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When Will Good Cell Service Come to Buck Lake?

Submitted by Cheryl Savery

One of the complaints we hear time and again from our friends and neighbours is the poor quality (and often non-existent) cell service here at the lake. The service did improve somewhat last summer when both Bell and Rogers installed new towers, but it is still far from useable in many locations. And, this problem is not unique to Buck Lake. The Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) estimates that nearly one-sixth of rural Eastern Ontario is a cellular "dead zone" - meaning there are homes, businesses and major roadways with no cell service at all. (EORN is the group that brought high speed internet across Eastern Ontario – remember the excitement when the Xplornet tower arrived and most of us could finally get off dial-up.)

The good news is help may now be on the way for cell service too. EORN is proposing a \$200 million public/private initiative that would build on its high-capacity fiber optic backbone network to help close the cell gap and keep Eastern Ontarians connected to the world - at home, work or on the road. The project would cover some 99 percent of the region providing mobile access to 72,000 more homes and businesses, as well as to those travelling on the region's highways.



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Rider Cup Golf Tournament

Sunday September 11th was the 17th annual Rider Cup Golf Tournament at Rideau Lakes Golf Club near Westport. Approximately 64 golfers showed up for 9 holes of best ball golf followed by a delicious steak dinner. The competition was especially fierce this year. The group with the lowest score with a 3 under par 33 was the team of Dave Donovan, Crawford MacIntyre and Sandra Rider. But, due to a rule that a team cannot win the trophy 2 years in a row, the trophy had to go to the team with the next lowest score. This was a challenge, however, as there were three teams tied with a score of 35. The teams of:

- Sharon, George, and Perry Windsor and Norma Wing
- Nick Graves, Olivia Van Nest, Ryan McIver, Lindsay Fawcett
- Wess Garrod, Gord and Maureen McLellan and Marilyn O'Connor

A deck of cards was used to break the tie. However, after the first round, Marilyn and Olivia had tied by each cutting a queen. On the next round, Olivia cut a king and her team was declared the winners.



2016 Rider Cup Champions

In addition to the overall winners, there were prizes for closest to the hole and longest drive. The winners were:

- Men's closest to the hole on #8: Jim Hendry
- Women's closest to the hole on #3: Kathy Wirsig
- Men's longest drive on #2: Dave Donovan
- Women's longest drive on #6: Sharon Windsor

Probably the most anticipated part of the event is the raffle that is held after the meal. Many Buck Lake residents generously donated prizes and all the proceeds from the raffle are donated to the Southern Frontenac Community Services and to Easter Seals Camp Merrywood (Buck Lake Boatilla). This year a total of \$785 was raised. Many thanks to all our donors.

And finally, many thanks to the organizers of this year's tournament: Sandra Rider, Marilyn O'Connor, Wess Garrod and Gord McLellan.

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Closing Up the Cottage for the Winter

The following information comes from the Canada Safety Council.

Now that the lazy days of summer are over, Canadians are getting ready to close up the cottage for the winter. Although every cottage is different and every cottage owner's closing checklist is different, here are some basics to keep in mind.

Water Supply

If your cottage is not winterized, you can take steps to prevent your water supply line from freezing during the winter. You don't want to arrive there next spring to discover the consequences of not having drained the pipes before you close up this fall. Frozen pipes can burst, causing damage and meaning you'll have no running water.

Pipes can be fully drained when you're closing up the cottage. The water supply line can be filled with non-toxic anti-freeze made especially for supply pipes and pipes that are carefully wrapped at key junction points are better protected against the cold.

As part of your maintenance routine you should also check the inside of your hot water holding tank for residue that can affect water quality and get caught in the faucet screen. Also, you should have your water analyzed regularly by a lab to ensure its quality, especially if the water suddenly shows a yellow or brown tinge. A filtration system can significantly increase the purity level and lessen the wear-and-tear on your cottage water system.

This is also the ideal time to thoroughly check your plumbing and faucets after a summer's wear-and-tear.

Wildlife

Damage from small animals such as mice and squirrels is a concern to cottage owners. Avoid using poisons to keep out these critters that love to move in when you move out. You should remove all food from cottage before you close it. Bats, mice and squirrels can wiggle in through the smallest of holes. Inspect the building inside and out to make sure there are no small openings for them to enter. Place a wooden cover on the chimney to discourage birds and small animals from entering, and to stop any rain or snow. Tightly close your fireplace damper to prevent animals from getting in.

