
Emma and Christopher Lakes Association 2013 Newsletter



Lakers' News



ECLA President's Report

I would say that from Coast to Coast to Coast we have all had our fair share of winter. Let's look forward to a beautiful sun filled summer, lazy hazy nights with our wonderful family and friends.

It is hard to believe that another year has gone by. As I sit and reflect on the many things the ECLA did last year and looks forward to doing again this year, I would ask that you do the same and while doing so consider getting involved in our community.

With financial support from the District of Lakeland Environment Committee, the ECLA brought you another successful Nurture Nature Presentation: Melanie Elliott - Bat Presentation & Bat House Building on July 21st. The ECLA hopes to continue bringing these educational workshops to our community.

Thanks to Marcia Bergman, her volunteers and skilled instructors for another successful year for the multi-level swim program, this will be offered again this summer. Please watch for posters in your area.

Other activities carried out by ECLA on your behalf are:

- Continued commitment, to the Emergency Preparedness Awareness Program, to educate our residents to be prepared to be self-sufficient for a minimum of 72 hours in the case of an emergency. The kick off of Emergency Preparedness Week, is May 6th. Watch for further educational presentations in our community this summer.
- Continued funding and support to Citizens on Patrol Program in our community, please see their report on page **10**.
- Involvement in a letter writing campaign to our provincial ministerial departments expressing concerns over the increase of property taxes as it relates to the education tax in Lakeland.
- Ongoing contribution to the District of Lakeland Environmental Advisory Committee Water Quality Testing Program.
- Continued involvement and representation with Provincial Association of Resort Communities of Saskatchewan (PARCS), for more information turn to page **3**.

As we move forward the ECLA review committee will continue to consider who we are and what our members want us to be. Please get involved by purchasing a membership, becoming a Beach Rep. or taking a position on the ECLA Executive (see pg. **16** for vacant positions).

On behalf of the Executive and volunteers we wish you, your family and friends many fun-filled memories at our beautiful lakes.

Earla Brandt

IMPORTANT DATE

Saturday, July 6, 2013
Christopher Lake Legion Hall

9am Emma/Christopher Lakes Association Annual Meeting	Earla Brandt	306-982-2646
10am Co-operative Volunteer Fire Department Annual Meeting	Sherry Kuhling	306-982-3732
11am District of Lakeland #521 Ratepayers' Town Hall Meeting	Dave Dmytruk	306-982-2010

Please submit agenda items to contact person, noted above, at least two weeks prior to meeting.



Come and Visit the Christopher Lake Nature Area
Everyone is Welcome

The Christopher Lake Nature Area is 97 hectares of peaceful trails and rest spots with benches in a mixed boreal forest. It is located 2.5 kilometers west of the Village of Christopher Lake. Turn right at the Spruce Point turn-off and proceed 0.5 kms. to the entrance. At the entrance, there is a parking area with an information box with trail guides. The trail guide will show that you are entering the Circle of Life. There are benches in this area, with a bulletin board to check out and a time capsule. There are many marked trails which journey through a tranquil and serene natural world. New informational signage can be found throughout the area. To improve your hiking experience, no ATVs/ motorized vehicles are allowed in this area.

On-going events:

The Christopher Lake Nature Area is inviting people to remember their loved ones by putting a plaque on the benches in the Nature Area. A 4"x6" plaque costs \$10, plus 15 cents per letter. A 4"x3" plaque is \$6, plus 15 cents per letter. The Friends of the Christopher Lake Nature Area will order the plaque to your specifications and place it on the benches for you. A \$10 donation to the Christopher Lake Nature Area would help with the maintenance of the area. For more information on the plaques, contact Jeannie at 982-3143.

Upcoming events:

Due to past wind storms the Nature Area has lost a lot of its mature trees.

Trees have been ordered and will be planted May 11.

Everyone is welcome to help with the tree planting event.


Watch for announcements in the Vacationland News.



Respectfully submitted by
Jeannie Walker



		District of Lakeland Landfill		
Hours of Operation				
Emma Lake Landfill				
(off HIGHWAY #263, SW of Sunnyside)				

<u>MAY 1ST TO OCTOBER 31ST</u>		<u>NOVEMBER 1ST TO APRIL 30TH</u>
OPEN: Friday to Tuesday 8:00 am - 6:00 pm	Anglin & Mcphee Landfills	OPEN: Friday and Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Sunday and Monday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
CLOSED: Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursday	CLOSED	CLOSED: Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursday
	ALL YEAR 	

Provincial Association of Resort Communities of Saskatchewan (PARCS)

As a ratepayer in the R. M. of the District of Lakeland, you are a member of PARCS. This organization was formed in 1996 as a lobby group to lobby against the over-reliance on property taxes for the funding of education. PARCS now represents over 80 resort communities across the province.



Our organization has expanded its mandate to include lobbying for other member concerns such as a fairer formula for the distribution of grants and the protection of our lakeshore environment. We also place a strong emphasis on member education and facilitate the exchange among members through a monthly newsletter, organizing regional workshops in the summer and hosting an annual conference in the fall.

In 2013, the major increases in assessments on our cottages and the looming uncertainty of the education tax once again being placed on our shoulders, PARCS moved into action by meeting with Minister Reiter and his officers. We communicated with our members and stimulated a letter-writing campaign in a serious attempt to prevent such high taxation. We are optimistic that our campaign will help our members to maintain a fair and equitable tax; this is the important work of PARCS.

