safe Boater's Code of Conduct

## BOATER'S CODE

Respectful boating guidelines from Safe Quiet Lakes

1. I will never operate my boat beyond the level of my skills.
2. I will be aware of and obey all laws and regulations governing operation of my boat.
3. I will operate my boat with caution and courtesy to others at all times.
4. I will minimize my wake impact on shorelines, docks, structures and people.
5. I will always steer well clear of other boats, swimmers and wildlife.
6. I will set a speed and heading that is safe and comfortable for my passengers and others on the water.
7. I will provide safety instructions and offer appropriate life jackets or PFDs to everyone who travels in my boat.
8. I will carry all equipment necessary to operate my boat safely and within the law.
9. I will not consume drugs and alcohol in my boat or allow my boat to be operated by anyone who is impaired.
10. I understand that boating is a shared experience and I will not create excessive noise or operate my boat in a manner that disrupts the peaceful enjoyment of the lake by others.



# Roads, Roads, Roads

The winter thaw has been kind to us this year! There were no major washouts or flooding. Any minor issues such as the odd pothole or shoulder erosion will be on the agenda for repair as spring gives way to the summer cottage season.



Morningside Drive



Common Road With New Sign

# Seguin News

## West Parry Sound Pool & Wellness Centre

This is a huge project proposal that many neighbouring townships, including Seguin, have pledged their support. However, there is also a growing number of ratepayers in these townships that are strongly against the project. Those that are against the project cite it's size, contending that it is far too large for the population and will run at a deficit. The cost of the project and the annual deficit will have to be covered by property tax increases estimated at a minimum of 4% p.a. Your board is not advocating a for or against position. However we encourage you to make your own decision. Please click on the link below to find out more and understand the commitment that has been pledged by Seguin township:

### [PARRY SOUND POOL AND WELLNESS CENTRE Information](#)

[Seguin Library Service](#) - Seguin library buildings are closed but online orders and curbside pick-up are available at the Humphrey and Christie branches. Free wi-fi is available if you park outside the building(s).

[Humphrey Nature Trails](#) are perfect for summer hiking.

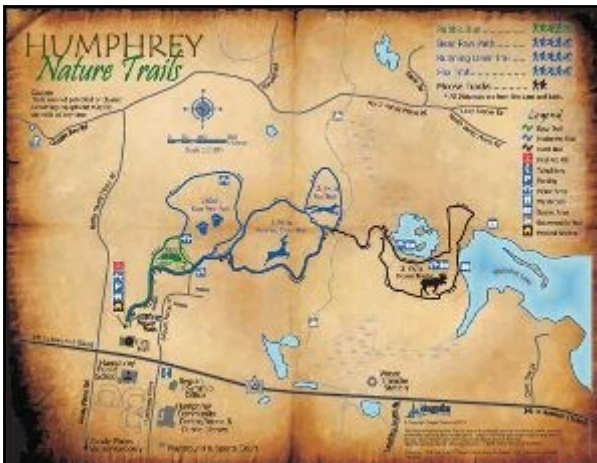


Photo courtesy of [sequin.ca](http://sequin.ca). Click image for printable map.

## **COVID-19 UPDATE**

No known issues on Star Lake – while in lockdown, please remember:

- ◇ For members who enjoy permanent residence at the cottage, only members of your household should be permitted inside
  - ◇ When this is not possible, for example to allow a maintenance worker inside, masks should be worn by all
  - ◇ For members whose permanent residence is not the cottage, only members who live with you should visit your cottage
  - ◇ Maintain social distancing (2 meters apart)
  - ◇ Wear a mask when social distancing cannot be maintained
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- *The Provincial lockdown has been extended to June 2nd, 2021*
  - *The number of vaccinated Ontarians is increasing rapidly as shipments of vaccine arrive on time and more individuals roll up their sleeves*
  - *Over 50% of Parry Sound North Bay adult residents have received at least one dose of the vaccine (as of May 20th)*
  - *Cautious optimism for relaxation of restrictions for the upcoming summer season.*

To get up to date information on local COVID-19 information and statistics, please click the link below:

[North Bay Parry Sound District COVID-19 Updates](#)

