

# Tulaby Lake Association Newsletter

SPRING 2018

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## Greetings from the Tulaby Lake Association

Hello Tulaby Lake Association Members!

Spring has finally arrived and we hope that you all had a cozy winter. As we begin this spring and summer season, we have some work to do before the heat moves in and lake gets busy! First and foremost, we would like to extend a warm thank you for being a member of the Tulaby Lake Association. The contributions you make each year in volunteer time and dues are greatly appreciated by the board. We would like to extend you all the invitation to join your fellow association members for the ditch clean up that takes place before the spring meeting on Saturday, May 5th. It's a great way to meet existing members and welcome new ones. This is also a great opportunity to thank your neighbors for turning off those septic tank alarms for you and catch up with friends. We will be discussing what projects are being worked on as well as brainstorming new ideas for the lake association. Don't forget about the tasty lunch potluck before the meeting begins.

There are so many great things that we accomplish together that the rest of the lake benefits from, such as stocking the lake with fish, water quality testing, shore restorations, and keeping the gravel roads maintained. If you know anyone who would like to become a member, please invite them to our next meeting or direct them to one of the board members for more information on how they can join.

Don't forget to like us on Facebook! Every year our page sees more and more activity from our members. It is so fun to see what each of you are up to. It's always nice to see the sun rise or sunset from another end of the lake. Our Facebook page is also a great place to notify other lake goers of occurrences such as bear sightings, break ins, or lost items. To find us, search 'Tulaby Lake Association' in your Facebook search bar.

We hope to see you all very soon.

Have a great spring!!

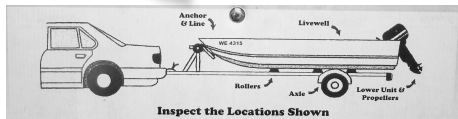
Kind Regards,  
Tulaby Lake Association Board



**Boat Parade 2017**

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**HELP  
STOP  
AQUATIC  
HITCHHIKERS**



**NOW IS THE TIME TO RENEW YOUR LAKE  
ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**

## Calendar of Events 2018

### Sat. May 5: Ditch Clean Up

10:00AM Fire Hall

### Sat. May 5: Potluck & Membership Meeting

12:30PM Fire Hall

Potluck Lunch

*Bring a dish to pass, a beverage, and your own tableware*

Membership Meeting

### Sat. May 12: Season Opener

Walleye and Northern

### Sat. May 26: Season Opener

Large & Small Mouth Bass

### Mon. May 29: Memorial Day

### Wed. July 4: Boat Parade

10:00AM Outlet Area

### Sat, Aug 4: Summer Picnic & Membership Meeting Tulaby Lake Landing

12:00PM

Pot-luck & Hotdogs

Bring a dish to pass & a beverage

Membership Meeting

Election of Directors

### Sat. Sept. 1: Ditch Clean Up

10:00AM Fire Hall

### Mon. Sept. 3: Labor Day

## Calendar of Events Elbow and Tulaby Lakes Fire Department

### Pancake Breakfast

Memorial Day Weekend

Sunday, May 27, 2018

8:00AM - 12:00PM

Fire Hall

### Pig Roast

Saturday, August 11, 2018

11:00AM - 2:00PM

Watch for signs!

Fire Hall

### Pancake Breakfast

Labor Day Weekend

Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018

8:00AM - 12:00PM

Fire Hall

## LAKE ASSOCIATION SPRING DITCH CLEAN UP AND MEMBER POTLUCK MEETING

SATURDAY, May 5, 2018

We could use your help for about one hour to clean the ditches near Tulaby Lake. You can see in the photo from last fall we had fun!

Every clean up we have about 8 - 12 people making light work of picking up liter. Join an energetic group on **Saturday morning, May 5th, at the Elbow and Tulaby Lakes Firehall at 10AM.** Wear comfortable shoes or boots. Wear gloves. Remember to spray your clothes to avoid ticks. Vests are provided.

