



ROUND LAKE NEWSLETTER

November, 2015

FROM THE MAYOR:

A very special thank you to all the volunteers who helped at the Halloween Party. Amy and Eric Leach for the wonderful Haunted House, Jim Johnson, Rachel Garrison and Cynthia Young as judges, Bill and Shirley Ryan serving cider and cookies and of course Oliver as our MC with Michelle, Danielle and Adrienne as his helpers. Dan Peczka for his usual help with lighting and audio and anyone that I may have missed. It was a great party.

I want to thank Rachel Ziegler-Sheridan and Terry Conrad for the fabulous job they did with the auditorium this past season. It is not an easy chore to coordinate and supervise all of the events and keep everyone happy. They seem to have the knack to do this. It was a good season and I sincerely appreciate all the hard work put into it. We are sorry to see you go and wish you the best in your new endeavors.

The Village Office and DPW will be closed 11/11 for Veterans Day, 11/26 and 11/27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday and will be closing at noon on 12/24 and closed 12/25 for Christmas.

FROM THE CLERK:

The water and sewer bills will be issued December 1, 2015. We are continuing to provide updated bills for your information.

The DPW will start to read the water meters next week. If you have any questions, please call or stop in the Village Office.

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Mark or be aware where your water shutoff is located in case of an emergency this winter.

Please keep garbage out of your leaf bags.

Please make room for your garbage cans so they do not protrude into the street so the snowplow does not hit them.

Just a reminder, do not throw snow into the road it is against the law.

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

Rules to Prevent Frozen Pipes

- Keep all water-supply piping away from outside walls, where it could be exposed to cold winter weather.
- If it is imperative to have pipes located on an outside wall, they must be well-insulated. Piping insulation is sold in both rubber and fiberglass.
- Insulate pipes in all other unheated areas as well, such as crawl spaces, basement, attic, and garage. Fix the source of any drafts (such as near cables, dryer vents, bathroom fan vents, windows) and insulate pipes at risk.
- Before winter, close the water shut-off valve inside your home that provides water to outside spigots, and then drain each line by opening its spigot until it no longer drips. Close the spigot.

What To Do During Subfreezing Temperatures

- Keep garage doors and outside doors closed, and plug up drafts.
- Open all faucets, both hot and cold water, to just a trickle, to keep water moving in the pipes to help to prevent icing.
- Set the thermostat to at least 55 degrees F both day and night—no lower. Higher is even better, especially if your home is not well-insulated.
- Keep doors to all rooms open to allow heat to flow to all areas, which helps to warm the pipes in the walls.
- Open the cabinets under kitchen and bathroom sinks so that the warmer air temperature of each room can flow around the plumbing. (Be sure to keep cleaners and other hazardous chemicals away from children and pets.)

Tips to Fixing Frozen Pipes

- If no water comes out of a faucet, or it comes out slowly, suspect a frozen pipe. Check all faucets in the house to determine if the situation is widespread. If it is, open all faucets, turn off the main water to the house, and call a plumber.
- If only one pipe is frozen, turn on the appropriate faucet to help get the water moving in the pipe once it thaws. Locate your nearest water shut-off valve to the break. Don't turn the water off at this point, unless you find that the pipe has actually burst.
- Try the hair-dryer trick. Locate the area where the pipe has frozen. Then, starting at the faucet and working backward along the pipe line until you reach the frozen section, work the dryer up and down the pipe. Continue warming the pipe until full water pressure returns to the open faucet. Then reduce the faucet flow to a trickle until the cold snap has ended. Caution: When using a hair dryer, be sure that it and its cord will not be near any water that might start to flow through a crack in a burst pipe.
- If water starts to gush out of the pipe while you are warming it, unplug the hair dryer and close the nearest water shut-off valve immediately. Keep the faucet open. Call a plumber to fix the burst pipe.
- If you can not reach a frozen pipe to warm it, call a plumber and shut off the water supply to the pipe. Keep the faucet open.

