



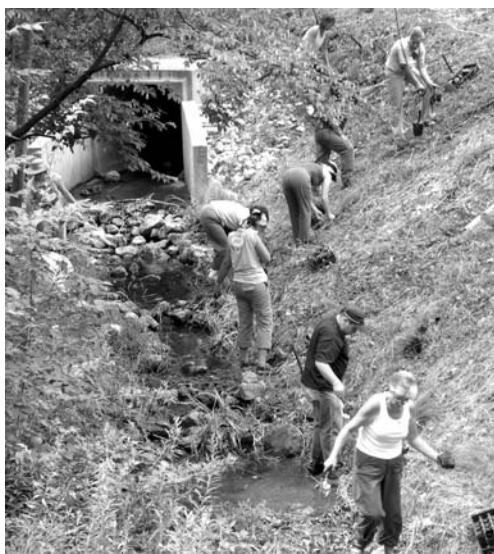
Sylvan Lake Shoreline

One of the advantages of being disorderly is that one is constantly making exciting discoveries. ~ AA Milne

WHY WERE TEACHERS, RESIDENTS, TOOLS & A HOSE AT MAPLE PARK ON TUESDAY, JULY 25th?

The Shedd Aquarium held a 3 day conference for teachers addressing clean water, invasive animals and invasive plants. They spent one day here installing streambank plants to help curb soil erosion.

Tori Trauscht with the Indian Creek Watershed Project taught them all about plant species and the role they play with their deep roots. We installed Blue Vervain, Monarda, sedges, grasses and irises.



use. After the long ride from Chicago, all 17 of them visited the Kroenings. They also spread seed, approximately 20 lbs worth, at Dead Man's curve where we had recently cut down the tall invasive stuff growing up by the road. This revealed the very steep slope where teachers transformed themselves into monkeys ! One teacher forgot he was wearing shoes and freely waded in the creek to install irises.



Residents **Chris Hinrichsen, Jon Kartmann, Gen Connor and Eric Swanson** helped prepare the site. Gen, Tori and I cleaned up the site after their departure. Not much to clean up, because part of their "lesson" was hauling all the garbage produced that day back to the aquarium to be sorted, weighed and recycled. Garbage included waste from lunch and empty containers from 115 plant plugs brought. Funding for this project came from Indian Creek Watershed Project, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission and Sylvan Lake's Erosion Management budget.

I want to express our big THANKS to **Don & Betty Kroening** for opening their home to us for bathroom

I hope we gave them a positive experience that they pass along to students. The teachers and staff from Shedd were sweatin' away, but enthusiastic and eager to learn.

The future of this little park as well as all other little parks around the globe will soon be in the hands of our kids. 'Twas a beautiful site to see yellow finches bathing in the creek, frogs jumping as we entered, dragonflies floating around and bees collecting nectar.



Biodiversity lives on at Sylvan Lake !

~Jeri Swanson

Chris' Column . . . And the Beat goes on

8. Name 5 hits of the "Lovin' Spoonfuls"
9. Jefferson Airplane changed their name to what?
10. Who wrote "Eve of Destruction"?
11. What is "SDS"?
12. How did Frank Zappa die?



Answers

12. Frank Zappa died in 1993 of prostate cancer.
11. Students for a Democratic Society. It started in the 1930's as an organization on behalf of the labor unions at the University of Michigan.
10. Barry McGuire recorded it in 1965, but it was actually written by a 19 yr. old, P.F. Sloan.
9. Jefferson Starship
8. "Do You Believe in Magic?"
"Did You Ever Have to Make up Your Mind?"
"Summer in the City"
"Nashville Cats"
"Rat on the Roof"
"Rain on the Roof"

Garden Club wishes to thank...

What a fantastic day we had for the 4th of July Festivities. A big thank you to all those who set up, cooked, baked, served and organized games... **The Andersons, Benedecks, Borsts, Graham, Hanrights, Harroun, Johnsons, Mays, Mihels, Mongelluzzos, Mortensens, Petersons, Raks, Soderstroms, Swansons, Sweeney, Tonkerys, Young and Zenners.**



Thank You

Mark Anderson and **Randy Haseman** would like to thank all the residents who volunteered and helped with the volleyball court restoration at Bjorkland Park.

- **Glen Maksinski** for trucking in all the sand (*at a great price*)
- **Dave Hampson** (*thanks especially for the grass seed*)
- **Sam Ford**
- **Johnny Scharff**
- **Dan Michelau**
- **Derek Hampson**
- And everyone else who pitched in and helped.

