

Tamagor Association SUMMER 2021



Note from our President

Dear Members,

I wish you all a wonderful summer in the territory. Please respect and enjoy all nature has to offer, and be careful in the water! Keep four-legged friends on a leash at our beaches and pick up what they drop behind. Please leave our beautiful common spaces cleaner than they were when you arrived. It takes a village!

I would like to thank my team, who have ensured the Association is running smoothly since November 2020, and against the background of a global pandemic no less: Suzanne Medeiros, Mathieu Brabant, Luc Millette, Maureen Welch, Éric Lépine and Simon Lafleur-Lachaine. Thank you for your dedication and availability, you make sure I'm well supported to fulfill my responsibilities.

We hope to hold the 2021 AGM in person this year. Keep up to date with the latest developments with the Association by visiting our website (now completely bilingual) and Facebook group.

Please don't hesitate to contact me personally if you have any questions or suggestions. Also, if you're interested in Getting Involved! in a sub-committee. Our team can always use the support executing Association projects.

Hope to see you soon!

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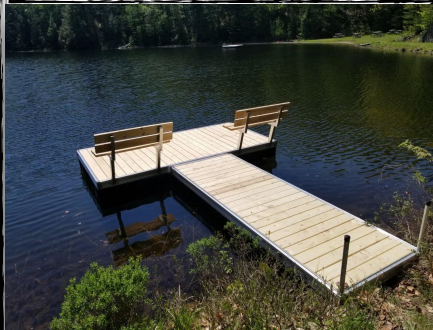
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Please enjoy the beaches, picnic areas, and new docks this summer! When you leave, don't forget to take your belongings and refuse with you. Let's preserve our nature!

Spring Sprang!

Thanks to Éric Lépine's tireless work to find the perfect solution for the docks at Mud Bay and Lac Noir, to the Executive for making it happen, and to Mathieu Brabant for overseeing their installation. Our 2021 inaugural Spring swim was a huge success!



COMMUNITY GARDEN!

Welcome to our new Tamagor Association Community Garden! The garden is located at 43 ch. du Rouge-Gorge, halfway down the driveway. Just follow the signs. Updates on what is ready to be harvested will be announced on our Facebook page. A table with take-out bags will be placed in front of the garden. We will also leave trowels and rakes - weeding and watering contributions are welcome. Have fun!

This year we have:

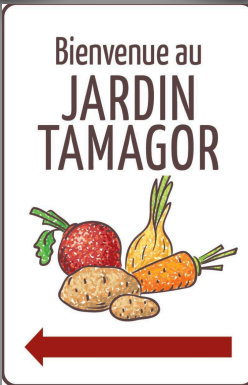
A variety of tomatoes, corn, potatoes, onions, garlic, celery, salad greens, beans, peas, sweet and hot peppers, zucchini, cucumbers, carrots, strawberries, melons, squash, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, radish, and beets. There is also a wide variety of herbs.

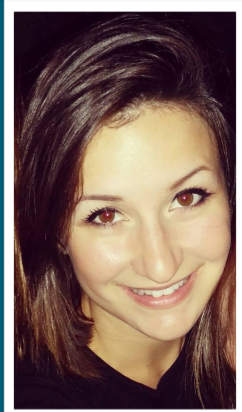
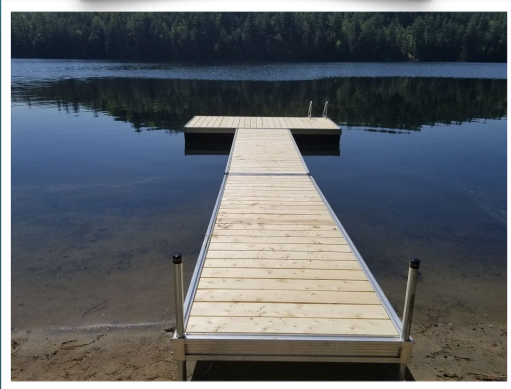
BE CAREFUL AND SLOW DOWN!

You've all no doubt noticed that we are a growing community. With so many residents and visitors to the area, vehicle, bike and pedestrian traffic on both municipal and private roads is on the rise. We want everyone to have a safe and healthy season, so please remember to slow down on the roads. The "new" stop sign at the corner of Blackburn and Lac Clair is in fact, mandatory. We see a lot of people sailing through it, so please, be mindful and come to a full stop.

