



ROUND LAKE NEWSLETTER

May, 2015

FROM THE MAYOR:

I would like to welcome all the new residents in the Village. Please stop in the Village Office and say “Hello”. We would like to introduce ourselves to you and answer any questions you may have concerning the Village.

As a reminder to all, PLEASE abide by the 20MPH speed limit in the village and remember to STOP at all stop signs. This is for the safety of all the village residents, especially the children.

The Village Office hours will be changing for the months of May through Sept. please watch for notice of hours on the bulletin board.

FROM THE CLERK:

The 2015 Village property taxes will be issued June 1. The tax rate will be \$4.93 per \$1,000 taxable value. If there are any changes in your address or escrow account please let me know.

The water and sewer bills will also be issued June 1. There will be an increase in the number of units charged for commercial properties. We will be using the number of units established by the Saratoga County Sewer District.

The sewer rate will be \$300 per year, per unit.

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT:

FLUSHING OF HYDRANTS will be between May 11 and May 25. The water may be discolored but is safe to drink. Also you may want to wait until the water is clear to do your white laundry.

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

Memorial Day Observance

The Round Lake Memorial Day celebration will be held on Monday, May 25th at noon at the Round Lake Veterans Memorial on Burlington Avenue. There will be a 30 minute memorial program complete with patriotic songs and a wreath laying. New York State Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner will present the keynote address. The Electric City Chorus will be providing the musical entertainment. Immediately following the program there will be a complementary picnic lunch of hotdogs, salads, chips and dessert on the library lawn. Please plan on attending. This event continues to grow and while tables and chairs are provided, sometimes seating for lunch is at a premium. You are welcome to bring lawn chairs.

Please plan on attending as we honor those men and women of the Armed Forces who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our freedom.



**TOWN OF MALTA & ROUND LAKE RESIDENTS
NO COMMERCIAL
TOWN-WIDE BULK PICK UP**

Week of May 11th

(HAVE ALL ITEMS OUT SUNDAY NIGHT, May 10th)

There is no guarantee when the truck will be in your neighborhood. Pick-up will be done once per neighborhood so make sure you put your bulk out Sunday evening (May 10).

The Town is not responsible for “pickers” who drive around and help themselves to your trash. They are known to leave a mess so please make sure if this happens, to neaten up your pile so it is not too far out in the street or an eyesore to your neighbor.



EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE BULK ITEMS

- ~ **Furnishings:** couches, love-seats, chairs, mattresses, rugs, etc.
- ~ **Appliance & metal items:** stoves, refrigerators (no Freon), washers, dryers, grills, pipes, lawn mowers
(all fluids must be drained including oil & fuel).
- ~ **Wood products:** desks, tables, cabinets, wallboard, trim, windows, doors, etc.

NO EXTRA-LARGE ITEMS MORE THAN 4FT X 8FT X 4FT (i.e. boats, hot tubs, etc.)



EXAMPLES OF INELIGIBLE ITEMS:

- ~ Household trash and yard debris – grass clippings, branches or leaves
- ~ Tires
- ~ Concrete
- ~ Aerosol cans
- ~ Propane Tanks
- ~ Hazardous Materials
- ~ Driveway sealer buckets, paints, stains, etc.
- ~ Computers & computer monitors*
- ~ TV's*

**These items (and rechargeable batteries and more) can be taken to your closest Best Buy. Check their website www.bestbuy.com for details.*

PLEASE NOTE:

Clifton Park has a fall (2nd Saturday in September) **Hazardous Waste Day** that the Town of Malta resident can participate in. There is a small charge (you could always team up with neighbors). Check the Town of Clifton Park's website: www.cliftonpark.org for more details. Town of Malta residents can participate by signing up at the Malta Town Hall Town Clerk's office.

