



Talpines Property Owners' Association Newsletter November 2020

HAPPY HALLOWE'EN EDITION.

🎃 Remember last year and the massive storm that hit Waubaushene, destroying boat houses, docks and flooding land? This year's October surprise was a hail storm last Friday, October 23, 2020 which pummelled us with golf ball size hail, and tornado warnings. Lots of dented cars, but thank goodness, no tornado. As we ease into winter, some news:

THE HAZEL STREET SCHOOL, Waubaushene HAS BEEN SOLD, according to a large sign posted by the previous owner, P.Sadlon. Several Talpines Directors have met with the new owners who plan on running a school for firefighters. While we deeply regret the loss of this wonderful facility which we hoped would be a community hub, the new owners appear to be very community oriented, and keen to integrate. Renovations are underway. This sale means that we must now focus on a new location for our Waubaushene community centre which Council stated on the record was a priority focus of their long term strategic plan. We eagerly await news from Council about their progress on this front.

AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY AND SHORT TERM RENTAL SURVEYS

Please have your say on these important issues in our Township: go to tay.ca and click on “surveys” and tell your Council what you think about issues such as AIRBNBs and how best to improve our community to make it age friendly. Also, please ZOOM in to Council meetings and Library Board meetings: the access codes are available on the Tay website. We await Council’s public member appointment to the Library Board.

FOCA BENEFITS

As a member of Talpines POA, you are entitled to the services and benefits of FOCA: Discounts on purchases at DockinaBox and many other useful items. Check it out:



Login & offers are subject to change, but are current at May 2020

Members: Login online at <https://foca.on.ca/benefits/> to see all current offer ACCESS CODES

Key Services provided for your ASSOCIATION:

- tips for [starting and building a successful lake or road Association](#)
- [FOCA Insurance program](#) with **Cade Associates Insurance Brokers** provides a member discount on liability coverage for Association activities, Directors & Officers, and more. *Extremely popular with our members!*
- information on rural property issues ([septics](#), [taxation](#), [land use planning](#), [mining](#), [energy and utilities](#), ...)
- follow all FOCA's advocacy files and policy updates [here](#). Stay in-the-know with monthly [Ealerts](#) (e-news). Use FOCA [fact sheets and videos](#) in your own association publications & posts!
- FOCA's step-by-step [Lake Planning Handbook](#) for community groups
- [Association Webpage Offer](#): FOCA can create a free basic web presence for your Association
- FOCA Association member rate on teleconferencing: [Genesis Integration](#) is only 2.5¢ /minute per participant
- [credit card payment processing service](#) - offer your members a digital fee renewal option, on FOCA's website
- ["Who Does What"](#) - tools & tips for working with the levels of government
- environmental programs: [Lake Partner Program](#) water quality data; prevent the spread of [invasive species](#)

Benefits & Offers available to all your Member families:

- give them the FOCA web [Username +Pswd](#) to access any Members-only resources on the FOCA website:
Username = **focamember**
Password = **Foc@M3mb3\$2014**
- receive free [Ealert](#) (e-news) updates
- attend FOCA [events & webinars](#) at reduced member rates
- learn how to start your family's [cottage succession plan](#)
- **more special offers from FOCA's corporate partners**: Use the **codes** or identify yourself as a member of FOCA when you order:
 - > exclusive access to [CottageFirst](#), the first cottage group insurance program
 - > [Cottage Life Magazine](#) only \$24.95 annual rate: www.cottagelife.com/foca
 - > [Separett Waterless Toilets](#) offers a 5% discount from Canadian ECO Products (code=**FOCA2020**)
 - > [Action First Aid](#) 18% discount on Phillips Home Defibrillators (AEDs)
 - > [DockinaBox](#) 10% discount on dock frame systems or boat lifts
 - > [Canadian Canoe Museum](#) 30% off any Membership (code=**FOCA19**)
 - > [National Observer](#) 50% off monthly on annual subscription (code=**COTTAGES**)
 - > **NEW!** [Sawmill Structures](#) will donate \$350 to your cottage country food bank for each bunkie/shed purchased during COVID-19. Mention FOCA to access the offer.

Need help with member benefits? Contact the FOCA office: info@foca.on.ca 705-749-3622

SPRING SURPRISE

We are calling all gardeners to contribute to our “Spring Surprise” at the Pine Street Beach. If you have a bulb or two to spare, please consider planting them on the grassy hillside below the new gardens. What a delight to see what spring flowers await us. We continue to work on the Pine Street Beach Beautification project with the assistance of Tay Township, and we have applied for another grant to continue our work there.

We will be making a delegation to Council to ask them to budget for a ramp to make the Pine Street Beach accessible, a gazebo (someday) to provide shade, and we hope someday to have a mural painted on the green building. This summer the beach was wonderful, and many residents and visitors wrote to tell us how much they enjoyed it.

CREATIVE COMMUNITIES CULTURAL CONFERENCE

From November 3 to November 26, the Cultural Alliance will be holding 8 on-line sessions to celebrate, foster, promote and leverage cultural resources in the Heart of Georgian Bay. Find out more and buy a ticket here: www.culturealliance.ca/conference

COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE

Please join your CPP for an update on COVID19 in our area on Nov 9, 2020 at 7 pm. This will be a ZOOM webinar and will provide information from public health, our hospital, the OPP, and retail establishments. We'll share the ZOOM number shortly.

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW FOLKS: Stay tuned to hear more about the Waubaushene Santa Claus parade in late November, and what format it will take. Our Talpines GRINCH float is raring to go.

Stay safe as Covid increases in our area: you know the drill: wear a mask, social distance, wash your hands and stay in your household bubble.

ALL THE BEST ON BEHALF OF THE DIRECTORS OF TALPINES POA

Victoria Reaume, President