### *Ditch Cleaning Crew 2017*

**Later join your lake neighbors for a potluck lunch at noon at the firehall. After the lunch the members present will have the spring association meeting.**

Please bring your own tableware and drink, plus bring a dish to pass. The spread at the potluck is pretty amazing!



## 4th of July Boat Parade 2018

Meet in the inlet at 10AM



## NEW Directory - Summer 2018

**Please forward your most current directory information.** Late this spring we will be printing an updated directory from a **generous donation from Jim Bowman. Thank you, Jim!**

Information can be emailed to Pat Adams. Membership dues (and updated information) can be sent to Danny Pinske. See contact information at the end of the newsletter.

The Tulaby Lake Association is still accepting memberships for 2018.

Tulaby Lake Association dues are used for expenses aimed at improving our lake community. We have used the membership dues to provide information to the local residents, facilitate and pay for lake water testing and record keeping, support to local rearing ponds and lake stocking.

## Board of Directors

Association Board Member Roster  
The following is a list of Tulaby Lake  
Association Board members and their  
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### Board member Terms Ending in 2018:

Dan Peterson  
Danny Pinske  
John Oncken

### Board member Terms Ending in 2019:

Brock Risky  
Ray Thorkildson  
Scott VanDam

### Board member Terms Ending in 2020:

Scott Skauge  
Pat Adams  
Bryan Vidden

## SECURING YOUR PROPERTY

Over the past years there have been reported break-ins to Tulaby Lake cabins both during the winter and warmer months.

### There are practices you can implement to decrease your risk.

#### Neighborhood awareness

Get to know your neighbors. Exchange cell phone numbers or email addresses. Watch for anything that looks suspicious. Depending on the situation, notifying your neighbor, driving past the property, checking in with unexpected visitors, or taking a picture with your phone will add security to your lake neighborhood. Sometimes as a lake resident, you may discover that there has been property damage that needs to be immediately reported to a cabin owner.

In the winter, you may want to leave tracks tire or footprints in the snow or do a bit of shoveling to give the appearance that someone is or has recently been at the residence. Even knocking down icicles may give the impression of activity.

#### Doors and windows

Assess your doors and windows to make sure that can't be physically forced open. This may require some effort and investment, but may be very worth it. Doors and windows that face the lake away from view may be particularly vulnerable to a burglar.

When you go home at the end of the weekend, make sure everything is out of view is someone looks in your windows. (Choosing whether or not to draw the curtains is up to you—some experts suggest leaving them slightly open so would-be thieves can see there's nothing to steal.) Put any electronics, including computers, tablets and televisions, out of sight in a closet or interior room.

When you close up in the winter take everything that is valuable with you.

#### Recreational vehicles

Remember to keep your recreational vehicles safe by securing them at night. Remove keys and store them separate from the vehicles. Keep license and make and model information at your lake for easy reporting if your vehicles have been vandalized or stolen. Assess the doors and windows to ensure they are secure.

#### Affordable security system options

Consider what security system options your budget and life-style could use.

With high-speed Internet available to lake residents, you may consider a security system for your residence. There are many options to choose from. Check with your neighbors to see what services they are using and what they recommend.

**HAVE A SAFE, FUN  
SUMMER 2018!!**



**STOP AQUATIC  
HITCHHIKERS!**  
Prevent the transport of nuisance species.  
Clean all recreational equipment.  
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## LAKE TESTING 2018

Fred Such has agreed to volunteer his time in 2018 to collect lake water data.

**Thank you, Fred.**

If you are interested in helping, please contact any association directors.



## SUMMER 2018

**Inspectors will be present at the Tulaby Lake public landing.**

The Watercraft Inspection Program was created on 1992, in response to legislation proposed by the DNR, Minnesota Lakes Associations, and angling groups.

The goal of the inspection program is to prevent the spread of invasive species within Minnesota through boater education, watercraft inspections and watercraft decontaminations at public water accesses.

More information is available at [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us).



