

CLCA Spring 2024 Newsletter

GENERAL INFORMATION

DEFINITIONS AND LINKS

CLCA: Clear Lake Cabin Owners' Association (website: <http://clearlakecabinassociation.org>)

OC: Old Campground – slang for the more formal term “the Cabin Area”

RMNP: Riding Mountain National Park (website: <https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/mb/riding>)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (EXECUTIVE POSITIONS)

Lyle Grobb, **Past President** – stays on automatically until replaced by outgoing President

Christian Robin, **President** – two-year term to end in September 2025

Andrew Urbanowicz, **Vice-President** – two-year term to end in September 2024

Elvi Molsberry, **Treasurer** – two-year term to end in September 2025

Gale Simpson, **Secretary** – two-year term to end in September 2024

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (DIRECTORS AT LARGE)

Shannan Lanctot, **Director No. 1** – two-year term to end in September 2024

Keith Vinthers, **Director No. 2** – two-year term to end in September 2024

Devin Warren, **Director No. 3** – two-year term to end in September 2024

Lindsay Dingwall, **Director No. 4** – two-year term to end in September 2024

Dan Leitch, **Director No. 5** – two-year term to end in September 2025

Leanne Wrobel, **Director No. 6** – two-year term to end in September 2025

Kyle Bazylo, **Director No. 7** – two-year term to end in September 2025

Melanie Sobering, **Director No. 8** – two-year term to end in September 2025

BOARD CONTACT

General questions and inquiries: info@ClearLakeCabinAssociation.org

MESSAGES FROM PARKS CANADA (APRIL 15, 2024)

AIS

Nothing to report on AIS at this time. Once decisions are made for lake use this summer it will be communicated by Parks Canada.

WATER AND WASHROOMS IN THE CABIN AREA

Water for individual Cabins and the other operational washrooms (i.e., the same four as last year anticipated to be open when they can be) is anticipated to be on prior to the May long weekend if weather cooperates. Typically, sewer lines remain frozen until that time. Parks Canada will notify the CLCA when the water is on.

SHOWER BUILDING

Good News: the Shower Building is open and water testing is complete – drinking water is safe from the Shower Building, including the exterior tap which is on and available.

And thanks to the cooperation between the CLCA President and Wasagaming Townsite Manager, Parks Canada agreed to install coded keypads for the Shower Building. Keys will also continue to work for now or you can alternatively use the code. CLCA members can obtain the codes from the CLCA email address, and non-members can visit the front desk at the administration building with proof of cabin ownership.

Codes are:

Mens: 5791

Ladies: 4803

KAYAK/CANOE LAUNCH AREA (“2ND STREET DOCKS”)

Construction and archeological work will continue this spring for the pathway and installation of docks. The area will remain closed during construction. Please do not access the area (fencing has been put up around the area). It is anticipated that if all goes well the area should be open and accessible by the end of June. At this time there is no plan to allow kayaks or canoes to be left in that area this season regardless of lake use decisions. We will continue to work with the CLCA on possible solutions for future years (i.e., 2025 and beyond).

CLCA NEWS AND NOTES

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Please support the Clear Lake Cabin Owners' Association (CLCA) in 2024 by becoming a member. The membership fee for 2024 is again just \$10 per cabin and it's worth every penny! All funds collected go towards efforts aimed at advocacy for, and enjoyment of, the Cabin Area at Clear Lake.

There are two easy steps required to purchase or renew your membership:

STEP 1: CONFIRM YOUR MEMBERSHIP INFO. Email your name(s) and cabin address to CLCAmembers@gmail.com

STEP 2: E-TRANSFER YOUR \$10 MEMBERSHIP FEE to CLCAtreas@gmail.com. Please be sure to include your name and cabin address in the memo section so we can cross reference your payment.

If you can't or prefer not to e-transfer, you can drop off your \$10 in cash to your CLCA Treasurer Elvi at her cabin located at 100 First Street South.

