

Happy Victoria Day Weekend May 2018

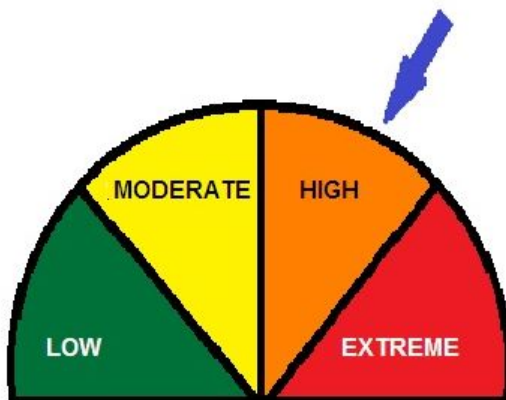
Did Queen Victoria ever visit Muskoka during a trip to Canada? No, Queen Victoria never visited Canada, but in 1966, Princess Alexandra the cousin of Queen Elizabeth II and 6th in line for the throne, visited Muskoka during the Ontario leg of a Royal Tour. She stayed at the Sherwood Inn along with an entourage of 20 people. During a scenic boat tour on Lake Joseph, they ran out of gas in the middle of the lake resulting in an OPP helicopter search. Princess Alexandra handled the miscue with charm and good humour. Sometime after the princess left Canada later, a humorous plaque arrived at Sherwood courtesy of Princess Alexandra, with instruction to place it above the toilet in cottage where she stayed. The plaque read: "A Royal Princess sat here." :)

Demonstrate your support for Leonard Lake and LLSA. Please join or renew your membership now at www.leonardlake.net or mail a \$55 cheque to Bev Leabeter, 1128 Leonard Lake Road 2, Bracebridge, ON P1L1W8

Membership matters - it allows the association to speak with authority on behalf of Leonard Lake



MUSKOKA FIRE DANGER RATING



The fire danger rating in Muskoka is still set to **HIGH** as of Saturday, May 19th (rain notwithstanding).

Please note there are **no discharging of fireworks** allowed when the fire rating is **HIGH**. Call Toll Free 1-877-847-1577 for your local, up to date fire rating.

Fire Prevention Officer Mike Vadlja says the decision to push the rating from low to high came from looking at the extended weather forecast for Muskoka. This rating means daytime burning is banned and no burn permits will be sold. Only small fires, about two feet by two feet, are allowed at night. Forest fuels are very dry and the fire risk is serious. New fires may start easily, burn vigorously, and challenge fire suppression efforts. Vadlja says if you are starting a fire, you should have a bucket of water nearby and never leave it unattended. He says before you head inside for the night, you need to make sure the fire is completely out. That means pouring water on the fire, stirring the embers and then pouring water on it again.

The Township of Muskoka Lakes has updated their Burning By-law to include provisions on burn pile sizes, items to be burned, and fines. If you are wishing to purchase a burning permit to burn during the day, depending on the zoning of the property, you may be restricted to the size of the fire .To view the complete burning by-law go to www.muskokalakes.ca In the search field enter by-law 2018-16 and you will find the full by-law by clicking Muskoka Lakes Fire Department or an overview with key details by clicking Media Release.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2018	
Saturday, July 8 th . Meeting at 9:30 a.m.	LLSA Annual General Meeting at the Milford Bay Community Centre. The meeting commences at 9:30 a.m. Refreshments provided!
Tuesdays til October 6th	Bracebridge Farmer's Market, memorial Park on Manitoba Street next to Norwood Theatre, Bracebridge
Wednesdays til October 31st	Gravenhurst Farmer's Market, Muskoka Wharf Special Events Field, Gravenhurst
Thursdays til October 4th	Huntsville Farmer's Market, Canadian Tire, 77 King Street, Huntsville

Got a new neighbor? Let us know at leonardlakemuskoka@gmail.com and we'll drop of a welcome kit.

Thinning out your garden? Have left over perennials? Please consider donating to the Milford Bay Community Centre. You can drop the plants off at the Community Centre and it would be most helpful if you included the name of plants donated.



A big hooray to Gord Locklyer who cleaned up five large bags of garbage from the wetlands just off Hwy 118. Someone tossed the garbage late last fall.

The tick population is on the move in Ontario - (photo and excerpt from Thestar.com May 17, 2018) The Star reported that cases of Lyme disease have hit record highs across Canada as tick population expands.



On the other hand, Simcoe Muskoka District health Unit (see <http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/Environment/lyme.aspx>) states that cases of Lyme disease remain low in Simcoe Muskoka, but that blacklegged ticks are present in our area with some testing positive for *Borrelia burgdorferi*, the bacteria that causes Lyme disease.

Lyme disease, a potentially debilitating infection can result in heart problems, extreme fatigue and nervous system disorders. In Ontario, about 20 to 25% of ticks carry the

bacteria *Borrelia burgdorferi* bacteria which causes Lyme disease.

The challenge with ticks is that they're tiny – an adult is the size of a SEMSAME SEED – and their bites are painless, so a person may not see or feel them. They're slow feeders and can suck blood for several days before dropping off. It takes about 24 hours for an infected tick to transmit Lyme disease. That's why early detection and treatment is key. Seek medical help immediately if you suspect that you have been bitten by a tick. A circular rash, known as a bull's-eye rash occurs in only about 75% of the cases, so the illness can go undetected, misdiagnosed and insufficiently treated.



Fishing corner with Jean

Pickerel and Pike season starts the 3rd Saturday in May - minnows have been spotted already. Let's hope it's a good season! Remember one is the limit and catch and release is always a nice idea!

If one wants to know the rules and regulations for Muskoka they can go to Province of Ontario, Fisheries Management Zone 15. <https://www.ontario.ca/page/fisheries-management-zone-15-fmz-15>

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