

FALL 2022

THE LIGHTHOUSE

Seasonal newsletter for the members of the Lake Rosseau North Association



President's Message

Winter is fast approaching with the first significant snowfall blanketing the area. The fabulous summer we enjoyed is fading into a happy memory. If you are lucky enough to enjoy winter at the lake, bundle up and follow the LRNA on Instagram ([@lakerosseounorthassociation](https://www.instagram.com/lakerosseounorthassociation)) to learn about the many winter activities on offer in Muskoka. We wish you all a happy, healthy winter and holiday season wherever you spend it and look forward to getting together in the Spring/Summer 2023 for more fun in the sun!

- Corinne Hagerman

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The Lake Rosseau North Association (LRNA) is a non-profit organization established in 1982 to represent the interests of approximately 180 lakefront and Village of Rosseau property owners in the North Lake Rosseau and surrounding areas of Seguin and Muskoka Lakes townships.

Make Rosseau Cardiac Safe Update

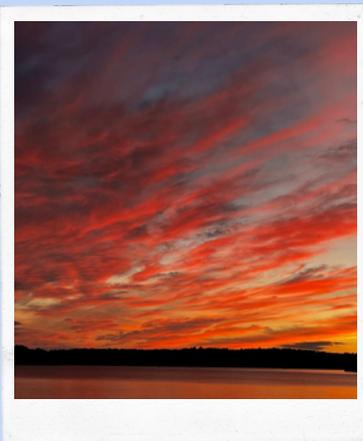
Exciting news!! We are pleased to inform you that thanks in large part to our major sponsors, Muskoka Woods, Jayne's Cottages and Muskoka Lakes Marine, and to our many other donors and supporters, we met our fundraising goal and have now purchased three SaveStations equipped with AED's. The SaveStation, sponsored by Muskoka Woods, will be installed in front of The General Store in the very near future. It will then be available 365 days a year, 24 hours a day as the unit is heated, ventilated and monitored. The SaveStation at the Rosseau Waterfront Park, co-sponsored by Jayne's Cottages and Muskoka Lakes Marine, is now operational and is also available 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. The third unit, sponsored by the LRNA, will not be available in the winter months as the area is not well used at this time of year. However, it will be available next Spring and Summer.



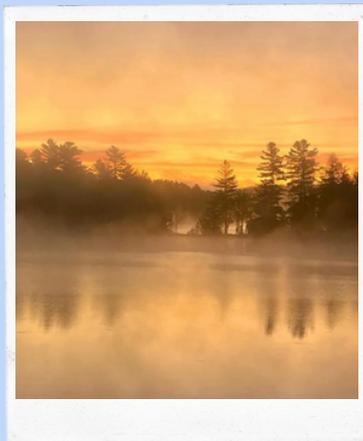
Watch for further information on our formal ribbon cutting, launch and training on how to use the AED's next May.

Thanks to everyone who helped us Make Rosseau A Cardiac Safe community for all residents and the many visitors to this beautiful area!

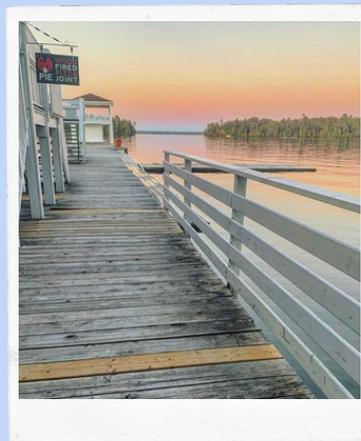
Summer/Fall Photo Contest Winners



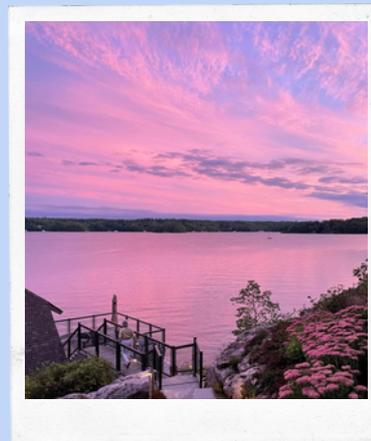
John McAuley



Judith Crombie



Em Armour



Joanne Peters

NEXT UP: WINTER PHOTO CONTEST!

Follow [@lakerosseanorthassociation](https://www.instagram.com/lakerosseanorthassociation) for updates
DM entries on Instagram or email info@lrna.ca

YOU CAN
WIN THIS!



Important Safety Considerations re Bubblers (reprinted courtesy of Cade Associates Insurance Brokers)

With the temperature dropping, our thoughts turn to preparing our cottages for the cold and snow to come. For some, this means closing up the cottage until the spring. For others, it is a time to prepare for life on the lake during the winter. Regardless, we all do our best to prepare our properties to withstand the toughest weather Canada can throw at us. Some property owners have opted to give their waterfront structures a helping hand, through the installation of bubblers.

