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KOSH LAKE NEWS



Sunrise in Portage Bay

“Good morning fellow Kosh folk. Thankful for this beautiful mid-October sunrise in Portage Bay and wanted to share it - life is good and our lake is a great blessing!” Jeanette Will Lukow

Calling all Volunteers!

The photo quote above really says it all. This year our Kasshobog family managed to pull together in a special way to celebrate and protect this amazing lake. With our LKRA 75th celebration behind us, we are now looking forward to 2024 and we need your assistance to grow our volunteer base in order to keep the lake safe



and vibrant. Giving back to our beautiful lake can come in many forms and time commitments. Should you be able to dedicate even a *couple of hours per year or per month* to participate in any of this work, it would make a big difference. Please [complete the survey](#) by **Nov 1**. We can then reach out and find a positive way for you to help out. Included is a list of areas where we will need support in 2024.



The Best 75th Anniversary Celebration Party Ever!

It was the amazing culmination of a year of celebration. A very special thank you to Haley and Bryan Bates for hosting our great corn roast and party at Stoney Point Marina on August 26th. LKRA's Jami Sampson knocked herself out helping to organize the event and her family were on hand to back up her efforts by cooking and handling memberships. Jamie and Morgan Storie also ensured the event was captured by great photos. [REDACTED]

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Membership Drive

Our goal this year was to achieve a membership rate of 75% of lake residents - that's 474 of 632 properties. As of today, we have only reached 68% of our goal or 322 properties. If you haven't already done so, we would ask you to support the association that is working to protect your lake by paying your \$25 annual fee - [Join Today!](#)

Dam Fund Next Steps

On Saturday August 12th a brainstorming meeting was held at the public beach to gather ideas on how the LKRA might use the Dam Funds as well as identify other projects or initiatives that the LKRA could be doing. Once again, here is a link to the [brainstorming meeting summary](#). If you were unable to attend, we'd like you to [provide your input](#) by **Nov 1** on how the Dam Funds might be used as well as other activities you would like to see the LKRA engage in next year. An Evaluation Committee has been formed to review all ideas pertaining to the Dam Fund for their feasibility and alignment with LKRA Objectives. The Committee will then prepare a report with their findings, including recommended next steps, for the LKRA Executive. Please take this opportunity to share your thoughts!



Marker Program Update

With another year of boating drawing to a close, you are reminded that many of the 99 lake markers have now been removed. Many thanks to all the LKRA Marker Volunteers for efforts throughout the year. If you are one of these marker volunteers and are still on the lake for an extended period of time, you are encouraged to leave your marker(s) in as long as possible - especially if the marker(s) have solar lights. These assist the water-access-only cottagers as the days get shorter.

Kosh Smart Bingo

The deadline for submissions to the Kosh Smart Bingo contest was September 5th and the draw took place several days later. Organizer Danielle Percy is pleased to announce that the winner of this year's Kosh Smart Bingo is the

Wright/Farquharson cottage family at 45 FR75C.
Congratulations! A spanking new bat house now
has a new home!



Worthwhile GoFundMe for our Lake Environment

As everyone is aware, our lake has been without gas for several years now, necessitating the individual transport and transfer of gasoline dockside. Several residents have decided to undertake a GoFundMe to try to rectify this situation. For more information you can visit: <https://gofund.me/49643dd2>



Wildlife Wonders - Bats

What is it with bats and Hallowe'en? Well, like this month's event, bats spook people, seem scary in the dark and can elicit squeals of fright. Yet, they're actually amazing little animals. They are the only mammals that can fly. Their wings are thin membranes of skin that stretch between the elongated finger bones of their "hands" to the hind legs and tail. And did you know there is no such thing as blind as a bat? They can see quite well. Many bats also use echolocation to navigate in total darkness. They emit quick high-pitched squeaks that echo off their prey and other objects. They can eat up to 1,000 mosquitoes an hour! They also eat moths, flies and beetles.

Just 15-20 years ago, bats were plentiful in the night skies over Kasshabog. However, in 2006, a cave explorer carried a fungus from Europe to North America on their shoes. While European bats were immune, bats here were not. Called white-nose syndrome, the fungus infects the skin on their faces, ears and wings and the irritation can wake them up early from

hibernation when there is no food. Millions of Ontario's bats have died. Next time you see one, at Hallowe'en or on a starry summer night, give that little survivor a cheer instead of a shriek!



Photo Credit: *Puffer's Bay just before sunset* - Donna Sally

Land Acknowledgement

As we celebrate the ever-changing beauty of Kasshabog 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 Kasshabog Residents Association

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