

Leonard Lake Stakeholders Association EBLAST August 08, 2021

2021-2 LLSA memberships are due. Please join/renew your membership and complete your contact form at <https://www.leonardlake.net/> or mail/deliver your membership payment and contact form to LLSA, c/o Bev Leabeter, 1128 Leonard Lake Rd #2, Bracebridge, ON P1L 0M5.

THANK YOU - MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!



Leonard Lake Youth Event August 28, 2021

The poster is rectangular with a white background and a thin brown border. At the top, it says 'AGE 12-18' and 'DRESS ACCORDING TO WEATHER'. The main title 'TEEN OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT AND FIRE' is in large, bold, black letters. Below the title, the date and time 'August 28, 2021, • 8:30-11 pm' are listed. The address '11-1191 Glen Gordon Road' and 'S'mores, snacks and drinks available' are in smaller text. At the bottom, it says 'RSVP TO DANIELLE HUNKELER BY AUGUST 23: 519-841-7400'. A red and white striped popcorn bucket with 'POPCORN' written on it is in the bottom left corner.

*Hi! I'm Dani Hunkeler, I'm 17 and my family has been on Leonard Lake for 55 years. I'm volunteering with the LLSA social committee this summer and thought that it would be a good idea to have a teen outdoor movie and campfire night at our cottage. **On the day of the movie and campfire I'll have balloon markers on the dock as well as on the road coming into the cottage so anyone coming by boat or road can find their way.** Please contact me anytime if you are interested and need more information or want to RSVP - and my parents are available to chat as needed.*

Share the Lake and Be Wake Aware

Leonard Lake with its bays and inlets, islands and open water, offers us all the opportunity to enjoy the water in our own way. If you are a boater, FOCA, the Muskoka Lakes Association and Safe Quiet Lakes asks that you **Be #WakeAware**. Please take a minute to watch the following short video prepared by the associations noted above.



Thinking of altering your lot but not sure what the bylaws allow? The following note was sent to LLSA from Gord Roberts, Councillor, TML Ward B. Councillor Roberts can be contacted at (705) 394-4471 or GRoberts@muskokalakes.ca

"I thought that you may be interested in a complete understanding of the Township of Muskoka Lakes [Tree Preservation By-law 2008-55](#) and [Site Alteration By-law 2008-56](#) If you do not have time to read the complete bylaw, I suggest that you read sections 2) LAND SUBJECT TO THIS BY-LAW, 3) PROHIBITIONS and 4) EXEMPTIONS OF B FROM APPLICATION Y-LAW."

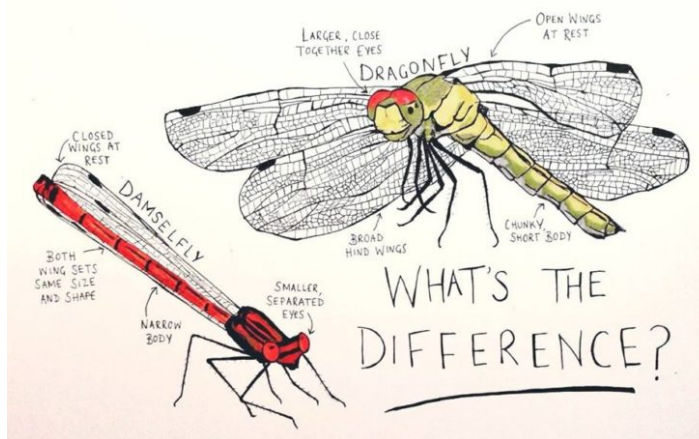
"Regarding the Township of Muskoka Official Plan (OP) - the 2nd draft of the OP will be discussed at the [August 12th TML Planning Committee Meeting](#). Sometime soon the Township will solicit public comments on the 2nd draft. Over the next few months, all individuals and interest groups will be given ample opportunity to suggest changes/additions to the new Official Plan."

Beneficial Bugs...Dragonflies and Damselflies and Mayflies

At first glance **dragonflies and damselflies** appear quite similar. Both are long and narrow insects that are beautifully coloured in iridescent greens, blues, yellows and reds. They have small antennae, large eyes that supply them with almost 360° vision, and six legs located near their head that are used more for perching, egg laying and hunting than for walking. Two pairs of wings comprised of small criss-crossing veins add strength and durability.

