

Otter Lake Landowners Association

# Otter Lake News

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Later in this newsletter you will see more information about our Photo Contest. Perhaps you will be lucky and get a closeup of our Bald Eagles or the Ospreys. I was fortunate enough to grab a shot of the parent eagles as they watched their offspring fish in Toohey Bay.



Looking forward to seeing you out and about at the lake this season.

Jeff Neal, President

[ollapresident@otterlake.org](mailto:ollapresident@otterlake.org)

## Message from the President

As I write this, there is a chilly rain falling, the lake is still iced over for the most part and plans are being made for the upcoming season on and around the lake.

We will again be organizing FloatOLLA in support of the local Food Banks. However, there are some interesting changes in the works, so keep an eye out for the next newsletter as well as our Facebook page and website.

I recently attended the 2024 AGM & Spring Seminar for the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA). Presentation topics included climate change, aquatic plants, rural fire safety, property taxation, land use planning and boating safety. It was a very full program. Five dollars of your annual OLLA membership fees goes towards our membership in FOCA, and as members of OLLA, you are entitled to access all of the information available on their website. If you're interested, contact us at [info@otterlake.org](mailto:info@otterlake.org) to obtain the password for the members-only portion of the website.

## PITCH-IN

*Submitted by Betty Large*

The township of Rideau Lakes PITCH-IN campaign is from April 14 – 27. Help keep Otter Lake Road (and other surrounding roads) looking great by picking up roadside litter during Rideau Lakes PITCH-IN. Yellow Pitch-In bags are free to volunteers and can be obtained at the Township Office and libraries, or call and arrange to have them delivered. Pick up roadside

litter, place it in a Pitch-In bag and set it out for collection on your regular day (no tag required). For more information, call 1-800-928-2250 Ext. 230 or email Ben at [brothwell@rideaulakes.ca](mailto:brothwell@rideaulakes.ca).

If you would like to be a part of **OLLA's PITCH-IN event on April 21 at 10:00 am** we will be walking along Otter Lake Road starting at Rd. 06 heading both directions along the road. Stay as long as you can but the goal is to cover the entire length of the road, both sides. OLLA will sign for student volunteer hours. Feel free to organize your own PITCH-IN location and OLLA will promote it on our website.

Yellow bags will be provided. Make sure to dress for the weather. If there is pouring rain, we will cancel. Wear sturdy footwear, protective gloves and bright clothing. Bring water.

Please contact Betty Large – [info@otterlake.org](mailto:info@otterlake.org) if you are interested in participating in this event or would like to help organizing your own PITCH-IN time and location. We look forward to seeing you out there!

## Otter Lake / OLLA Merchandise

*Submitted by Eric Hempell*

Have you seen an OLLA t-shirt? Want one of your own? Or perhaps you'd prefer the logo on a BBQ apron or coasters. Well now you can, and at great prices.

OLLA created a new logo that represents its ongoing commitment to preserving Otter Lake and its shorelines. In the summer of 2022 that logo was put on a few t-shirts that were worn at the AGM (and the 2023 AGM) with some members expressing interest in having their own. Those who wore the shirts bought their own, and now you can too. If you prefer to have an Otter Lake logo (without OLLA on it) that's also available. OLLA makes no profit on these but wants to increase awareness of the lake and the role we play in preserving it.

Having merchandise customised can be daunting. To make it easier OLLA has provided some standard products and an email address to send your order to.

Soon the OLLA website will also have some pictures of the samples. Note that the printing on fabric requires a minimum of 12 similar items with the same LOGO ink colour. Order the quantity you want and we can combine it with other orders until we have 12 or more. Embroidery is also an option and can be ordered as a single item. Other items may vary for the minimum quantities, but you'll be notified of that when you send in your order. Payment will be required upon pick-up from an Otter Lake property. The initial price is approximated since it may fluctuate up or down depending on the total number ordered or any changes needed to the artwork to fit the product, but it gives you a rough idea of cost. You will be emailed your actual final price when the order is ready to be submitted before you make a final decision to go ahead with the order.

Currently we're offering Hoodies, Sweatshirts, T-shirts (long and short sleeve), Ball caps, BBQ Aprons, Tote bags, and Drink Coasters. Send your order and/or inquiry to [ollamerchandise@otterlake.org](mailto:ollamerchandise@otterlake.org).

### Sample OLLA Logo



### Sample Otter Lake Logo



## LAKE FACTS

- Loons return to the lake: March 13, 2024
- Ice leaves the lake: March 15, 2024

## OLLA Eats Out at the Hawks Nest

*Submitted by Betty Large*

In January, the board and their families got together for brunch and called it "OLLA Eats Out". We enjoyed it and decided we should do this more often and open it up to the Otter Lake community. Our next get together will be another brunch in April.

If you would like to be included in the reservation for the 10:00 a.m. brunch on Sunday April 7th at The Hawks Nest (551 Hwy 15 Lombardy - Lombard Glen Golf Course) please contact Betty at [bettylarge@gmail.com](mailto:bettylarge@gmail.com) by March 31st, 2024.

Enjoy a tasty meal and some friendly conversation with your lake neighbours. Looking forward to seeing a few new faces.

If you can't make it to this one, we will be planning other events in the coming months at other local establishments.

## OLLA Photo Contest

In a Newsbyte published in January we announced the OLLA Photo Contest. In case you missed it – here are some of the contest highlights:

- Open to all Otter Lake Landowners and their friends and family the board and their families
- Photos taken in and around Otter Lake of nature or activities
- 3 Age categories – 1) 12 & under, 2) 13-18 and 3) 19 and older
- Photos taken January 1, 2023 through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 are eligible
- Enter as often as you wish during that time
- Max file size 10 MB; JPG format only
- Submit photos to [ollaphotocontest@otterlake.org](mailto:ollaphotocontest@otterlake.org), including the Heading OLLA Photo Contest and age category.
- Don't forget to include the photographers name & the name of the Otter Lake Landowner; photo caption and photo

location. It is also important to state that you have read and accept the contest rules.

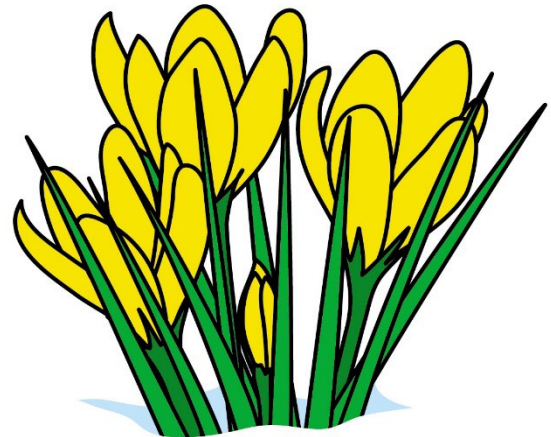
For any questions or further details about the contest please contact us at the contest email, [ollaphotocontest@otterlake.org](mailto:ollaphotocontest@otterlake.org), or reach out to one of your board members.

## Welcome to our Newest OLLA Sponsor

*Submitted by Deb McVean*

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Membership benefits can be found at the following link <https://foca.on.ca/member-services/benefits/>



### Save These Dates:

OLLA Eats Out	Sunday April 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
Pitch-In	Sunday April 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2024
OLLA Photo Contest	Closes June 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
OLLA AGM	Saturday, July 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2024