



Photo Credit: Ted Ward-Griffin - The marker volunteer team, under Ted Ward-Griffin's leadership, prepping for the 2023 boating season on Kosh. Left to right: Mike Bailey, Pete Summers, Bill Prentice, Cathy Ward-Griffin, Tom Clarke, Karen Harrison and Lori Bailey.

**EVENTS** May-June-July:

- First Nations Teaching and Perspectives - Thurs May 25 (webinar)
- Maggie Brickell Celebration of Life - Sun May 28
- Natural Edge Workshop - Sat June 10
- The Eyrie (Bird of Prey) - Sat June 24
- Canada Day Boat Parade - Sat July 1
- Stoney Point Fishing Derby - Fri June 30 - Sun July 2

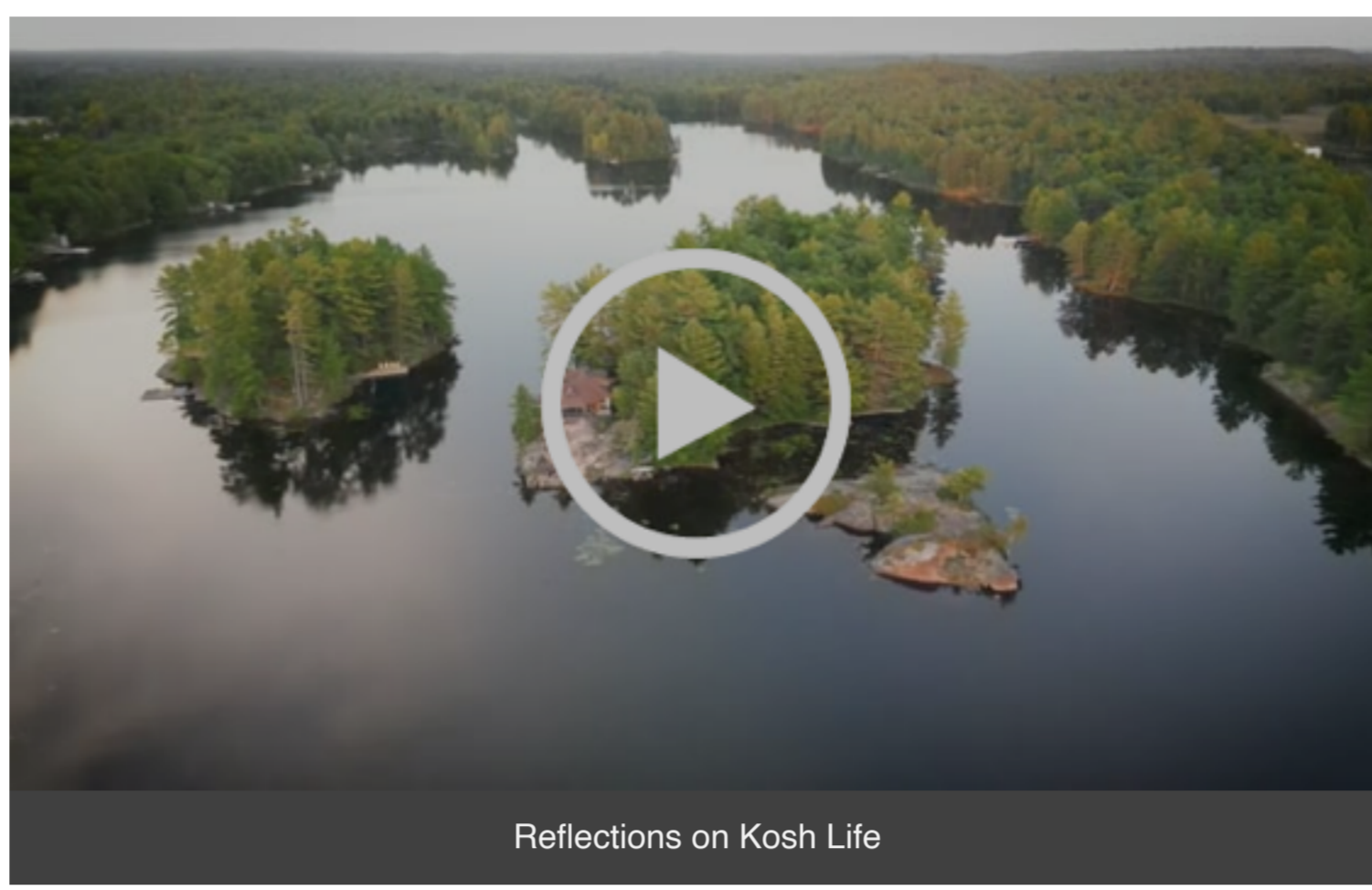
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**Fireworks By-law Effective Victoria Day Weekend**  
If you're planning a fireworks display on the 24th of May weekend, apply for your permit now. Your event must be held on either May 20, 21, or 22 from 7 -11 pm. There are also limits concerning where you can stage a display. For an overview and links to the new By-law and permit application, visit the [HBM website](#).



