

BUCK LAKE NEWS

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ASSOCIATION NEWS & EVENTS

2025 Membership. We are now receiving annual membership dues for 2025. The dues are still only \$25 per year and help to support all the activities and initiatives undertaken by the Buck Lake Association. If you and your family haven't previously joined, please check out www.BuckLake.ca/Membership and consider becoming part of the Buck Lake Association (BLA). E-transfers can be sent to BuckLakeAssoc@gmail.com

Annual General Meeting. We welcome all members of the Buck Lake Association to our Annual General Meeting on Saturday, July 26. The meeting will start promptly at 10:00 am at Harris Park Hall at 5612 Perth Rd. Crescent, in Perth Road Village. The BLA constitution requires a quorum of 20% of members to be in attendance at the AGM. As we do not always achieve this goal, we kindly request that if you are unable to attend in person, that you please email a completed [proxy form](#) (scan or picture) to BuckLakeAssoc@gmail.com by Friday, July 25, 2025.



The White Trillium is Ontario's official flower, symbolizing peace and hope.

Photo by Scott Lillis

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BE ON LOOKOUT FOR INVASIVE SPECIES, BIODIVERSITY THREATS AS WARMER WEATHER SETTLES IN ONTARIO

BY NICK WESTOLL, CITYNEWS TORONTO

As warmer weather settles into Ontario and we're enjoying the outdoors, the head of an environmental non-profit organization is encouraging people to report invasive species and biodiversity threats.

"Invasive species are one of the second leading causes of why we're losing biodiversity, so it's a really tangible issue that people can become involved in and help support concrete action," Colin Cassin, executive director of the [Invasive Species Centre](#), told CityNews.

"Ultimately, our systems, our economy, are built on thriving biodiversity and important habitat types as well that are really based on the foundation of life that sustains us all. So where we are and how we're doing in terms of our environment and economy are inextricably linked."

The Invasive Species Centre was one of many organizations that recently celebrated International Day for Biodiversity.

"Biodiversity is all the living critters and creatures that make our ecosystems go, the ecosystems that our economy and society rely on, and so protecting them and protecting the space that they occupy is critically important in making sure we're doing right by them but also right by us," Cassin said.

There isn't a shortage of issues facing scientists in Ontario and Canada.

Water soldier, an aquatic plant with pointy, jagged leaves similar to the top of a pineapple, and sea lamprey, a fish characterized as having vampire-like teeth that can bite other fish, are among the emerging threats the Invasive Species Centre is monitoring.

Last year, boxwood shrubs — a popular choice for Ontario property owners — were under threat due to invasive pests. There was also a surge in reports of the toxic hammerhead worm.

As CityNews reported in 2023, oak wilt was detected in the country for the first time.

It's a disease that attacks oak trees and neighbouring trees that are connected by roots underground. The disease can actually spread from one tree to another.

So if we see a rapid decline in an oak this year, it's good to Google oak wilt and make a report," Cassin said.

One invasive species that's made headlines in recent years is LDD moth (formerly known as gypsy moth). Experts said we aren't expected to see it return this coming year as it's at the bottom of the lifecycle.

As for what's contributing to the rise of certain invasive species, Cassin said climate change is a major part of the issue.

"What we used to have in many parts of Canada were cold winters, which were ultimately a backstop in terms of suppressing invasive species populations. (It's) hard for some of those forest pests and bugs and critters to overwinter," he said.

"With [shorter] duration and cold-temperature winters, sometimes we do see that some of those populations, the buffer, the default insurance policy we used to have of cold winters, isn't suppressing some of their populations."

Cassin gave the following suggestions on ways to minimize the potential spread in Ontario and beyond:

- Don't transport firewood out of the neighbourhood or community it originated from to stop pests from spreading
- Try to plant species native to the community, consult experts at your local nursery
- Diversify plants and trees in case invasive species come along that target a certain type of plant or tree
- Don't release invasive species of fish (e.g. goldfish) into natural bodies of water as it could potentially affect native aquatic life
- Report sightings of invasive pests and fungi to authorities as those can be plotted on mapping applications available to the public like [EDDMapS](#)

"Reporting invasive species is really key. The earlier we can find new invasive species, the better chance we have at having a positive success story in terms of early intervention and management," Cassin said.