## SECURITY, *continued*

Simply having a security light or installing motion-sensitive lighting may also be effective in discouraging vandalism to your property. Having a local noise-making alarm installed that detects motion may also give intruders the impression their presence has been reported and thus scaring them off before they can do damage or carry off valuable items. Have interior or exterior lights on a random timer will also give an impression your cabin is occupied. Technology has advanced, that you may choose to install 'smart' lighting control.

It is also possible to install motion-sensitive digital cameras that can help document who comes onto your property -snapping pictures of faces, cars, license plates or events that take place when you are away.

## Report incidents

If you have experienced a burglary or vandalism, please report this to the county authorities. Also alert your neighbors to any incidents or suspicious activity.

When I contacted the **Becker County Sheriff, Sheriff Glander** was very quick to return my call and immediately emailed me the following.

Many residents leave their homes during the winter months for vacations; some longer than others. Even if it is just a weekend getaway, going to your daily job, or just going to the store, it is important to keep your home and property as safe as possible. Here are just a few tips for keeping your home and property safe while you are gone.

1. Don't announce, especially on social media, when you will be gone.
2. Keep your home looking like it is lived in.
3. Keep lights on, or ...on a timer.
4. Lock all doors and windows, including garages, outbuildings, and vehicles.
5. Don't leave keys in vehicle or other obvious places (doormats, flowerpots, etc.).
6. Have someone keep driveways and sidewalks clear of snow (and lawn mowed in the summer). Don't let mail, papers, or other deliveries build up.
7. Use an alarm system or cameras.
8. Have someone check on your home periodically while you are gone.
9. If you have been burglarized, do not enter the home or building and do not touch anything. Call law enforcement immediately.
10. Detailed descriptions of people, vehicles, along with license plate numbers, are all helpful when reporting information to law enforcement. Do not put yourself in danger while attempting to get this information.
11. Report suspicious activity immediately.

Sheriff Todd Glander  
Becker County Sheriff's Office

*If Fred were alive he would be 127 years old. This story was written in 1980 by Cal Olson who was reporter for the Fargo Forum and an award winning photographer and 'newspaperman', as he liked to be known. Cal died in July 2009 at age 84.*

He's 87 years old but the way he gets around and the sharpness of his mind say he's younger. As if to prove that he was born in 1891, he brought out the high chair the he used as a baby. The chair was patented in 1885. **"He" is Fred Janusch, the first white man to ever settle at Tulaby Lake.**

Fred was born in Chicago, moved about some with his father and sister - his mother died before Fred even knew her. Through his father's moving about, Fred found himself in the Gary (MN) area in 1905. Then his father moved the family to Ada in 1906 and in Ada, Fred worked at a sawmill. He then started doing carpentry work around Ada building farm buildings and homes. He served his time in WWI in France on the Army railroad and returned to Ada.

Fred started building cabins in the Tulaby Lake area in 1928, when he built four cabins. "There was nothing here," said Fred about Tulaby Lake, except the **Woodsman's Lodge**, which was a place for weekend visits. In 1929, Fred married Agnes Pinske of Gary (they will celebrate there 50th anniversary August 1) and in 1932 they moved to Tulaby Lake.

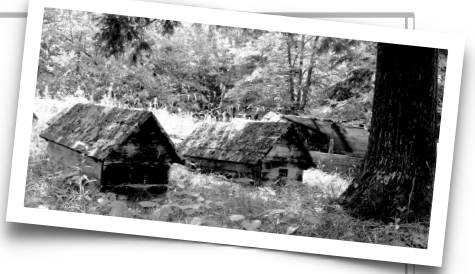
Fred and Agnes and two sons and lived in a cabin at the Woodsman's Lodge the first year they were at Tulaby Lake. Fred then build his present home with logs and his family moved into the home in 1933. For his living, Fred built and repaired cabins.

