



# **ROUND LAKE NEWSLETTER**

December, 2014

## **FROM THE MAYOR:**

**Halloween was a great success and I would like to thank all that participated especially Amy and Eric Leach for the super haunted house, Bill Hubert for the scary organ music, the judges Sue Jones, Rev. Penny Brink-Lacy and Michael Roets. Let us not forget the MC, Oliver Comstock-Reynolds, he performed very well along with Danielle Rigney and Diane Marchand who assisted on stage. Also Bill and Shirley Ryan for assisting with the cider and cookies.**

**Remember the Christmas Tree lighting at 6PM on November 30th. Santa will arrive on the fire truck and refreshments will be served in the community room.**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL.**

**FROM THE CLERK:**

**The water & sewer bills will be issued December 1 and collected through January 5, 2015 at the close of business.**

**The Village Office will close December 24 at 1pm and will reopen December 29 at 8am for the Christmas holidays.**

**FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT:**

**This is the time of the year to remove any objects in the right-of-way along your property line especially stones or objects that you do not want the plows to remove. We are not responsible for objects in the right-of-way.**

**Winter is fast approaching so you may want to familiarize yourself with your water shut-off and sewer cleanout and may want to mark them in case of an emergency.**

**PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG AND KEEP THEM ON A LEASH.  
IT IS VILLAGE LAW.**

## Out and About: Round Lake Nature Notes November 2014

We started November still not having a frost and were able to continue to enjoy blooming flowers and decent temperatures. Finally on November fourteenth, we got frost and snow flurries. Several days later, the temperatures took a nosedive into the twenties. There was light snow mixed with rain. Thankfully, we did not receive the huge amounts of snow that the Buffalo area did and hopefully, we never will. Where would it all go here in the village? If such a snowfall was to happen, I know that Round Lakers would make the best of it. We would help each other dig out our walks and cars as well as shovel off heavy snow loads from porch roofs. Snow sculptures, forts, and snow people would be everywhere. But wait! We might have our opportunity as I am now hearing of a storm coming in for Thanksgiving. Fingers crossed that it stays well under a foot.

When the leaves are off the trees, bird, paper wasp, and squirrel nests are all revealed. The squirrel nests are the round leaf balls we see usually in the crook of trees. They are called dreys. These nests are made up of leaves attached to small twigs or branches. An inner nest consists of grass, moss, leaves, and pine needles. The opening is most times against the trunk. Squirrels make these at the end of summer or early autumn to keep warm on frigid winter days and nights. The drey is not sheltered enough to have January babies in them and instead tree cavities are used. The drey is fine for the June brood. Look for these nests all around the village. Once you notice them, you'll see them everywhere. Last winter I watched European Starlings poking their bills into a drey, most likely looking for insects to eat. Sometimes squirrels will abandon the nest if there are too many lice and fleas in it.

Another thing to look for at this time of year are vole tunnels. These are runways dug underneath the grass or soil and appear slightly mounded above the ground. The tunnels lead from a sheltered area to a tree where the vole can chew the bark and roots without being seen by predators like foxes and owls. There is one in Schoolhouse Park right now. If you face the park and walk up the left side, it is on bare ground. Hope you can spot it. Also, skunks have been out nosing around for grubs and earthworms in the park. They put their noses to the ground and dig with their front claws, leaving a hole the size of their nose. While still in the park, walk back beyond the labyrinth on the east side and you might see some Eastern Bluebirds flitting around in the trees. I saw four of them the other day.

Happy Thanksgiving!



Round Lake Collective's  
Holiday Artisan Market

Thursday December 4th 3-8pm

at the

Round Lake Village Hall

Featuring:

The Quiet Woods Jewelry

Ivy Rose Wool Arts

Blue Firefly Designs Jewelry and Gifts

Rachel Garrison Pottery

Eden Carnes' Whimsical Menagerie

Round Lake School Handmade Books

Erin Fish Watercolors

Queen Bee Photography

Dee Myers Paper Art

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