COMMUNICATION

We'll continue to send email updates to our database of members, but if you're on Facebook we highly recommend you join the Clear Lake Cabin Owners' Association (CLCA) Facebook Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1023222571599885>) for regular posts on what's happening in and around the Cabin Area. NOTE: Our Facebook group is a Private group, therefore we ask that all who join answer our membership questions and agree to our group rules (or you may be denied or removed from the group).

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBULATOR (AED)

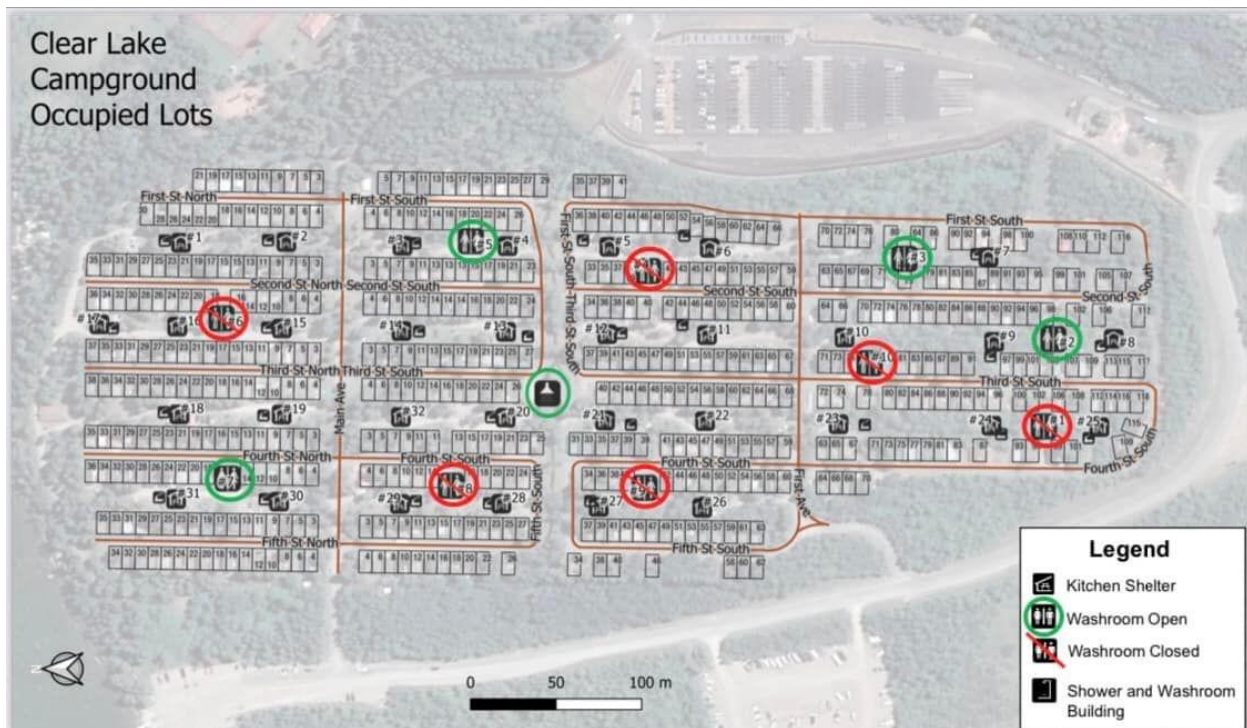
The Cabin Area has an AED located at the Shower Building. Please report any use of this unit to Parks Canada so we can ensure it is always ready for use.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION GUIDE

Parks Canada has developed an Emergency Evacuation Guide for the community of Wasagaming, which includes the Cabin Area. See the Guide and other important emergency information at: <http://clearlakecabinassociation.org/cabin-information/emergency-contacts/>

WASHROOMS

In accordance with the 2012 Memorandum of Understanding between Parks Canada and the CLCA – and because over 85% of cabins are now connected to water – the intention is still to phase out the public washroom facilities in the Cabin Area over time. Status quo remains in 2024 – washrooms 2, 3, 5, 7 and the Shower Building will be open again this season.