This summer we will host one of the summer workshops in Prince Albert. At the present time, the newsletters that make our members aware of the work of PARCS are distributed through your ECLA Cottage Owners Association. Please make your email address available to them to ensure that you are kept up to date on the work of PARCS.

Shirley Gange,
President PARCS

Christopher Lake, Paddockwood and Lakeland (CPL) Recreation

continues to build community spirit by ensuring individuals, families and groups have opportunities to get involved. CPL Recreation strives to bring recreation, sport and cultural opportunities to the year round and seasonal residents as well as our many visitors.



To all the individuals, groups and businesses who participated in programs, sponsored events and volunteered time – THANK YOU – your support keeps things happening.

For more information or to contribute your ideas and suggestions ... contact Trudy McDowell at the CPL office: phone 306-982-3309; email cplrec@sasktel.net.



Lakeland has a Facebook Page called Lakeland Area Community Board. Please join for community updates from various local contributors.



RECYCLE SASKATCHEWAN



www.recyclesaskatchewan.ca



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Enforcement and Protective Services

The 2013 summer is approaching fast. As we all prepare for warmer weather with more sun, our Department is preparing for the year ahead. We will continue to enhance public safety through meaningful enforcement and education within the community.

This means continued focus on traffic offences, including speeding, distracted driving, impaired driving and vehicle registrations (this includes your boat trailer!). Alcohol use off of private property, including on the lake, will see a greater focus. We will place special emphasis on properties through property inspections. This includes septic systems, garbage, and general sightliness of a property and zoning compliance.

We would like to remind everyone that for police and criminal related matters to call the RCMP directly at 306-310-7267 (306-310-RCMP). Our office may be contacted anytime at 306-982-4466. Our dispatchers will tend to your call.

We hope everyone has a safe, enjoyable time in our community!





District of Lakeland Emergency Measures Organization (EMO):
Know the risks, be prepared



YOU can help mitigate the impact of a major emergency through emergency awareness and personal emergency preparedness. All individuals and families are encouraged to plan for, and deal with, significant emergencies or incidents for at least the first 72 hours which includes having emergency resources on hand such as a *72 hour kit* that will provide the water, food and necessities you may need for that period of time.

Know the natural hazards and risks of our community. Make a plan for yourself, your family and your pets. Be prepared.

Resources:

- Visit the District’s website under Departments & Services for emergency planning information for individuals and families.
- Visit Government of Canada’s Emergency Preparedness website @ <http://www.getprepared.gc.ca/> for more emergency preparedness information and videos.
- Pick up Emergency Preparedness booklets in the lobby of the District of Lakeland office.
- Contact the Emergency Measures Coordinator if you would like an Emergency Preparedness presentation to your group or organization.
- Watch for material to be distributed throughout the community by the Emma and Christopher Lakes Association (ECLA).



Join us on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/DistrictOfLakelandEmergencyMeasuresOrganization>

The District of Lakeland EMO will endeavor to keep you posted during significant emergency situations via Facebook. The Facebook page will only be active in the event of an emergency or for Emergency Awareness promotions in the District.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Emergency Measures Organization, contact our Emergency Measures Coordinator (No experience necessary!)

Leslie Tucheck
 Emergency Measures Coordinator
 District of Lakeland
 Phone: 306-982-2466
 Email: leslie.tucheck@usask.ca
 Or leave a message at the District Office 306-982-2010



RM of Lakeland 521

Discounts for Early Payment of Taxes:

January 31	15%
February 28	13.75%
March 31	12.5%
April 30	11.25%
May 31	10%
June 30	8.75%
July 31	7.5%
August 31	6.25%
September 30	5%
October 31	3.75%
November 30	2.5%



(Note: The province has **removed** the prompt payment discount for school taxes)

ALL EMERGENCIES CALL

Ambulance * Fire * Police * 1st Responders



To assist emergency services have your property well marked with your

Lot#, Block# and Name of your Beach.

Spiders Around Your Home

Spiders are one of nature's most efficient methods of insect pest control because spiders feed on bugs and other spiders. Homes and buildings built near lakes typically have higher spider populations as the spiders spin webs to catch and feed on the many flying insects around the lake.

Spiders live where there is opportunity for food and housing. If spiders are around or on your home, they are probably there because other insects are present.

Unfortunately, on our lake homes and decks, the webs they use to catch insect prey usually preempts our view of the spider's beneficial behavior. But remember, not all spiders are web spinners, and there are many types of spiders that use different strategies to catch their food.

Recognition of spiders as a natural form of insect control may help you be more 'spider tolerant' but if you choose not to live with them, **your approach to spider control is important.**

Outdoor Spider Control Tips:

Eliminate the things that attract spiders:

A food source – spiders eat insects that are attracted to light

- Locate outdoor lights away from the house or better yet, turn off outdoor lights when not in use.
- Use yellow light bulbs outdoors. They attract fewer insects.
- Attract insect eating birds to your yard by providing habitat in the form of native vegetation and shrubs, nest boxes and bird baths. Include dead tree limbs and trunks. As long as they don't create a safety hazard for people, dead trees provide nesting areas and are a great food source for insectivores. Some common insect eating birds of our area are: House Wren, Baltimore Oriole, Eastern Phoebe, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Chipping Sparrow, Red-Eyed Vireo and Nuthatches.

