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The ice is out of the lake, the loons are back, the beavers are swimming along the shore, Morel Mushrooms are being gathered, Trilliums are getting ready to bloom and Memorial day is near. Yes, Summer ! The first trip of the summer is so much nicer than the Labor Day Finale. The promise, or is it dreams, of warm and sunny days at the lake are wonderful. But before we take that first holiday weekend there are a few items and notices that should be mentioned. With this in mind we decided to send out this extra edition. Hopefully you will find the following information useful, especially the notice of the free trash pick up. Here's to a wonderful and fun summer.

LOONS

Artificial nests for the loons have been installed in the rice beds near Pells Island and also in Maple Bay. Please be alert and do NOT approach. These nests have been constructed and placed in favored nesting areas to give the loons a safe environment in which to nest and raise their young. Memorial weekend happens to be a prime nesting time for the loons. They do however, require privacy so please give them their peace and quiet and refrain from approaching any man made or natural nesting areas. Thank you!

Each summer many accidents occur as we become caught up in the sporting fun that warm weather brings. It is all too easy to forget that we can both cause or be the victim of a moment of carelessness. Last summer there were several close calls for swimmers, hikers and bikers. Let us all work together to see that safety and courtesy make this a safe and fun summer. Association members, please remind your family and guests to follow the rules of water safety when in a boat or on a personal water craft. Swimmers, please be visible. The roads will have walkers, joggers and bikers. Drivers, please remember to watch out for them and to slow down when passing. This is especially appreciated by pedestrians on gravel roads. As well as being safer it is much more enjoyable when one is not enclosed in a dust cloud.

Safety

Enjoyment of the lake can be experienced by every age group beginning with the very young child who must be constantly watched to the octogenarian. Let's not forget that all members of our lake society deserve an extra amount of courtesy and perhaps a little help, please be sure they get it. With this in mind, we can all have a safe and enjoyable summer at the lake.

Boat Id

Before launching your boat for the summer or putting your dock in consider the following. A powerful storm brings intense wind , thunder, lightening and crashing waves. A section of your dock breaks loose or your boat becomes adrift in the lake. When calm returns your boat is on another shore or you've lost a dock section.

Or

You wake up some beautiful morning, look outside and see a float boat, piece of dock or other unmarked water craft. Being the good Samaritan you are, you try to find the owner. Problem number one: no name on the boat, who's is it? Problem number two: whom can you contact to find out to whom it belongs. After inquiring you rule out anyone on your shore. If its a licensed boat you contact the sheriff or state department only to discover they will (and rightly so) not give out any names or addresses. In the meantime you have secured the lost floating boat and now you wait for the grateful owner to appear. Only problem is the owner has left the lake for a period of time and is not aware of his loss. Get the picture? Solution: Place a waterproof name tag in a compartment of your boat or attach a marker on the boat or dock. This should include your name, address and your lake and home phone numbers. Perhaps this could be a lake association project. If you have any ideas please pass them along to your zone representative or contact me and while you're at it please volunteer to help. Thank you.