

LLSA wishes you and your family a happy and fun family day!



**Why is Family Day celebrated?**

There is no federally established statutory holiday, however, Family Day is observed in the Canadian provinces of Alberta, Ontario, Saskatchewan and New Brunswick on the third Monday of February and in British Columbia, on the second Monday of February. This holiday celebrates the importance of families and family life to people and their communities.



## Winter Photos from Leonard Lake

Thanks to the families (Leabeter, Hankey, Manning, Marshall, Self, Wien-Redekopp, Heatlie, McNeely, Riley, Rupert, Sawyer, Scarrow) who took the time to share some wonderful winter photos and thoughts and/or some great memory pics from 2017 on Leonard Lake.

*...we have been treated to a chorus of sounds from the lake as it creaks and groans from the immense pressure of the ice expanding. The booms went on for hours and could be clearly heard inside our place. No other sounds around as the snow in the trees muffles all other noise, just the eerie booming. Also a treat for us year round residents is the night sky. Those cold clear nights are a recipe for an amazing show from the stars. It helps a great deal having no neighbouring lights. It just makes it more intense. It's worth the trip to Leonard Lake in the winter if just for the night sky. The lake is deep in the grip of the*

*extreme cold yet the water falls run. Ice bridges have formed and a distinct one, lower left, looks like a crystalline glass bowl, some 4 or 5 feet across. The water flows behind it in a torrent. I have not seen one quite like this in the last few years. RL*

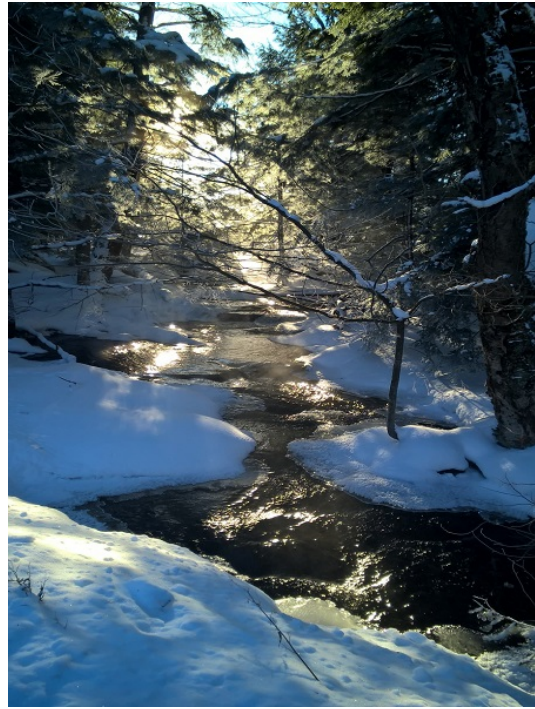
*...biggest hockey rink! MH*

*...we miss the lake during this time of year but maintain a small connection through a series of remote cameras, and occasionally we are treated with nice surprises as you see in the pictures! SS*







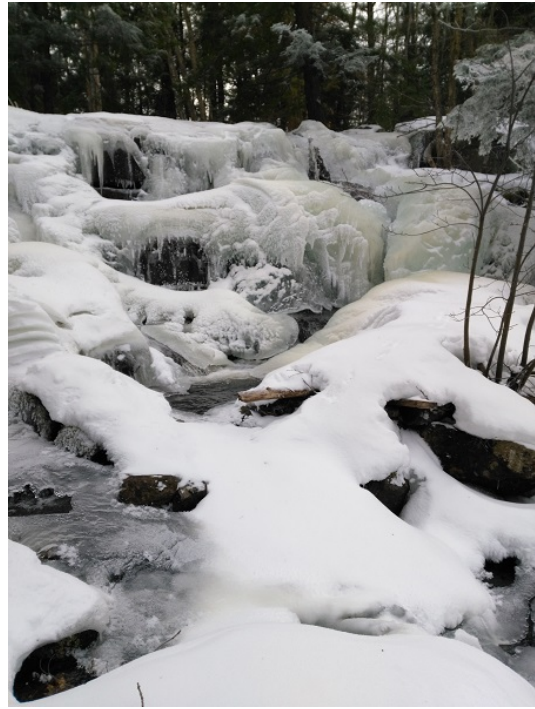


**Muskoka Summit on the Environment: May 24-25, 2018 - Bracebridge.** "Restoring our relationship with the natural world." FOCA is pleased to be sponsoring this event, once again. Details are here:

<https://muskokasummit.org/2018-summit/>

**Elections:** Welcome to 2018: "election year" for Ontario - a Provincial election by June, and Municipal elections in October. FOCA will be providing updates throughout the coming year to inform waterfront property owners about the issues that matter. For full details see <https://foca.on.ca/>





Can't skate on the lake? There are three ice skating trails in the area...

