

Arbutus Lake Log

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Yes, I missed one, but we are trying to keep you informed with Emails of time specific events and saving the newsletter for current and future events.

Membership Renewal:

January is membership renewal time. The annual dues for the association are still \$20.00, which has not changed since the Lake Arbutus Association (LAA) was founded ten years ago. Dues are the only source of funding that the LAA has, so we rely on dues to fund any projects that the Association undertakes. There were very few capital projects for the first few years, so the treasury had an opportunity to build up to a substantial amount. But for what? Since then the LAA has contributed to many projects around and in the lake. The association has teamed up with the Sportsman's Club, the Fire Department and the TWP of Dewhurst.

I am particularly proud of the 35 foot flag pole that was erected at the Dewhurst Town Hall on Veteran's Day, 11-11-11. The LAA also replaces the flag every six months. If you would like the flag flown in honor of someone, please contact the LAA to get on the waiting list. Cost for the flag is \$60.00 and you will be given the flag after it has been flown for six months.

You too can help by recruiting new members. Here's what you can do. Just check with your neighbors. Ask them if they are members and if they aren't, ask them to join. Tell them that they can check our website www.lakearbutus.com . Membership information is available there.

Survey coming out :

Membership renewals will include a survey from the LAA concerning several subjects of

Flag flown in memory of Bert Johnson U.S. Army, WWII Veteran. Donated by his son Ralph Johnson

interest to all the membership. Along with questions as to what this association can do to assist the members it will include a suggestion section for your input as to what you feel is important to all. Please note that this survey will not be very scientific, but we want to see how we can improve. There are several things that will be a surprise to all. The five mile radius around the hub is directly responsible for almost as much taxes as Neillsville's residential property taxes. Yet, despite the high property taxes, only a few full time residences have a vote.

2014 Calendars for sale:

The Lake Arbutus Association's annual calendar has been out for almost two months by now, so I hope that you have gotten yours by now. If not, we have some left for sale. They make tremendous Christmas gifts, and for only six bucks, they won't break yours or Santa's budget. The Hatfield Hub still has them for sale, as well as the Inwood Supper Club and the Hatfield Sports Shop. We were able to cut the price this year because of the generous support of twelve local businesses supporting our printing costs with advertizing. Many of them have also included coupons for their businesses.

The LAA does not make any money on calendar sales, but this year we should break even. It is a fun project to put together, and this year we got a jump on the project and finished by Oct first. There were a few bumps along the way, but ours was still the first calendar submitted to the printer. That's a record that we are going to try to keep up for 2015.

The 2015 Calendar Contest:

One can never start too early. Start taking pictures for the next contest. There will be a new theme for the 2015 contest and that will be announced in January. Obviously, it will have something to do with Hatfield and Lake Arbutus, so no pictures of the Times Square Christmas tree. Give you a hint: Living animal, outdoors, scenic, water, etc.

The main problem the last two years with some of the pictures that have been sent to the committee is the resolution of the photo. Camera photos are the biggest problem, because their resolution has been set for small screen display like text messages etc. But imagine what that picture would look like on a 10" by 8" print out. Try printing your text photos on a full eight by ten photo paper and you will see what happens, and why they can't be used. We were able to use a couple of low resolution photos by using several on a page, but volume is not the goal of the committee.

If you are using a digital camera and don't know how to set the resolution (pixel count) check with your children or grand children. They will show you how to enlarge the pixel count. Or, remember all those papers in the box when you bought the camera? They were called "instructions". Still got the box?

Church Services in Park:

For the last forty years there have been non-denominational church services in Russell Park. Up until the end of services this year, there has been no charge for using the smaller shelter, but there were three shelter rentals this past summer and the Clark County Parks received written complaints about the church services

occupying the shelter in the morning (till 11:30).

As a result of these complaints, park officials decided that the church would also have to pay \$50.00 to reserve the shelter for all day each Sunday, even though they would be out by 11:30. Several people attended a Parks Committee meeting in October to discuss some compromise to this requirement by the park officials. At that meeting, we were allowed to speak, but no action was taken.

At the November meeting of the Parks Committee, it was decided that if the church would rent the shelter each of fifteen Sundays, they could get a 20% discount. The Pastor has agreed to this and so church will net the park \$600.00 for the summer services. Private individuals rented the shelter three times last summer.

So, the oldest park church service in Wisconsin will continue into it's 41st year. Services begin on Memorial Day Week end and continue till Labor Day week end. They start at 10:15 and after the service, there's coffee and treats! It is a great way to start out Sunday morning. See you there.

Late Breaking News: Dec 6

Brian Duell, Parks and Program manager for Clark County just Emailed Pastor Eric to tell him that an anonymous donor has paid for all the 2014 shelter rent for Sunday Services. Whoever you are, thank you and God bless.

Financial Section: compliments of the Arbutus Fourth National Bank and Bait

His name was Ole and he was from Wisconsin. He needed a loan, so he walked into a Bank in New York City and asked to see a loan officer. Ole told the banker that he was going to Oslo for the Norwegian Summer festival and needed \$5000.00. As he was not a customer of the New York

Bank, the loan officer told him that they would need some collateral. "Vell" said Ole, "I have a \$300,000.00 Ferrari parked out front. Will that work for security?" Ole produced the title and the keys so the loan officer was satisfied. "I'm sorry, but I will have to charge 12% interest" he said. Ole took the money and a bank employee drove the Ferrari down into the secure garage under the bank.

The Banker and his fellow officers had a good laugh about Ole leaving a \$300,000.00 Ferrari for collateral on a \$5000 loan. "**Dumb Norwegian**" they said.

Two weeks later, Ole returned from Norway, paid off the loan including \$23.07 in interest. The loan officer told Ole that he had checked him out on Dun & Bradstreet and found out that he was worth millions from his oil wells in North Dakota as well as investments all over the country. "Why", said the banker, "did you borrow the five thousand dollars with all the money you have?"

Ole smiled and said, "where else in New York City can you park for two weeks for \$23.07 and expect the car to be there when you return?"

When Ole got back to Westby and was talking to his buddies at Borgens, he was heard to say "**Dumb New York Bankers**".

No one knew what Ole was talking about, that is 'till now.

Let me leave you with a friendly warning. It is slippery out there!



These were the original "Hot Doggers" ski club.