

SUNFISH LAKE QUARTERLY

winter 2010

Dear Friends & Neighbors

Time really does fly! Here it is the end of winter 2010 and it is my eighth year addressing you in this newsletter! I hope that you all are well and surviving our bracing Minnesota weather. Here are some highlights from the past quarter.

The culling of our excessive deer herd has been approved by the DNR to be managed by the Minnesota Bow Hunters Resource Base. During the last two weeks of February and the first week of March, these volunteers will bait and kill up to 40 deer ONLY in Musser Park. By now you all should have received notice of this program and will do your best to stay away from the park on the designated weekdays of the culling in order for us to have a successful and safe deer management process. We'll keep you informed of the results.

On Thursday, February 25, 2010 from 4 to 6 pm there will be a neighborhood meeting to discuss issues raised as part of the Regional Roadway Visioning Study that has looked at traffic patterns in the future growth areas of Inver Grove Heights and Eagan. The meeting will be

held at Trinity School of River Ridge, 601 River Ridge Parkway in Eagan (southeast corner of Argenta Trail and Hwy. 494). There should be ample time for fruitful discussion of the possible scenarios under consideration. Homeowners within the designated area have been informed by county officials.

Over the next few months, our city website will be upgraded and streamlined so that it will be more user friendly with state of the art features. This is made possible due to the very generous gift of a SFL couple and we look forward to having it be fully operational by May.

Hope you enjoy the annual holiday party snapshots on the back of this newsletter. Once again Mike Costello hosted a very merry event and fun was had by all.

That's it for now. Stay safe and feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at: [651-455-8809](tel:651-455-8809) or mollypark@mac.com

Warmly,
Mayor Molly Park

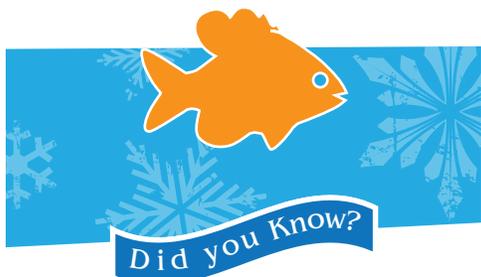
SFL Loses Two Special Friends

ALICE LYMAN HARRISON, 89, died November 21, 2009. Alice was a passionate gardener, birdwatcher, sister, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and WWII Navy veteran. Alice and John moved to Sunfish Lake in the late 1950s and raised their children on the Lake, where Lucy Gehan (Mark) and Scott Harrison (Nancy) have raised their children as well. Alice also is survived by Julie Kissler (Dennis) and Mark Harrison (Susan Michalek), eight grandchildren and a great grandson. She also is sur-

vived by her sister, Mary Ringer. Alice was a member of the Century Club, the St. Paul Garden Club and a former board member of DARTS.

TOBY LANE POHLAND died on February 6, 2010. Toby was a well known Twin Cities fashion model for more than 50 years. Her passion was for her horses and the art of dressage riding. She is survived by her children, Jeff, Darcy, Todd (Holly) and grandchildren, Kate and Will.

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In 1916, the permanent residents of Sunfish Lake were almost entirely German and descendents of those families holding property at that time may still be found in the Sunfish Lake community.

*The Village
The Past and Present
of Sunfish Lake
by Robert Orr Baker*

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Deer Herd Reduction Begins

The out of season bow and arrow deer hunt started last week and the Minnesota Bow Hunters took two deer on the opening day at Musser Park. Depending on the weather and other factors, the remaining days for the hunt will be held **Feb. 22–26** and **March 1–5**. Each day of a hunt, signs will be prominently posted on the north end of Musser Park.

The City has an ordinance prohibiting the feeding of deer. Feeding the deer results in increased numbers of deer that are unable to remain healthy and sustain themselves. **Please do not put out any feed for wild animals during the hunt weeks.** Even though the feed is not intended for deer, they may be drawn to it.

SFL Celebrates the Holidays

Sunfish Lake neighbors warmed up winter at the annual holiday party hosted again by Mike Costello at his home on Angell Road. The dinner buffet was sumptuous and the conversations were stimulating.



Host Mike Costello
with Bonnie Bennett Holub



Mayor Molly Park with
Ron and Jody Hanson



Jake and Angel Crandall
with Jim Foley



Dennis Walsh, Wayne Faris
and Jim O'Hagan



John and Bonnie Holub with
Alexandra and Grant Fitzer



Tom Hall and Julie Kunkel
with Mary and Paul Coons



Gary and Judy Sommerland

Public Safety Calls Reported for SFL

Police reports for the Village during the last quarter (Nov. 30, 2009 to Jan. 29, 2010) included: 18 extra patrols, 10 check premises, 7 false alarms, 6 medical assists, 3 each thefts, suspicious persons, and miscellaneous, 2 each animal complaint, traffic stop, ordinance violation, damage to property, motor assist and 911 hang ups. The approximately 70 calls also included one of each of the following: fire alarm, motor vehicle accident, disturbing the peace, driving complaint, domestic incident and hunting violation.

Environmental Update by Elizabeth Oakman

The Mayor's Environmental Advisory Committee is researching the pros and cons of contracting with a single trash hauler for all of SFL. Some of the issues being reviewed include how each hauler disposes of the waste they collect, how much of the recycled materials picked

up are actually recycled, and road wear. Along with these environmental concerns we are also addressing cost, ease of use and reliability. If you have any thoughts or suggestions concerning this topic please email them to e_oakman@yahoo.com.

Recycling Tip

Composting is easy, cheap and environmentally smart! Did you know that 23% of the U.S. waste system is just food and yard residue? By composting, you can reduce household trash from 50–70%! You can compost your fruits, vegetables, eggshells, coffee grounds, clean paper, hair, grass clippings, vacuum lint; but not dairy products, fats, meat or fish, pet waste, diseased plants/pesticides, and charcoal ash. While there are many different methods of composting, remember good air circulation is key. Learn more at www.epa.gov/epawaste/conserve/rrr/composting/index.htm or www.composting101.com

Arbor Day Green Fair!

The Arbor Day Green Fair will be held this year on May 1st at Harmon Park from 8:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.. This year you will be able to purchase not only trees but shrubs as well thanks to Jim Naves. More information to come.

