

THE WINDERMERE GAZETTE

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VILLAGE?

- **Windermere House** - Lots of things happening at WH. Stop in for a drink or meal at one of their lovely dining options.
 - **Windermere Pub & Patio** - Lunch & Dinner - patio open weather permitting. Reservations on Open Table
- 12pm - 11pm weekdays, Weekends 12pm - midnight
Live music - Fri.&Sat. 7-10pm
 - **The Rosseau**, upscale dining, beautiful setting 7 days/week - 12-9pm.
 - **High Tea** returns June 28th - a timeless tradition
 - **The Trading Post** - Artisanal goods & produce, charcuterie, souvenirs and more.
 - **Spa at Windermere** - Daily 9am - 6pm
- **Windermere Marina** NEW HOURS! - 7 days a week - 9am - 5pm.
- **Windermere Golf Club** - Open to all for lunch and dinner throughout the season at **Iron and Strings Restaurant**. - "**Wing Night**" - every Thursday with live entertainment. **Tuesday night is Euchre Night!**
- **Windermere Garden Centre**
Mon.-Fri. - 8 - 5, Sat - 9 - 5, Sun 10 - 4
- **Taylor Farms** - Mon - Fri, 7am - 6pm. Sat. 9am - 5pm. Closed Sun. Great Cappuccino and Lattes at the cafe!
More details at taylorfarms.ca/market.
Or email strawberries@taylorfarms.ca
- **Lagree by the Lake** - Fitness Studio right in Windermere. Check out lagreebythelake.com for hours and classes.

Windermere Marina

is looking for

- gas attendants and ice cream scoopers... must be 16
- patio server (must be over 18 and be willing to get smart serve)

Windermere Lions Club is offering a bottle drop off for your recyclables - this is part of their fundraising for all the great things they do for the community and beyond. Drop off at Taylor Farms.

- **Christ Church Windermere** - services Sunday at 10:30am. Welcome all.
- **Windermere United Church** - services Sunday at 10:30am. Check out "Upcoming Events" for Taize & meditation schedule.

With the Annual Muskoka Lakes Association Regatta fast approaching, we thought you should know that it all started here in Windermere!!!

The photo shown here was taken in 1907 in Port Carling, but as you can see on the banner, the "Windermere Regatta" is being advertised! (Thank you to Ian Turnbull for the use of this photo)



Here is the history.....

The 1907 Windermere Regatta was part of the iconic summer regatta tradition organized by the Muskoka Lakes Association (MLA). Originally launched at the historic Windermere House on Lake Rosseau in 1894, these summer competitions evolved into the longest continuously running regatta in North America.

By 1907, the event had transformed from a local aquatic race into the undisputed social and sporting highlight of the Muskoka summer season.

The Spectacle and Atmosphere

A Massive Flotilla: The waters of Lake Rosseau outside Windermere filled with an incredible gathering of watercraft. Hundreds of spectators arrived via private steam launches, elegant wooden sailboats, canoes, and rowboats.

Large resorts like Windermere House vied fiercely to host or sponsor the races to attract summer tourists. The shoreline featured a sea of flags, banners, and temporary grandstands constructed specifically for local dignitaries and affluent vacationers travelling up from Toronto.

UPCOMING EVENTS

If you have a community event to announce, let us know!

Muskoka Arts and Crafts at the Village Hall!
Open 6 days a week for July and August.

July 31st @ WGCC @ 6 - 8:30pm - Taryn Rose performing live

August 1st - LaGree by the Lake is hosting "Left on Friday" - see add in right column below

August 6, Sept 10, Oct. 8th @ 7:30pm
Windermere United Church is holding *Mindfulness Meditation in the Zen Buddhism tradition.*

August 12th & Sept 16th @ 7:30pm @
Windermere United Church *"Peace and Presence in Taizé Tradition"*

August 7 - 16

The Muskoka Chautauqua Festival -
Great line up of music, art, literary and kids events Stay tuned for additional details here....Evening highlights:

August 7th - Rising Stars- Singers Songwriters

August 8th - CHOIR! CHOIR! CHOIR!