From the Veterans Committee:

Veterans Day Ceremony

We will be conducting our Veterans Day Ceremony on Wednesday, November 11th at 11:00am in front of the Veterans Memorial. Please join us as we honor our veterans. Our keynote speaker will be Frank McClement, the Director of the Saratoga County Veterans Service Agency. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony in the community room.

For those interested in purchasing a paver for a veteran we will have applications available. Applications for pavers are also available anytime in the Village Office.



Write your letter to Santa

The Village is setting up a North Pole mailbox inside the municipal building. Children may send their letters to Santa and they will be personally answered.





The Round Lake Fire Department will be joining the other Fire and EMS departments in the county in the collection of Toys for Tots. There will be collection boxes in the Village office and at the Fire Station for the collection of new, unwrapped toys. The toys will be collected until Sunday, November 29th at which time they will be delivered with the other departments to the main Shenendehowa campus. At approximately 10am there will be a convoy of Fire, EMS and other trucks leaving Shen to Route 9, north to Malta Commons where the toys will be collected in a tractor trailer. Last year there were over 100 trucks in the convoy and this year we hope for a larger turnout. Thank you.

Frank Mazza
Chief
Round Lake Fire Department



Falling Leaves

By: Bill Ryan

My least favorite things to do, in order, shoveling snow, raking leaves and mowing the lawn. It wasn't always so. Back in the 40s, I liked fall cleanup. My Dad was way ahead of his time. He believed that young men, me, should spend their time outside preferably holding a shovel, splitting maul or rake. This was a time before smart phones, iPads and other related electronic devices that are a mystery to me and one other that really makes me feel dated (old), TV.

Raking was fun and easier than it is now. There were no leaf blowers, mulching ride-on mowers and no big paper bags to fill. And not a thought of air pollution. When Dad decided it was time to cleanup, we started at the house and using really big bamboo rakes, raked everything out to the street and into big piles and burned them. For a few weeks there was a haze over the Village, piles of leaves burning in front of every house that had a lawn.

The other fun things to do, not at your own house, was to ride your bike through a pile of burning leaves as fast as you could peddle and hope no one would call your parents. We did have phones, ours was 6274, One long ring and three short rings. This was also a good time to get rid of deposit bottles. Soda bottles could be brought back to Gorsline's Store. Beer bottles were more difficult. Dad would talk to someone on the Association Crew, not the Superintendent. We would carry the empties to the end of the back driveway. When the Association truck, full of leaves, pulled up, the crew would stuff the empties into the leaves and they found a way to return them @ five cents/bottle. I now think we were not the only house to use their extra service. I think the crew was earning less than \$1/hour.

This system of raking and burning stopped in the mid 50s when the RLA started paving streets with stone and oil. People still wanted to burn, but the RLA trustees said "No more burning".



HOLIDAY ARTISAN MARKET

THURSDAY DECEMBER 3RD

4 - 8 PM

IN THE ROUND LAKE COMMUNITY ROOM
TO SUPPORT THE ROUND LAKE VETERAN'S FUND

FEATURING THE ROUND LAKE COLLECTIVE ARTISTS:

the Quiet Woods Jewelry
Blue Firefly Designs
Double AA Bees Honey & Candles
Jane Vallelunga
Rachel Garrison Pottery
Colin Roy Blacksmith
Eden Carnes' Whimsical Menagerie
Linda & Lauren Peterson
Erin Fish Watercolors
Dee Myers Paper Art
and more...

