



Garden Circle Plan for Veteran's Park Garden : coming this Spring!

TALPINES POA MARCH 29, 2022 NEWSLETTER

SPRING UPDATES

March came in like a lion 🦁 and is leaving like one too! COVID restrictions are disappearing and your Talpines Directors are excited to see you again this spring and summer. We have lots of projects on the go, including planning for our AGM and Block Party. More news on that front soon!

UPDATES:

- ♦ **VETERAN'S PARK GARDEN:** Part of the grant money received from Tay Township this year will be used to establish a vegetable garden in Veteran's Park at the top of Pine Street this spring. The produce will be shared with the community, and the garden itself will be used as an educational tool for kids, in partnership with our Tay Library Branch. Thank you to our Veteran's Park garden committee consisting of Director Bev Hostyn, members Peter Cox and Sharon Langfield, and Ray, and all of our Talpines member volunteers! The remaining grant monies will support

our Pine Street beautification efforts, annual planters and perennial plantings, and our popular water testing program.

- ✦ **EARTH DAY TRAIL CLEAN UP:** For the last several years, Talpines members and community volunteers have rolled up their sleeves, gloved up, and cleaned up trash along the Trail in Waubaushene. The Township supports our efforts by providing us bags, and picking up the trash bags we collect. This year, we plan to collect litter on **SUNDAY, APRIL 24**, following Earth Day. **RAIN DATE: SUNDAY MAY 1, 2022.** Watch the Waubaushene Community Hub Facebook page or the bulletin board at the Library for more details. **JOIN US!** BAGS can be picked up on the Trail at Old Cottage Lane, look for the Talpines sign.
- ✦ **AGM and BLOCK PARTY!** Talpines Directors are meeting this week to plan our Annual AGM and Block Party. This year we are thinking of holding it earlier in July. If you have a preference as to the timing, let us know at taytalpines@gmail.com.
- ✦ **MEMBERSHIP DUES:** It's that time again folks! Please send your membership dues of \$30 to our Treasurer Evelyn Roberts at taytalpines@gmail.com, or send us a cheque to Box 9 Waubaushene, L0K 2C0. Cash is also acceptable 😊 These funds support our many programs, and the fees have remained unchanged for many years. Thank you for your support! **SPREAD THE WORD!** There are many new residents in town who want to enhance our community, join us!
- ✦ **FOCA REPORT:** We are members of FOCA, an advocacy and action group dedicated to preserving and enhancing our environment. Our VP Vicki Lucier recently attended the FOCA spring meeting. Her 2022 Spring AGM report is here:
- ✦ February 26th's immensely interesting 3-hour Zoom meeting contained too much information for a short report! Below you'll find names of presenters and their pertinent information. FOCA.on.ca

is definitely good bang for the buck. Part of your Talpines fee pays for FOCA membership, so you can use this member-only info [username: focamember , password: Foc@M3mb3\$2014] to unlock member content! CHECK OUT THE VIDEO foca.on.ca/2022_agm_spring_seminar/

- ✦ COTTAGE foca.on.ca/cottage Terry Rees' FOCA's Cottagers' Welcome package has lots of stewardship practical tips.
- ✦ If you're having trouble with rural internet connectivity at your cottage, VP Andre Oliveira says you can call 877-814-0698 for a Rogers Wireless Antenna installation
- ✦ foca.on.ca/responsible-cottage-rental Manage the difference between 'renting your cottage' and 'short-term rentals' (STRs) gpca.wildapricot.org Christine Elliott-Fraser's website has updates on the 'Floating Shipping Container' STR barge problem in Gloucester Pool...coming soon to your waterfront! Go to ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-5119 to fill out a SURVEY regarding management of STR barges.
- ✦ PROPERTY AND POLITICS voterlookup.ca Rebecca Webb from MPAC reminded us about June's Provincial election; we can vote in October's Municipal election wherever we own property aboutmyproperty.ca MPAC is still using the 2016 property valuation, has no idea when they will reevaluate, and cautions us not to worry about stratospheric property values affecting our taxes, since municipalities surely will not be greedy (?!).
- ✦ WATER foca.on.ca/lake-partner-program LPP phosphorus sampling is different from our Talpines E.Coli water testing, but still important to monitor the health of our waterways, with iisd.org/ela natural freshwater research facility, supporting our lakes and rivers for over 50 years! www.-datastream.org Gordon Foundation aims to collect water health data in one place; check out greatlakesdatastream.ca maps and graphs specific to our Georgian Bay water health.
- ✦ bewakeaware.com has Boat Safe information to share with neighbours who need to slow down to protect shorelines.
- ✦ INVASIVE SPECIES ontario.ca/page/lymantria-dispar-dispar-ldd-moth Dan Rowlinson showed the decline of the 'Gypsy Moth' and predicts only one more severe year in our area. Remember, defoliated does NOT mean dead—trees can recover after the moth cycle, as long as they have water and nutrients.
- ✦ CLEAN WATER: Talpines members are supportive of efforts to protect the purest water on Earth  in Tiny Township. WHY WOULD THE FORD GOVERNMENT

LICENSE BUSINESSES WHICH WILL POLLUTE IT??! Talpines member Christine Hurlbut attended the rally at Queen's Park recently; here is her report:

WORLD WATER DAY

On a bright, chilly 22 March, a group of about 40 gathered in front of the Legislature at Queen's Park to draw attention to Water quality issues in North Simcoe and across Ontario. In particular FoTTSA (Federation of Tiny Township Shoreline Associations) is concerned about the exceptionally pure water in the Alliston and Waverley aquifers and the ways in which the Provincial government has allowed intrusive gravel pits/washing activities which threaten the purity of groundwater.

Speakers stressed the importance of water to all residents of the Province; one student from Orillia (grew up in Waubaushene) who remembered the lasting impact the calming waters of Georgian Bay made on his life. The second, a MPP from far north Ontario, said he could not remember a time when his home community did not have a "boil water" advisory.

The group presented a petition to the House of Commons in early March, asking for a thorough research study and the application of the Canada Water Act to evaluate and regulate the situation in the Simcoe Uplands area.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING COOL TO DO? our Vice President, Vicki Lucier is participating in an art show called LIFELINES. She will be presenting 3 pieces of 3D textile art featuring 'life story' lines of poetry and prose.

The show opens on 23 April 2022 (running until July 16) at the [Orillia Museum of Art and History](#).

All the best from our Talpines Directors!

Victoria Reaume, President