

## Moose Lake News

by Jim Onarheim and Tammy Graham

Tammy: Have you heard that fiber internet is coming to Moose Lake? Norvado will be bringing Fiber internet to most of the Moose Lake area as part of their Winter Fiber Build project. This project was separated into two phases. Phase 1 has already been completed which brought fiber internet to the town of Winter. The second phase of the project will start this spring and open the availability of fiber internet to eight hundred homes and businesses between Clam Lake and Winter. This is the part that will include Moose Lake. The current estimated completion date for phase two is December 2024. This project will bring fiber internet to the western portion of the lake and will provide faster speeds to our residents currently on DSL. This will provide internet access to many homes that are not currently able to receive internet from anything other than a satellite.

In case you were wondering what fiber internet is, it is a form of internet that uses fiber optic cables buried underground to deliver internet via light waves which can send data as fast as about 70% the speed of light. Internet speeds of up to 2 GBPS will be available.

If you are interested in learning more or checking your eligibility and /or signing up to have the lines run to your property, please visit: [norvado.com/winter](http://norvado.com/winter).

Jim: Each year I write about keeping yourself and family safe from Wildfires. I must always remind people that the number one cause of wildland fires in Wisconsin is Debris burning. People must be extremely careful with any outside burning even if it is a controlled burn. Incendiary (arson), trains, equipment use, campfires, lighting & children playing with matches also account for many outdoor fire causes.

With spring coming and all our snow possible close to being gone again, I must remind everyone to be careful with fire. Our dead grass and brush are highly flammable at this time of the year. The low humidity that we have during this time contributes to a dangerous situation. Debris burning is a major problem when people start to clean their property after winter.

If you were to use a Burn barrel, you need a ¼ inch mesh screen over the top. In fact, I would like to recommend that you put off any outside burning of any kind until things green up. Burn barrels could be used on a rainy day. Remember, any outside burning requires a permit even after things green up. Two inches of snow cover is the only exception.

Most of us live in the forest, which is an area that can be very explosive this time of year to a wildfire. I must also remind you that if you accidentally start a wildfire, you are totally responsible for the cost of extinguishing the fire. This means even if the forest service or the fire department must bring in heavy equipment, you may be charged for all expenses. Even aircraft.

Composting is always your best option. Burning debris is your last option. But in case you need to do outside burning please note the following. In the Round Lake Township, we have four locations where the Smokey Bear fire danger signs are posted for your information. Pine Point Rd. & County Hwy S, County Hwy S and Moose Lake Rd. County Hwy. A and Moose Lake Rd. and in front of Hilman's grocery store on Hwy. B. Burning conditions are rated as follows,

Low: Fires will start from and open flame, spread slowly and in the absence of wind tend to go out. This is the safest time to burn.

Moderate: Fires start from a match or burning embers. They can spread quickly in dry grass or leaves. Burn with extreme caution!

High: Dangerous conditions. Fires start readily from a match or spark, spread quickly and spot readily. These types of fires are difficult to control, and burning is not recommended.

Very High: This is a dangerous condition. Fires start easily, spread very rapidly, can cause a crown fire, and start many spot fires. These fires are difficult to control, and burning is not recommended.

Extreme: This is a very explosive condition. Fires start easily, burn fiercely, and start crown fires very readily. These fires are difficult or impossible to control during the day. Burning is not recommended at this time. This also may be declared a Red Flag Day. Currently outside burning is not allowed at all.

The good news is, you can prevent fires, so it is possible to live, work and play safely in fire prone areas safely. This is done by understanding the common causes of wildland fires and recognizing when conditions are unsafe for burning outdoors. We can reduce the risk of wildland fires from starting and spreading by using good common sense. Be proactive and know the daily fire danger restrictions for your area.

Pool league is winding down. Two weeks to go. This past Thursday we had ten players which made up five teams. Taking first place this week again was Brad Daywitt and Mike Williams. Second place went to Holly Christison and Gatlin Gunn. The TP award was presented to Christina Christison and Russ Smith. There was some good competition and many close games. This Thursday we will do it again. We will finish on the 18<sup>th</sup> with our year end meal and some pool games and prizes.

The MLIA met on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of April for their monthly Board meeting. The Board is still looking for a Roadside clean up chairperson. If you are interested, please contact any board member. The nomination committee is looking for anyone interested in being on the board of directors. If interested, please contact any board member.

I was talking with Dave Sanders and his wife Snook over the weekend. They informed me that long time summer resident Wally Erickson passed away the Friday of Easter weekend. Wally had been coming up to Moose Lake for 60 years. He was married to Dave Sander's cousin, who passed away a couple of years ago. Our deepest condolences go to Wally's family.

Birthday wishes this week are extended to long time past Moose Lake resident Jim Hagen on the 13th of April. Dan McCormick will turn 90 years old on the 14th of April. Betty Ratliff and past resident Rob House both have birthdays on the 15th. Jack Brown has his birthday on the 16th of the month. There are no anniversaries this week.

Stay safe everyone I hope you are enjoying your beautiful week. Please send your items of interest to my new e-mail address [emta984@gmail.com](mailto:emta984@gmail.com) or call my landline at 715-462-4448 or my cell at 715-577-8880. Moose Improvement association website is <http://mliahaywardwi.org> The Town of Round Lake Web site is <https://www.townofroundlakewi.org> and the NEW Round Lake Fire Department website is <https://townofroundlakefire-rescue.org>