A place to live and breed

- Do not stack wood against your house or deck.
- Remove heavy vegetation and leaf litter around your foundation.

Use non-invasive removal methods

- Use a water hose or broom to regularly remove any webs that are constructed on or around the house. Spiders often move elsewhere when their webs are regularly destroyed. Remove spider webs when spiders are not in them.
- Use peppermint or spearmint oils to repel spiders. Mix one of these oils with water and pour it into a spray bottle. Or you can put a few drops along window sills and other areas that spiders use to enter your house.
- If indoors, trap live spiders with a glass jar and a piece of stiff paper and then release them outdoors.

DO NOT use chemical pesticides

- Spraying your home with chemical pesticides such as Ectiban® can be harmful to the environment, your family and pets.
- Look for natural spider repellent recipes on the internet and try a few.

Of the thousands of spider species found in Canada, few are actually considered a health threat. They rarely bite humans and their fangs are usually too small or weak to puncture the skin. Spiders may resort to biting if accidentally trapped against the skin and some species actively guard their egg sacs. When bitten, humans may experience a slight swelling, inflammation, or itching sensation. When working in your garden, it is a good idea to wear gloves to avoid exposing yourself to unexpected spider bites. Always contact a doctor about any bite that causes you concern.

**Complete removal of spiders is not recommended
because spiders are natural, efficient pest control agents.**



District of Lakeland Environmental Advisory Committee



Please use *biodegradable bags* for garbage and pet pickup whenever possible



District of Lakeland #521

Reeve	E.E. Al Christensen	306-982-4599
Division1: Bell's Beach, Doran Park, Spruce Point, Clearsand, Rural Christopher Lake, Leval & Campbell	John Ondrusek	306-242-2759
Division 2: Birch Bay 1, 2, 3, McPhail Cove & Neis Beach	Cheryl Bauer Hyde	306-982-2079
Division3: Carwin Park, Sunnyside, Sunset Bay, Ambrose	Walter Plessl	306-931-8035
Division 4: Guise, McIntosh Point, Murray Point & Okema Beach	John Stauffer	306-982-3199
Division 5: Anglin Lake, McPhee Lake & Timber Cove	Gren Smith-Windsor	306-663-5744
District of Lakeland #521	Website	http://www.lakeland521.ca/
District of Lakeland #521	Email	office@lakeland521.ca

*****If you wish to sign up to receive the District of Lakeland newsletter – please visit their website.*****

Lakers' News: Swimming Committee Report

ECLA will be sponsoring Red Cross Swim Kids and Pre-school swimming lessons this coming summer. We will offer three two-week sessions of Red Cross lessons and Preschool Swim Lessons (ages 3-4). Through the program we instruct between 125-150 students each summer. Our program is financed primarily through registration fees. ECLA also receives a grant of \$1600.00 from the Community Grant Program, this grant offsets the wage for one instructor. The grant comes from the Saskatchewan Lotteries through the Lakeland Recreation Board. At this time I would like to thank the Lakeland Recreation Board for their continued support.

Our instructors are fully qualified through Red Cross, Royal Lifesaving and St. John's Ambulance.



The 2013 lessons will be at the following times and locations:

Levels 1-10: Swim Kids & Pre-school Swim: Murray Point: July 1 – July 12
Levels 1-10: Swim Kids & Pre-school Swim: Sunnyside Beach: July 15 – July 26
Levels 1-10: Swim Kids & Pre-school Swim: Bell's Beach: July 29 – Aug. 9

Fees will be:

Swim Kids Levels 1 – 6 \$25.00 for 2 weeks (ages 5 & up)
Swim Kids Levels 7 – 10 \$30.00 for 2 weeks (45 min. lessons)
Preschool Swim Ages 3 & 4 \$25.00 for 2 weeks



*Younger children may attend if accompanied in the water by an adult.

***ALL CHILDREN MUST BE REGISTERED BEFORE THEY ARE ALLOWED TO TAKE PART IN LESSONS!**

Registration for all sessions will take place between 11:00am and 1:00pm on the Sunday prior to the beginning of each set of lessons: **Murray Point at Fern's**, **Sunnyside at the Mini Golf**, and **Bell's Beach at the Legion**. Please bring your child's swimming report card to registration, if it is available.

PLEASE ATTEND REGISTRATIONS to enable us to organize classes before they begin!

Those not able to attend on registration day are requested to phone and register in advance. Instructors will not take fees on the beach.

In case of rain there will be dry land lessons at an alternate location near the beach, ask the instructors for this location on the first day of lessons.

If you require more information on the 2013 ECLA Swimming Program please contact Marcia Bergman @ 306-982-4295, or Isobel Afseth @ 306-982-4989 or 306-374-8705.

Saskatchewan Rivers Constituency Office

Dear Friends,

After such a cold winter I'm sure that we're all excited to settle into another comfortable summer in the Lakeland area. I would first like to thank the organizers of the 2013 issue of Lakers' News for bringing us together. This is a great way for all of us in the community to exchange news and ideas.

