

Moose Lake News by Jim Onarheim

The Moose Lake Improvement Association met last Thursday April 4th at Charlie's Restaurant. One very important item that was reported on by Tom Koehler was an update from the MLIA committee that is pursuing a new RFE (Regulatory Flood Elevation) for our lake. Tom hopefully should have his report on the MLIA web-site this week. Please refer to the web-site for more information. <https://mliahaywardwi.org>

The MLIA annual meeting will be held on Saturday July 6th at Louie's Landing. The meeting will be held on the front lawn under the tents. More information will be given out as we get closer to the date of the meeting. Everyone at the meeting was reminded that the road bans are now in place. Signs are posted with the weight limits. The next MLIA board meeting will be held on Thursday May 2nd at Louie's Landing.

With spring just around the corner, we should be just about done with using that fire place or wood stove. This is a perfect time of the year to get in touch with that chimney sweep or the person to clean your chimney. If we do it now, we will not have to worry about doing it next fall. So, this coming fall on that first cool night you should be able to start up that fireplace or wood stove without having to worry about a chimney fire. It is always best to get it cleaned and inspected early in the year, so if we do have a problem, we can get it repaired prior to the fall heating season. By waiting until fall to clean your chimney it is always a rush and is sometimes hard to find someone without getting on a waiting list. As I'm writing this on Sunday evening, the LCO Fire Dept. was just paged out for a chimney fire.

Here are a few names of people in the area that do this kind of work. This information is in our phone book. Hythe & Jason Mann @ 800-995-4855 or schedule online @ ChimneyManns.com out of Shell Lake, Wi, Mr. Chimney Sweep 1-800-481-9666, Professional Chimney Service, 1-920-428-3999.

Louie's has been closed during the week so Jack can have some time off to spend with his daughter. Jack agreed to have his staff open the bar on Thursdays at 4 PM and serve only pizza and drinks for Pool League. His staff agreed to work Friday and Saturday also. The Moose Lake pool players know they only have a couple of weeks left so Jack agreed to let the play pool in his absence. The bar will be back to its normal schedule starting Tuesday April 16th.

Speaking of pool league the results from last Thursday are as follows. First place went to Roger Winters and Darryl Enk. Second place was awarded to Brad Daywitt & Tom Koehler. Terry Barnhill & Joe Dwyer took home the TP award. I believe they have one more week of pool left on April 11th.

The Bears are out. About a week ago a sow and her two cubs tried to get into Louie's after hours. They must have smelled some of Steve's good cooking and tried to get thru three different doors at Louie's. They did manage to tear the screens but did not make entry into the building. I'm sure a black bear is not what you want to come face to face with at 3AM in the morning when you are sleeping. I guess Steve will have a real good story to tell Jack when he returns from vacation. As we lose our snow the fire danger will start to rise. Remember when our snow cover is gone a burning permit must be obtained for all outside burning. It is recommended that you compost your dead leaves and grass and not burn them. Any forest, grass or wildland fire that you start is 100% your responsibility. Any damage that your fire may do plus all the extinguishing costs can be charged back to you. Is it worth taking a chance of doing any outside burning this time of the year? No.

In next week's Moose Lake News, I will have plenty of information and tips on outside burning to share with you. I will also cover the different levels of Fire Danger that are posted in our area. I will also share with you where the Fire Danger signs are posted in the Town of Round Lake and Spider Lake.

I'm sure many of you have already found out, all our Town of Round Lake board members have been reelected for another term. There were many Round Lake residents that told me they were very happy with the outcome of the election.

I must apologize for not including birthday wishes to the following people in last week's news.

Linda Seeger the 6th of April, Paul Miller on the 7th, Beth Miller & Amy Picchiatti both on the 8th, Gayann Miller, Bunny Chaleen and Lou Grayson on the 9th of April. Birthday wishes this week, go out to Jim Hagen on the 13th & Dan McCormick on the 14th. Happy Birthday also to Mary Korth, Betty Ratliff & Rob House all on the 15th. Jack Brown will be celebrating his birthday on April 16th on the day Louie's opens back up. Please wish all these people a Happy Birthday if you happen to see them.

Well that is all we have for this week. Remember if you have any news items please give me a call or send it to me by e-mail, 715-462-4448 or jonarheim@centurytel.net so I can include it in the column. It's very hard to come up with news without you. Have a great week enjoy the melting snow & ice. Stay safe!

For information on the Town of Round Lake Government go to their web-site at <http://www.townofroundlakewi.org>. For Moose Lake Improvement Association (MLIA) information, view their web-site at <https://mliahaywardwi.org>