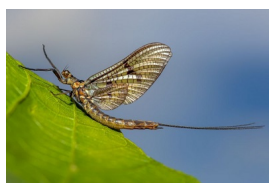
A closer look reveals differing physical

characteristics ((Diagram from the Scottish Wildlife Trust)



In general, both **dragonflies and damselflies** prefer well-vegetated lakes, streams and ponds. It is here that they find an abundance of prey including flies, mosquitoes, moths and midges. Emergent and shoreline plants provide areas where they can rest and take cover from predators. Even with their acute vision and agile flight, both **dragonflies and damselflies** fall prey to birds, fish, spiders, frogs, lizards and even other **dragonflies**.

Are they beneficial? Yes! **Dragonflies and damselflies** occupy an important part of the food chain as both predator and prey. While they are harmless to people, they help regulate insect populations, such as mosquitoes and black flies. As nymphs, they provide food for water bugs, beetles and fish, whereas adults are prey for fish, frogs, birds, lizards and spiders. Sensitive to pollution, they are also indicators of healthy ecosystems.



The mayfly (a.k.a. shadfly) belongs to an ancestral division of winged insects which includes dragonflies and damselflies. What we see are clouds of six-legged, clear-winged, multi-tailed bugs swarming around lights or congregating on the sides of buildings.

These adult mayflies, after spending most of their lives (~twelve months) as underwater nymphs will only live for one or two days. They mate (it takes 30 seconds); lay eggs (about an hour later); then promptly die. While small nymphs eat weeds or algae and larger predator nymphs catch smaller insects or aquatic larvae, adult **mayflies** do not feed during their short lives. Contrary to some misconceptions, they also do not sting and do not bite humans!

Are they beneficial? Yes. **Mayflies**, like stoneflies and caddisflies, are a "bioindicator" species used by scientists to measure water quality. **Mayflies** near the lake mean nymphs in the water and lots of nymphs mean a lake or river is clean and healthy. **Mayflies** are also a vital link in the food web of freshwater ecosystems.

<https://www.natureconservancy.ca/en/blog/small-but-mighty-migrating.html>

<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/damselfly>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mayfly>

<https://cottagelife.com/outdoors/wild-profile-meet-the-mayfly/>

<https://cwf-fcf.org/en/resources/encyclopedias/fauna/insects/dragonflies-and-damselflies.html>

FOR SALE

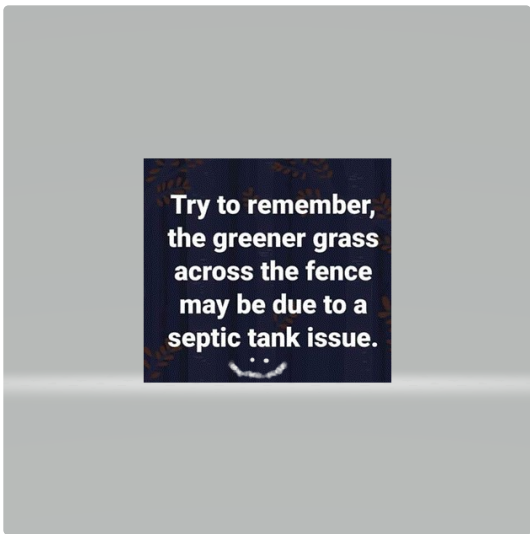
8 hp four stroke Yamaha motor and gas tank for sale. Bought in 2012, very low hours, serviced by marina in fall 2021. Like new. \$1,200. Call or text Norman Giesbrecht 647-444-1865



WANTED - We're in need of a home cleaning service to come in and reorganize the place between changeovers of our families' short stays. We are interested in hearing from our neighbours who are using such services presently and wouldn't mind sharing the information with us. Please contact Tony Caravaggio at 416-677-3160 or tcaravaggio@gmail.com

LEONARD LAKE PHOTOS

Thanks to those who have taken the time to share pictures and memories in previous editions. 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



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