2012 was a fantastic year for Saskatchewan with record levels of investment, job growth and population. Our population hit an all-time of 1,086,564 last year. There are 23,024 thousand more people living in Saskatchewan. This is the largest-ever single year population increase since 1921. One of the challenges of that kind of growth is having enough work for those people. Saskatchewan came through with shining colours on that front in 2012. These are just a few of the truly impressive economic statistics for the Land of the Living Skies in 2012.

The Conference Board of Canada is predicting Saskatchewan will be number one in terms of economic growth this year, at 3.4 per cent. According to seven other major economic forecasters, Saskatchewan's growth rate will still be amongst the top in the nation.

In 2013, families will continue to benefit from our government's actions in regards to income tax. This year, a family of four will pay no provincial income tax on their first \$47,790 of income –the highest tax-free income threshold for a family of four in Canada. Since 2008, our government has taken several measures to reduce personal income taxes which, when you combine them with new tax reduction programs like the refundable Low Income Tax Reduction and Active Families Benefit, have resulted in significant savings for Saskatchewan families. By the end of this year, a family of four making \$50,000 a year will have saved over \$12,000 in taxes over the last six years.

In 2013, our government will continue to be guided by the growth plan we announced last fall – which includes balanced budgets, a population of 1.2 million by 2020 and an aggressive growth agenda with measurable targets. The Saskatchewan Plan for Growth lays out a very clear direction that means more growth, more investment and more people living and working here. Through the growth plan, we will ensure that the benefits of growth are used to improve the quality of life for you and your family.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts!

Nadine Wilson MLA
Saskatchewan Rivers
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saskrivers@sasktel.net



Emma and Anglin Park Areas

Hi everybody, I hope you all had a good winter (all six months of it).

A few improvements have taken place in the park since last year. The most exciting is the pending establishment of a new provincial park which will combine both Emma and Anglin Lake Recreation Sites into a unified provincial park. This designation will expand the land base to protect our valuable Lakeland recreation opportunities, and ecological landscape.

Murray Point Campground now has a maintenance shop to enhance operations for staff and visitors alike.

Anderson Point Campground has been paved, which will provide much improved access and dust control for our visitors.

The reserve-a-site system has continued to evolve, making it easier for visitors to complete their campsite bookings. For more information go to www.saskparks.net.

For our long time campers at Murray Point please make note that the campsite numbering system has been altered to reflect true numerical pattern and to ease confusion when reserving a campsite.

There are plenty of family friendly events and programs planned at both Emma and Anglin Lake for 2013 so stop by the park office or check the website in June for a complete listing.

Have a safe and happy summer.

Kelly Loftus, Park Supervisor
Emma and Anglin Lakes Recreation Sites



Greetings From The Lakeland Snowmobile Club



Once again we had a super year of riding some great trails. There were unfortunately some special challenges our club faced. The huge windstorms of last summer created havoc on many of our trails. Hats off to the trail cleaning crew for getting these trails re-opened. The other challenge came in the form of early snow which created some dangerous ice conditions. Many of the smaller lakes in the area were not safe to cross with the groomer due to the snow acting as insulation and preventing a good solid freeze. Further as any snowmobiler out there this year saw – even the big lakes were covered with slush making grooming impossible. The club is currently looking into an alternate route to avoid Bell Lake in the west, as that prevented grooming there for the entire season. Next year country!! Snowmobile licensing helps the clubs financially to provide grooming, however the costs of keeping trails cleared & signed, groomer purchases and fuel are greater than the funding provided, so we are still actively fundraising and looking for volunteers to help.

If you wish to become a member, make a donation or volunteer your time please call 306-982-2618 or 306-982-4805 and we will gladly give you the information you need.

Our mailing address is: RR#1, Site 7, Comp 55, Christopher Lake S0J 0N0 or

Email: rothenburg@inet2000.com

Have a great summer and we look forward to some super sledding next winter. Our first general meeting is the 3rd Tuesday of October each year. Everyone is welcome.

District of Lakeland Environmental Advisory Committee 2012 Activities

The Environmental Advisory Committee is a committee of the Council of the District of Lakeland and is made up of 8 volunteer members representing the four lakes in the District and/or associations. The committee is chaired by a Councilor of the District. The current committee is made up of representatives from Emma, Christopher, Anglin and McPhee lakes.

The role of the committee is to advise Council on environmental issues within the District. The 2012 year has been a busy year for the committee. The following are some of the important issues which the committee has been involved in:



1. Spruce Budworm Infestation: Completion of a detailed report on the Investigation into the Spruce Budworm presented to Council to assist in understanding the magnitude of the issues related to Budworm and the methods used to control outbreaks including the use of BtK (Foray).
2. Re-cycling Initiatives: Recommendations re: number and location of bins for cardboard, paper and now plastics
3. Water Quality Testing: Regular testing of water quality in the four lakes
4. District Education Program
 - Design and Production of Brochures for mail out to ratepayers to advise on environmental issues
 - Information Table in District Office foyer
 - Nurture Nature program
5. Lake Signage designed for: boat launches, re loon alert, NO WAKE, Invasive species
6. Lake Management Plan: preliminary work on plan with meeting with U of S School of Environment and Sustainability

This year has been a busy one. There are members of this committee who are passionate about the work we do and the influence we can bring to the direction of the District in areas affecting the environment now and in the future. It has been a pleasure working with them.

