

Please support your lake association. We continue to work on your behalf during these unusual times. To renew your membership you can go to <https://www.leonardlake.net/> or mail/deliver to LLSA, c/o Bev Leabeter, 1128 Leonard Lake Rd #2, Bracebridge, ON P1L1W8

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Leonard Lake residents woke up to a surprise winter blast today!!

*Photo courtesy of D McNeely*

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### **Lost Raft or Dock?**

As a result of the wind storm last week,  
this platform ended up in Heron Bay off Road

1. Eric Morgan reported that it seemed to be travelling from the south-west and floated past Island E (Isbister - south end of the lake).

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**TOTAL FIRE BAN STILL IN PLACE**

The Muskoka Fire Chiefs would like to remind residents that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) has implemented a Restricted Fire Zone (RFZ) for Muskoka due to impacts related to the COVID-19 outbreak. There is a TOTAL BAN on all fires in the District of Muskoka until further notice. For more information visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/outdoor-fire-restrictions> or call 1 (877) 847-1577.

Visit Covid-19 webpage for all updates on changes to Township services, programs and/or facilities: [muskokalakes.ca/covid19](https://muskokalakes.ca/covid19)

For updates from the Federation of Cottagers Association (FOCA) visit [foca.on.ca/covid-19-upate-from-foca/](https://foca.on.ca/covid-19-upate-from-foca/)



**INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW NOW**

**Two Important Announcements**

This communication continues our commitment to keep members apprised of important information regarding provincial and local responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On May 7th Premier Ford's office released a statement with respect to cottage visitation for the up-coming long weekend. "With the Victoria Day long weekend and cottage season just around the corner, we need to stay vigilant. We are still battling a terrible virus, so we are asking seasonal residents travelling to their cottages to practice the same public health measures as usual, including no public gatherings, avoiding nonessential travel as much as possible, and continue to practice social distancing.....I know Ontarians are eager to enjoy the great outdoors but there will be plenty of long weekends to come. Right now, we need to focus on doing everything we can to protect the health and safety of all Ontarians. We are all in this together and we will beat COVID-19."


**For those contemplating a visit, it is important to note that marinas will not be open to the public and are not permitted to turn boats over to customers unless it is to access a primary, water access residence. Marina status will be reviewed again by the province on Tuesday May 19th. The Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association, of which the MLA is a member, has written to the province encouraging them to ensure that marina openings are part of their next stage of openings. ([Click here for letter](#))**

Secondly, as we know, the COVID -19 threat has been having an unfortunate impact on some of the relationships between year-round and seasonal residents this spring. In recognition of this and at the MLA's urging, the District Chair and the six local Mayors have created a joint statement addressing the COVID-19 crisis and encouraging the community to come together as one, in a mutual quest to beat the COVID-19 virus. ([Click here for letter](#))

To keep the communication going, the Mayors and the Chair have agreed to participate in a webinar to be hosted by the MLA, post the May long weekend, providing members with an opportunity to ask questions and express any concerns.

We will keep you informed as we learn more. Meanwhile, please stay safe as you contemplate the start of your cottage season.

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*Courtesy of W. Taylor - our granddaughters in Barrie filled their living room window with hearts to honour essential workers on the front lines. I posted this heart on our Leonard Lake window to follow their lead. *

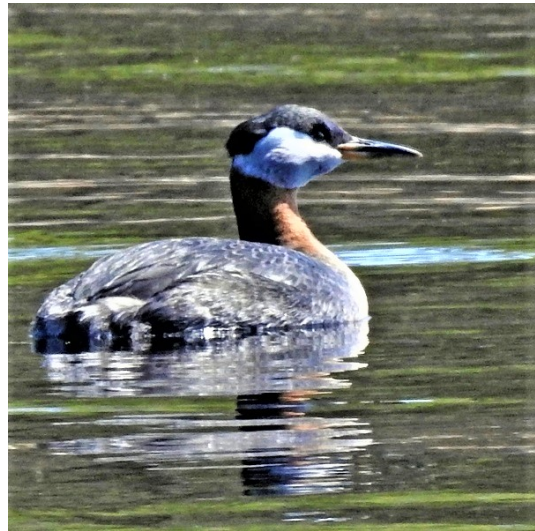



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## LEONARD LAKE PHOTOS

Thanks to those who have taken the time to share pictures and memories. There is much on all of our minds right now and a few smiles or laughs can be a welcomed diversion. We are always looking for lake pictures to share - people, scenery, times gone by, local flora and fauna, activities, etc. Any season will do! Send to [leonardlakemuskoka@gmail.com](mailto:leonardlakemuskoka@gmail.com)