August 9th - Caroline Marie Brooks

August 10 - Toronto All-Star Big Band

August 11 - Maggie's Wake

August 12 - Candlelit Taizé

August 13 - The Muskoka Philharmonic Orchestra

August 14 - Beverlie & Friends

August 15th - Northern Lights Steel Orchestra

August 16th - Family Fun Day

For more information and tickets.
<https://www.muskokachautauqua.com/>

Every Friday all summer long!!
The Windermere and District Lions Club

will be hosting their fabulous BBQ!
On the Wharf - 11:30am - 2:00pm

Submissions, content, or to subscribe
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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Police - Non-Emergency 705-645-2211

Fire Department 705-765-3156

District of Muskoka Office 705-645-2100

By-Law Office Township 705-765-3156

Wharf Master 705-769-3611

Windermere Golf Club 705-769-3381

Windermere Marina 705-769-3661

Windermere House 705-769-3611

Taylor Farms 705-769-2368

Windermere Garden Centre 705-769-3238

Archives windermereandareaarchives@gmail.com

Lions Club - windermereclionsclubmuskoka@gmail.com

The 1907 Competitions

The regatta balanced serious athletic competition with family-friendly novelty events, a format the MLA preserved for generations.

- **Sailing & Rowing:** The core events featured high-stakes match races between grand sailing vessels and traditional rowing crews representing different resorts and cottage lakes.
- **Canoeing & Paddling:** Reflecting Muskoka's heritage, canoe races tested the endurance and technique of local residents and visitors alike.
- **Swimming & Novelty Events:** Foot races on the docks, diving, and open-water swimming races rounded out the daytime program.

Historical Legacy

The momentum from historic turn-of-the-century events like the 1907 regatta cemented aquatic sports into the fabric of the region. The MLA eventually established a permanent home for these events just down the shoreline at the Muskoka Lakes Golf and Country Club in 1920, ensuring the tradition survived through the modern era.

(This article researched & written with the use of AI)

....and if you aren't already a member of the Muskoka Lakes Association, JOIN TODAY!! The MLA is a volunteer membership-based organization advocating for responsible stewardship and enjoyment of the unique environment of the Muskoka Lakes

<https://mla.on.ca/>

Tickets to many of the Chautauqua Events are getting close to selling out.

Don't miss out on the many great activities, authors, art and music events that are happening!!

<https://www.muskokachautauqua.com/>

And don't miss the

"Community Conversation"

August 12th @ 4pm at Windermere House - Learn about our past - with a virtual heritage tour. Be part of Windermere's future. What's next? Join us and find out!

Don't miss these....and lots more!

At the Chautauqua Festival

CHOIR! CHOIR! CHOIR! - August 8th @ 7:30

CHOIR! CHOIR! CHOIR! - *a sing-a-long for the kids - Aug 8th @ 3pm at the United Church*

Caroline Brooks (of the Good Lovelies!!) playing Aug. 9 @ 7:30
Muskoka Folk Night with Beverly - August 14th @ 7:30

Arts & Crafts

Clay Whistle workshop with Audrey May - Aug. 9 - 10am
Graffiti embroidery with Barbara Klunder - Aug 11 - 10-3pm

Following last week's article on the era of Wigwassan - 1932 - 1952, I got a note from Al Manchee of Tobin Island with an interesting fact.... While Hydro installed underwater cables to bring electricity to Wigwassan in 1932, the other side of Tobin Island did not receive electricity until 1970!!

LaGree by the Lake

is hosting a collaborative event with the brand... August 1st.

"Left one Friday"

(bathing suit and leisure wear)

Drop by for a "sweat and shop" event - walk-in's welcome.

Favourite items available for purchase.