John Stauffer

Chairman, Councilor District 4



SK Environment Report

The Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport continue to work together to ensure that the public can enjoy the time they spend in the Lakeland area in a safe and environmentally friendly manner.

It is anticipated that runoff levels in the Lakeland area will be high this year, possibly approaching record levels though this will be very dependent on the speed of the spring thaw. This will create challenges for local governments as well as individual property owners. While some draining and diversion may be required, remember that when water is re-routed, it may create a problem for someone else.

The upside to a good runoff is that spawning conditions for fish should be good in all areas. In the interest of our future fish populations, activity in shallow and marshy areas should be avoided. These areas also are important nesting and brood areas for most of our shorebirds.

In the area of problem wildlife, bear complaints have been down, and while several problem bears had to be relocated, one had to be put down after it was injured by a vehicle.

Most problem bears are the result of careless garbage management, or bird feeders. Leaving garbage out for several days in hot weather is an open invitation to a bear visit. Once bears get habituated to human garbage, they will keep coming back, forgetting about foraging for their natural food. The same thing will occur with bird feeders particularly when high oil seeds like sunflowers are used. Bears have a great sense of smell and will pick up on these food sources from a long distance. Bears are a common animal throughout the Lakeland area and the mere sighting of a bear should not be a cause for alarm. As long as bears and people maintain a healthy respect for each other co-existence will not be a problem.

Once again there will be a ban on the possession or consumption of alcohol on all Provincial Park lands including Recreation sites on the May Long-weekend. This has traditionally been considered the start of the summer season as well as a "party weekend" and inappropriate use of alcohol has been the root cause of many problems.

Conservation Officers will continue to co-operate with other law enforcement agencies such as the RCMP and District of Lakeland Enforcement and Protective Services in matters of public safety including small vessels operation and all-terrain vehicle use.

Keith Dahl
Conservation Officer



ECLA Membership Committee Report

A big Thank You goes out to all of our members who continued to support the work of the ECLA by purchasing a membership in 2012 through the mail or from a Beach Rep. A very special **Thank You** to all of our Beach Reps who again contributed countless hours of their time to collect the membership fee and act as your representative to the Board.

In 2013 we are looking to fill a number of Beach Rep positions. Due to vacancies in 2012, we were unable to get to each household and therefore our memberships were down from the previous year. You can assist us by purchasing a membership by mailing in the application found in this newsletter or by filling out an application at the District of Lakeland office. If you would like to serve your association in this way on an individual basis or you would like to work with some of your friends and neighbors, please contact us. Your Beach Reps play a very vital role in the organization, so please take a minute or two to talk to them and express any concerns or ideas you may have. All of your concerns will be answered and passed along to the Board or the appropriate organization.

Wayne Hyde
Membership Chair



Citizens on Patrol Inc.

**CRIME
STOPPERS**

Our ninth year has begun. This past year we continued our Education Program that provided residents and visitors with information and tips on keeping their property and belongings safe. Watch for information in the Cabin Stuffer and Vacationland News and our brochures located at businesses and offices throughout the District.

Last year we focused on the reporting of incidents to the R.C.M.P. There was a bit of movement in this area however not enough is being reported. Many people think that if they report to the R.C.M.P. their insurance rates will increase. In no way is your report to the R.C.M.P. passed on to any insurance company. It is **imperative** that all incidents are reported. In the fall of 2012 we had a rash of batteries taken (at least 60) from mobile trailers and equipment. Unfortunately the batteries only bring \$10 - \$20 at most from a battery depot but are very expensive to replace. It is of note that batteries have a serial number on them so it may be worth while to record it.

In May of 2012 we were again asked by the R.C.M.P. to help patrol during the May Long Weekend. A number of members participated and we found that the R.C.M.P.s' plan was well coordinated. There were 17 R.C.M.P. officers assigned from the P.A. Rural and District Detachment (pretty well all their members) that patrolled Emma and Christopher Lakes almost exclusively, rotating on 12 hour shifts beginning on Friday morning. As the Hell's Angels held a "Corporate Retreat" in the area for a second year, there were also a number of officers from Regina & Saskatoon involved. We were unable to obtain an incident report for the weekend.

The R.C.M.P. stepped up their patrol of the beaches at the South end of Emma which helped with the noise levels. Many areas of the lakes again reported a quieter weekend than the previous year. You can see that the R.C.M.P. had a major presence in our area and we would like to acknowledge their efforts and say **"Thank You"**. Also **"Thanks"** to our volunteer patrollers who participated.

The Traffic Division was also out in full force and unfortunately there was one fatality. A family lost a husband and father who was on his way to join his family at the lake for the weekend. All because of a drunk driver.

In 2012 we again anticipated a significant expense regarding the permanent placement of our signs. The reconstruction of the road to Murray Point necessitated the removal of our signs at all beach entrances along this road. As you all know the road is still not finished and the frustration level for residents is rising.

In the past we have had some of our signs damaged or go missing and they are very expensive to replace, so if you see anyone damaging or removing these signs, please be sure to report it to the R.C.M.P.

We wish to thank those residents who made a donation to our program in 2012. The funds you provide us help to defray the costs of signage and programs. We certainly appreciate your financial help.