Here's the next video in our 75th series. Early founders and other cottagers share their first impression of Kosh, how life was in the '50s, how it's changed and what keeps us coming back. Enjoy!



**AGM Wrap-up**

Our 2023 AGM was a productive and well-attended session. If you were unable to Zoom in on April 25th, you can now watch a video of the AGM on our [website](#). Get the update on the dam fund, 2023 Budgets and 75th events and activities. Once minutes are available we will post them on the website as well.

**75th Special Edition Yearbook Coming**

In early June, the 2023 Special 75th Edition Yearbook (Newsletter) will be hot off the press. We are hoping that the great delivery volunteers from last summer will help us again. Jennifer Conron, who is organizing the distribution, will be emailing you this month to reconfirm your help to deliver from June 12 - 23rd. Any new volunteers are welcome to email [Jennifer Conron](mailto:Jennifer.Conron) as well. It's simply a great way to reconnect with your shoreline neighbours.



**First Nations Teachings and Perspectives**

On Thursday, May 25 from 6:30-8:00 pm, Jack Hogarth, Cultural Archivist and Engagement Officer for Curve Lake First Nation Cultural Centre will share insights passed down from Elders and Knowledge Holders throughout Turtle Island. Here is a [Zoom link](#) for this special webinar. For more information on this webinar visit our [events page](#).

**Maggie Brickell's Celebration of Life**

You are invited to a Celebration of Maggie Brickell's Life on Sunday, May 28th. For the time, location and details please click [here](#).



**Our Loons Have Returned**

The Declining Loon Population Workshop last month was surprising and informative. Here's one cottager's [thoughts](#). The LKRA are planning to meet with the HBMLA (Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Lake Associations) and together, advocate for a Fish Lead-free program within all the lakes in HBM. Why is this so important? Because Loons are part of our soul on Kosh! Here's a cinematographically beautiful video just to remind us. <https://youtu.be/1X5TwF1LSxY>

**Interested in What's Going on at Covia?**

The Covia Mine Advisory Committee, better known as the Lake Kashtabog Public Liaison Committee (PLC), is looking for a new member at large. The committee meets twice a year; the next meeting is scheduled for October 2023. For more information on this committee visit our [website](#). If you are interested in joining this group contact [president@kashabog.ca](mailto:president@kashabog.ca).



**Tick Season Warning**

A reminder to inspect your dogs after they have been out in the woods. There have been Lyme-positive ticks reported on the lake and although only 10% of dogs show any sign of illness, humans have a potentially higher risk for becoming ill. A little preventative action will go a long way.



**Geese Driving you Nuts?**

Is Kashtabog environment and water quality important to you? Do you have shoreline erosion problems (e.g. from large boat wakes)? Are you being invaded by geese? If you answered yes to any of these questions, don't miss this FREE **Watersheds Canada Workshop on Sat June 10, 10 am** at our Community Hall/Library. Last call and space is limited. To reserve a spot contact Cynthia Cole at [Colescove24@gmail.com](mailto:Colescove24@gmail.com)



**Take a Better Shot...**

...and you may win one of over 25 prizes in LKRA's 2023 Photography Contest. [Here are the details and dates](#).

**The Importance of a Dark Night Sky**

"Many animals rely on darkness at night to live a healthy life. The majority of organisms, including humans also rely on dark nights to keep circadian rhythms (natural sleep and wakefulness patterns)...". There is lots of fabulous information in this article by [The Land Between](#).

And, don't forget to only turn on the lights you need. Your neighbors (both humans and wildlife) will thank you!

**Wildlife Wonders - Dragonflies**

Dragonflies have been around for 300 million years. Prehistoric dragonflies were much larger and could have a wingspan of 2.5 feet: wow, imagine that landing on your dock! Their lifespan is short (1-8 weeks) and during that time they can eat from 30 to hundreds of mosquitoes a day. Dragonflies are expert fliers and each of their four wings can work independently. They can fly straight up and down, hover like a helicopter and even fly backwards. They are also known for their incredible vision – almost 360 degrees and best in the insect world. These bug hunters don't sting and generally don't bite humans. In fact, having one land on your head is said to be good luck!



