



# NEWSLETTER

## Environment First | Protecting Our Lake

### Website

Residents of Oak Lake are encouraged to visit the website [www.friendsfoaklake.com](http://www.friendsfoaklake.com) to learn more about non-profit and registered Ontario lake association.

### Looking for Volunteers

Friends of Oak Lake are looking for volunteers to work independently or collaboratively in areas such as;

- Social media
- Environmental Law
- Website Management
- Lake Stewardship
- Social/ Educational Material Development/ Events
- Government Grant
- General Volunteer

### Contact Us

Have a question or concern or suggestions to offer for events? Please feel free to reach out. We can be reached by email at [friendsfoaklake@gmail.com](mailto:friendsfoaklake@gmail.com)



### Winter Fun

Residents certainly made the most out of what Oak Lake living offered during the winter months with numerous skating rinks, cross-country skiing, ice fishing, snowmobiling and walking. Well done!

### Gypsy Moth Spraying

Gypsy Moths were problematic for Oak Lake property owners and trees in 2020. As a reminder, the City of Quinte West is considering measures to combat the invasive species, which may include aerial spraying. Visit the city's website at [www.quintewest.ca](http://www.quintewest.ca) to learn more and/or send an email to the Mayor requesting that residents receive forewarning prior to the usage of any chemical solution.



### Report Floating Debris

FOOL is asking residents to report any objects in-or-on Oak Lake that they deem as potentially hazardous, including floating debris so the we can remove from the lake. Send an email to FOOL [friendsfoaklake@gmail.com](mailto:friendsfoaklake@gmail.com).



## Upcoming Events

- Trash Bash - 24 April - 10am -12pm
- All Watercraft Regatta - July 1st 2021 - 12pm-2pm
- FOOL Annual General Meeting - Sat Aug 14 - 1pm
- Photo Competition - Jul 24

## Become a Member

Begin enjoying the benefits of membership. Which include;

- A vote on the actions of Friends of Oak Lake
- Access to information related to Oak Lake
- Access to information from the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA)
- And More!

Membership costs are \$25 per household and fees are used exclusively for projects intended to improve both the health and quality of enjoyment of our beloved Oak Lake. Visit website for more info.

## FOOL Links

[Wastewater Info](#)

[Wastewater Do's and Don'ts](#)

[Wastewater Survey](#)

[Shoreline Info](#)

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## FOOL Fact!

As part of the Oak Ridges Moraine, the Oak Hills and Oak Lake were designated as Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest [ANSI].

An ANSI is an official designation by the Government of Ontario and is applied to geographical regions within the province that have unique geological or ecological features that represent land or water containing landscapes that are important for natural heritage, protection, appreciation, scientific study or education. Beginning in the 1960s and as of 2020, over 1000 sites within the province have been designated as such.



## Trash Bash

Event will occur between 10:00am – 12:00pm on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. FOOL will once again be making this a social distancing event! Use either personal gloves and garbage bags or pick them up for free at the corner of John Meyers and Neighbourly Road. Participants are asked to walkabout and pick any road-side or public area around Oak Lake, and can leave the bags at the corner of HWY #14 and Oak Lake Road or John Meyers Road for removal.



## Bottle Bin

Bottle Bin Fundraiser has raised 285\$. Please remember to drop off your empty alcohol beverage containers to 30A Neighbourly Rd or email FOOL for pick-up.



## Residential Fire Safety

Never underestimate the importance of a fire extinguisher! Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors could save your life. You should have a ABC Fire extinguisher on hand in case of emergency. Friendly reminder to clean out your bbq and grease trap.

