

It's almost summer on Otty Lake!

Thanks to the work of dedicated Otty Lake neighbours (thanks especially to Gail Read and the area councillors!), we're pleased to present you with this year's Summer Information Package.

As always, the package is full of interesting and useful information. This year we've taken a focus on boating safety, and members will receive an OLA whistle with their package to accompany the new shoal marking program we're launching this summer (you can find more information on this in the package).

You'll also find useful information on fire safety and an article about the unintended effects of fireworks on the lake. We hope everyone has a fun and safe summer on the water.

I'm happy to share that the Otty Lake Association Board has been busy working on a number of projects that you can keep an eye out for this summer - including the following dates you can put into your calendar now!

Key Dates - Summer 2022

Mid- May - Shoal Markers go into the water (**New this year)

- 10-12 shoal markers will be placed at select high-traffic shoals on the lake

June 11 - Shoreline plant sale pick up

June 25 - Blanket Exercise (** New this year)

- The OLA Reconciliation Working Group invites everyone to come learn about Indigenous history with your lake neighbours at this outdoor, in-person event

July 7 - 6:30pm - Otty Lake Association Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- Join us through Zoom to elect new OLA Board members, hear about what the Otty Lake Association has been up to this past year, what our municipalities are working on, and more! (virtual event)

July 16 (rain date July 23) - Otty Lake Nature flotilla (**New this year)

- Visit different spots around the lake to hear wildlife experts share information on some of the amazing animals and ecosystems on Otty Lake (stay tuned for more details)

August 21 - Paddle power

- Join your neighbours by canoe, kayak, paddle boat, SUP, or other person-powered vessel for a meet-up on Otty Lake (more details to come)

Mid - October - Shoals Markers out of the water

October 22 - [Lake Links Conference](#)

As always, we welcome your thoughts, feedback, and ideas for how we can continue to make Otty Lake a healthy, sustainable, and welcoming place for everyone.

I hope you'll join me in thanking your area councillor when you see them around the lake, and hope to see you out at one of these great events this summer!

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