

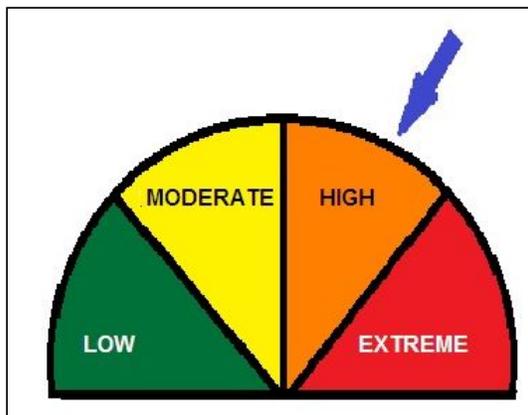
## August 2019 Civic Holiday Weekend

The origin of Civic Day goes back to the late 1800s when the government decided citizens needed another "day of relaxation" during the summer. Unfortunately, there was no agreement at the time that ALL workers in Ontario could use another summer day to enjoy away from work and so it remains to this day. There are no imminent plans to declare Civic Day a provincial statutory holiday but here's to a fun and full Leonard Lake August weekend to all!




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**TOWNSHIP OF MUSKOKA LAKES FIRE RATING HIGH**  
**FOR UP-TO-DATE RATING LOOK FOR SIGN ON HWY 118 EAST OF LL RD 1 OR**  
**CALL 1-877-847-1577**



**NO DAYTIME BURNING IS ALLOWED.**  
**NO FIREWORKS ARE PERMITTED.**

Extreme caution must be taken with all open flames. Campfires for cooking and warmth ONLY are permitted. Forest fuels are very dry and the fire risk is serious. New fires may start easily, burn vigorously, and challenge fire suppression efforts. Extreme caution must be used in any forest activities.

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### Leonard Lake Stakeholders Association Annual General Meeting 2019

A full recap of the LLSA Annual General Meeting held July 13th will be included in the next EBLAST. In the interim it would be helpful to hear some opinions from a wider Leonard Lake audience about a discussion that took place at the AGM regarding the LLSA dock drops that are done two or three times

each summer.

Some residents were clear that they fully enjoyed receiving a few paper copy newsletters each summer, however, others felt that dock drops were expensive and that plastic and paper contributed to garbage and recycling materials. There was not agreement on whether to continue or discontinue dock drops and it was suggested that a wider LLSA audience be canvassed.

Not all property owners are members of LLSA and although our mailing list includes non members too, there are a good number of non members not on our email list. On the other hand, property owners of back lots do not benefit from dock drops at any time.

What could be the strategy to obtain email addresses for every Leonard Lake property including backlots (with the full permission of property owners) if there was general agreement on the lake that dock drops were no longer used?

There are many options and we would appreciate hearing your ideas on this topic.

## “Climate Change, How it Affects Muskoka, and What We Can Do”

**Date:** August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 approximately 9:00 am to 10:00 am

**Host:** Brandy Lake Association

**Location:** Port Carling Community Center, upstairs

**Speaker:** Gord Miller, described as a charismatic, well spoken and informative speaker, is an Ecologist with a graduate degree from the University of Guelph and spent the majority of his career with the Ministry of the Environment. As the former Ontario’s Environmental Commissioner, Mr. Miller worked as an independent Officer of the Legislative Assembly.

The Brandy Lake Association (BLA) is hosting this keynote event as a precursor to their annual meeting and the association executive wanted to provide an opportunity for other small lake residents and associations to hear Mr. Miller speak. There is no fee to attend the talk and no pre-registration required. A break will follow the keynote address to allow time for non BLA residents to leave prior to the AGM commencement.

**FOUND** floating in the NE area of Leonard Lake...a shampoo bottle with a trail of suds washed up to a dock nearby.

The majority of LL people respect the water and other residents. For those other few...if you would not personally drink or consume a liquid or solid, do not add it to our lake through shampooing, dog or people baths, boat washes, bilge cleaning, oil changing, etc.

For many residents, Leonard Lake is the source of drinking water. Please ensure that family, guests and renters are fully aware of this fact and are respectful of the health of all LL residents and the lake. As the resident who “found” the shampoo bottle said, “the lake is no place to suds up!”



## Leonard Lake History

### Dr. Ursala Franklin 1921 - 2016

#### ...a mystery of trees



Ursala Franklin loved Leonard Lake. The property with a cottage dating back to the 1930s, was purchased by the Franklins in the early 60s, and remained relatively unchanged through the years. This piece of property on an ideal lake, anchored memorable family summers together for the balance of both Ursala and her husband, Fred's life.

A renowned physicist, educator, feminist, author and social activist, Ursala fostered a lifelong commitment to peace activism. She joined the University of Toronto becoming a full professor in 1973 and in 1984 became the first woman there to be granted the title of University Professor. She encouraged people to become "citizen scientists" in order to better understand issues and combat what she viewed as a "culture of compliance" and was a true advocate of women in science.

Dr. Franklin's work received worldwide recognition and brought her many honours including the Order of Canada, Governor General's Award and the UN Pearson Peace Medal. In 1995 the Toronto Board of Education named a new public school, the Ursala Franklin Academy, a school with the vision of Dr. Franklin that sought to integrate math, science and liberal arts by means of innovative technologies.