FIREWOOD FOR COOK SHACKS

A reminder that the firewood that is supplied by the Park is paid for by the Cabin Owners (i.e., cost-recovery). This firewood is ONLY for use by Cabin Owners in the cook shacks. Taking wood to use elsewhere – even by Cabin Owners – is a crime (theft). If you suspect someone is helping themselves for use outside the Park, please don't hesitate to contact Parks Canada and report the incident (with description and vehicle license number if applicable).

COOK SHACK TOOLS

The CLCA has partnered with Red River College Polytechnic on a student project to produce new sets of quality Cook Shack tools! The CLCA will only be required to pay for the materials used to make the new tools. When ready this summer, the CLCA will make these sets available to Cabin Owners for sale on a cost-recovery basis.

FIRE TABLES

Any appliances, such as propane-fueled fire tables and pits, must be CSA approved and used in accordance with the instructions provided and follow [FireSmart® principles](#). For greater clarity, this includes monitoring and maintaining flame height, and never leaving the device unsupervised. Parks Canada continues to monitor and assess the permissibility of these types of appliances.

PARKING

A reminder that each Cabin Owner has the use of the 8 feet immediately in front of their lot (between the cabin and the street) as an allotted parking space for 1 vehicle. All other land – including the space immediately behind our cabins – belongs to Parks Canada and can be used for parking on a first come, first served basis. For greater clarity, there's no such thing as a cabin with "2 or 3 parking spaces". However, the CLCA strongly encourages neighbourliness when it comes to parking our vehicles in the Cabin Area, and this would include yielding any space directly behind a cabin to the owner of the cabin, or making the best use of that shared space through an open and cordial dialogue.

ONGOING CONVERSATIONS WITH PARKS CANADA

Your CLCA continues to have a strong relationship with Parks Canada. Discussions are ongoing on a number of topics of importance to the membership, including:

- The renewal of the 2nd Street docks and the concept of the "lakeshore park area", including the potential for kayak and canoe storage at the 2nd Street docks (i.e., "Canoe Graveyard) for CLCA members (note that we're asking that Parks Canada temporarily expand the docks at Fifth Street while access to the 2nd Street docks remains closed);
- The completion of the Cabin Area compliance plan and updates to the Cabin Area Building Guidelines (and engagement with the Cabin Owners on the potential changes);
- Vegetation management in the Cabin Area (note that we're looking at planting some trees at the corner of Main Ave and First Street where the old Parks cabin was located);
- Potential renovations to the Shower Building (note that the intent is to add additional washroom facilities);
- Decommissioning of the public washrooms in the Cabin Area (note that washroom no. 6 has now been completely removed);
- Fibre Internet in the Cabin Area (most recent info can be found at [this link](#));
- Vehicle traffic and potential traffic calming measures;
- Repaving of the pathways in the Cabin Area.

For more on these and other issues, please come to our General Meeting on July long weekend, and our Annual General Meeting on September long weekend.

KEY EVENTS CALENDAR

GENERAL MEETING – SUNDAY JUNE 30 AT 10AM

Notice is hereby given for the CLCA's General Meeting to be held Sunday June 30th at 10am at the Park Theatre. The purpose of the General Meeting is to:

- Finalize CLCA membership for the calendar year (if you haven't signed up to be a CLCA member prior to this date, please come to the meeting and provide your information and pay your annual membership dues of \$10).
- Provide a formal update on the affairs of the CLCA (i.e., advocacy priorities, CLCA activities, long terms plans, etc.).
- Q&A (with the Board and Parks Canada representation).
- Meet and greet with the Board.

CANADA DAY YARD SALE – MONDAY JULY 1 AT 9AM

Got something you don't need? Need something you don't got? Sell-buy-trade with your neighbours in the Cabin Area. One Cabin's trash is another Cabin's treasure! From 9am to noon on Monday July 1, all Cabin Owners are invited to participate in the OC Yard Sale.

