



ROUND LAKE NEWSLETTER

January, 2013

FROM THE MAYOR:

If you missed the “Festival of Trees” in the Community Room hosted by WRLIS, you missed a beautiful display and great cookies. The 2013 tree festival and cookie walk is already in the planning stage with additional ideas. We have a great many people to thank for this great event. First WRLIS for hosting, Ann Watson for her expertise in crafts, Phyllis Rodak (the Victorian Lady) for all her help and knowledge, everyone who made cookies and 108 lbs. were sold (they were sooooo good we will be asking you again this year), the judges, Nancy Theissen and Diane Marchand, and last but not least the committee that pulled this together

I would like to thank Yonna Palmer and Danielle Rigney for assisting with the Christmas Tree lighting and children’s party following. You did a super job. Guess who I will ask next year to help???

This party was enhanced with beautiful music by Michelle and Oliver. A special thank you to all.

FROM THE CLERK:

2013 Village Election Notice.

The polling place for the 2013 Round Lake Village Election, District 3, will be the Village Community Room, 49 Burlington Avenue. The hours the polls will be open are 12 noon to 9:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 19, 2013.

Absentee ballot applications are available in the village office. The absentee ballots are for residents who will be absent from the village during the hours the polls are open. The reason for requesting an absentee application are occupation, vacation, illness, physical disability or hospital patient. If you have any questions, please call or stop in the office.

The unpaid water and sewer payments are now subject to a penalty. The penalty rates are listed at the bottom of the water & sewer bills.

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT:

PLEASE, PLEASE retrieve your garbage cans as quickly as possible after garbage pick-up.

DO NOT throw snow into the road. It is against the law and you can be liable for an accident. **DO NOT** clean your car off in the street or shovel snow into the street.

It would be helpful if you would move your cars from the parking lot **AFTER** a snow storm during clean up. Also if you have not moved your vehicle, please move it into a clean area so the plows can clean up the entire lot.

Be a good neighbor and help the DPW by cleaning out around a hydrant in your area.

We wish you a **happy new year**
filled with family and friends, happiness and prosperity!

Please Join WRLIS for our

Annual Membership Tea

Friday January 11th
6pm till 9pm 6 Lake Avenue

Your Friends in **WRLIS**

Women's Round Lake Improvement Society

We hope you will join **WRLIS**
this year as we attempt to do
good works around the Village

Please Fill out form & leave w/check at the
Library or bring to the Tea to renew your

WRLIS membership or to join!

\$10 single \$15 family

Name(s) _____

PO Box/Street _____

Phone _____

Email _____

WINTER LATE 1940'S

By Bill Ryan

Historian

There was a thermometer mounted on the outside of the kitchen window and when it read -15 or -20 degrees, the propane tank would “freeze” and the gas stove in the kitchen didn't work. Not a big problem, the wood/coal stove on the other side of the kitchen was up and running. The cooking just took a little longer.

The cold didn't seem to affect our electric supply but the snow did. Power outages were frequent. The power outages and the shortages during and after the war were the reasons that many houses in the village still heated with coal or kerosene. It sounds strange but a power outage then caused much less grief than now. Basically what most of the houses lost was lights and you couldn't listen to the radio. (The Lone Ranger, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 pm) Three or four kerosene lamps had a permanent home on the china closet in the dining room. They were empty. The kerosene was kept in the cold pantry off the back porch in a gallon glass jug, not a standard metal kerosene can. My grandmother said that kerosene kept in a metal would get dirty and cause the lamps to smoke and smell. Grandma was the in-house expert on kerosene lamps. The big Rao lamp was on the kitchen table. A Rao lamp was made out of metal and had a white glass shade about twelve inches in diameter and gave a bright light without the glare of the smaller clear glass lamps. After supper, 4:30-5:00, the big lamp went into the sitting room for the evening. My mother would not allow lamps upstairs. At bedtime Mom would go upstairs with us with a small bedroom lamp, say good night and go back downstairs leaving my sister and I in the cold and dark. Flashlights were not yet common.