We are always in need of patrollers. Key times for patrolling are after the long weekend in September and through the winter months into June. Even if you are available for a short period of time during the year we can use your help to patrol. We will provide you with the necessary training. Applications are available at the District of Lakeland No. 521 Office, Village of Christopher Lake Office or Ambrose Store and once completed you must take them into the Prince Albert Detachment for a criminal record check. The criminal record check is free for our applicants. Once approved it can be dropped off at the same locations. Be sure your phone number is included so we can contact you.

If you wish to make a donation or just need more information;
please contact us at Lakeland COP Inc., P.O. Box 379, Christopher Lake, Sask., S0J 0N0.

HELP US TO HELP YOU KEEP YOUR PROPERTY SAFE AND REDUCE CRIME IN OUR COMMUNITY

On behalf of the Executive and Patrollers of the Lakeland Citizens on Patrol Program
"Thank You" for your ongoing support.



CITIZENS ON PATROL PROGRAM



Lakeland Curling Club

Well another year of curling is over. Time to put the brooms away and get the clubs out. Our leagues ran from Monday to Friday. Although our membership was down, we still managed to have some junior programs, Family night, Senior curling and Wednesday and Friday night leagues. We encourage any new comers to the area to come on out and get some exercise and have some fun – join a league or put your name on the spare list.

We are busy with plans to expand the curling rink and make it more of a Community Center. We are very close to a getting a final plan in place. We are hoping to put a cement floor in so that the building will be a year round facility. We are also planning to put in a lift for easier access. Some upgrades to the present building and an addition are also in the works. Watch for more info over the summer.

We are planning our 3rd Annual Ladies Night Out again. This is one of our major fund raisers. Thanks to all you ladies who attended in the past. Watch for details in Vacationland News. Get your tickets early.

Finally thanks to all our volunteers who generously donate their time to keep the Lakeland Curling Club a fun to place to spend the winter.

Charlene Goodwin
President

Free Weeks at Landfill for Yard Refuse

(Only: small branches, grass, leaves, garden growth or weeds)

May 18th – 25th

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Oct 12th – 19th



Bring refuse in a reusable container and empty or Bundle & Tie branches/weeds
PLEASE DO NOT leave plastic bags with your environmentally friendly material.

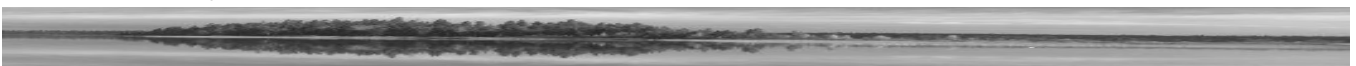
There will be NO Yard Refuse Pickups in 2013

Spruce River Diversion Project – 2012 Operational Summary

In 2012 water levels on all 3 lakes (Anglin, Emma and Christopher) were close to and slightly above the top of their operating range throughout the entire year. Operations were not required for the most part and lakes were allowed to operate on their own. Anglin Lake was drawn down late in the year to be closer to the bottom of the range to allow for some capacity during the spring.

Looking forward to 2013, there is a high probability that all three lakes will require some kind of operation in the spring. Current snow conditions show that the area is above average and Christopher and Emma Lakes were both at the top of their range in the fall. Anglin Lake will likely be surcharged slightly above its FSL to allow us to operate the pump. The pump has not been operated the last 3 years. We don't envision a long period of operation for the pump unless water levels in July and August warrant it.

If you have any questions give me a call.
Al Keller
Senior Technician
Water Security Agency of Saskatchewan
North Battleford, SK.



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Prince Albert Sailing Club

The **CANsail Sailing School** will be held Mon-Fri, **July 1-5, 2013** at Birch Bay. This school is open to everyone over the age of 12. The **Optimist Sailing School** will be Thurs-Fri, **July 4-5, 2013** for ages 8-12 with swimming ability. These programs will give you an opportunity to experience the amazing sport of sailing with two provincial sailing instructors. The sailboats are 420's, a 2-person dinghy that offer an exciting hands-on-experience. Sailing is a great family sport so discounts are offered. Our Provincial Sailing Coach will teach the Optimist program in boats suited for 8-12 year olds. We are located at Birch Bay, Stage 1 and have on-site camping.

Registration for sailing school is online at <http://sasksailingmobile.checkclick.com/online-registration>

On the August long weekend, we held a Cruise the Lake event that was well attended. The lake filled with many Hobies and assorted other boats enjoying the weather and fair winds. This summer we will host a **Club Cruising Weekend**, Sat-Mon, **Aug 3-5, 2013** with a potluck supper and Après Evening Social.

Our **Annual Open Regatta** is Sat-Mon, **Aug 31-Sep 2, 2013**. We will host many Provincial Championships in a series of races over the 3 days. To register, please drop-in to our clubhouse on Aug 31 before noon. Our annual Regatta BBQ will be on Aug 31 and tickets are available in the clubhouse.

For more information about the Prince Albert Sailing Club, please contact our Commodore, **Paul Ross at 306-765-6605** or pross@pahpr.sk.ca

A sailor is an artist whose medium is the wind. Webb Chiles.

