

Established 1954

Jan 2006



Sylvan Lake Shoreline

Cheers to a New Year and another chance for us to get it right" ~Oprah Winfrey

Happy New Year

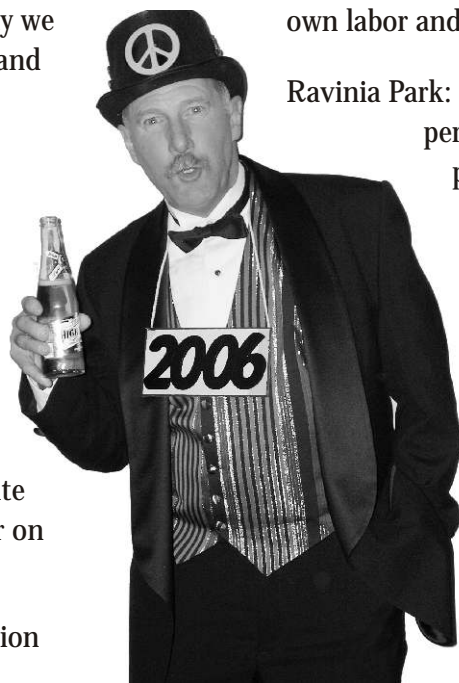
May we be rid of all the Buckthorn and Garlic Mustard and may all our native plants and trees thrive. May the phosphorus levels in the lake drop and the dissolved oxygen levels rise. May we be forever free of carp and algae bloom and may the freshwater mussels and bass proliferate and the salamanders return.

And may our bonds of friendship grow as we work together to increase the quality of life for all of us who live in and love our Sylvan Lake community.

Don't forget to reserve your place for our own Indian Creek Watershed's White Elephant Auction and dinner fundraiser on Feb. 18th at Flourchild's restaurant.

If you enjoyed our White Elephant auction last year you're sure to enjoy the fun this year and you'll help our watershed's outreach program.

If you didn't get an information packet (with their newsletter included) that was delivered last week visit their website at: www.indiancreekwp.org But hurry... the deadline for reservations is Feb. 4.



IN THIS ISSUE

Environmental •
River Otters:
Water Usage
Garden Club Notes
COOKBOOK
Other Stuff

Environmental •

The grant applied for with SMC for maintenance work at Maple park was denied. Countryside received our funding. Much of the work at Maple Park will be our own labor and Jeri Swanson will organize it.

Ravinia Park: IEPA grant still has not started due to permitting problems and the detection of a possible leak in the spillway which will result in different engineering.

Did you know . . .

Lake County Stormwater Management offers a grant program that is funded by fines from developers. There were 36 applications presented this year, all wanting a piece the \$146,000.00 available....these 36 applications represented a request of \$440,897.00.

Sylvan Lake applied for \$3,000.00 of that but we were denied. However, Countryside Lake will receive their request. A first for them !

They were the only Indian Creek Watershed neighbor that qualified this year. They will receive \$10,000.00 to be used on a \$150,000.00 project. Sylvan has received this grant twice before.

..... Other Stuff C

River Otters: According to Chicago Wilderness Magazine they were placed on the endangered species list for the state of Illinois in 1989 when there were thought to be fewer than 100 otters state wide. A 1990s recovery plan created by IDNR set out on a quest for suitable habitat and water quality. Researchers found that environmental conditions had actually improved in some areas, so they released 300 Louisiana otters into Illinois wetlands, in hopes of rebuilding the once-strong otter population. The effort has received some promising results-after an upgrade to threatened status in 1999, the river otter was lifted from the state list entirely in Feb. 2004.

From 1994-2004, there were 12 reliable sightings of river otters in the Des Plaines River and Lake Michigan Tributaries, 18 in the Fox River System and 5 in the Kankakee-Iroquois System. Because river otters prefer to live in areas where there is clean water and suitable habitat, they are good indicators of wetland conditions. All the more reason to control drainage systems and impervious surfaces.

a plastic bottle that hasn't been recycled and ends up in a landfill will NEVER decompose!!

Mark Anderson will be installing some more doggie bag stations in the near future. If you don't walk your dog near any existing ones, Mark will be happy to give you a personal stash if you need them. Give him a call...he might even deliver them to you.

Did you know ?... 2

Chicago Wilderness Magazine is a great local magazine that highlights natural areas, wildlife and "hidden" places to visit. You can subscribe by going to: www.chicagowildernessmag.org. It is a quarterly publication.

Did you notice ?... 4

The newsletter will now be printed on much nicer stock thanks to a generous neighbor who donated some extra money so we could order heavier paper.

y Thank you, neighbor.