What Are Bubblers?

For those who are unfamiliar, 'bubblers' are a type of de-icing system, intended to prevent the build-up of ice at or around waterfront structures like docks and boathouse. There are several different types of systems, but generally these devices use air or propellers to create zones of agitated and warmer water to prevent ice from forming. Protecting our cottage properties is understandable and an increasing number of cottagers in Ontario are turning to these devices as part of their winter preparation. However, if you are a regular bubbler user, or if you are considering installing one at your property, it is important to plan carefully and be sure that you are not contributing to a significant hazard on the lake.

Creating a Hole in the Water

Bubblers are often turned on and left largely unattended by property owners throughout the winter. Without careful planning, management and consideration of the nature of your waterfront area, your bubbler can de-ice a significantly larger portion of the water than is necessary to protect your property. This is especially true in shallow or sheltered areas, or when several bubblers are active near one-another, with multiple property owners inadvertently creating a massive hole in the ice, hundreds of feet in size. These holes in the ice can pose a serious safety risk to winter users of our lakes, especially at night or during storms with poor visibility.

Legal Implications

Section 263 (1) of the Criminal Code of Canada is very clear that those who make or cause to be made an opening in ice are under a legal duty to guard the opening in a manner adequate to prevent persons from falling in by accident, and adequate to warn them that the opening exists. If you fail to perform these duties, the Code states that you may be found guilty of serious offences, up to and including manslaughter.

Risk Management Considerations

If you chose to operate a bubbler to protect your property, please make sure you are taking all steps possible to ensure the safety of all lake users and consider taking these risk management steps:

- Place and angle your devices with care to keep the impacted area as localized as possible;
- Talk to your neighbours to avoid doubling up in an area. It is possible that one bubbler will do the trick.
- Equip your system with a thermostat or timer control. Running 24/7 creates oversized openings.
- Place clear signs near the bubbling area, visible from all directions noting "Danger Open Water".
- Run an amber light to mark the hazard at night and during storms. Do not use a red light, as this can be mistaken for the brake lights of a snomobile and draw people towards the risk, rather than turn them away.
- Monitor your property. If you cannot be present, have someone check regularly to ensure the system is operating, the effected area is appropriate in size, and that the warning lights and markers remain in place.
- Where possible, a knowledgeable and experienced contractor should be used to configure the system. Summer or winter, safety on the water is a top priority!

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Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association (FOCA)

You might not be aware that all LRNA Members are automatically enrolled as members of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association(FOCA).

Please review and take advantage of the services and benefits you are entitled to.



Login & offers are subject to change, but are current at March 2022

Members: **Login online** at <https://foca.on.ca/benefits/> to see all current offer ACCESS CODES

Key Services provided for your ASSOCIATION:

- tips for [starting and building a successful lake or road Association](#)
- [FOCA Insurance program](#) with **Cade Associates Insurance Brokers** provides a member discount on liability coverage for Association activities, Directors & Officers, etc. *This now includes access to a Legal Helpline!*
- information on rural property issues ([septics](#), [taxation](#), [land use planning](#), [mining](#), [energy and utilities](#), ...)
- follow all FOCA's advocacy files and policy updates [here](#). Stay in-the-know with monthly [ElerTs](#) (e-news). Use FOCA [fact sheets and videos](#) in your own association publications & posts!
- FOCA's step-by-step [Lake Planning Handbook](#) for community groups
- [Association Webpage Offer](#): FOCA can create a free basic web presence for your Association
- "[Who Does What](#)" - tools & tips for working with the levels of government
- environmental programs: [Lake Partner Program](#) water quality data; prevent the spread of [invasive species](#)

Benefits & Offers available to all your Member families:

- give them the FOCA web Username & Password to access members-only resources on the FOCA website. (See the current web login details below, or email the office for assistance.)
- receive free [ElerT](#) (e-news) updates
- **attend FOCA [events & webinars](#) at reduced member rates**
- learn how to start your family's [cottage succession plan](#)

Even more special offers from FOCA's corporate partners:

Use the **codes** or identify yourself as a member of FOCA when you order:

- > exclusive access to [CottageFirst](#), the first cottage group insurance program
- > [Cottage Life Magazine](#) only \$24.95 annual rate: www.cottagelife.com/foca
- > [Action First Aid](#): ask for the special FOCA price on defibrillators (AEDs)
- > [Canadian Canoe Museum](#) 30% off any Membership (code=**FOCAsaves2021**)



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Password: Foc@M3mb3\$2014

Need help with member benefits?