The only neighbors that Fred had were older Indians. He said that the **Chief Wadena** family lived nearby, but the chiefs died before Fred moved in. Chief Wadena never wore pants, according to Fred, who said that the chief wore only Indian clothing. Another family of Indians that lived nearby were the Michauds. The Indians fished and gardened and sold their fish on the market. They had 11 nets in the lake, said Fred, and they told Fred to take fish to eat anytime he pleased. "They were good neighbors," said Fred, "perfect neighbors."

But his Indian neighbors all died; they disappeared. Fred said the one of Chief Wadena's daughters,



Mrs. Frank Machaud, had a stroke while rabbit snaring and died of pneumonia a couple of days later. Fred made a coffin for her and she was buried in the Indian graveyard which is in the woods near Fred's house. The graveyard, with Indian style graves, is still intact including the graves of Chief Wadena and Wadena's wife.



Fred figured that he built from 12 - 14 cabins near Tulaby Lake over the years. Four of those cabins are log cabins and the others have log siding. His log cabins were built with vertical logs, not logs laid horizontally. Much of the lumber that Fred used to build cabins was cut by Fred and milled by a man named **Anderson, who was the second white man** to settle near Tulaby Lake. Another of Fred's buildings accomplishment is the **Calvary Lutheran Church**, which was built near Tulaby Lake. The church, which is still used, was built by the congregation under Fred's direction. Fred built the altar of the church, which is faced with "Kasota" stone from Kasota, Minnesota. A man named Berger of Fosston came to Tulaby Lake to plane the native spruce timber that was used to build the church. The church is still as level as the day it was built, Fred pointed out, although the foundation is cracked.

Fred did other kinds of work too. In the wintertime he logged with his bother-in-law Lewis Pinske and Virgil Schafbach. They used a two-man hand saw to cut timber while the other man hauled logs with horses. "We cut what we could handle," said Fred. He added, "I cut a lot of it alone," but he didn't cut very much, because cutting the timber by hand was quite difficult. He used the logs for lumber to build cabins. Fred also helped to clear the way for **Minnesota Highway 113** through the forest. He said that the old road was just an old Indian trail that passed right by his house.

With only an old Indian trail for a road, Fred had little use for a car. He said that the first winter he spend at Tulaby Lake he went to Waubun twice with a team of horses. He left for Waubun early in the morning and returned at night, and the temperature was 35 degrees below zero on one trip. He wife, Agnes commented that all that could be seen through the frost on the horses was their eyes. She said that they had to buy many groceries and supplies on their rare trips to town.

Fred finally bought a Buick in the late 30's. However, although he had an automobile, he didn't have much of road to drive on. The road wasn't plowed in the winter and it was mud in the summer. Fred recalled that he would drive the car about 100 feet, stop, get out and dig the built up mud away from the front of the car and get in and drive another 100 feet before redoing the process. To help keep the car on the trail, he had chains on all four tires. His Buick later burned up, so he bought a four cylinder Dodge car and modified it into a pickup truck. Fred has gone through a few cars, and he now drives a 1967 Plymouth although he doesn't use it much.

Other aspects of life that weren't as convenient as in our present time were a part of Fred and Agnes' daily life. They had no electricity for the first few years that they lived at Tulaby Lake. Then, **Happy Peterson bought the Woodsman's Lodge** and changed the lodge to a resort. He also installed an electrical generator, so Fred bought power for his lights from Peterson for \$1.50 per month. Prior to having the generator, Fred used kerosene lamps. He only used electricity for lights. In the late **1940's the REA brought electricity** to Tulaby Lake and Fred used REA's power. He said that now he pays \$30 per month for electricity, although he does use more electrically powered gadgets.

The Janusches also heated with wood until five or six years ago Fred said that he finally had to convert to gas, because he had arthritis so bad that he couldn't cut wood. He still has a wood stove in his garage, but he rarely heats his garage, because he doesn't drive during winter. He said that he doesn't have to drive, because he can ride a bus to Detroit Lakes, or a car to Waubun or Mahnomen for only 50 cents per round trip. Agnes also used a wood stove for cooking for about 30 years, said Fred, but they converted to gas for cooking too.

