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TALPINES APRIL 5, 2024 NEWSLETTER



Iris in the beach garden soon

pretty turtle on the side of the Trail, keep an eye out for hatchlings

SAVE THE DATE FOLKS ! SUNDAY APRIL 21 IS WAUBAUSHENE LITTER DAY IN TOWN AND ALONG THE TRAIL. Please see the attached poster. Tay Township will provide the garbage bags for us, you can pick them up at 82 King Road along the trail close to Old Cottage Lane. Turtle nest protectors will also be for sale at cost 20\$ a protector.

COMMUNITY GARDEN: Sharon and Peter and the other amazing volunteers for the Waubauskene community garden at Veteran's Park will be holding a planting event mid April, Keep an eye on the Waubauskene Virtual Hub for more info, or email us if you need more info 😊

FLOATING CONTAINERS: As we advised in recent newsletters, Talpines made a delegation to Tay council to pass a by-law to prevent floating containers (we call

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them junk) from our waterways. The coalition involved in this has made great progress, and numerous municipalities have passed bylaws forbidding them. There is a new opportunity to voice your opposition :

Very easy to stop:

1. Send your comments to Parks Canada BEFORE April 7 to trentsevern@pc.gc.ca so they can restrict this junk in the water.

2. Also send your comments to Transport Canada: MSSRegulations-ReglementsSSM@tc.gc.ca

Sample comment (feel free to modify for your use!):

Public input request: 'float home' shipping containers

No matter what you call shipping-container 'cottages'--'Float home', 'Vessel', 'Dangerous maritime junk'--they are **unregulated** and **unsafe**.

They are ugly lumps of junk with **no motor**, full of **toxic chemicals**, easily **sunk by storms**.

In open water, such as the Great Lakes and bays, they pose **serious threats** to waterfront integrity, watercraft safety, and water quality.

The only place 'float homes' belong is in a **marina** where they can be serviced, regulated, and removed if unsafe.

Background info on dangerous maritime junk:

<https://parks.canada.ca/lhn-nhs/on/trentsevern/info/avis-restrictions-amarrage-notice-mooring-restrictions>

<https://www.midlandtoday.ca/local-news/midland-joins-provincial-wave-of-opposition-to-floating-homes-7736189>

<https://georgianbay.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Response-to-Transport-Canada-Lets-Talk-Consultation-on-Long-term-Anchoring.pdf>

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We are pleased to thank Mayor Walker who is supportive of the coalition organizing measures to prevent these floating containers on our waterways.

Please take the time to register your desire to keep our waterways free of these polluters, with Parks Canada and Transport Canada.

TRAIL STUMP ART PROJECT: our directors and volunteers are meeting next week with local artists to discuss how to proceed with our stump art project this print and summer. As you know, the township was cutting down dead ash trees at the Pine Street Beach and along the Trail, and we asked them to keep the stumps high enough for us to decorate them with bird houses, painting, carving other art.

Please send us your ideas! 💡 Let us know if you wish to be involved in painting, building bird houses or decorations, or if you wish to donate to help us purchase supplies. Your input would be greatly appreciated!

HAPPY SPRING! HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON! All the best from Talpines directors

Victoria Reaume, President

Talpines **LITTER DAY** —
Waubashene and the
TransCanada Tay Trail

On Sunday, April 21, 2024

RAIN DATE: Sunday, April 28

Bags handed out between 9 AM - 1 PM

1. Pick up 2 recycle/litter bags
at 22 Old Cottage Lane, Waubashene

Wear work gloves — Wear a mask to protect from pollutants

2. Pick up litter and recyclables
on your favourite section
of trail or road in Waubashene

3. Drop off bags before 5:00 PM at:
 parking lot at Bridgeview Park
 Pine Street Beach pier
 entrance to the trail at Albin Road Loop

*** Students can earn SERVICE HOURS ***

For more info: Ontario Act On Litter
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