

Leonard Lake Stakeholders Association

A community focused on protecting, nurturing and cultivating the natural, physical and social characteristics of Leonard Lake



LL RD 2 November 28, 2024 - Photo courtesy of T Hatton RD 1



"Hey! New Guy! What do you call a snowman in the summer?"

Nov 29th First winter storm of the season - heavy snow falling with ice below especially on the roads, snow squall warnings as the day progressed, Hwy 118 snow covered with visibility less than 200 feet.



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Please keep these **IMPORTANT** dates in mind...

December 10, 2024

The Township of Muskoka Lakes (TML) will host an online information session (webinar) to share details and requirements about the Short Term Rental Accommodations (STRA) mandatory licensing program, and how to obtain a license. Register now for the webinar at [EVENT BRITE](#) to obtain a ticket.

January 1, 2025

The Township new [Short Term Rental Accommodations \(STRA\) Licensing Bylaw](#) will come into effect.

Early January 2025 - Applications for the STRA program will be accepted by the Township. A license purchased from the Township and approved by TML will be required to operate a short-term rental in 2025.

NEED MORE INFORMATION? VISIT THE LINKS BELOW:

[RECENT TOWNSHIP NEWS RELEASE](#)

[TOWNSHIP OF MUSKOKA LAKES WEBSITE - SHORT TERM RENTAL ACCOMMODATIONS](#)

[ENGAGE MUSKOKA LAKES short-term-rentals](#)

MICHAEL'S CORNER



Dark-eyed Juncos

We know winter is on the way when Dark-eyed Juncos (DEJUs), aka “Snowbirds”, start showing up in our District. Although they may be seen during the summer, it’s the colder weather that typically brings Juncos south to spend the winter in Muskoka, though much larger numbers continue further south, including deep into the U.S.

The Dark-eyed Junco belongs to the sparrow family and can be identified by its slate-grey plumage, white belly and pink bill. When disturbed, it flies off, flashing white outer tail feathers. Often, this tail feature is the most obvious identifier, perhaps along with the fact that you’ll commonly see several, or even more, of them together.

Dark-eyed Juncos thrive in a variety of habitats including forests, treeless agriculture patches, and even urban areas. In Muskoka this year I’ve been seeing them in my driveway, on the deck, and sitting in trees while watching other birds at feeders. Along with several other “ground-oriented species”, they are known for jumping up and down in fallen leaves and fluttering their wings to uncover seeds.

Dark-eyed Juncos exhibit sexual dimorphism, meaning the outward appearance of the males and females is different. In this case, the males tend to have darker heads though this difference can be quite subtle. It is generally assumed that the females in the species see a much greater difference than we can see, thank goodness.

PHOTOS

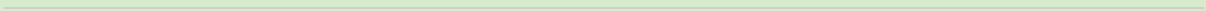


*Owl on the Hunt - above look for the flutter mid right
The Prize - below bottom right . Courtesy of S Watkins Rd 2*





Aurora Borealis, November 1 24, Courtesy of S. Watkins Rd 2



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