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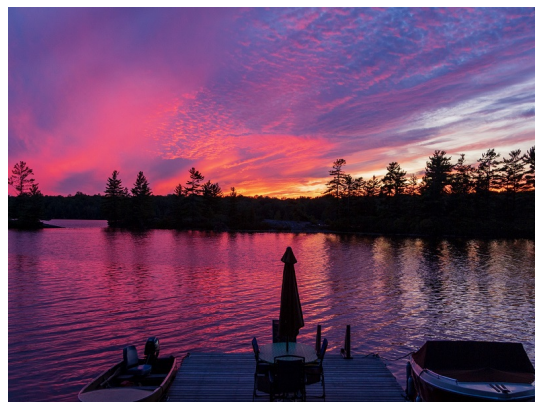
*Photos and narrative courtesy of CMH...*The bugs are not bad yet! Our birding 'yard list regulars' these days (often in pairs) include: Blue Jay, Chickadee, Goldfinch, Purple Finch, White-breasted and Red-breasted Nuthatch, Hairy and Downy Woodpecker, Phoebe, Mourning Dove, Grackle, Robin, Cowbird, Red-winged Blackbird, Mallard and Buffiehead duck. Sometimes we get an exciting siting of something new just passing through... like this Yellow-rumped Warbler (Apr29th) and Red-necked Grebe (May1st).

Our Native Wildflowers below "Spring Beauty" (May 2nd) and "Trout Lily" (May 3<sup>rd</sup>) seen roadside on LL Rd 2 are peeking up a bit later than usual. "Spring Beauty" is an early spring flower wildflower that grows from tiny tubers. After it flowers, the entire plant disappears by early summer. The flower closes at night, during storms or during cloudy weather. "Trout Lily" refers to the appearance of its grey-green leaves, mottled with brown or grey, which allegedly resemble the colouring of brook trout.



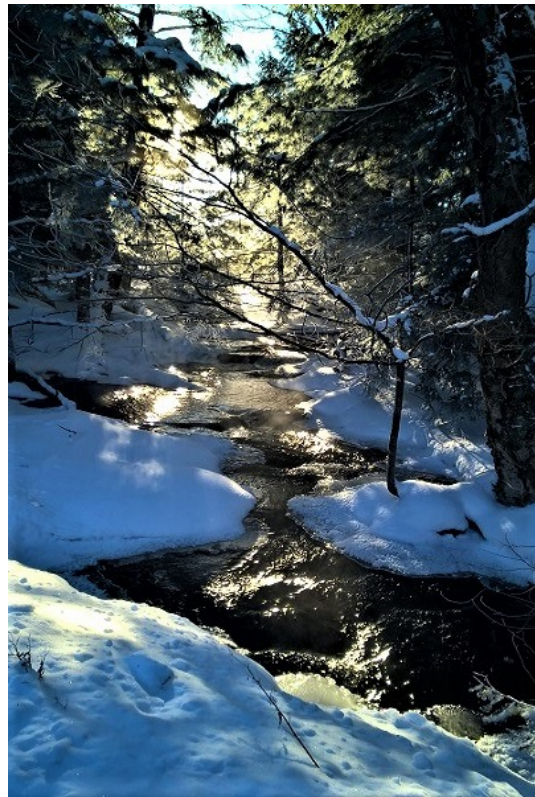


*Courtesy of W Taylor...A visit to the dam*



*Courtesy of Chris Wadlow....waiting for the northern lights, sunset view,dock visitor, waterfall river*





And finally...a word on Covid-19 from our furry friends



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