CLCA SUMMER FUN CONCERT – SATURDAY JULY 13 AT 9PM

Join your neighbours on Saturday July 13th at about 9pm at the Jamboree Hall for a live show by JD Edwards! Trust me, it's a show you won't want to miss. There's no charge for the concert but please spare some cash for JD as we pass the hat and show our appreciation!

CLCA GOLF NIGHTS – WEDNESDAY EVENINGS JULY 10, 17, 24, 31, AND AUGUST 7

Wednesday nights at the Clear Lake Golf Course. Adults (18+) only. The purpose is to get know new people; therefore, foursomes will be assigned at random.

Cost: \$25 paid to Clear Lake Golf Course, and \$5 in cash for prize pot – total \$30 per person for 9 holes of golf, shared power cart, and prizes for long drive, closest to the hole, longest putt, mystery score, etc.! Note that the focus is on FUN so the lowest score will not win week after week.

Tee times are between 6:30pm and 7:15pm. Sign-up with Devin Warren at no. 20, First Street North, on the weekend prior to the Wednesday you'd like to join (i.e., for Wednesday July 13th, sign-up between Friday July 8 and Tuesday July 12). First come, first served. CLCA members only. Spaces are limited.

KIDS VS. ADULTS WATER BALLOON FIGHT – SATURDAY AUGUST 3 AT 8PM

10,000+ water balloons! Join us for the 6th annual Old Campground Kids vs. Adults Water Balloon Fight on Saturday August 3rd at 8pm in the visitor parking lot (south side). Helmets, shields, warpaint, and fun outfits recommended. Water balloon donations can be dropped off at 100 First Street South. We also need as many wagons as possible to carry the water balloons – please consider bringing your wagon... you'll get it back (clean and wet).

CABIN AREA TALENT COMPETITION – SUNDAY AUGUST 4 AT 7PM

Join us for the 3rd annual Old Campground Talent Show on Sunday August 4th (7pm to 8:30pm) at the Jamboree Hall. Show us your talents and compete with your neighbours to win awesome prizes! Open to all Cabin Owners and their families (little kids, big kids and adults!). Register by July 15. Spaces are limited – only 20 acts (first to sign up).

Register by emailing Janelle Robin at jr.t4c0@gmail.com and include details on your act, names of participants in your act along with age, cabin address and phone number. Maximum 5 minutes per act.

CABINAPOLOOZA 8 – SATURDAY AUGUST 24 AT 8PM

Join Cabinapolooza 8 on the back deck of cabin no. 16, 2nd Street South for music, musicians, jam, and food. Bring your lawn chair and drinks. Contributions in drink or cash are welcome!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1 AT 10AM

Notice is hereby given for the CLCA's Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held Sunday September 1st at 10am at the Park Theatre. The purpose of the AGM is to:

- Provide the membership with a budget update.
- Provide a formal update on the affairs of the CLCA (i.e., advocacy priorities, CLCA activities, long terms plans, etc.).
- Q&A (with the Board and Parks Canada representation).
- Hold an election for expiring Board positions (if you're interested in putting your name forward for a Board position, please contact Lyle Grobb, Past President, at lgrobb@hotmail.com).

COOKSHACK CHILLI COOKOFF – SATURDAY AUGUST 31 AT 6PM

All cookshacks are encouraged to fire up the wood stove and prepare their best chilli recipe. The CLCA will provide small bowls and spoons for members to visit multiple cookshacks and vote for their favourite chilli in a number of different categories, such as best traditional recipe, best vegetarian recipe, and most creative! Awards will be announced at the Annual General Meeting the following morning.

CABIN AREA BLOCK PARTIES – TO BE ANNOUNCED (LET US KNOW!)

We will not be assigning block party dates for 2024, but for those that would like to, you're encouraged to host a Saturday Happy Hour block party! Please just let us know so we can announce the date/time and details to all Cabin Owners. Not sure what to do? Simply talk to your neighbours on your block and prepare to host others from around the OC. Pull out the yard games, fire up the Cook Shack(s), pass out snacks, plan a bingo or cribbage tournament, play some music, give tours of your cabins... get creative!