With respect to Leonard Lake, Ursala spoke often, and publicly, about the importance of keeping LL and the environment healthy and vital. The deteriorating health of the lake was of great concern to her and she felt strongly that the fundamental principle of sustainability was essential when considering any development proposed for LL. "We are stewards of the land on behalf of our children and grandchildren, and we need to take this responsibility seriously."

In 1996, Dr. Franklin delivered a keynote address for the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF) in Toronto and asked that in lieu of a speaker's fee/honorarium/gift that trees be planted at Leonard Lake. The plaque in the picture above that has been on the Franklin cottage wall since 1996 confirms that "At the request of LEAF Toronto in commemoration of...100 trees have been planted in the vicinity of Leonard Lake in the name of Dr. Ursula Franklin"

Dr. Franklin's daughter, Monica Franklin, who shared the picture and story says that the actual location of the tree planting is unknown to anyone in the family, however, the plaque provides an ongoing reminder of the work that her mother accomplished during her lifetime and her contribution to lake health that lives on. Are any readers aware of the Leonard Lake location of the tree planting in commemoration of Dr. Ursula Franklin? The site may be marked by some kind of sign or plaque. If so, please send a picture to [leonardlakemuskoka@gmail.com](mailto:leonardlakemuskoka@gmail.com) and the Franklins will take a family photo at the site and have it posted in the next EBLAST. Congratulations and thanks to other property owners on Leonard Lake who have contributed to lake health through the planting of trees, shrubs and natural vegetation at your shoreline (ribbon of life). We'd love to post a picture of you with your revitalized shoreline - send us a picture!

*For more information on the life of Dr. Ursula Franklin visit [Wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ursula_Franklin) and search online*

**Giant Hogweed** pictures below taken by Deb Solarski on Falkenburg Road. Note that the pink colour

There are a number of sites in Muskoka where treatment of invasive species (including Giant Hogweed) is underway along various District, Municipal and Town-owned roadsides. The list can be found under PUBLIC NOTICE OF PESTICIDE USE at [www.muskoka.on.ca/en/live-and-play/Invasive-Species.aspx](http://www.muskoka.on.ca/en/live-and-play/Invasive-Species.aspx)



Don't let the beauty of this plant fool you. Giant Hogweed is a public health hazard for people and pets and poses a threat to native biodiversity due to its invasive nature. **Note that hogweed can grow to more than 5 metres tall (15 feet) with leaves in excess of 1 metre across.**

If you suspect Giant Hogweed is growing on your private property, the District of Muskoka makes the following recommendations:

- **DO NOT TOUCH!** Keep children and pets away from the area.
- For safety reasons, **PROPERTY OWNERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT A LICENSED WEED EXTERMINATOR** to remove Giant Hogweed from private property
- **DO NOT** compost giant hogweed or place it out for curbside collection as garbage, yard waste or in the Green Bin. Licensed weed exterminator's are experienced in disposing of this invasive, dangerous weed.
- Following removal or treatment, **MONITOR THE AREA** for plant regrowth.

If you see Giant Hogweed growing along roads or waterways and there is no marking to indicate that the municipality is treating the area contact Manager, Environmental Compliance, The District Municipality of Muskoka at 705-645-6764 or email to [publicworks@muskoka.on.ca](mailto:publicworks@muskoka.on.ca)

IF YOU COME IN CONTACT WITH GIANT HOGWEED: wash with soap and water immediately, avoid direct exposure to sunlight and seek medical advice.

Educate yourself on the physical appearance and risks of this invasive species:

[http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/docs/default-source/topic-environment/giant\\_hogweed](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/docs/default-source/topic-environment/giant_hogweed)

# FISHING RESULTS FROM THE EXPERTS!

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*The excited fisher is 10 yr old Matteo. The minute he gets out of the car, he's on the lake paddle boarding or fishing; this is what makes it all worthwhile!*

*(Picture Courtesy of Tony Caravaggio)*



*Jaimey and Abigail Simmons honing their fishing skills*

*(Picture courtesy of Lindsay Riffel)*

## **Spot the Canadian Tiger Swallowtail!**

Thanks to Deb Solarski for sharing this picture of a Canadian Tiger Swallowtail on Zwanenburg Blue Spiderwort Perennial.

Got a great cottage picture? Send it to [leonardlakemuskoka@gmail.com](mailto:leonardlakemuskoka@gmail.com)



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## HELP SHAPE THE TOWNSHIP OF MUSKOKA LAKES OFFICIAL PLAN



The Township of Muskoka Lakes invites community members (residents, businesses, community groups, etc.) through an online survey to help shape the vision of the next Muskoka Lakes Official Plan. Public and Stakeholder engagement is critical to shaping a plan that suits the needs and desires of Muskoka Lakes full-time and seasonal residents. Everyone's voice is important!

If you are interested in participating, please click [here](http://www.muskokalakes.ca/content/official-plan-review-community-vision-survey) and take the survey now! [www.muskokalakes.ca/content/official-plan-review-community-vision-survey](http://www.muskokalakes.ca/content/official-plan-review-community-vision-survey). This survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete and will close on August 9, 2019.



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