Kerosene also heated houses. There were two kinds of stoves that I know of. The smaller could be moved about, was about twelve inches in diameter and was pretty much like a big lamp only with a circular wick. The big model was called a pot burner, did not have a wick and worked by dripping kerosene into a “pot” to burn. They made a rumbling noise when running and my father felt they were dangerous. Both types were not vented and smelled, a lot.

Mr. Corp from Maltaville delivered kerosene with a small red tan truck, usually to a fifty gallon drum mounted on a wooden “sawhorse” frame.

Join Your Neighbors and Friends!



DINNER AND A MOVIE WITH THE AMERICAN MOVIE CLUB

Friday, January 18 at 6pm at Clark House

This year, join us for a dozen Best Picture Oscar Winners! First up is a delightful modern classic exploring the relationship between an elderly Southern matron and her charming black chauffeur.

*Moderator: Kimberley Debus
Please bring a dish to share.*

Our Movie License does not allow us to advertise the names of the movies. Can you guess what this one is? Call the Library (899-2285) to find out the movie's name or sign up for our e-newsletter to receive the movie supplement which will name all of the movies for the month.

www.RoundLakeLibrary.org

Out and About: Round Lake Nature Notes January 2013

Happy New Year everyone! New for 2013 is SNOW and lots of it. Remember last year, our first major snowstorm held off until February twenty-ninth. This past Christmas morning a light dusting of snow made the holiday a white one and didn't interfere with travel plans. Two days later, we were digging out after a generous snowfall. Perfect timing! The sled riding hill was in full swing, new sleds, snowboards, and winter clothing all could be tried out. Cookie calories were burned off by snow shoveling. Two days later, more snow again. Winter was here.

On Christmas morning the first present I received was a beautiful glass bird ornament I found hanging from my bird feeder pole. It was a wonderful surprise. A few days later I found out it was the Sweets who were playing Santa. The second gift was from Mother Nature. After finding the ornament, I walked down by the lake with my dog and saw two Bald Eagles flying and swooping above the water. Awesome! On Christmas Eve day, Jeff Finkle took a kayak paddle on the lake and saw the pair. Judy Selig saw the eagles doing aerial acrobatics on the thirtieth of December above the Village. Stew and Julie- keep looking up!

Woodpeckers have been drawn to people's suet feeders, including the large Pileated Woodpeckers. Carol Luse has been excited to have a juvenile Pileated at her feeder while I have had the adults. I was lucky enough to have them visit on the day I was doing a bird count. I submitted my observations to E-bird, an on-line checklist program that collects observations and tracks bird abundance and distribution. If you are out for a walk, a spot with a lot of bird activity is towards the end of Andrews and Peck Avenues. Woodpeckers, White-breasted and Red-breasted Nuthatches, Dark-eyed Juncos, House and American Tree Sparrows, Black-capped Chickadees and Northern Cardinals flit between the woods, shrubs and yard feeders. Go take a look!

I have been keeping my eyes open for another Barred Owl sighting on the Zim Smith trail south of the Village. On an early morning walk at the end of November, I looked into the woods just before the 3.0 mile marker and saw a beautiful Barred Owl staring at me. It was sitting on top of a small dead tree, fifteen feet off the ground and about ten feet from the trail. I kept my distance and watched it for a few minutes. It eventually broke the staring contest, turned its head and looked in the opposite direction. I told the three-four year old participants in my Green Hour about the sighting. I explained that people describe the sound these owls make as "Who cooks for you"? Zachary immediately piped up, "Daddy"! When I asked them if owls are up during the day, Kate, who is three, replied, "No they're nocturnal like Mommy." The adults were all impressed with Kate's accurate use of the word nocturnal. (Kate's dad had explained to her that her mom, who works nights at the hospital, is nocturnal). Good job Kate! In the fall, the children made a small brush pile at the edge of Schoolhouse Park. Brush piles are used by wildlife to take shelter on really cold days and nights, as well as a retreat from predators. We will be using our track booklets to see if we have had any visitors at the pile. My blog, Roundlakenaturenotes.blogspot.com has a few pictures of our snow covered brush pile.

Hope to see you out and about. Don't forget to look up- you never know what you might see!