

SHORELINE RESTORATION

We believe it is important to continue our involvement in the shoreline restoration project initiated in 2007 to bring the shoreline back to its natural state.

This year, the APLG will carry out the project for its members without the Municipality. APLG members can purchase plants that help the shoreline at a low price.

The members of the Board of Directors are offering to deliver plants and shrubs to your cottage at no charge on May 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you can't be there, make arrangements with a neighbour to take care of your plants.

Send your order form with a cheque to the APLG by May 1, 2009. You could add your annual \$15 membership fee to the cheque.

The pamphlet included herein lists the available plants with planting information. All prices include taxes.

Please include your name, lake address and directions, if necessary, to assist us with the delivery.

For information, contact:

By email, info@aplg.ca

By phone, Nicole Tousignant at 819-428-7441.

ENVIRONMENT DAY

June 6

This year's environment day being organized by the municipality of Duhamel will take place **on June 6** and will focus on septic systems. This is obviously a topic of interest to all, since we all have a septic system that releases phosphorus in the environment, to a greater or lesser extent, that promotes the growth of blue-green algae and damages the lake.

You will have the opportunity to hear Professor Chris Kinsley, researcher from Guelph University, who will present the various problems we could face and the types of systems to deal with them.

Corine Dubois will deal with topics such as biodiversity, protected areas and recovery programs (computers, fluorescent bulbs, batteries, etc).

There will also be an update on the Municipality's project to take over septic pumping in 2010.

The detailed program should be available in the coming weeks.

INTERNET

With the installation of a tower at Pointe-à-Baptiste, high speed internet is now available to many residents of Lac Gagnon. Those interested in such service should contact the Xittel authorized agent, Alain Paré, at 819-790-9021.

PETITE-NATION WATERSHED

On March 5, 2009, the Quebec Minister of the Environment, Line Beauchamp, announced that the government would be granting an additional \$15M in assistance for watershed organizations.

The watershed management zones in Quebec have been completely re-divided, which has resulted in adding two watersheds in our region, Petite-Nation and Rouge.

We will finally have financial and human resources to handle the management of the Petite-Nation watershed. Managing the watershed through the common efforts of all users is critical to maintaining water quality. The Petite-Nation watershed committee's mandate will be to prepare an analysis of our waterway and promote measures to ensure the longevity of this resource, which is key to the local economy and our reason for being here.

The many questions that come to mind, such as how the committee will be set up, how it will interact with the Rouge river committee, whether it will be part of an existing organization such as "Agir pour la Diable" should be answered in the coming days.

This news is the result of two years of work by the Gagnon and Simon lake associations.

GARBAGE COLLECTION

A new temporary garbage pick-up [schedule](#) for April and May has been posted by the municipality of Duhamel.

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Membership

This issue of Remous is being mailed to all Lac Gagnon property owners. If there is a [2009 membership form](#) included in the mailing, we haven't received your 2009 membership fees, which are still set at a low price of \$15 per year. Please send in your membership fees as soon as possible.

Please note that this year's annual meeting of the APLG will be held on Saturday, June 27 (more details to come in the next issue of Remous).

HYDRO-QUÉBEC PROJECT

We invite you to fill in the residential analysis questionnaire that you will be receiving in the near future. It takes about 20 minutes to complete the questionnaire, which will provide you immediately with personalized recommendations and an estimate, in dollars and kWh, of your potential savings.

By completing the questionnaire, you will be contributing to a [group project](#) for Duhamel and be automatically entered in a contest.

Consumers of more than 22,000 kWh annually will receive the questionnaire which is to be completed before August 8.

Hydro-Québec will pay \$35 to Duhamel for each questionnaire completed by Internet and \$30 for each one completed on paper. The funds will be used for the library.

An additional \$5 will go to the parish.

SLOW DOWN!

The Petite-Nation river shoreline is being eroded as a result of speeding jet skiers and boaters.

Preventing shoreline erosion is a concern. Please slow down when navigating on this river, which is also used by many non-motorized watercraft.

Just remember: don't make waves! That way, it won't be necessary to introduce new restrictions.

Help us help you!

A YOUNG LAKE

The analysis results of water samples taken at Lac Gagnon from May to September last year as part of the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Network program are not available yet. They should be released towards the end of April.

However, we do know, according to the raw data, that, based on its phosphorous content, Lac Gagnon is considered to be a young lake (oligotrophic). The lake has fewer than 10 micrograms per litre of traces of phosphorus, which is considered a quality criterion.

We all want to keep this good rating. The best way to achieve this is by stemming the problem at the source that is, preventing erosion that brings excess nutrients into the lake. Beware of drainage from ditches, backfill, runoff from septic systems and products containing phosphorus!

The Environment Department's complete results will be sent to members in the June issue of Remous.

FISHING

Remember that trout fishing season starts on Friday, April 24.

The ACPTA has notified us that trout stocking will take place in May or June in Bourgeois, Hughes and Blanc lakes.

Annual ACPTA membership cards may be purchased at the Poliquin store at a cost of \$15 per family.

GREEN GARBAGE BINS

The municipality of Duhamel had considered the mandatory use of 360-litre garbage bins starting this year. Thanks to interventions by the APLG, the municipal council decided to cancel this project and, in 2009, will credit the \$25 charged for the bins, which was included in the 2009 tax invoice.

LOGGING

Although some logging around Lac Gagnon is included in the 2008-2013 five-year plan, none is included in the annual plan for 2009. It seems we will have another year without logging around the lake.

FREE TREES

Residents wishing to obtain tree seedlings being offered at no charge by the government should contact the municipality of Duhamel.

The trees are expected to be distributed by the municipality at the end of May. Contact Corine Dubois at 819-428-7100, extension 22.

Trees are like filters against cyanobacteria. They act as a windbraker and are essential in reducing erosion due to ice movement along the shoreline. Furthermore, they provide a sun screen and help maintain a proper water temperature.

We invite you to plant trees!