

# SHARING THE SHORELINE ... EVERYONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

As property owners on Lake Vernon, we enjoy an abundant variety of plant, fish & wildlife, the majestic natural landscape, and spectacular views of natural, undeveloped shoreline.

How we use and manage our properties can have a positive or negative impact on both the environment and our long-term property values. Positive impacts include re-planting & preserving a natural shoreline, respectful boating practices



and properly maintaining all septic systems. On the other hand, excessive shoreline grooming and development, high boating speeds close to the water's edge and toxic chemical use can all have a devastating impact on our shared shore.

Take a moment now to read this brochure, outlining the benefits of becoming a Lake Vernon Association Member, and what you can do on a daily basis to protect this environment for generations to come!

# GETTING IN TOUCH WITH THE LAKE VERNON ASSOCIATION IS EASY:

**web site:** [www.lake-vernon.ca](http://www.lake-vernon.ca)  
**email:** [lva@lake-vernon.ca](mailto:lva@lake-vernon.ca)  
**mail:** Lake Vernon Association  
P.O. Box 5160,  
Huntsville, ON  
P1H 2K6

Additional membership forms are downloadable from the web site. Simply print, complete and mail it in.

Be sure to visit the web site from time to time for updated information on the Lake Vernon Regatta, The Lake Vernon Near-Classic Golf Tournament, Lake Vernon Environmental Committee activities and on-going lake quality stewardship activities.



*sharing the shoreline.*

*Join today – share tomorrow*

*see shore*      *find balance*  
*see shore*      *hear laughter*  
*see shore*      *be calmed*  
*see shore*      *feel nature*



*sharing the shoreline*

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS US ALL

When you become an owner of lake property, you not only realize a personal dream, but become part of a wonderful community!

The Lake Vernon Association is a local, not-for-profit, non-political association made up of property owners on Lake Vernon and the surrounding area. Its mission is to protect the natural environment, health & beauty of Lake Vernon and address issues affecting its membership and their quality of life.

Being a Lake Vernon Association Member is a lot of fun! Each summer, Members have two opportunities to join together to celebrate summer at the annual Regatta and Members Picnic at Hutchenson Beach and the Near Classic Best Ball Golf Tournament. Both events give our Members & their guests the chance to get to know their neighbours & form lasting friendships.

As a Member, you will also receive our See Shore newsletter throughout the year, special bulletins as issues arise, and are invited to participate in the Annual General Meeting held Labour Day weekend at Camp Tawingo.

### LVA In Action!

A comprehensive Lake Plan was developed by the association. It includes a review of natural, physical & social elements and land use, detailed maps and a summary of issues facing Lake Vernon. In 2008, a Water Quality Report was commissioned, with further findings & recommendations to help preserve this valuable resource for generations to come.

The Lake Plan will be posted at [www.lake-vernon.ca](http://www.lake-vernon.ca) before the summer of 2009 and the Water Quality Study updates will be posted as they become available.

## TOP TEN WAYS TO PROTECT OUR LAKE

- 10 Reduce or eliminate your use of commercial fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides or fungicides. For natural gardening alternatives visit [www.muskokawaterweb.ca/8/8.2/landscaping.htm](http://www.muskokawaterweb.ca/8/8.2/landscaping.htm)
- 9 Don't clear-cut the shoreline! Maintain a natural shoreline including trees to support animal & marine life, and to prevent erosion. For more information visit [www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/regions/central/pub/shore-rivages-on/index\\_e.htm](http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/regions/central/pub/shore-rivages-on/index_e.htm)
- 8 If you spot excessive grooming or have a question about development, contact the local By-Law Enforcement Officer at (705) 789-1751, Ext. 2360
- 7 Use phosphate-free and biodegradable cleaning products to keep toxins out of our water system.
- 6 Reduce the load on your septic tank by conserving water, and ensure your septic system is maintained and inspected regularly to reduce bacterial contamination of our lake. For more information visit [www.muskokawaterweb.ca/2/2.3/waste\\_water.htm](http://www.muskokawaterweb.ca/2/2.3/waste_water.htm)
- 5 Keep your boat in good repair to reduce oil & gasoline spills into the lake. One drop of oil can render up to 25 litres of water unfit for drinking!
- 4 When boating, always reduce your speed to eliminate the wake around marshes & nesting areas. Treat both your human and animal neighbours with respect for our mutual enjoyment.
- 3 Practice the 3 Rs: Reduce, Re-use & Recycle.
- 2 Get to know your neighbours & have their contact information handy. Form your own neighbourhood watch.
- 1 **Become a member of the Lake Vernon Association!**

## LAKE VERNON ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

(\$30 PER YEAR, JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### YEAR-ROUND MAILING ADDRESS

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### COTTAGE ADDRESS

Number & Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Huntsville: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please complete and return with your cheque or money order to:*

Lake Vernon Association  
P.O. Box 5160, Huntsville, ON  
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## Don't Forget The Fun Stuff

**JULY** Lake Vernon Regatta & Member Picnic Hutchenson Beach

**AUGUST** Lake Vernon Near Classic Best Ball Golf

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FOR UPDATES AND TIMES, RSVPs.

[www.lake-vernon.ca](http://www.lake-vernon.ca)