Fred said that his family also carried water for washing for about twenty years. They carried water from a spring for drinking. Fred explained that his house was too close to the Indian graveyard to drink water from a well on his property. He did have a well, but only his cattle drank from the well. Now Fred has a well and running water and a bathtub. He kept clean with only sponge baths until about five years ago when he added onto the house.

Other additions to Fred's home are an electric refrigerator and an electric washer and dryer. They used a hand-powered machines until REA brought electricity in. An ice-box was used for at least twenty years to keep the Janusch's food cold. Fred would cut

ice in the winter from the lake and use about 100 pounds per day over the summer in their ice box. He said that he packed 750 ice cakes in the ice house of the Woodsman's Lodge one winter and had enough for himself and the lodge. One cake of ice measured two feet by two feet by 28 inches. The ice was kept in an ice house and packed with sawdust to keep it insulated.

Life was a bit slow with no transportation and much hand labor going into everyday needs. Entertainment was slow too for the Janusches. Fred said that after Peterson bought the Woodsman's Lodge there were a few dances each year. Otherwise there was no entertainment provided by others. Fred said that at one time the lodge was a wild place, with much whiskey, loud people and wild women. He said that none of the guests bothered his place because he warned them to keep clear. The lodge is no longer a commercial establishment because it was sold in pieces, cabin by cabin.



Fred used to hunt quite a bit too. He said that he hunted deer, ducks,

partridge and other game for over forty years around Tulaby Lake. He hunted deer in the 1977 season, but hasn't hunted since. He lamented the fact that he couldn't find any deer around except does and fawns on his last hunt. "We'll have to change our hunting grounds," he said. He didn't care much for 'bucks only' hunting season. Fred said that he only hunted out of season for deer once, and that was because there was no season. The warden said "It's a tough living out here; there's lots of wild meat. ...shoot deer and eat them, but don't sell them," repeated Fred. Hunting was a big event with Fred and his friends. He said that his hunting party has had as many as 15 deer hanging on a pole in Fred's yard. He never had a deer spoil on him either. The deer were kept from spoiling by hanging them in the shade, where the sun doesn't thaw the meat after freezes. Fred has had deer walk close by: "I've had deer walk through the garden and never touch a thing" His garden is about 40 feet from his house.

Deer weren't the only animals that Fred saw around his place. He said that a moose walked right down Tulaby Drive (the road past his house) on the 4th of July about four years ago. He didn't see the moose, but he saw tracks. **He said that he has seen moose in the area infrequently.** Bears are also not uncommon. He said that one bear cub insisted on loitering on Minnesota Highway 113, so the game wardens finally took the cub to a zoo. The summer time used to bring many bears to the dump ground near Tulaby Lake. Fred recalled an instance when he was taking a part that he needed from an old stove in the dump. A bear came lumbering past Fred, paying no heed whatsoever to Fred being there. Fred found his part and left. Another bear incident resulted in the and only bear that Fred every shot. Fred was out in the woods looking for diamond willows. His dog was along and took a peek in a hole. Fred decided to take a look in the hole too and when he put his face in the hole, he came face to face with a bear! The bear's face was about six inches from Fred's face. Fred went home and quickly returned to the bear's den with his gun and shot the bear.

Hunting wasn't the only hobby that Fred enjoyed. He used to fish and trap too. He used to do winter spearing for fish, but he said, "I don't fish no more." He explained that the cold bothered his arthritis. Arthritis took its toll on Fred's trapping too. He started trapping about 15 years ago for beaver and muskrats. He said that he only trapped when the prices were good, but he didn't start trapping earlier, because there were no beaver around when he first moved to Tulaby Lake. But, he said he won't trap again, because it involves too much walking, and arthritis won't allow much walking. Fred was glad to say that he never had a trap stolen or lost. He said that one Indian trapper from White Earth shot a beaver that was in Fred's trap as a favor, and he left the beaver for Fred to pick up. Fred added that he never had any trouble with the Indians. "Lots of people can't get along with them, but I can," he said.