(...but when you are done reading it be sure to recycle. You can always look at the Shoreline online at our website www.slia.net)

Our new neighbor, Jason Rhode is the sponsor for this issue.

The next newsletter will be published in March and YOU can be the next sponsor of the Shoreline and have your ad seen by almost 200 households for only \$50. Check payable to SLIA

Just email your ad to gen@slia.net

A pdf file is preferred.

Genevieve Connor, Shoreline editor 



Jason Rhode
630.299.6396
jgjsystems.com
info@jgjsystems.com

Are you looking for affordable network support and computer consultants in your area? We specialize in your IT needs. Whether it is setting up a wireless network in your office or home, or making sure your email works, JGJ Systems can help. Let us help you design and implement an IT solution to fit your needs. We make customer service a top priority, and our

- Onsite installation and upgrades for hardware/software
- Onsite/offsite troubleshooting of hardware/software
- Internet connectivity, security, firewall and email support
- Scheduled maintenance programs custom developed for your business

team approach will ensure that all your needs are met. We offer a quick response time and knowledgeable consultants to serve your IT needs. If you have an issue contact us at info@jgjsystems.com to set up a meeting with one of our networking consultants to see how we can help your business or home computer reach its full potential.

- Virus protection installation and maintenance
- Network planning and maintenance for Microsoft and Linux based networks
- Research, product information and ordering
- Annual systems evaluations for planning and budgeting

New Neighbors ;

Welcome to: Renee Del Missier
195 Bittersweet

Tidbits from the Past

The first Sylvan Lake newsletter was put out in 1954. In 1971 it was named "The Sylvan Smile" and in 1973 was renamed "The Sylvan Lake Shoreline".

Minutes from the first ever Garden Club meeting 65 years ago included a discussion to change the name of "Humphry Park" to "Lindbergh Park". Mrs. Schwerman discouraged the change. It's now Schwerman Park.

Water Usage Stats from Lake County Public Works:

Toilet flush:
2-6 gallons per flush,
depending on the model you have.

Shower:
30-50 gallons per shower,
depending on how dirty you are.

Sink faucet:
3 gallons per minute.

Dishwasher:
20 gallons per run.

Washing machine:
40 gallons per load !!! Yikes



Please email submissions for the Shoreline to gen@sli.net

Garden Club Notes

Approximately 40 ladies attended the Garden Club Christmas Party for an evening of good food, a gift exchange and great conversation. Thank you Jan Hanwright and her co-hosts Rita Rak and Amy Hansen for hosting.

Once again Santa visited Sylvan Lake to receive our residents requests. Many thanks to Kathy Ford and the Hampsons for coordinating the visit. Everyone enjoyed the goodies and the warm fire!

We are collecting your recipes for a new cookbook. See back page for form.

Upcoming events:

Dates will be announced in the next issue.

- The Bake Sale
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Community Garage Sale
- Ladies Night Out
- 4th of July Picnic



New Sylvan Lake Telephone Directory

Garden club is in the process of updating our community telephone directory. This directory is intended only for sylvan lake residents and for their own personal use and convenience.

We will not list e-mail addresses this year. We will use the same information as printed in the 2003 directory. If you wish to make a correction, addition, or deletion from the old directory, please phone:

Rita Rak 847-566-8771 or e-mail:
srrak@sbcglobal.net (use subject: slgc directory)

New residents who have had their names, addresses and phone numbers published in the shoreline will be listed in the new directory.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions please feel free to notify me.

Thank you,
Rita Rak

Deadline Saturday April 1

GARDEN CLUB PROUDLY PRESENTS...

THE SYLVAN LAKE COOKBOOK,

3RD EDITION, 2006

Dig out your favorite, tried and true family recipes to be included in the Sylvan Lake Cookbook—3rd Edition, which will be published and available for purchase during the first half of 2006.

Feel free to include a special anecdote...maybe this is a special recipe that has been passed down in your family for many generations!

The number of recipes you submit is unlimited.

Should you need additional forms, call Christy Adler at 949-4314.

Recipes can also be emailed to: cadler18@yahoo.com

Your Name:

Recipe for:



Category: Appetizer/Beverage

Soup/Salad

Vegetable/Side Dish

Main Dish

Bread/Rolls

Dessert

Miscellaneous

Ingredients:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Method:



Reason this recipe is special (optional):

Return this form to: Kelly Dickinson at 34 S. Crescent or Christy Adler at 21301 S. Sylvan.
DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 2006

If you need more forms you can download them from our website in the association section