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Electrical system

Some people choose to shut off electricity to their home in the off-season by throwing the main switch at the fuse box. If you do this, be sure to turn off all major appliances, your water heater, and electrical room heaters before you turn off the main switch. This will ensure a smoother and safer start-up when you re-open your home.

If you leave your electricity on to operate security systems or lighting, you should turn off the power supply to your major appliances at your main panel. Turn off the power supply to any space heaters. Otherwise they may turn on during cold weather.

To ensure the stove, fridge and other electrical equipment are not used in your absence, remove fuses and hide them in a safe place.

Visually inspect your hydro meter and power lines for damage. If a power line is down or damaged, stay clear and call your Hydro Company. Inspect visible wiring to outdoor lighting fixtures, water pumps and other equipment. If wires are damaged, remove the fuse to that circuit or turn off the circuit breaker, and call a qualified electrician.

Check all household appliance cords. If damaged, unplug the appliance and do not use it until the cord is replaced. If your electrical panel uses fuses, make sure they are screwed in tightly and that you have spares. Don't use fuses higher than 15 amps in normal receptacles and lighting circuits.

Boat Motors and other power equipment

When storing power boating motors and other power equipment do not drain gasoline from fuel tanks, instead use a fuel stabilizer (available from your dealer or auto parts store). Winterize your engine(s) away from the water. Store boat motors, lawnmowers and other items with engines in a dry, weatherproof place. Cover anything that may rust over the winter with a coat of oil.

If your cottage is in a heavy snow area, consider installing temporary supports to protect the roof from caving in. Another option is to hire a reliable local person to shovel the snow off the roof when necessary.

And remember that time spent in preventative measures now will pay significant dividends next spring when you open the cottage for next year's season.



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Another Great Buck Lake Fund Raiser

Submitted by Christine Clarke

It was another successful lemonade stand for the Clarke girls. Daley, Riley and Aubrey Clarke held their 5th lakeside lemonade stand. All proceeds were raised for BCAF, Breast Cancer Action Kingston. We are proud to say that the girls raised \$705.00 after a great day with neighbours and friends who make this day possible. I am beyond proud of our community which comes together in a time of need and proud that my girls can work at making a difference.



