

COTTAGER NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Make a Difference Day

Saturday, April 29th from
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Volunteer this Saturday for Make a Difference Day with fellow cottagers and the Lake Louise staff! Teams will be taking part in the annual tree planting, with the goal of planting more than 1,000 native trees. There will also be lots of other opportunities, including cleaning up road trash, making trails, and working in the garden.

Volunteers should plan to meet at the Retreat Center at 9:00 am on Saturday. If you haven't opened your cottage yet, lodging is available at the Retreat Center. Please let the office know if you're bringing a group - all are welcome!

Thousands of New Fish Added to the Lake

Courtesy of the Marquette State Fish Hatchery, 10,000 splake arrived at the lake last week. Happy fishing to everyone!



Photo by Robin Buck

Spring Arrives at Lake Louise

The ice has melted (mostly); temperatures are rising (somewhat); and the sun is shining (at least now and then!). It's hard to believe that Memorial Day is a little more than five weeks away, but Spring has definitely arrived on the lake.

This newsletter includes information that will hopefully be helpful as we all start to think about this summer. We've included the list of cottager events, but we also want to make sure you know about the Make a Difference Day event this weekend (details to the left) - please consider coming up!

The newsletter includes an update about logging, a new community vegetable garden, and even the arrival of new fish. As we think about summer, I'm reminded about the saying: if you're lucky enough to be at the lake, you're lucky enough...



Photo by Shane Young courtesy of Dan Brubaker

Cottager Events!

We've got another busy schedule of events around the lake this summer. Although we'll keep you updated each week, the Cottager Council is excited to announce the following events for this summer:

- ♦ **Cottagers' Council Meeting & Pot Luck Dinner**
Saturday, June 24th at 6:00 pm at the Retreat Center
- ♦ **Boat Parade**
Saturday, July 1st at 8:00 pm - starts at Thumb Lake Park
- ♦ **Cottager Picnic**
Tuesday, July 11th at 6:00 pm at Thumb Lake Park
- ♦ **Cottagers' Council Annual Meeting & Luncheon**
Saturday, July 22nd at 11:30 am at Retreat Center
- ♦ **Cottagers' Council Meeting & Ice Cream Social**
Tuesday, August 15th at 6:00 pm at the Retreat Center



Logging Update Around the Lake

We wanted to give you the heads up that loggers have been working around the area this spring. As shown in the above map, the main logging areas have been to the east of Magee Road and to the south of Thumb Lake road. (The specific logging stands are marked in red in the map above.) As you'll see, this has not been a clear-cut, but it is noticeable when you drive (or walk) by.

Logging has historically been a source of revenue for the community, and many of these trees were planted decades ago with the intention of eventually being logged to support the LLCC. This latest harvest was more extensive than originally anticipated, given the presence of some pests in the red pine stands and the need to cut down the trees while they were still marketable. Due to the maturity of many of the tree stands around the lake, this is likely to be the last harvest for a significant period of time.

Community Vegetable Garden this summer

The LLCC staff is planning to start a community vegetable garden on the camp grounds. Local food pantries often lack fresh vegetables, and the idea is to grow vegetables that will then be donated to the Boyne Falls Food Pantry.

Volunteers are needed to help this worthwhile effort, and the schedule is flexible. Please be on the lookout for updates (or, for all the planners out there, [sign up now!](#)).

Special Use Dumpsters return in late June

As you think about cleaning out your cabin, remember that the regular dumpsters are for kitchen and household garbage only.

We will again be providing special use dumpsters for a period this summer at the end of June (most likely starting June 28-30). They will be located at the end of Meadows Trail and of Pioneer Trail, and the dumpsters provide a great way to dispose of larger (non-hazardous) items from your cottage.