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover. Mark Twain



Please Do Not Dump Grass Clippings, Leaves, Etc.
Into Ditches, Roadsides or Bushes



Leaves and grass are the most common types of illegally dumped waste. Even though yard waste is biodegradable it can adversely affect our Lakeland environment. While it decomposes, it becomes an attraction for pests that can then spread disease throughout the community. As well, the dry branches, leaves and grass clippings can quickly become a potential fire starter that could devastate our treasured homes. These piles of debris can also smother small plants that are just beginning to grow, as well as introduce weeds that could threaten our natural landscape.

**We live near some of the most beautiful lakes in Saskatchewan
& we all have a responsibility to protect Lakeland.**

Please take your yard waste to the landfill instead of dumping it in our "backyards".



(SEE PAGE 11 FOR DATES OF FREE YARD REFUSE DISPOSAL)



The Christopher Lake Public Library

A Member of the Wapiti Regional Library

Christopher Lake Library is located in the District of Lakeland building, Christopher Lake. Some of the programs we offered in 2012 included the Alphabet Soup program which encourages parents to read with their children and prepare healthy snacks; author readings: Harold Fisher, Dave Halstead, Arlette Laird, Gail Bowen, Todd Devonshire; Tai Chi Chih classes; mosaic stepping stone creation; emergency preparedness; basic keyboarding; and perennial garden tour.

Some reasons to visit the Library:

- the Stitch and Laugh group meets at 2 pm on Wednesday
- no-cost wireless internet access for your computer use
- access to all Saskatchewan library materials (order, borrow and return items)
- 24/7 book drop located outside the building
- books, magazines, computer access, friendly & knowledgeable staff



If you're on Facebook, you can find us at **Friends of Christopher Lake Library**, and also check out the Lakeland Area Community Board. Watch Vacationland News for upcoming events and Library news.

If you have DVDs that you no longer watch and/or have run out of storage room, please consider donating them to the Library. Drop by during our open hours or use the book drop; we'll put them into our collection so that they are available to all Library users.

Our hours of service: Wednesday 1:00 – 7:30 pm
Thursday 12:00 – 7:30 pm

Contact us at (306)982-4763 or email: chrcirc@wapitilibrary.ca



Wapiti Regional Library
 Serving Central Saskatchewan



Please Remember to Use Recycling Bins throughout Lakeland for:

Paper Products: paper, magazines and folded cardboard
 Plastics: any plastic or plastic bags that have the



Report from our Reeve, Al Christensen

This year the District of Lakeland will join the Fire Co-operative, and ECLA in holding our information meetings together on July 6th. Mark this on your 2013 Calendar and plan to attend. We are planning a short video on emergency preparedness as part of our agenda. Our Emergency Measures Co-ordinator, Leslie Tuchek, will be providing information on our Emergency Response Plans and how you can help the District with this important function.



The District hired Bio Forest Technologies, to review the damage caused by Spruce Budworms within our municipality. They reported to council in February that the areas with severe infestations were Carwin Park and McPhail Cove/Birch Bay. Areas sprayed by the province last year were Murray Point and Anderson Point campgrounds. Council will make a decision in late March as part of our budget deliberations as to whether we will participate in spraying areas this year. Council had referred this matter to our Environmental Advisory Committee and they prepared an excellent paper for our consideration.

Our District is continuing to work with the RM of Paddockwood and the Village of Candle Lake on a Planning For Growth initiative sponsored in part by Saskatchewan Municipal Affairs. One of the results from this program will be a District Planning Commission, which will include all lands controlled by the three municipalities. We are pleased with the co-operation shown by all of these governing bodies. The Planning Commission will be operational later this year.

In closing I would like to welcome you back to Lakeland for the summer. Enjoy your leisure activities, but play safe.

Emma & Christopher Lakes Association (ECLA)

The Emma and Christopher Lakes Association (ECLA) works for and on behalf of our members throughout the year in a number of ways. *Please let the Board members or your Beach Rep know what initiatives you think are important! Names and phone numbers are available on the District of Lakeland website or contact Wayne Hyde at 306-982-2079 or bauerhyde@gmail.com.*

Your annual dues of \$10.00 are used to support the following initiatives:

- **Annual publication and distribution of *Lakers' News* to those with a current membership**
- **Involvement in various Water Quality initiatives**
- **Support of Environmental Awareness issues**
- **Provide Beach Reps for each beach area on Emma and Christopher Lakes**
- **Interaction with various levels of government**
- **Provide financial support to the local Citizens on Patrol Program (COPP)**
- **Provide Red Cross multi-level swimming lessons at various beaches around Emma and Christopher Lakes during July and August.**



The ECLA is in need of volunteers for our Executive and Beach Reps positions. Please consider joining our executive. You do not have to be a year-round resident.

Lakeland & District Co-operative Volunteer Fire Department

Box 372, Christopher Lake, Saskatchewan S0J 0N0

Lakers' News Report For 2013

The Lakeland Fire Department responded to a total of 178 emergency calls in 2012 - 96 Medical, 44 Fires, 27 MVA's, 5 Rescue and 4 Other. We see a pattern of seven to ten percent increase in call volume annually over the past 5 years.

