

ALBeRo Newsletter

Summer 2016

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Annual BBQ

At Ron Warme's beach, 429 Ch. du Lac-Rond Sud.

Saturday July 9th at 4 :30 PM. (Noon, Sunday, July 10 - rain date). This is a great way to get to know your neighbours.

Andre Fillion, fillion5@rogers.com

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Sunday August 7, 10:00 AM at the Montcalm Community Centre.

Pat Thomas, 819 687 9201

Water Tests

Sunday, July 10 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM: Montcalm Community Centre

10:00 AM to 12:00 AM outside Arundel Provisions.

Sunday, August 7 pickup at Montcalm Community Centre between 9:30 and 10:00 and return by 2:00 pm

Janet Thomas, 819 687 3641 or janet.thomas@opera.ncf.ca

Septic Tank Cleaning

A group discount is available through Pompage Sanitaire Mont Tremblant at 819 681 7785. You are required, by law, to have this done every two years as a permanent resident, and every four years as a summer resident. The company reports to the municipality. Needless to say, regular cleaning is essential for a healthy lake environment.

A Word from the President

We will be continuing our focus on membership this year by means of contacting people by newsletter, email, post office mailing to residents, and door-to-door visits. We hope to continue last year's success.

Please note the new signs that have been put up concerning protection of our lakes. We also hope that people will observe the codes of conduct that are there to provide safety and courtesy to one's neighbours.

We look forward to meeting you at the BBQ and the AGM, both of which provide the opportunity to get to know one another and to share ideas and concerns.

ALBeRo 2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Pat Thomas, President, 819-687-9201

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2016 ALBeRo Membership Form \$20 per family, includes one free water test and activities

Name _____ Beaven Lake lac rond

Lake address _____ Tel. _____

City address _____ Tel. _____

Email address _____ Number of boats, with motor ___ without motor ___

I would like to help out with the following activities _____

Please give form with payment to a director or send form and payment to

Association Lake Beaven and lac rond, Box 111, Arundel, QC, J0T 1A0

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

ALBeRo has important work to do to protect our lakes. It is essential that it both represents the concerns of home owners who have an interest in the lakes, and that it is perceived by monicipal officials as the legitimate and unified voice of these taxpayers. To this end, we will continue our door-to-door membership drive during the month of July. Please be prepared to welcome a call from your friendly neighborhood executive member. A year's membership only costs \$20.00.

What do you get from joining ALBeRo?

1. A strong and unified voice in protecting our lakes.
2. Regular and ongoing testing of water quality.
3. A reduced rate for septic tank cleaning.
4. Social activities, such as the annual BBQ.
5. Regular updates on issues affecting our lakes.

EURASIAN MILFOIL ISSUE

It is possible that this is one of the invasive weeds in our lakes and we need to find out if this is true.

You can obtain information about this weed from wikipedia.org

We recommend the following procedures:

Wash your boat before putting it in the lake. This should include hull, trailer, bilge and water ballast tanks

Do not operate propeller driven boats through areas of weed infestations

Avoid swimming in these areas

We will discuss further precautions at the AGM, such as: putting buoys in infested areas and appointing a director to track and report on any new technologies or methods available to rid the lake of such an invasive species.

WATER TESTING

Once again, ALBeRo has arranged to test the quality of the water in Round and Beaven Lakes, as well as the quality of household water. We will continue to test for fecal coliform through the Montreal lab we have used for many years. Householders are invited to test their drinking water and/or their swimming water.

If a sample receives an elevated fecal count, a second sampling should be conducted to ensure that the problem is persistent, not transitory, so that the contaminating source can be identified and remedied.

In addition, we will continue regular testing of the clarity of the lake water, and providing this information to the Quebec government for monitoring and research.

We are happy to say that both lakes tested very well last year, both for safe usage and for clarity. Let's keep it that way!

Procedure:

1. Obtain a numbered sample bottle from the site nearest you.
2. Fill it with water from your tap or your beach.
3. Return the sample bottle the same day

SAMPLES MUST BE TAKEN AND RETURNED ON THE SAME DAY FOR VALID RESULTS (in the time frame)

Dates and Times

SUNDAY JULY 10: 9:00 – 11:00 Montcalm Community Centre; 10:00 – 12:00 outside Arundel Provisions

SUNDAY AUGUST 7: bottles will be distributed before the Annual General Meeting at the Montcalm Community Centre 9:30-10:00 Sample to be returned to the Montcalm Community Centre before 2:00.

Testing Costs

Single test: Free with your ALBeRo membership

Additional tests: \$12.00 each

\$20.00 for non-members (includes membership fee)

For more information, contact Janet Thomas, 819-687-3641 or janet.thomas@opera.ncf.ca

LAKE ACCESS

One of our members is researching, reviewing and consulting on the subject of "lake access" and will report his findings at the AGM.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE PROTECTION OF OUR LAKES

Reduce your speed to less than 10 kmh or 6 mph when navigating in creeks and when you are less than 50 metres from the lake shores, from a person or other boats. Circulating at full speed and engaging in nautical activities should be practiced only in the middle of the lakes to avoid any ill-fated accidents on the banks

If you witness any dangerous behaviour, take note of the boat's number, type and colour, the time and date of the act and immediately call the Sûreté du Québec at 310-4141 or call 911.

Any boat/watercraft having navigated on open water areas this summer must be washed with javel and drained before entering our lakes.

Remember that properties around the lakes are privately owned. Including "Sandy Beach" at the southern end of Beavan Lake. Make sure you have the owner's permission before any use.

In case of emergency or infraction on our lakes call 911 or call 310-4141.

For a non-urgent complaint or comment, call 819-425-3656 between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM to get in touch with the Provincial Police in Mont-Tremblant or leave a message for Officer Dufort.

