

The official newsletter of the Lake Arbutus Association

Welcome to the second edition of the Lake Log. As summer has left, the weather is reminding us that we can put the mower away and try to find out where the snow shovel is hiding. Fall colors have been at their peak and are starting to fade. There is a lot of preparation for winter that cannot be put off any longer. Ever try to chop ice around your pier? You know what I mean.

There are a few dates that are important to this area. Number one is October 13, a Thursday night, when the Hatfield Fire Department has their annual Booster Banquet at the Castle Hill Supper Club. Your \$25.00 donation gets you a Buffet style Chicken and Roast Beef dinner, a chance at four cash drawings and literally hundreds of door prizes. Merchants and sponsors from the area get together and donate these prizes in support of the Fire Department. There are also ticket sales for many different items ranging from patio furniture to hunting rifles, gas grills to homemade arts and crafts. It seems that something new comes up every year. Want to buy a load of gravel for \$5.00? It has happened before. This evening has always been a lot of fun. Remember, all the proceeds go to your Fire Department. Tickets are available from any Fire Department member. **Caution:** They do sell out, so do not hesitate.

The ATV trails will be closing in October. Jackson County Trails close on Saturday, Oct 15 and Clark County closes their trails on Halloween, Oct 31. Daylight Savings Time ends November 6, and the Gun Deer Hunt starts on Nov 19. Both counties open their ATV trails for the winter on December 15.

Hatfield Fire Chief's Corner: With fall around the corner, I think a good idea is to look at your clothes dryer vent and outlet. Try to get this cleaned out prior to the cold weather which seems to come too quickly anymore. When the kids are home, have them pull out the dryer and take the vent off for cleaning. It's a pain I know but we need the dryer to work efficiently as well as safely. I do not know the exact number of fires started by dryers, but just one is too many!

This fall our First Responders have to be re-certified by the State. Twenty four hours of training is required every two years. I personally am not a First Responder but I take my hat off to our members for their commitment to help others at any time of the day or night. Currently we have ten men and women with a possibility of one or two more wanting to join. New First Responders have to take a minimum of 80 hours of training and pass a test. All training costs are picked up by the department which is through the Technical Colleges. Transportation costs for school are the individual's own expense. We average at least one call per week through the year. So, if you know any of them, tell them "thanks".

I cannot leave without saying that we have had a lot of response and feedback from the large sign you gave us for display on our fire truck. I know two years ago we tried to get the public to be more aware of their driveway's accessibility with our larger vehicles that we have now at the department, but with not a lot of response from the public. Hopefully, people realize that if a school bus can't get down their driveway and turn around, then neither can our trucks.

Thank you, Gary Nordin, Hatfield Fire Chief

Historic Roller Rink making a comeback: According to an interview between Jenny You of WEAU and one of the new owners of the 90 year old roller rink that burned in January, the rink will be re-opened in late December or early spring. Renamed *Lake Arbutus Pavilion*, the owners plan on roller skating, a 50's soda fountain and sock hops. Sorry, you will have to get in line behind me at the soda fountain. See the complete article

http://www.weau.com/home/headlines/Historic_roller_rink_making_a_comeback_in_Hatfield_130386158.html A personal sidelight: The fire was just a week after I finally found my skates and brought them up to the cabin. I took the fire as an omen that I'm too old to roller skate. Well, this news changes all that, even though I go in for knee surgery next week.

Shoreline preservation: In early September, Ralph Johnson and Tom Gilbert, along with many volunteers repaired 300 feet of shoreline with the blessings of the DNR and a lot of help from Matt Zoschke and Cody Overgard of the Clark County Land Conservation Department. The design submitted to the DNR for approval was Cody's and Matt was the onsite supervisor. Your Lake association helped fund these shoreline restorations with \$250.00 grants to each homeowner. The association will fund \$250.00 per year for one project. The Johnson project was for 2010 and Gilbert's was the 2011 grant. These lakefronts are across from Russell Park and can be seen from the water or from the beach in the park.

The construction of this shoreline preservation consists of using 6' to 8' landscape cloth, about one foot deep in the water and then run up the shoreline till about three feet above water level and held in place by rocks of various sizes. The larger rocks are at water level so they break up any wave action from wind or boat wakes. Then the wave action is further broken up by the smaller rocks. As this shoreline was where boats slow down to enter Arnold's Creek, shoreline erosion has been rampant in the last few years.

Ralph found the rocks near Marshfield and only had to pay for the trucking. They were a farmer's fence line, built over many years by many generations of farm families. If you haven't picked field stones in the spring before planting, you don't know what you have missed. Right? It is probably why so many kids moved to town. Anyway, there was three large dump truck loads of various sized rocks, along with fence posts, barbed wire and mysterious machine parts deposited in Ralph's driveway. The larger rocks were needed first, so they were all handpicked and placed in the skid steer loaders for the trip to the shoreline. Again, after dumping them along the shoreline, they needed to be hand placed over the fabric. Not an easy job, but six hours later, the job was done and many pizzas consumed. Check it out. But, if you plan on doing your shoreline, I'm busy.

Preparing for Wildfire



By: Amy Luebke, WDNR Wildland-Urban Interface Specialist

New Video Tells a Wisconsin Firewise Story

A new video has just been released that gives a Wisconsin perspective on protecting homes in areas prone to wildfire. "Wildfire in Wisconsin: Would *Your* Home Survive?" tells the story of George Voyles, a homeowner who followed Firewise recommendations when he moved to his rural home in

Adams County. When his property received a direct hit by the 3400-acre Cottonville Fire in 2005, his home survived with only minimal damage thanks to some simple steps he took ahead of time to protect his property. This 9-minute video is posted on the DNR website at <http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/forestry/fire/prevention/firewise/>. For more information or to get a copy of the DVD, contact Amy Luebke, Wisconsin DNR,

DNR Wardens apprehend illegal walleye fisherman: Game wardens stopped Ole Svenson last week after observing him by the Lake Arbutus Sports Bar with two buckets of fish. The warden asked Ole if he had a license to catch the fish.

Ole replied "Dese here are my pet fish".

"Pet fish", the warden replied.

"Ya sure you betcha", replied Ole. "Every night I take dese fish to the lake and let dem swim around for awhile. Then I whistle and they yump back into der buckets and I take them home".

"That's a bunch of hooley", said the warden. Fish can't do that".

Ole looked at the game warden with an expression of great hurt, and then said, "Yumpin Yimminy! Vel den, I'll just show ya. It really does vork, don'tcha know?"

"O. K. I've got to see this!" said the curious warden.

So, Ole poured the fish in the lake and stood waiting. After several minutes, the warden turned to Ole and said' "Well?"

"Vell what?" responded Ole.

"When are you going to call them back?"

"Call who back?" asked Ole.

"The fish!"

What fish?"

Reported by Ralph Johnson.

Editor's note: My computer's *spell check* just self destructed.

Thanks for reading the second edition of the newsletter. Again, I would like to solicit any comments or criticisms. If you have a story or photos about the Lake Arbutus area, please Email them to me at torgerr@msn.com I appreciate the support of Amy Luebke, Rich Linton, and Chief Nordin for articles or information for the newsletter. Have something interesting about Hatfield? Anyone know about the 50/5000 population sign? If you are uncomfortable writing about an event, I can send our Ace reporter out to interview you.

Next issue will come out on New Years Day.