**Kids Corner**

Pinwheels are a fun craft to do to learn about the wind and and decorate the gardens with before the plants bloom. They also keep pesky critters from eating your flowers! [thesprucecrafts.com/simple-paper-pinwheel-craft-1250766](https://thesprucecrafts.com/simple-paper-pinwheel-craft-1250766)

It is never too early for children to start learning about the Environment and the importance of being a good steward to our environment. Have a look at our website for lots of great ideas: [Environment/Stewardship for Kids](#)

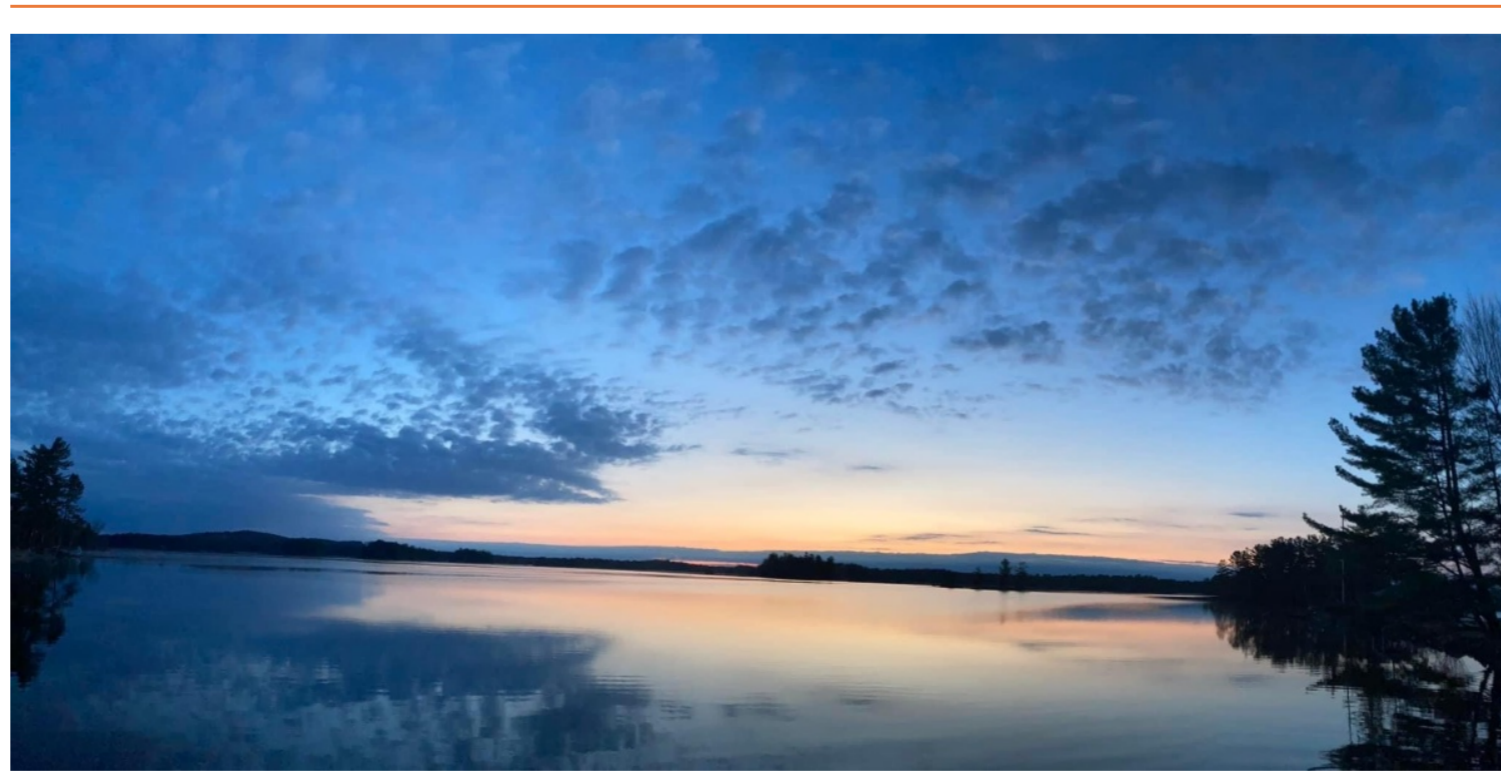


Photo Credit: Donna Sally - Daybreak from Puffer's Bay

**Land Acknowledgement**

*As we celebrate the ever-changing beauty of Kashtabog Lake, we are reminded to respect and nurture our sacred relationship to this land as well as to its First Peoples, both past and present. We acknowledge that our Lake resides upon the traditional lands of the Mississauga Anishinaabe. We recognize and value the contributions of Indigenous peoples past and present. On their behalf, we commit to supporting the health and welfare of this land in all current and future initiatives.*

**Yours to Enjoy...Yours to Protect**  
Lake Kashtabog Residents Association



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