**Memorial Park Winter Village** : (<https://www.facebook.com/MemorialParkWinterVillage/>) is a magical park-like skating trail right in the heart of downtown Bracebridge.

**Hanna Park Ice Skating Trail**: (<https://www.facebook.com/hannaparkskate>) in Port Carling is roughly 200m in length with a packed walking trail right beside it.

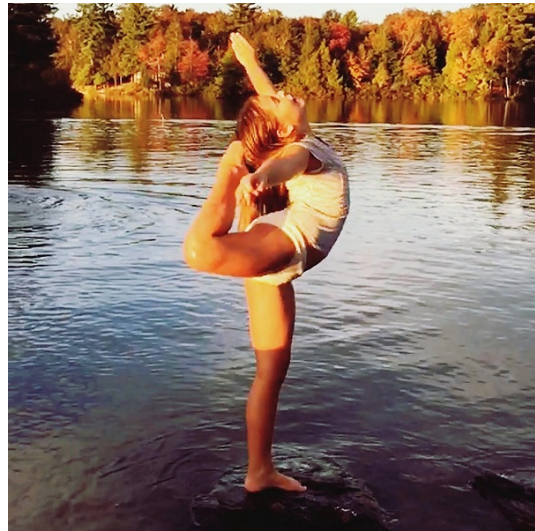
The **Cranberry Ice Trail** (<http://cranberry.ca/johnstons-cranberry-marsh/ice-trail/>) is the only ice skating trail with an onsite winery.



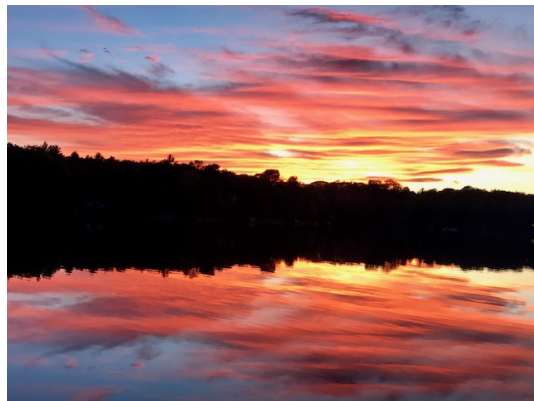
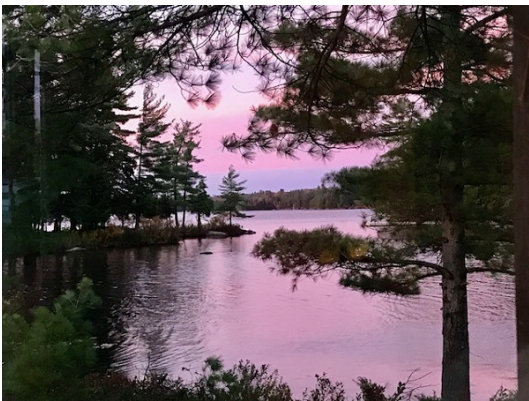
January 2018 NewsBites - Much has occurred regarding the resort issue (high-density waterfront development) since the MLA last reported in their December issue of NewsBites. For updates regarding Touchstone development, the Resort Village of Minnett and the status of these controversial changes to the District's Official Plan see <https://www.mla.on.ca/> and click on updates and newsletters.

MLA Seeding Day – Order by May 3<sup>rd</sup> for pick up Saturday, May 19, 2018, Port Carling - Order form can be found on-line at [mla.com](http://mla.com) - click on “Events” or drop by the Muskoka Lakes Association office in Port Carling to order seedlings before May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 65 Joseph Street, 2nd Floor.

## LL Memories of Seasons Past









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