



garden at Pine Street beach

Talpines Newsletter and Water Testing
for
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TALPINES NEWSLETTER JULY 30, 2023

Happy July! The August long weekend is fast approaching! We hope you are enjoying the summer. 🌅

UPDATES:

- Tay Township sent its crews to cut down the huge, dead ash trees at the Pine Street Beach park, and on the trail between Pine Street and Albin

Road. Talpines asked Tay Township's manager of operations, Shawn Berriault, if his crew would leave the stumps at different heights between six and ten feet tall so that Talpines could use them as an art project or install bird houses on them. Thank you Shawn Berriault and team!!!. Thank you Paul Roberts and Barry Dougherty for marking the tree heights with spray paint. 🧻

- This fall Talpines will move forward with its « **adopt a stump** » project. We will seek volunteers to help construct bird houses or recommend wood carvers who could make something beautiful of the stumps, Let us know if you know any wood carvers who might be interested, or if you have ideas for the stumps, or want to help build bird houses.
- Bryan Anderson, Parks Manager from Tay Township has delivered a nice big pile of beautiful sand to add to the Pine Street sandy beach. Thank you Bryan! Families are really enjoying the beach this year. If you wish to keep informed about the water quality at the Pine Street beach, you can find out about any warnings or closures at the Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit.
- Here's the link <https://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/SafeWater/BeachWater/BeachPostings>

TURTLE NEST PROTECTORS: Our turtle nest protectors are still in place, we will remove them in October to allow time for the hatchlings to emerge safely. We received many, many requests for nest protectors this year, and are developing a seminar to show how to make them, or we may sell them at cost at our AGM and community lawn party 🎉 .

- **TALPINES AGM And Pot Luck Community Lawn Party August 26 at 82 King Road. ALL ARE WELCOME**
- The community garden donates its produce weekly to the Waub Library branch for distribution. Pick some up if you need it! 🙏
- SSEA and Georgian Bay Forever are tackling invasive phrag again in Waubaushene. Volunteers helped out GBF at the Pine Street beach last week cutting phragmites in the water. 🙌 SSEA is planning a phragmites cut at Bridgeview park. If you want to join us, check the Waubaushene virtual hub for more info

TALPINES WATER TESTING REPORT BY DIRECTOR SUE DOUGHERTY

Hello there Everyone,

These last few weeks of July have been extremely hot and humid. I hope everyone was, and is continuing to keep cool. The water has been beautiful and the temperature of the water has been so amazing for enjoying any activities in and on the water.

We have noticed an increase in the amount of seaweed that has washed up on our shore. It also seems like it is coming onto the shore earlier in the season than previous years.

The day that the water testing was taken was a beautiful morning, with sun and cloud, and calm water on the bay. The air temperature was 22 degrees, with the humidity, it felt like 27.

Here are the results of the testing.

Location:

#1 Robin's Point	e-coli testing	<10/100ml
#2 Drainage Pipe	e-coli testing	10/100ml
#3 Cottage Lane	e-coli testing	30/100ml
#4 Lawson Lane	e-coli testing	10/100ml
#5 Forest Lane	e-coli testing	10/100ml

The water temperature ranged from 22-26 degrees celsius. There were noticeable weeds at locations #1,2 and 4.

Enjoy the next few weeks of summer!

Until next time.

Sue Dougherty

Have a great long weekend

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