



Did you know?

On January 20, 1960, the Village had been in existence for a year and a half and Mayor Harmon reported to the residents that "We are living well within our operating budget of \$1,000."

*The Village
The Past and Present
of Sunfish Lake
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Dear Friends & Neighbors

The leaves have fallen, the pumpkins have been carved and our crisp November days remind us that winter will be here soon. Hope you all are well and busy getting ready for the holidays.

We've been busy, too, at "City Hall" and I'd like to share a few of the highlights. Council decided once again to not allow a bow hunt this fall, but due to our excessive deer population, there will be a culling of the herd in early 2010.

Please read the article about the volunteer professional bowhunters included in this newsletter.

After a long process of evaluation and review, council decided to not proceed with a bituminous upgrade and better defined ditching for Charlton Road.

City engineer Tim Hanson presented a proposal which required easements from 16 property owners and the property acquisition would be too expensive to go forward at this time. The project has been tabled for now. A positive outcome from this process has been that most people--council as well as citizens--believe that better ditching and erosion control is needed whether the road is paved or not.

On Saturday October 10th more than 45 citizens participated in our first annual Buckthorn Bust in Musser Park. After 4 hours of hard work and 2 hours of food and relaxation, more than 10 large piles of buckthorn were removed from the front area of the park. The piles will be hauled

away and chipped to be used as fuel for the downtown St. Paul area buildings. Special thanks to the Environmental Committee and event co-chairs Tom Schlehuder and Bernie Tuohy for spear heading such a worthwhile community project.

Also, many thanks to the Bulach family for hosting the annual Halloween Hayride. Fun was had by all, young and old alike!

That's all for now. Please take care and have a happy holiday season. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at mollypark@mac.com

Warmly,
Mayor Molly Park

Delaware & 494... An Update

The local press has produced a spate of articles about developments from the Transportation Visioning Study of northern Dakota County. On November 10, the project consultants presented data to the public at an open house held in the city of Inver Grove Heights. Although there are six major scenarios for lane additions and intersection changes, two particular scenarios raised concerns for the cities of Sunfish Lake and Mendota Heights: the possibility of a freeway interchange at Delaware Avenue and Interstate 494 as well as ramp alterations at Dodd Road and 494. Traffic patterns would change dramatically in both cities with impacts on safety and neighborhood ambience. Mayor Molly Park and

the City Council plan to work closely with Mendota Heights to strategize a plan of response. If anyone is interested in working on the committee from Sunfish Lake, please send your e-mail address to city clerk Cathy Iago (cjiago@comcast.net).

If you would like be kept informed as this goes forward, please send your email address to Cathy Iago



Save the Date!!!

The SFL annual holiday party will be Saturday, December 5 at Mike

Costello's home. Watch for the invitations with exact times and costs.

SFL Graduates Make Us Proud



In addition to the nine graduates featured in the summer issue of *The Quarterly*, the Village can boast of four additional graduates:

- **Bre Gish** graduated from Henry Sibley High School and is attending the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.
- **Christian Halvorsen** graduated from Henry Sibley High School (see basketball feature in the spring 2009 issue) and is attending Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana, on a full scholarship to play Division I basketball.
- **Katherine Tuohy** graduated summa cum laude from Minnehaha Academy and is attending Creighton University. Katherine received the Magis Academic Scholarship and the Ignation Leadership and Service Scholarship from Creighton.
- **Zachary Ward** graduated from Henry Sibley High School and is attending Columbia College in Chicago.

Halloween Hayride Event is Huge Success... Again!!!

The 2nd annual Halloween party was a great evening for the more than 75 people who took part at Steve and Beth Bulach's ghostly grounds. Thirty five children enjoyed over 13 trick or treat stops for a caravan of three wagons. Thanks to all the people on Salem Church Road who were very generous with the treats, Thanks to the Bulachs for hosting. Volunteers for next year's event are being solicited. Sign up now with Michelle Schlehuber (651-451-5527) or Liz Lee (651-405-0383).

Left: The Schlehuber Family: SFL's favorite family of comic book characters!

Center: The wagon heads out for trick and treating.

Right: Maddie Schlehuber, Anna Noble, Anne Oakman, Shannon Lee, Caroline Schlehuber and Owen Schlehuber are in the haywagon, ready to go!



City Plans Deer Population Reduction

The SFL City Council approved a new deer management program at its October meeting. During the month of January, the Minnesota Volunteer Professional Bow Hunters will be allowed in Musser Park only on designated days to bait and bow hunt our excessive deer population. The number of deer to be taken will be determined by the DNR. Proper registration of the professional volunteers will be coordinated by West St. Paul Police Chief Bud Shaver and council member Dick Williams. Warning signage will be properly posted in the park. Deer meat from the kill will be donated to local food shelves.

The Council believes this process should result in a "win/win" situation: humane reduction of the deer population by a trained volunteer force and donation of venison to needy food shelves. Mendota Heights has used a similar program with great success the last few years.

Remodeling Projects Reminders

City building inspector Russ Wahl asks all SFL residents planning building or remodeling projects to remember:

- In all new houses, smoke detectors must be hard wired with battery backup and interconnected. When one alarm goes off, they all go off.
- When any interior remodeling is done, including new windows exceeding \$1000, battery operated smoke detectors must be installed in each bedroom, hallway and basement.
- Any renovation project exceeding \$1000--new roof, new appliances or plumbing--needs to have a proper building permit before work can commence. Have your contractor call Russ at 651-454-4035 to fulfill this requirement.

"I have served Sunfish Lake for the past 31 years with great honor and pride and look forward to continuing for many more," Wahl said.

Recycling Tip

If you are looking to get rid of something, check out the Dakota County Green Guide online. It's your one-stop donation and disposal guide for what to do with stuff you no longer need or want.

