

Talpines Property Owners' Association Newsletter

Updates

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Talpines Directors invite you to join the Zoom AGM at 10 am, on Saturday, June 27, 2020

Meeting URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82013240253>

Meeting ID: 820 1324 0253

No password required. To participate, please download the free ZOOM app from the APP store, for the device you are using: phone or iPad or computer. Open the APP, Choose JOIN A MEETING, and type in these numbers: 820 1324 0253. The moderator will be available to start letting people join at 9:30. If you are having technical difficulties, email us at taytalpines@gmail.com. YOUTUBE has some good videos about how to use ZOOM for meetings.



- The agenda and all the documents and reports for the AGM can be viewed by clicking on this link:
- <https://www.talpines.ca/members-only-agm>.

DIRECTOR ELECTION

The Talpines POA Directors have received an application to become a director from candidate Sue Dougherty. Sue is a local resident, and an active member of Talpines. She volunteers on the Pine Street garden, on phragmites cleanup, and is being trained by David Cornish on water testing. Sue and her family participated in the Talpines Trail Clean Up this spring, and she brings energy and commitment to her community. Her candidate letter is available with the AGM documents.

WATER TESTING

We are happy to report that Past President David Cornish and Sue Dougherty will be commencing water testing next week in Sturgeon Bay. As always, our results are just a snapshot, but they will be posted on the members only page at talpines.ca. The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit advises that its summer students are also starting next week and will be testing at the public Pine Street beach. Results will be posted on the SMDHU website: simcoemuskokahealth.org

Search for water testing, public beach, and look under Tay, for results.

COVID UPDATE We are extremely fortunate in Tay Township to have had few COVID cases and no current outbreaks. People have worked hard at self isolating, obeying social distancing, wearing masks when out in stores. Unfortunately, many of our Cottager members from out of town had to sacrifice their usual routines and trips to the area. Those out of town residents who do come to the region now that the rules are relaxing, are encouraged to bring their own supplies, self isolate and use masks. Information about COVID local rules and services can be found at TAY.ca. You can now get a haircut, or sit on an outdoor patio in Tay or meet with a group of ten people if you are careful and follow the rules. The Trail is open as are the parks but with restrictions.

BLOCK PARTY: Unfortunately, we do not believe the Talpines Annual Block Party can proceed on the August long weekend. Last year, sixty people attended and it was a great community event. BUT, COVID restrictions prohibit such a large gathering and we are doubtful this will change by August.

NOW FOR SOME GREAT NEWS: Our Waubaushene Library Board has made the decision to open up for Curbside pickup as of June 23, 2020. We are thrilled as we love our Waubaushene branch and the essential services it provides in our community. Our library acts as a hub for our residents, from the youngest to the seniors. We miss it! Also, you can sit outside the Waubaushene Branch and use the library's internet if you are a member with a card. Give the library a call, or find out more info at tay.library.on.ca

EVEN MORE GOOD NEWS We are grateful to the Township for a grant this year to continue our Pine Street Beautification Project. You may have noticed the beautiful garden edging the directors on the garden committee have placed around the gardens. Dave Whidden from Waubaushene Septic and Landscaping gave us a deep discount on the garden edging as a donation to the project. Thank you Dave! It has been challenging to plant and maintain the garden with social distancing rules, but we've managed, albeit at a slower pace. We are also grateful to the Tay Parks Department and Bryan Anderson, who listened to our delegation to Council and carried out numerous requests to improve the park. The portable toilet has been relocated to a more suitable spot at the beach park, the eroding hill was shored up with rocks, and the parking lot stones were positioned to allow more of a grassy area for picnics. Thank you Bryan!

OUR TAY TRAIL

We are so fortunate that the Township kept our Trail open so we could enjoy fresh air and get some exercise during the pandemic. Social distancing rules apply, and please watch your speed: many kids, seniors and pets are frightened by « too fast » moving bikes. A shout out to our Tay Bylaw officers Rob and Justin who were so diligent about people improperly using motorized vehicles on the Trail. They spent hours « staked out » and patrolling, even on weekends. They caught and issued severe fines to three motorcyclists so far. Those of us who live on the Trail have noticed that the fines have had a deterrent effect. We are seeing less motorized vehicles and ebikes, which makes it safer for all of us.

THE BEST NEWS

For turtles and turtle lovers, this has been an outstanding year. Our turtles are endangered but the turtles are numerous this summer on the Trail and Tay Roads. Please keep a sharp eye out, and give nesting turtles plenty of room to lay their eggs in peace. We need more turtle crossing signs!

STAY SAFE AND DON'T FORGET TO ZOOM IN TO THE AGM NEXT SATURDAY AT TEN AM. Email us with any questions: taytalpines@gmail.com

On behalf of the TALPINES POA DIRECTORS

Victoria Reaume, Acting President