The Board appointed Chris McShannock as Fire Chief for the 2013 year. The Board also appointed Blaine Hewitt and Kevin Hoodle as Deputy Fire Chiefs, to assist the Fire Chief with day to day operations. We currently operate with 22 crew members. The crew are all volunteers and respond to calls with an amazing dedication to helping the community. If anyone is interested in volunteering, you may obtain an application from our website: www.lakelandfirecoop.ca.

The crew and directors achieved a goal in March when Lakeland Fire Department took delivery of another new custom built 2013 Freightliner pumper tanker unit, which is stationed at the Paddockwood Fire Hall. This goal was accomplished by frugal spending and as a result of the levy increase to \$100.00 annually in each municipality within our jurisdiction.

A modern and more powerful "Jaws of Life" was purchased and mounted on the new pumper truck, facilitating more efficient extrication services to the public.

Another project currently on the go is the new training center being added onto the Christopher Lake Fire Hall. We have added 2000 square feet to be used as office space, meeting room, kitchen, additional washrooms, training space and workout equipment to ensure the crew are physically prepared for on call duties.

Donations received throughout the year are sincerely appreciated, we would like to thank all those groups and individuals who have donated - any size of donation makes a difference.

You are invited to attend our Open House on Friday, May 17, 2013 from 4:30 to 7:30 pm at the Christopher Lake Fire Hall. We want to say "Thank You" and will be offering FREE hotdogs, hamburgers, refreshments, and cake as our token of appreciation. It's a great opportunity to view the equipment that your fire levy payments have resulted in, as well as meeting our Chiefs, Crewmembers and Directors.



Dale Kuhling
Board of Directors - Chairperson



IF YOU CARE, LEAVE THEM THERE



The proper approach to "orphaned" wildlife.

Spring is the best time to remember that wild animals belong in the wild. Too often, well-meaning people pick up animals, particularly white-tailed deer fawns and young birds and hares, mistakenly believing that these animals have been orphaned or abandoned. This is almost never the case. The parent animals are nearby, waiting for the human threat to leave, so that they may resume caring for their offspring.



The spotted coat of a fawn provides camouflage while the instinct to remain motionless further helps avoid visual detection by predators. Fawns lack a distinctive scent during their first two weeks of life, preventing predators from keying-in via their sense of smell. Even the doe limits her contact with the fawn, only visiting occasionally to nurse. If you encounter a fawn curled-up in sheltering cover, **leave it there!** Pass by quickly and allow the deer to take full advantage of the protection nature has provided. If you flush a young deer out of its cover, leave the area immediately so the adult may find it again.



As young songbirds develop they soon outgrow the limited space of a nest and they leave the nest before they are able to fly. They move about the ground and low branches, often for several days. The adult birds continue to care for the youngsters, answering the chicks' demanding calls with regular deliveries of worms and insects. Resist the urge to pick up a baby bird. **Leave it there!** The scolding calls coming from the nearby tree are likely the adult birds, voicing their disapproval while they wait for you to leave.



Many people who find baby hares alone think they are orphaned. They are not. Baby hares commonly "freeze" in the face of danger making caring people think they are lost and scared. This is normal survival strategy. The female hare will leave the young for long periods of time so she does not attract predators to her young. She returns to feed them in the evening and into the night. Wild hares are high stress animals and will almost certainly die in captivity.

To help young wildlife:

- keep pets, particularly cats, indoors
- leash dogs at all times
- remind children not to approach or handle wildlife and teach them the simple philosophy: **"If you care, leave them there!"**
- DO NOT consider young wildlife as possible pets. This is illegal and is bad for the animal. Wild animals are not well suited for life in captivity and they may carry diseases that can be transmitted to people or domestic pets.

**If you find a 'truly' orphaned or injured wild animal or bird immediately call:
Wildlife Rehabilitation Society of Saskatchewan @ 306-242-7177 or
Christopher Lake SK Environment Field Office @ 306-982-6282**



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Home A/V Equipment (vcr, dvd, bluray, pvr, dvr, turntables, amps & receivers, radios, cable & satellite receivers),

Personal A/V Equipment (dvd, mp3, radios, tape players, CD, cameras, baby monitors, camcorders)



For More information: <http://www.sweepit.ca/>



ECLA Beach Representatives:

Beach	Beach Rep	Lake	Home	Email
Bell's Beach	Vacant			
Birch Bay 1 & 2	Leanne Chongva	306-982-2269		lchongva@hotmail.com
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Clearsand	Vacant			
Doran Park	Vacant			
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ECLA Committee Chairs:

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Environment	Vacant	
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ECLA Officers:

President	Earla Brandt	306-982-2646
Vice President	Vacant	
Secretary	Vacant	
Treasurer	Gisele Nogier	306-982-2241



ECLA Webpage: www.rmlakeland521.ca (community links)

ECLA 2013 Membership Application

Name(s): _____
 Beach: _____ Lot: _____ Block: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City/Town: _____ Postal Code: _____
 Home Phone: (____) _____ Lake Phone: (____) _____
 Email: _____

Are you interested in volunteering for ECLA Executive / Beach Representative positions:

Yes No Contact me with additional information

Purchase a 2013 membership by mailing a \$10.00 cheque payable to:

Emma & Christopher Lakes Association (ECLA)

Box 96, Christopher Lake, SK, S0J 0N0

or drop it off at the District of Lakeland office in Christopher Lake