Now, Fred takes life easy. His association with wild animals is limited to a few deer he might see on the highway and the many birds that eat from his bird feeder. The bird feeder is right next to Fred's kitchen window, and he said that about 50 birds at a time can load up at the feeder. "When I am eating breakfast in here (the kitchen), the birds are out there eating breakfast too," he said. All different sorts of birds come to the feed, plus six grey squirrels. He also built several birdhouses which are occupied in his yard. Some birds aren't welcome, though, so Fred still gets a chance to see his shooting eye in practice. He shoots starlings and red squirrels. "The starlings are a dirty bird," he said, and the red squirrels rob bird nests.

Fred's work is limited to lighter chores now. He said that, although his arthritis isn't too bad now, he has a bad back and knees. He said that he must have ruined his knees by crawling on to many cabin roofs. He mows the lawn with a riding mower, while Agnes takes care of the two gardens. He is also in his 39th year as a fire warden of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. As the fire warden, he issues burning permits. He also has served about 15 years and still serves on the Little Elbow Lake Township board.

Fred now sits back a bit more than in his younger years and enjoys the trees that he planted, reads, and visits with people who come to see him and Agnes. He said that he likes to have people around.

He and Agnes raised a family of three sons and one daughter. Their sons are LeRoy of Brooklyn Park who has one child, Jim of Lindstrom, Minnesota who has six children, Jerry of Rosemount, Minnesota, who has three children and Carol of Minneapolis, who has one daughter.

Agnes is quite busy. She now goes to town about once per week, rather than twice a winter. With two gardens and "chasing the lawnmower," Agnes keeps busy enough. She does canning and gives away extra vegetables from her gardens. She also enjoys watching birds on the bird feeder. She said that recently a goldfinch with a banded leg landed on the feeder, so her alertness to the birds is apparent. She also plays cards, visits with the neighbors and has much company on the weekends.

She said that in their first years at Tulaby she and Fred didn't see many folks because there weren't many around. In those earlier days they used to attend church at the old Espe schoolhouse. She said that they next went to Ogema for church, and Fred built the Lutheran church at the lake. She said that there were services year-round at the Calvary Lutheran Church when more people lived full-time at Tulaby Lake. But now there are mostly tourists that attend the church in the summer.



There must be something healthy about the lifestyle that Fred and Agnes lead, because they are both in apparent good physical condition, and neither one showed any signs of forgetfulness that often accompanies old age.

Fred commented that he's the only old man at Tulaby Lake who has been there for any length of time. The monuments to his time spent there are the cabins that people live in and the church along the shore of the lake. Fred, himself, is a monument to a humanity.

*Note: Agnes and Fred's son, Jim Janusch, lived in the first home on the west side of West Tulaby Lake Drive. Jim shared many stories of living on the lake. Jim died on May 17, 2016 at age 84. This news article was shared by June Moseman of Dallas, Texas, last summer while she was visiting Tulaby Lake. She knew Fred and Agnes, grew up with Jim and had many stories of enjoying Tulaby Lake.*



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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP  
TO THE TULABY LAKE ASSOCIATION**

***Your membership dues are needed more than ever to continue lake water testing and monitoring, support and promote lake quality and lake stewardship, maintain partnerships with local and state organizations, and provide information to our membership and lake residents!***

Please send your annual 2018 membership **dues of \$25** to:

Tulaby Lake Association, Danny Pinske Treasurer  
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Please update all the information needed for a new directory.

**Please notify Pat Adams of any address changes or neighbor changes** so the directory and mailing information remains current and correct. You can email her at [tulabylakeassociation@gmail.com](mailto:tulabylakeassociation@gmail.com) or by sending information to Pat Adams, 25572 Gramford Avenue N, Wyoming, MN 55092

