

## OAK RIDGE MARSH – HISTORY STUMP

### LOCATE THE OLD OAK STUMP WHICH CAN BE FOUND AFTER THE SECOND BRIDGE

If this stump could talk, it could tell many stories.

This oak tree was very old when it died. We know this because after it was cut down, we counted the rings. Each ring in a tree represents a year in the life of that tree. Some rings are wider than others. A wide ring means that year's rainfall was plentiful. Some rings are very slim which indicates a year with little rain. We placed colored dots which correspond with important years in our community and nation.

Now let's step back in time....

Starting at the outside of the tree and moving inward:

- 1990- the year this oak began dying.
- 1967- a tornado hits Lake Zurich and demolishes Seth Paine School.
- 1944- World War Two rages.
- 1912 - The Palatine-Lake Zurich-Wauconda Railroad runs along what is now Lions Drive. In its short life it carries vacationers between these towns.
- 1896- Lake Zurich is incorporated as a village.
- 1861- the U.S is in the midst of the Civil War.
- 1836- George Ela and Seth Paine claim land and begin farming the area.
- 1818 - Illinois achieves statehood.
- 1776 - the newly formed American colonies declare independence from Britain. The Pottawatomie tribes inhabit the area's prairies and woodlands.

CENTER OF STUMP- 1760 - a tiny acorn sprouts and begins to grow...

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