For more on how to report sightings of invasive species and threats to biodiversity, [click here](#).

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CHANGES TO RECYCLING

BY SCOTT LILLIS WITH INFORMATION FROM
SOUTH FRONTENAC TOWNSHIP

Starting July 1, 2025, the Township and many other communities across Ontario, will no longer be responsible for the provision of recycling services for residential properties. The Ontario government, under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016 (O. Reg 391/21), is holding producers responsible for recycling the products that they produce. The new recycling program will be managed by [Circular Materials](#).

There are a few notable updates to recycling collection for our area, beginning this week:

- **New Pickup Day:** Recycling will now be collected on Fridays for everyone on Buck Lake by Emterra, who is taking over collection duties from the Township.
- **Holiday Schedule:** Unlike the previous system, collection days will remain the same even on holidays, with the exception of Christmas Day and New Year's Day. When those holidays fall on a Friday, pickup will take place the following day (Saturday).
- ➤ For Buck Lake, this change won't affect us until December 26, 2026, and January 2, 2027.

To view or download the updated 2025 recycling schedule, [click here](#). We have also included the schedule on the next page of this newsletter for easy access.

What's Changing in the Bins?

The main sorting change is that corrugated cardboard will now be collected during Yellow Week instead of Blue Week. Also, glass bottles and jars will now be collected with other containers during Blue Week.

Need help sorting your recycling? Visit the [Recycling Wizard](#) on the South Frontenac Township website to check what goes where and to stay updated on guidelines.

Contact Information

The Township will have no control over recycling collection after July 1, 2025. If your recycling was missed, you have a damaged box or you have questions about collection, please contact Emterra at:

- Phone: 1-888-597-1541
- Email: customercareont@emterra.ca
- Website: CircularMaterials.ca/southfrontenac



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2025 recycling
collection schedule

Recycling tips:

- ✓ Have recycling to the curb by 7 a.m.
- ✓ Ensure materials are clean, dry and loose in your recycling.
- ✓ Flatten cardboard to save space.
- ✓ Give containers a quick rinse.

Recycling collection questions?

Contact Emterra

1-888-597-1541

customerareont@emterra.ca

circularmaterials.ca/southfrontenac

- Missed collections
- Replacement bins
- Other recycling questions

July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	3	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

Collection zone legend

Week 1

Week 1: Blue bin - containers

Week 2

Week 2: Yellow bin - paper/fibres

Holiday schedule:

Recycling will be collected on all holidays except Christmas and New Year's Day. If your collection day falls on these holidays, your recycling will be collected the following day.

Starting July 1, 2025, your recycling collection day may change.

To determine your day of pick up, visit circularmaterials.ca/southfrontenac.

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Annual General Meeting

Saturday, July 26, 2025

10:00 am

Harris Park Hall

5612 Perth Road Crescent

Perth Road Village



The BLA Wants Your Photos!

As we begin to really settle into the Summer season here on Buck Lake please keep us in mind when photographing flora, fauna, landscapes, and human activities on the lake! Please send your photos to BuckLakeAssoc@gmail.com and include your name and any other information you have (location of photo, camera data, etc.)



Scott Lillis

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INTRODUCING FIRE SMOKE CANADA

Welcome to the Canadian portal for information about wildland fire weather and smoke. From here you can access the BlueSky Canada smoke forecasts, fire weather forecasts, fire information, and the BlueSky Playground. The Weather Forecast Research Team at the University of British Columbia produces these research forecasts with support from multiple agencies. These tools and data serve professionals in the air quality, health & safety, emergency management, and science & research communities as well as the public. We are also a community of practice that advances policies, plans & organizations to address wildland fire and smoke issues.

At times last month, Ontario experienced severely poor air quality as a result of wildfire smoke blowing across the country, and some impacts are still being felt. Track fire smoke forecasts by clicking [here](https://firesmoke.ca/) or on the graphic.

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<https://firesmoke.ca/>

Smoke Forecasts



High resolution, interactive forecasts of hourly, daily average and daily maximum concentrations of PM2.5 smoke particles at ground level from wildfires.

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Friends of the Lake uses this column to share useful links and information to help promote a healthy lake for everyone's enjoyment.

