



## *Deephaven Historical Society Fall 2017 Issue*

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Please Join Us on Sunday, October 1st from 3 to 5 p.m. for our  
Fall Boat Tour on the *Lady of the Lake*



Once again, it's that time of year for our annual Boat Tour on Lake Minnetonka. We are hoping the weather will be glorious and the trees will be in full color as we tour the shores of Lake Minnetonka in Deephaven. We'll be viewing six selected Deephaven homes and describe their history from the paddleboat, the *Lady of the Lake* and leave from the Port of Excelsior at 3:00 p.m.

Members: \$10 and non-members \$15. Memberships will be available. Call Nan Nicole at 952-473-3682 to schedule your reservations. You may pay on the day of the tour, (checks made out to the Deephaven Historical Society or cash) or mail your payment to Nan Nicolle, 17600 Breconwood Road, Wayzata, MN 55391.

We will start checking in reservations at 2:30. Because of the popularity of our boat tour, all those with reservations will board early. If there are any seats left after those with reservations are seated, open seats will be available to purchase.

Complimentary snacks and soft drinks are included in your history boat tour of homes on the shores of Lake Minnetonka. There will also be a cash bar for beer and cocktails.

We Look Forward to Seeing You All!

## From the Pages of *The Deephaven Argus*: 1941

**January 10th, 1941:** Encouraging news on Lake Minnetonka's water levels. Reports reveal that since the all time low of 80 inches below the crest of Gray's Bay Dam on December 15th, 1937, the lake has risen steadily during the past three years. On January 1st, 1941, it stood at a point just 38 inches below the top of the dam. On January 1st, 1938, the level was 79 inches below and on January 1st, 1939, it was 67 inches below and now on January 1st, 1940, it was 53 inches below the dam. A steady consistent increase in the past four years raises hope for the ultimate restoration of the lake where it will again overflow over the dam and restore Minnehaha Creek and Falls. According to the figures, pumping has played a major part in the consistent gains of increase on lake levels. There are now seven pumps in use. The recent years of rainfall have not been sufficient to raise the lake level alone. In 1939, total rainfall was 24.5 inches and in 1940, the total was 28.5 inches.

**February 7th, 1941:** It is ice harvesting time on Lake Minnetonka. Merriman Turnham of Maple Plain has directed a number of axe-wielding men for the last three days for the Wayzata Ice Company's building with 150 tons of ice. Carl Johnson, head of the company described the ice as being 18 inches in thickness and of a particularly fine quality. Other ice companies whose activities were in full swing are the Kokesh Ice Company, the Clear Springs Ice Company and the Peterson Ice Company.

**March 7th, 1941:** A highway development known as Wayzata Boulevard—Kenwood Parkway—Linden Avenue Project just received the go ahead sign. It now appears that work will start this year. This new highway will provide a safer and more convenient entrance to the loop area and complete a new bridge and approaches over the Minneapolis and St. Louis track to replace the hazardous old one. The project is a state highway department development and the estimated cost in the \$750,000 to \$1 million range.

**May 16th, 1941:** Soon, no longer will Deephaven's village dump be an eyesore. The village council at last Tuesday's meeting took action and the dump is now officially closed. Plans were also made to have the debris covered over as soon as possible which will improve the general appearance of the new village hall as well as the adjoining properties.

Believe It Or Not, As Seen By Mr. E. D. Carr: 1. The original room of the (old) Deephaven School was in continuous use until it was torn down, a period of approximately fifty years. 2. The same room was used for the following purposes: For school, full eighth grade school, upper four grades of school, high school assembly hall, auditorium. Community Use— auditorium, church, Sunday School, club house, band, concert hall, village hall. 3. The only water supply for the school, for several years, consisted of two pressed paper water pails that were filled by the students

at a spring on the Norman place about a half mile from the school house and served the students from a long-hand lead dipper. 4. The first bit of modernizing of the school was done in 1908 and consisted of enclosing the two large cordwood stoves with sheet metal to make them circulating heaters and to install floor air ducts at the rear of each room. Shortly after this, a drilled well and sanitary drinking fountains were added. 5. During the second rebuilding program, school was held during September and October in two large tents located across the road on school property. 6. Some of the original slate blackboards are now installed in the new school building. 7. Way back in 1905 to 1910, in this same original school room, high class entertainment both from a literary and musical standpoint was to be had under the sponsorship of an organization call the "Deephaven Lyceum" with a programs such as music, debate, readings and last but not least the reading by the editor of the Deephaven's newspaper, "The Deephaven Spy". Believe It or Not, folks, but I was there. E. (Eugene) D. Carr.

**June 13th, 1941:** Deephaven is growing up! Yes, it has become so large that steps must be made to systematize the naming and numbering of its streets and homes. The mayor and the village council are to be complimented on their foresight in taking this improvement at this time and not waiting until the rapid growth of our community makes the problem considerably a more difficult solution. Also, an extensive road improvement campaign will be underway this week. Many of the shoulders on village roads are to be widened and this work will be followed by a filling in of pot holes and the leveling of humps created by the frost of last winter. As soon as weather permits, all roads are to be given an oil prime coat and then an oil seat coat. This will greatly improve road surfaces and help keep the dust down during the summer months. Steps are being taken by Mayor Bryon DeLong to prepare a trailer ordinance for the village of Deephaven that will prevent the occurrence here that is happening in other lake communities that will prevent "floaters". Floaters are trailer owners who encamp upon a city, enjoy all the benefits the city has to offer but do not pay taxes. The ordinance is to be worked out that vacation tourists will still feel welcome in Deephaven. The proposed ordinance will be submitted to the council soon so any residents interested in its adoption to village law should urge the village council to consider passing this new ordinance.

**June 20th, 1941:** Voters approved last Tuesday night to a 32 x 120 foot \$32,374.00 addition to the Deephaven School. The final count was 60 for and 9 against.



# Then and Now in Deephaven



Picture courtesy of Western Henn Co Pioneer Association

## Gardening still continues in Thorpe Park.

The land that is now Thorpe Park was once a truck garden operated by the Bennis family which means it grew vegetables that are grown for the market. Now, Thorpe Park is beautiful park and flowers are now grown just for their beauty, courtesy of Deephaven Garden Club. Keeping the gardens looking good are two of their members: Tess and Jean. We appreciate all their hard work!



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Meetings held the last Saturday of each month at 9:00AM in the Deephaven City Council Chambers\*.

\* Call a board member prior to attending.

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