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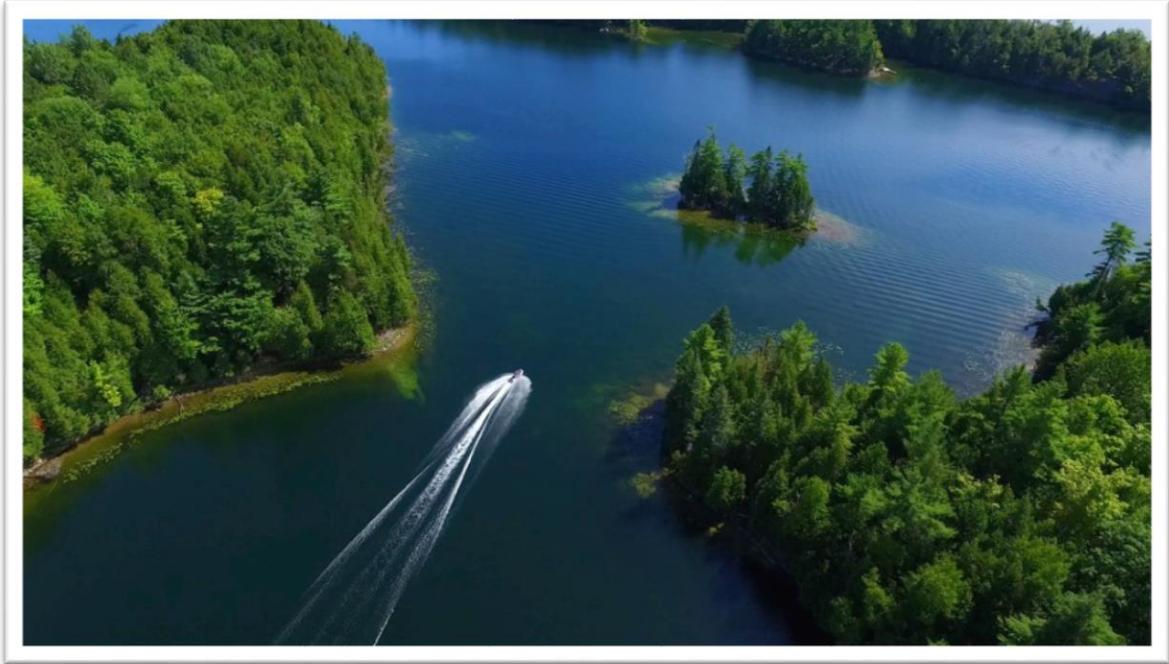
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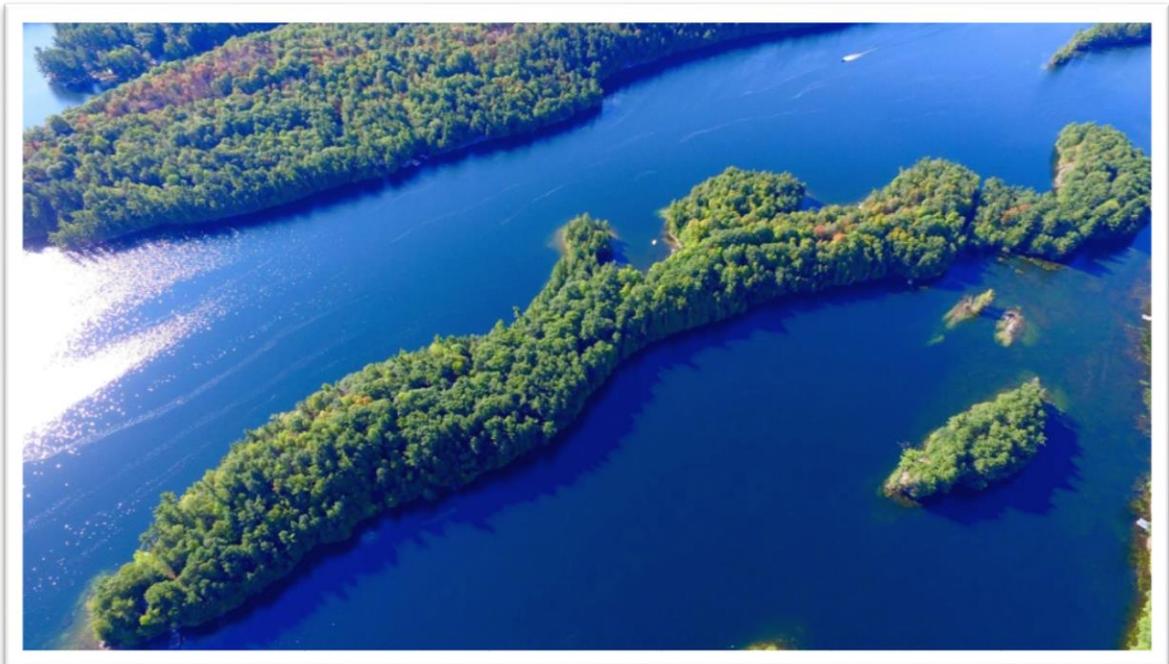
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More from the Buck Lake Facebook Group

The following amazing drone photos were recently posted by Sue Berezney.



North Tip of Pulpit Island



Birch Island

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Birch Island Looking South

Click [here](#) for more great posts like this (Note: you must have a Facebook account to access this site.)

Lake Levels

Fortis Power reports that as of Sept. 26th they have started to slowly open the dam at Massassauga Creek and will continue to reduce the water levels in Buck Lake until October 15.



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Buck Lake Calendar

***** The calendars are now available for pick-up at Perth Road Store *****

Thanks to all Buck Lakers for their amazing pictures... Another year where every picture would have been a perfect choice! We need more months in the year!

If you had pre-ordered and are a member of Buck Lake Association, your cost is \$5.00 each. The store has a list with your name and order. Please pay with cash or cheque payable to Buck Lake Association.

If you didn't pre-order, there are still 10 calendars available for sale at \$10 each. Get yours now before it is too late.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday Lunches at Perth Road Hall: Every Tuesday starting at noon. Soup, sandwiches, coffee and dessert all for just \$5.00. All Welcome

Murder Mystery Dinner: Westport Legion – Saturday October 15th

Cocktails 5:00 pm – Mystery begins at 6:00 pm – Dinner at 7:00 pm

\$30.00 per person – Proceeds to Legion Kitchen and Buck Lake Boatilla

Tickets are currently sold-out. Check with Donna Neumann dneumann@kingston.net for possible last minute cancellations.

We are still looking for prizes for the silent auction. It you have anything to donate, please contact Donna Neumann dneumann@kingston.net

Valdy Concert in Sydenham at Grace Hall, 4295 Stagecoach Road on Sat. Nov.12, 7:30 pm

In order to promote the spirit of Buck Lake, we invite your comments and suggestions for newsletter articles or announcements. Mail to: [Buck Lake Information](#)

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