Refreshments by Leah's Cakery



SOUP, SALAD AND A SLICE OF HISTORY

JOIN US FOR ANOTHER INSTALLMENT ON
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2015, 6 PM
COMMUNITY ROOM

BRING EITHER A SOUP IN A CROCK POT
(DON'T FORGET A LADLE)



SALAD



OR A DESSERT



WE WILL PROVIDE WATER, COFFEE AND TEA

PRESENTATION BY BILL RYAN, SCOTT RIGNEY AND
MIKE ROETS FOLLOWING DINNER

TOPIC: ROUND LAKE HOUSES THEN AND NOW

AS IN PAST, THE GIVING TREE WILL BE UP SO YOU CAN SELECT A GIFT TO
PURCHASE FOR A NEEDY CHILD IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP

PACKETS OF LUMINARIES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
QUESTIONS? CALL 899-2643

W R L I S

Attention current and prospective WRLIS members:

Annual dues, \$10/individual or \$15/family, will be collected at the “Soup, Salad and a Slice of History” event taking place on Friday, November 20th, 2015 at 6pm in the Community Room. Please join us for this delightful occasion! If you are unable to attend, please drop off your annual dues in a sealed envelope with your name and contact information to the library, Attention WRLIS Membership. For membership inquiries, please email membership@wrlis.org

Out and About: Round Lake Nature Notes, November, 2015
by Diane Shapiro

It's already November! How can that be? I was just enjoying a daily dose of garden tomatoes; kids were going back to school and then – SNAP! We moved into October with the first hard frost mid-month, gardens zapped, snow flurries, Halloween, seven weeks until Christmas ... but Wait! Before the snow really flies and holiday festivities begin, take a short drive to the Round Lake Preserve. It is my new favorite place to go with the dog, a friend, the Green Hour group, and, of course, my camera. I've visited about a half dozen times and I always see something different and interesting. I am very happy that this beautiful piece of land was not developed but saved as a preserve for us all to enjoy.

The preserve is located off of Route 67, 1.7 miles east of Route 9. If you go the back way on Maltaville Road to get to Rt 67, I haven't clocked it, but the preserve is before the Sweeney Farm and is a right hand turn. There is a dark brown shingled sign saying Round Lake Preserve. It is a hard packed road to get in. Go around a small round-about (of course, it's Malta!) to park.

On September twenty-third, a warm and sunny day, I brought my Green Hour group on a visit to the preserve to explore and see what we could see. In the field next to where we parked, we saw Cabbage-white and Clouded Sulphur (yellow) butterflies. A Monarch butterfly flew by over the field of red clover. We then looked at and read informational signs telling us of future trails to the lake and what animals we may see, like deer and rabbit. We learned there was a seaplane service on the lake starting in 1941. A couple of picnic tables are at this spot. We ran down the road towards the boardwalk, stopping along the way to read about and look at pictures of Native Americans who came to the lake to fish and to the woods to hunt during summers. Artifacts have been found on the property from their encampments. Farming came afterwards to the area.

The group was eager to get to the boardwalk and water but had to stop to check out a caterpillar and then another sign telling of Kestrels, Meadowlarks, and Northern Harrier hawks that might be spotted. Dragonflies darted around us, red and blue ones, as we finally got to the observation platform on the Anthony Kill, Round Lake's outlet. The kids saw lots of sunfish, bugs, and lily pads in the water.

The view is really wonderful from the platform. The lake, to the west, is relatively close. Looking east you can see the Anthony Kill. It is a totally different view than being on the water in a kayak or canoe. It's a great spot to look at the sky and view cloud formations, watch the sparkle on the water; fish and bird watch. I've seen Great Blue Heron, Belted Kingfishers, and a Bald Eagle fly by.

In 2004 there were at least 20 Great Blue Heron nests down from here. The nests began to dwindle in number as ospreys and eagles came to the lake. I remember watching a Bald Eagle flying over the rookery with the herons croaking their concern, certainly afraid of their young being snatched for the eagle's meal. By 2010 there was only four nests in the rookery with herons occupying just one. The following year an osprey nested there and no herons. The herons and osprey are now nesting on Ballston Creek. Both species come to Round Lake to fish.

To see pictures of the preserve check out my blog, Roundlakenaturenotes.blogspot.com: Around the Village in Photos: October 22- 28, October 8 – 13, and September 17 – 23, 2015.

Enjoy your visit!