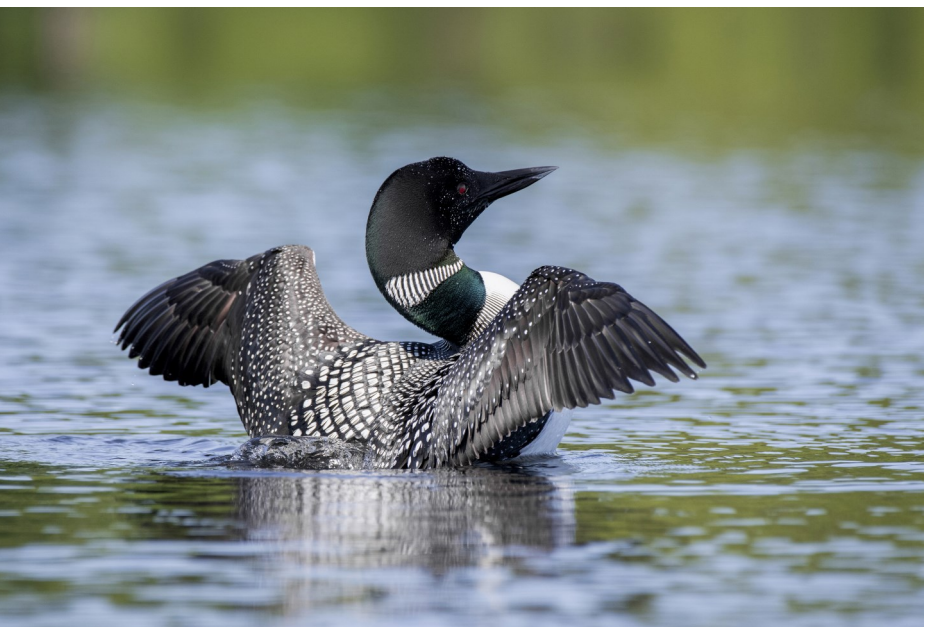
# Photos from our Members



Reflections In The Water—April 24, 2021—Courtesy Barb Tierney



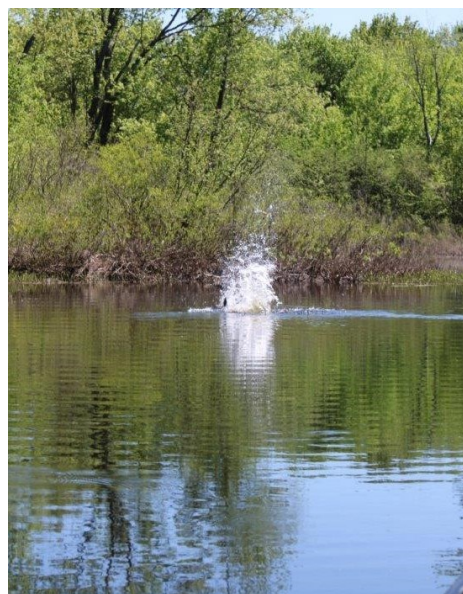
More Reflections in The Water—Courtesy Brian Spiteri



Loon Taking Flight—June 20, 2020—Courtesy Don Campbell



Moon Rising— Courtesy Melany Smith



Busy Beaver—Courtesy Gordie Deane



View From our Highest Point - Top of the Hill on Star Lake Woods Rd. - This view disappears once the trees are in full foliage—Courtesy Bernie Cissek



Geese swimming with their young goslings—Courtesy Gordie Deane



# Our Board & Committees

## Board of Directors

**Interim President** – Willi Thurner (replacing Rick Coulombe)

**Interim VP Star Lake Woods/Hilltop** – Bernie Cissek

**Interim VP Morningside** – Brian Gee

**Interim Director of Roads (SLW/HT)** – Martin Bliss

**Director of Roads (SLW/MS)** – Bill Bergen

**Director of Environment** – vacant

**Interim Treasurer** – Elles DeWolf

**Interim Secretary** - Pat Deane

**Member at Large** – Ray Armstrong

## Committees

See SLWA website for [Committee Membership](#)

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



Morning Sunrise—May 11, 2021—Courtesy Matthias Cissek

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