MOVING!

If you leave the association and new neighbours move in, or if you've sold any land or property, please let us know so we can make the appropriate changes to our records and welcome new members. Thank you!





THANK YOU!

Spring Cleaning

Thank you to all of the members who generously gave of their time and muscle to help with all the many jobs that needed to get done around the lake this Spring. There are too many to list, but you know who you are, and so do we. We appreciate you!

Donations for the docks

The new docks arrived just in time for hot summer days. We really hope you enjoy them. Thank you to all the members for their generosity with this project. We raised \$2,575 in donations to help pay for them!

Protecting our trees

Thanks to Sylvain and Marie-Claude Leduc who took the initiative to put fencing around our trees that were in danger of being felled by beavers, and cleared the paths on the beach side so they could better be enjoyed!

Featured Fauna

Thank you to new member Méli Gaucher for her first fauna feature on page 4 of our newsletter. Méli studied biology at the University of Montreal, and completed a master's degree in environmental management at the University of Sherbrooke. She now works as an analyst for federal freshwater policy.





FEATURED FAUNA - The Turtles of Tamagor

On the territory of the Tamagor Association we have a chance to live with two species of turtles. There seems to be no better time to talk about these reptiles since we have entered the nesting season and the females can be observed moving from their nests to the water. Eggs laid from May to June will hatch in late summer. All turtles in Canada are protected under the Species at Risk Act

The Snapping Turtle

The Snapping Turtle is Canada's largest turtle. They can live up to 70 years! Since these turtles don't reach sexual maturity until the age of 15-20, adult mortality has a significant impact on the survival of the species. We love the Snapping Turtle because its way of feeding helps keep our waters clean!

Did you know?

Its reputation for biting is because the Snapping Turtle is unable to fully retract into its shell to protect itself. As with all wild animals, it's important to not approach them as they may react aggressively.

The Painted Turtle

The Painted Turtle has a dark shell with red lines on the periphery and yellow lines on the head and neck. The Painted Turtle can live up to 35 years old. They like to bask in the sun, but need dense vegetation to stay hidden from predators. Members often see them laying their eggs on our beaches at Lac Noir and Mud Bay. So please, watch where you step!

THREATS TO THIS SPECIES!

Destruction of Wetlands

Turtles depend on the conservation of ponds, marshes, lakes, and the dense vegetation that surrounds them to survive. Urban and residential development, and drainage of wetlands is a significant threat to their survival.

Road Accidents

During the Spring and Summer, a large number of turtles cross the roads in search of a mating partner, food, and nesting sites. They sometimes use the sand and gravel areas along roadsides to make their nests. This is obviously a dangerous time for them as they are too slow to move out of the way of vehicles. Please drive cautiously

Egg Predation

Raccoons, skunks, herons, and snakes are among the many predators of turtle eggs. Visit the Canadian Wildlife Federation website to see how to [construct a cage](#) for their protection.

HOW TO HELP A TURTLE CROSS THE ROAD?

1. Reduce your speed on the roads and be aware.
2. Before stopping, always make sure of your own safety first. Signal its presence to other motorists and observe it from a distance while waiting for it to cross the road.
3. In case of imminent danger only, help the turtle by moving her in the direction she is going, lifting by the shell. If the shell is too heavy, lift the back of the shell and the turtle will walk on its front legs.

NEVER pull a turtle by the tail!

You can also report turtles that cross your path to the [Carapace Project](#) to help conserve them.

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At last year's inaugural swim on Lac Noir, we were lucky enough to be entertained by an exuberant pair of mating snapping turtles!



Happy St Jean Baptiste & Canada Day!



We hope we can celebrate together at the beach in 2022. Stay safe and healthy until we meet again!



Remembering a Tamagor member

*Monika
Kobal*



Ms. Monika Kobal

Passed away peacefully on March 26 2021. She was treasurer for the association from 2012 to 2015. She gave freely of her time, was an active member of the community, friend to many, and committed her skills to help the association run far more efficiently.

We offer our deepest condolences to her family.