FISH HABITAT PROGRAMS

With the steady increase in development along our lake and rivers, critical fish habitat is being compromised and degraded. Watersheds Canada in partnership with local organizations is working to protect, enhance, and restore freshwater fish habitats. These include walleye and trout spawning bed restorations, cold-water creek enhancements, and adding woody debris with brush bundle projects.

<https://watersheds.ca/our-work/habitat-programs/>

RESOURCES

If you are looking for information on planting native vegetation, maintaining a shoreland buffer, invasive species, engaging your community in stewardship projects or something else that's impacting your shoreland and lake, chances are we have it here! These resources are free to share and distribute thanks to the input and support of granting organizations, private foundations, steering committees, and community partners.

<https://watersheds.ca/our-work/resources/>

A LANDOWNER'S GUIDE TO COMMON BUCKTHORN

Common buckthorn (also known as European buckthorn) is a small shrub or tree native to Eurasia. It was introduced to North America in the 1880s as an ornamental shrub and was widely planted for fencerows and windbreaks in agricultural fields. Since then it has spread aggressively throughout southern Ontario and in other provinces. Common buckthorn can thrive in a wide range of soil and light conditions, enabling it to invade a variety of habitats. It is most often found in woodlands and open fields, where it forms dense stands under which few other plants can grow. Buckthorn can spread widely with the help of birds and animals that eat its fruit, carry the seeds long distances and deposit them in their droppings. Stands of buckthorn can invade roadsides, riverbanks, mature forests, farm fields and hydro corridors.

Impacts of Common Buckthorn

- Buckthorn thrives in a variety of habitats and forms dense thickets that crowd and shade out native plants. It can alter nitrogen levels in the soil, creating better conditions for its own growth and discouraging the growth of native species.
- It produces large numbers of seeds that germinate quickly and prevent the natural growth of native trees and shrubs.
- The shrub can host oat rust, a fungus that causes leaf and crown rust and affects the yield and quality of oats.
- The soybean aphid, an insect that damages soybean crops, can use buckthorn as a host plant to survive the winter. Because it can affect agricultural crops, common buckthorn is listed as a noxious weed under Ontario's Weed Control Act.

INVASIVE



Common buckthorn
(*Rhamnus cathartica*)

Details

- Grows in drier areas
- Often two to three metres tall; can reach six metres
- Twigs end in sharp thorn
- Usually opposite leaves with finely toothed edges

Look for twigs ending in sharp thorns.

Image and Information retrieved from:
<https://www.invasivespecies.com/invasers/plants/common-buckthorn-2/>



LAKE & TRAILS FESTIVAL

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Celebrate the natural beauty of South Frontenac.

Join us for trail rides and runs, water based activities, yoga, food, live music, and so much more!

Date: July 12, 2025

Location: The Point Park, Sydenham

Time: 10AM - 4PM

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TOWNSHIP NOTICES

- We've updated our [Road Closures and Construction page](#) with details on the main road construction projects planned this summer including maps of where the work will take place.
- **Fire and Rescue Survey.** South Frontenac Fire & Rescue has developed a community [survey](#) that will help them to review the Townships emergency services. Your answers will help them to develop a comprehensive fire master plan for SF Fire and Rescue.
- **Road Closure for Work on Fish Creek Bridge.** Please be advised that Bob's Lake Road will be closed to all traffic between Walleye Lane and Morton Point Lane starting Wednesday, July 2, 2025, through Tuesday, September 30, 2025.
- **Beats by the Beach.** South Frontenac's beloved summer tradition is back with a fresh new name. Join us to enjoy local live music in a relaxing, picturesque waterfront setting on Saturday, July 19th and Saturday, August 16th from 1-3 pm.

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28 - Rideau Lakes
August
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11 - Rideau Lakes
18 - Evergreen
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SUMMERTIME FUN!

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This summer I will:

My summer goals:

My favorite summer treat:

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Summer Time

1. Parrot 2. Watermelon 3. Whale 4. Bird 5. Palm 6. Airplane 7. Sunscreen 8. Cocktail 9. Skydiving 10. Sun

NAME THAT BIRD!

Can you identify the species of bird that was photographed here on Buck Lake?

The answer and information about the species will be provided on our website - under the Kid's Corner tab.

I SPY SUMMER

Shorts _____

Goggles _____

Sun _____

Beach chair _____

Ice cream _____

Watermelon _____

Beach ball _____

Sailboat _____

Dolphin _____

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