

LLSA MEMBERSHIP - WE ARE HALFWAY THERE!

If you have not paid your membership for 2020, your membership is now due. If you usually pay your dues at the Annual General Meeting please pay now - this year as a result of COVID-19 it is unlikely that we can hold an in-person meeting - we are currently working on an online meeting or webinar.

If you are not a current member and enjoy receiving our newsletters please sign up! We continue to work on behalf of all Leonard Lake residents during these unusual times. To join or renew your membership go to <https://www.leonardlake.net/> or mail/deliver to LLSA, c/o Bev Leabeter, 1128 Leonard Lake Rd #2, Bracebridge, ON P1L1W8



The Leonard Lake Propane Group - note to property owners on Leonard Lake that use propane to heat their residences

In September 2018, Jim Riffel, a Leonard Lake (LL) property owner contacted Sparlings to negotiate a reduced group delivery rate for owners using Sparlings propane to heat their Leonard Lake residences. The negotiated rate in 2018 for those signed up as the Leonard Lake Propane Group was 64.9 per litre and in 2019 the negotiated rate dropped to 58.9. The rate for the 2020/21 season will be determined by Sparlings sometime late summer based on fuel prices and the total number of Sparling propane users in the LL group. Approximately 20 Leonard Lake property owners are currently on the Sparlings list for the reduced group rate. If you wish to sign up with the Leonard Lake Propane Group for the 2020/21 season please contact Jim Riffel at jimriffel@sympatico.ca or call **416-823-0666** as soon as possible with your cell number and the name on your Sparlings account. Joining this reduced rate group will affect your billing rate only. You will still be in charge of your account.

Once a list of Leonard Lake property owner names has been provided to Sparlings, additional names cannot be added to the agreement until the following year, so please contact Jim Riffel by mid-August if you are interested.

Thanks to Jim for sharing this offer with other lake residents. Please contact him directly to join the Leonard Lake Propane Group or to ask questions.

Happy Isles at the mouth of Long Bay, LL (in the photo below) was first purchased in 1943 by John Henry Warren Bradfield. The Bradfield family spent many peaceful summers on the islands, enjoying the land and the lake, living simply, and close to nature. No hydro, no motor boats, and a bracing five-mile walk to Wilmott's General Store at Beaumaris for groceries!

Following the death of Mr. Bradfield in 1976, Happy Isles sat abandoned for many years until 2009 when the islands were purchased by Mark and Lorraine Greenham, and restored to their natural beauty. A turtle nesting beach was also built with the help of the Toronto Zoo 'Adopt a Pond' program. The Greenham family had been cottaging on Leonard Lake for decades and always knew the islands as Happy Isles so kept the name as a way to honour the original owners and maintain some historical continuity.

In 2010, The Muskoka Heritage Foundation in 2010 recognized the good work of the Greenhams with the presentation of a Natural Heritage Stewardship Award.

The islands continue to provide a peaceful and protected setting for birds and wildlife and a natural recreational setting for Mark, Lorraine and their two sons.



Aerial photo courtesy of M.W.

Leonard Lake Connections

An informal Leonard Lake social committee led by Lynn Jewell-Coon is kick-starting some fun new ideas - a new Instagram page for social media users...a late summer “on the water” event... and “highlighting families” on Leonard Lake!

1. Exciting news! LLSA has started an Instagram page at leonardlakemuskoka

Do you use social media? We'd love to post your Leonard Lake photo or short video on our LLSA Instagram page, so send them along to leonardlakesocial@gmail.com and include a caption if you like. Fun activities with family or friends? Interesting wildlife? Special times at the cottage? Send it in and see it on Instagram. Since we all need to keep physically apart for the time being, Instagram can help us connect through shared experiences on our beautiful lake.

2. Save the Date: Saturday, August 29, 2020

We are planning an end of summer event while staying physically apart! Stay tuned for more information as we plan an event for kids and families.

3. Getting to Know Your Neighbour

One of the new social committee members suggested that it would be great to hear about other people or families on the lake that might share similar interests, or have kids in similar age groups. That led to the idea of a new section in the EBLAST - “Highlighting Families”, where a person or a family could share a little something about themselves and what they love and enjoy about life on Leonard Lake. Interested? Please rsvp to suzannelandry02@yahoo.com and we'll help you with the rest.



Boating Collisions Can be Prevented!

On Sunday July 5th a tragic boating accident occurred on Lake Muskoka involving a personal watercraft and a rower enjoying some exercise time in his rowing scull. Michael Cohen 58, an MLA member from Toronto was killed in the accident. On behalf of the entire MLA community, I would like to extend our condolences to his wife, Naomi and his extended family.

While the OPP investigation is still ongoing, one of the possible causes being investigated is distracted driving. While this note is not intended to be a comprehensive boating safety letter, we would like to remind all boaters of the following:

- When you are driving a boat, you are sharing the waterway. You have an obligation at all times, similar to an automobile, to be 100% attentive and watchful. (360 degrees)
- Kayaks, rowing sculls and canoes are low lying watercraft that can be difficult to see so one must be that much more attentive. Be extra careful on calm days when they are more likely to be out.
- If you are in a kayak or other low lying water craft we discourage the use of headphones or ear buds. Your sense of hearing may ultimately become a critical defense mechanism and must be maintained as a priority. Wear your PFD of course!
- Please understand that vision wise, rowing is a unique sport. Yield to all rowers and generously anticipate their path of travel for the safety of all.
- Please slow down (no wake) for all small boats. Self-propelled water craft have the right of way. If you do not slow down, your wake could swamp them. Once you have passed them do a shoulder check to ensure they are not in any distress.
- Respect all 9 km signs and further interpret them as NO WAKE ZONES – which is what they are meant to be. "Slow down, bow down" mode will minimize your wake.

Unfortunately, almost annually, we have a boating tragedy in Muskoka. We would please remind everyone that boating accidents can be prevented with increased diligence and more focused and committed boat operators. Please stay safe when boating this summer. We are one another's custodians when on the water.

Lawton Osler, Muskoka Lakes Association

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



Who says Leonard Lake doesn't have large fish? Family up at the cottage caught this one. It was released, ready for the next fisherman. The other photo is of the July full moon. *Both photos and note courtesy of Hans Funk*

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