A special thanks to:

- **Costa Katulas** (*a non-resident*) for providing and driving the heavy equipment needed to dig out the old sand and clay



And thanks to everyone who donated money and muscles so we could get our flag installed by the 4th of July and especially to **Tami Haukedahl** for her generous match grant of \$500 to get us started and **Mark Anderson** who picked it out and installed it.

See more photos on our website.... and they're in technicolor!



Coming up...

The **Annual General Meeting** is coming up!
Tues, Sept. 26 at the **Fremont Township Office**.

Important issues will be discussed so be sure to plan to attend so you can put in your vote.
Look for your packet coming in the mail.

Did you know?....

There are currently over 60 pages on our website and that's not including all the extra pdf files to download and the temporary events on the calendar page.

The **History section** has 19 pages so far. I have a few more old photos and I plan to add more pages to the photo album and more data to the long Chronology page. *(If you have any pre-1950 Sylvan Lake scenery or activity photos, literature or artifacts, please allow me to scan them, I will give them right back to you)*

The **Environmental section** has 17 pages. Lots of good info about our lake and easements upkeep and how to create a rain garden. In the **birds** section there is a downloadable list of 114 birds spotted right here by our resident ornithologist, **Mike Trahan**. *(Put this list on your refrigerator and check off all the birds you spot.)* There are lots of good resources to check in the **links** section. Don't forget to check out the archives drop-down list for previous articles you may have missed.

The password protected **Association section** has the most pages, 22 and counting. Here you can find photos of some past events, who's on what committee, past newsletters and most interesting of all ... **The Message Board**. Please add your own comments, we all love reading what our neighbors have to say.

This 'n That has just that! Some great photos and tidbits (check the archives on this page too for more previous good stuff) and the **Neighbors in Business** section. These are not only your Sylvan Lake neighbors but also some neighboring businesses kindly helping to support the site. So let's support them! Many of them have coupons for us to print out.
(Click on the banner in there to see an old photo of a door factory)

~Genevieve Connor

Beach Rafts in Distress

This summer has been a rough one for our rafts at the beach. First, a ladder was broken on the big raft and since it has been removed for repair, the kids decided to attack the small raft and flip it over. One of the barrels on that raft is now damaged.

To purchase a new ladder, it would cost nearly \$1,000.00, since it has to have 4 steps, it's a costly one. The ladder on there now was a "donation" that Swanson's got from a pool builder. Weight limit on the ladder we have or a replacement is 300 lbs. Two to three kids hanging and yanking on it is what broke it. Flipping over the other one is boredom.

These rafts are not there to be tortured. Repairing them is really starting to add up. We either have to get the kids to stop this or start watching who is doing it so their parents can pay for the repairs. **It's vandalism.**

~Jeri Swanson

4th Generation Sylvan Laker



Timmy Beranek 11, caught this big 15" Large Mouth Bass off the same easement (Juneau Terrace) that his **father, grandfather and great grandfather** fished off !

The Beraneks bought their first home here 49 years ago in 1957. It was built on a wooden foundation and there was only a potbelly stove for heat. Evelyn's father helped to raise the house up and pour a concrete basement so they could have a real furnace. Her parents later bought a house here too. So that makes 4 generations of that family who lived here!

not the last word...



Fun Stuff to Do

Every Friday night during the summer there will be a 16" softball pick-up game in Schwerman Park. (see Jane Molsen's posting on the website message board for more info.)

Every Saturday night during the summer there will be an open jam session at 7:30 at the beach. (also see Dan Trahan's posting on same message board)

Mark your calendar for Octoberfest! This year it's Oct. 14th

New Neighbors



Helena Sullivan
48 Crescent Dr.

Michael, Jill & David Tatevosian
160 N. Sylvan Dr.

A few months ago, **Carl Pearson**, resident for over 60 years, suffered a major stroke. He is at The Plum Grove of Palatine Nursing Home receiving intensive re-hab. His right side was severely affected, but he is regaining some movement. His speech is limited, however, he understands everything he hears.

Carl rode his bike to the beach in the summer, usually twice a day. He would take a swim, sit and chat awhile, then ride back home and return later in the afternoon. Carl was featured in a previous newsletter. (Someone You Should Know). Carl's son, Gary, visits the house here on a regular basis.

Please feel free to send Carl a note or card at:

The Plum Grove of Palatine Nursing Home
C/O Resident, Carl Pearson
24 South Plum Grove Rd.
Palatine, IL 60067

Or mail a card/note to his house, and his son will deliver it for you.

Keep up the hard work, Carl !!

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