



Your Mississippi *Minute*

Winterizing the Cottage

The approach of Thanksgiving weekend means that many seasonal residents will be preparing their cottage properties for winter. In spite of the fact that shoreline residences are not as isolated as they were several years ago, seasonal properties remain easy prey for experienced thieves. It's a good idea to develop a check-list for winterizing the family cottage. Shutters: Check. Water drained: check. Food, liquor and major valuables removed: check. Take a few moments to read the [Crime Stoppers tips on winterizing your cottage](#), then review your own check list to make sure you have covered everything. Completing your check list will assure a worry-free winter, with the knowledge that you will return in spring to find your property exactly as you left it.



Get your Algae App

During the summer and early fall of 2014 and 2015, a number of sightings of blue-green algae were reported at various locations on Mississippi Lake. [The People, Aquatic Plants and Healthy Lakes Project](#) has now released an [Android Citizen Water Watch app](#) that will be useful to shore residents in reporting blue-green algae occurrences. Using a mobile device, residents can report the date, time, location and environmental conditions, then take a photo and upload the report to the CWW data base. Collection of these data will aid scientists in understanding the development of algae blooms. In addition to reporting suspected blue-green algae, residents are encouraged to contact the Lanark-Leeds Health Unit to request water sampling and testing. Call the Health Action Line: 1-800-660-5853. Email: contact@healthunit.org. More information at: www.healthunit.org.



The Hunting Song:

In Lanark County, hunting season approaches. Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, bow, rifle and black powder hunters are active in the area. Hikers, joggers and walkers are reminded to wear bright clothing and be aware of their surroundings. Back in the 1950s and 60s, [Tom Lehrer](#), a Harvard/MIT mathematics professor, piano player and composer wrote and performed [satirical ditties](#), poking fun at vast range of social topics. Here's a

Ontario Hunting Regulations Summary

Have you ever had questions about hunting in this area.

The annual 2015 hunting guide provided [at this link](#) summarizes the rules and regulations for hunting in Ontario. It provides information about hunting licences and fees, as well as up-to-date regulations and seasons for each game species



2016 Mississippi Belle

Although our publishing deadline is many months away, this is the time to send us your lake photographs and story ideas for the 2015 Mississippi Belle. 2016 will mark the 200th anniversary of the settlement of the Carleton Place-Beckwith area by Europeans. In cooperation with the Beckwith heritage museum, we're looking for stories and photographs depicting the "early days". So far, in our research, we've found precious little information about the First Nations peoples whose home

link to The Hunting Song, recorded on January 22, 1953 www.youtube.com/watch?v=iATzgXyhYRs.
As you walk, hike or jog this fall, his witty message may help to keep you aware.

this was and who gave the lake or river its name. If you can help or have something to contribute, send it to: submissions@lakemismississippi.ca.



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