Contact the FOCA office:
info@foca.on.ca 705-749-3622

Winter Wildlife Feeding Program

The Wildlife Winter Feeding Program was originally developed by Jack S. Newton, Frank Lawson, Pete Grisdale and Norm McDonald with the help of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. The program operated each year with the help of committed volunteers. In recent years, budget cuts have resulted in MNR no longer funding the program. Now the team of approximately 100 volunteers raises funds and continues to operate 40 deer feeding yards in an approximately 4000 square km. area including Muskoka (Gravenhurst, Port Carling over to Mactier), Parry Sound (Humphrey, Carling, McDougall, Magnetawan, McKellar), as far west as Huntsville and as far north as Port Loring.

White-tailed deer hold strong ecological, social and economic importance in Ontario.

They:

- are an integral part of our natural biodiversity across much of the province
- generate millions of dollars in economic activity each year through hunting, viewing and tourism
- are a social and cultural icon to many of our rural communities
- hold cultural, spiritual and social significance for many Indigenous communities, and continue to be an important traditional food source



Supplemental winter feeding, prevents large white-tailed deer population losses due to starvation and wolf attacks. Fawns are still growing during their first year and their energy demands are hard to meet in a tough winter. Winter stress on adult does can result in the death of fawns at birth. Even large bucks can be at risk because they often exhaust their fat reserves during the rut in November. They can be unable to replenish the very important fat levels if winter comes early.

Each winter when the snow level has accumulated (around the end of December or early January), the supplemental feeding program gets underway. Transport truck loads of alfalfa (720 bales per load) are offloaded at 4 main feed depots where it can be properly stored. Volunteers then come to the closest depot to pick up the feed required for the approved feeding lot(s) they manage. These lots have been designated by MNR as being in known deer congregating areas and away from busy highways or train tracks.

Every 2 days or so, these volunteers go to the lots to replenish the feed, sometimes using snowmobiles and sleds to access the area and create packed trails that are easier for deer to traverse in heavy snow. Volunteers must take care to ensure the alfalfa is strewn around the lot in small piles allowing all the deer, adults and fawns, to access the feed. The quantity of feed required depends on the size of the feeding lot. A small lot will feed 20 deer, while the larger lots can have as many as 150 deer. The numbers fluctuate depending on the deer population which is impacted year to year by the size of the deer hunt and the frequency of wolf attacks. Overall it is estimated that the program feeds 4000 white-tailed deer each winter.

A transport truckload of alfalfa costs approx. \$7000. In an average winter 4 loads are required - 5 loads in a harsh winter. Therefore, feed alone costs \$28000 - \$35000. Fundraising is an annual necessity to keep this important program going.



In addition, to white-tailed deer there are other regular visitors to the feeding lots including rabbits and turkeys. Most lots also distribute bagged seed for the turkeys and if they are lucky, apples and carrots from local supermarkets supportive of the program.

The Winter Wildlife Feeding Program continues to operate under the direction of Steve Schell, President, Dave Dickson, Vice President, Carol Bird, Secretary Treasurer and Wayne Dodds, Depot Manager/Organizer. It is a registered charity. Donations of \$10 or more will receive a receipt for income tax purposes.

Donations can be mailed to WWFP, Box 742, Parry Sound, On. P2A 2Z1

For more information (including photos and videos) or to volunteer: [Wildlife Winter Feeding Program Facebook](#)

Rosseau Nursing Station Update

(reprinted courtesy of the West Parry Sound Health Center and Rosseau NPLC)

Who does the Rural Nurse Practitioner Led Clinic (NPLC) serve?

The Rural NPLC (Nursing Station) provides primary care to people without another healthcare provider. For those with another care provider, simple healthcare concerns may be addressed depending on appointment availability, to ensure NPLC registered patients continue to have access. While we aim to serve all community members, the growing local population and full roster of patients requires care to be triaged.

What services are available to patients at the Rosseau NPLC?

Rosseau NPLC Nurse Practitioner(s) can provide the following:

- Primary care for registered Rosseau NPLC patients and community members without another primary care provider including assessment, screening, diagnosis, and management of simple and chronic disease.

- Episodic care for those who are not on the NPLC roster including care of minor illnesses or injuries, and certain short forms

Please call (7045-732-1095) for complete service details and to book an appointment.

What types of appointments are available at the Rosseau NPLC?

Regular Hour Appointments

Monday to Thursday (9 AM - 3 PM)

Regular weekday hours are funded by the standard government programs.

- Primary care appointments can be booked during regular hours by online or in-person for patients on the NPLC register
- Same-day appointments can be booked as above for simple concerns or as availability allows.

Summer Weekend Appointments

Saturday, Sunday and statutory holidays ONLY from the July 1st weekend to September long weekend.

The weekend summer hours are provided by generous donations from our own community, raised by representatives from our own community.

- Episodic appointments can be booked by anyone with or without a primary care provider for simple concerns only, both in advance and on the same-day.

Where can I get more information about local healthcare options ?

Anyone may call the NPLC site for help navigating our local healthcare system or can directly contact the West Parry Sound Health Centre (705-746-9321) for additional assistance.