**ROUND LAKE VILLAGE-WIDE
GARAGE SALE
residents only**



MAY 9, 2015 9am-4pm
FOR THE BENEFIT OF ROUND LAKE LIBRARY

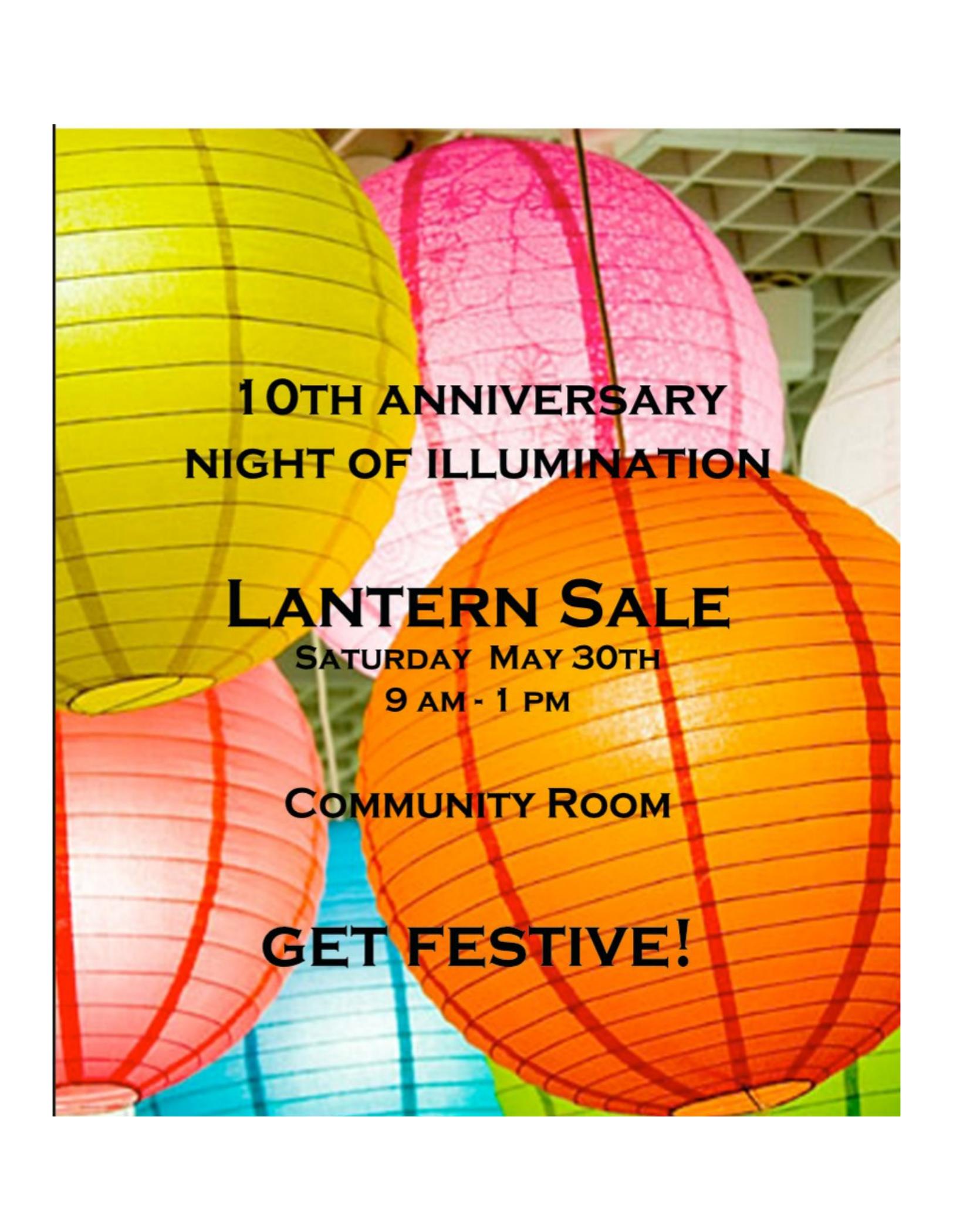
\$20 fee - sign up at Library

Food available at:

United Methodist Church

9am Continental Breakfast

11:30am hamburgers/hot dogs



**10TH ANNIVERSARY
NIGHT OF ILLUMINATION**

LANTERN SALE

SATURDAY MAY 30TH

9 AM - 1 PM

COMMUNITY ROOM

GET FESTIVE!

*10th Anniversary
Night of Illumination
& Potluck Supper*



Saturday, June 27, 2015 6pm

Tent and tables in front of the Auditorium...

*Please bring your favorite dish to share
and your own plate and eating utensils.*

Seating is limited...feel free to bring your own table and chairs

Out and About: Round Lake Nature Notes April 2015
The Wonder and Stress of Wood Ducks in the Village
By Diane Shapiro

Each Spring, around the end of March, I see Wood Duck pairs flying around the Village. The male is striking with his chestnut breast, green head with white stripes, buff colored sides and patterned feathers. The female is a grayish brown with a white- speckled chest and white around her eyes. In flight, you really cannot see all the details, but when they land in a tree, you can. What?! Ducks in a tree? That's what Julie Galloway thought when she first saw Wood Ducks sitting in a tree in her yard. "Something is wrong with this picture!" Year after year they visit the tree and consider the real estate. Wood Ducks have claws and are able to perch on branches. Wood Duck babies have claws, too. They can climb out of tree cavities or nest boxes. Wood ducks are good at flying through the woods around trees. They eat acorns, insects, fruits, land and water plants. They choose nests in tree cavities and specially made Wood Duck nest boxes. Male and female fly around together, land on trees, and the female examines a cavity while the male hangs out on a branch. They do this in early morning.

A couple of years ago, my husband made two cedar nest boxes with attached metal baffles which should ward off intruders like squirrels and raccoons. We placed the boxes at the end of Cleveland and Peck Avenues by the the stream. These sites were chosen because soon after birth, baby Wood Ducks jump out of the nest and mother duck gathers them together and leads the brood to water. Sounds easy. But...these ducks can nest over a mile away from water and don't take into consideration humans, cars, domestic pets, and here in the village: Route 9!

In 2011 during the Antique Festival, right about noon, I got a call from Maggie McDonough. Baby Wood Ducks had dropped down from a tree in the middle of the festival and were running under a parked jeep. Momma had taken off. I suggested that people back off, give the ducks a wide berth and maybe Momma would come back and lead her ducklings away. She did! Ducklings typically jump between nine and noon. Good to know for our Wood Duck response team.

Pat Saunders has agreed to help me on Jump Day. We just need to know where the ducks have nested and try to figure out when the anticipated jump will be. I can post on our village social media sites. The best thing we all can do is keep our pets away from the ducks, not interfere with mom and her brood by giving them distance, and run interference for them should they cross Route 9. A human road block? Call or text me at 899-9246 if you have any info on the ducks. Last spring, Dixie, her daughter Diana and I tried to unite lost babies with their mom. We drove around the village on a wild duck chase.

The Wood Duck box at Cleveland Avenue is all cleaned out and has fresh cedar shaving, thanks to Egan, Reed, Morgan, Cecily, Aiden, and Katherine. We took out a couple of old wasp hives that were in the top of the box. The Green Hour group went to spring clean the box at Peck Avenue but upon knocking, an adult squirrel jumped out. The box is currently leaning, closer to a shrub than it should be, and so is accessible to squirrels. When we looked inside, four baby squirrels were nestled together. They were adorable! I know, I know! Just send the ducks to Cleveland Avenue!