



Sylvan Lake Shoreline

Let us not mourn the absence of the flame ~
But rather celebrate how brightly it burned ~author unknown

Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting, September 26, 2006 at Fremont Township Offices...

Beach: A new Port-A-Potty will be installed at the beach on a trial basis. A committee will be formed this winter under the direction of Kevin Adler to determine the design to house it. Electric will be added to the shed at the beach to accommodate new uses there such as "movie nights" and open mic night.

General: A By-Law amendment was passed to clarify how our escrow accounts may or may not be used for improvements. Dues will remain the same, \$300.00 for 2007.

Board Elections:

Jeri Swanson, *President/Environmental Chair*
Jeanne Peterson, *Vice President*
Mike Trahan, *Treasurer*
Sara May, *Secretary*
Mark Anderson, *Parks/Easements*
Randy Haseman, *Recreation*
Kevin Adler, *Beach*
Gen Connor, *Shoreline Editor/Webmaster*
John Hynds, *Lake*
Nancy Brashear, *Garden Club*

Safety Position is handled by all board members.

With the help of Dave and Al Benedeck, Ann Jennings had a Paper Bark Maple tree planted in her beloved husband's memory. It is near the boat launch by the beach and is marked by a sign she had made for it. Remember Mike when you pass by it.

Sadly, we lost 2 longtime and well-loved neighbors this fall.
Wayne Hanson and Carl Pearson.

Our hearts and prayers go out to their families.

Board Briefs

October Board Meeting, held at Sara May's:

Environmental: Work will begin this winter in Ravinia Park to disable the broken drain tiles, create a true creek bed and install 3 detention areas for inflow to settle silt before it reaches the lake. The spillway work will not begin this year as the spillway needs to be classified first. Since it was man-made and never permitted, Army Corp of Engineers, DNR, and the EPA require it to be classified in order to review it.

Lake: John Hynds will investigate ways in which other lake communities effectively deal with abandoned boats as well as storage for active users.

Parks/Easements: Discussion of Bjorklund Park basketball court rehab and costs involved. Mark obtained 2 estimates for removal of the old court, drainage needs and installation of new concrete court.

General: Board agreed to have a "Board Briefs" column in the newsletter.

SLIA Events: Board members volunteered to chair the following events:

Winterfest: Sara May & Gen Connor
Clean Up Day: Mark Anderson & Jeanne Peterson
Carp-o-rama: John Hynds
Labor Day Picnic: Mike Trahan
Oktoberfest: Jeri Swanson, Randy Haseman & Kevin Adler.



Oktoberfest Highlights™ ●

It takes an entire neighborhood to pull this off, and we did ! Let's start with the staging area for the burn pile... coordinated by Mark Anderson. Then the tent goes up, led by Nick Kirby, who year after year has provided us with his very own tent and helpers to put it up and take it down. The cast of dozens who work the ticket sales, beverage bar, bake sale, food line, kids activities and the cookers.

First time volunteers this year were Doug & Laurie MacKay, Peter & Melissa Graham, Nick & Lana Chepovetski, Helena Sullivan, Jen Crow, Nancy Dove, Jon Kartman, & Cheri Osnacz. Mariann Mortensen painted MANY little faces, Cheri Osnacz provided the gourds and paint for fall decorating. Jen Crow headed up pumpkin bowling, (never did get to try that). Debbie Spector helped out with kids games, too. Patty Hampson donated candy for the kids games prizes. Craft tables were nice and included our very own honey producer, Al Benedeck. (see our website for more on honey trivia: slia.net) Next year, be sure to think about the craft sale as a way to introduce your business to the community. Lisa Capasso did by making organic dog treats (proceeds went to Kindred Kittens, a non-profit out of PetSmart and raised \$45.00 !) she introduced us all to her pet sitting and exercise business called: Raining Cats & Dogs Pet Care Service. The beverage bar was coordinated and run by Kevin Adler and Randy Haseman. Those apple pie shots were donated by the Spectors. The bake sale was coordinated by Nancy Brashear & The Garden Club.

Joe DuPont drove us all around on the Beranek hay ride tractor for what seemed like 3 hours !

Since the wind was cooperating, we lit a nice size bonfire and no one was naughty, THANKS ! Kevin Zaleski & friend, Costa supervised the fire until the wee hours and tended to the generator as needed.

Lucya Mongelluzzo provided her famous baked beans. Jane Molsen was co-chair of this event and lent her kitchen for warming up sauerkraut, hot cider and more beans. For the record, it was 50 degrees, a little breezy, but tolerable, especially if you were dancing, (or pretending to), or simply enjoying the fire. It was great to see so many younger kids wiggling around in the tent this year. The best part is, we didn't charge for any activities and still made a nice profit !



Thank you one and all, volunteerism is certainly alive here. I hear people all time say what a great place this is to live, it would not be such a great place if we didn't have this type of cooperation.

Jeri Swanson



See more photos on our website...[www.slia.com/association/past events](http://www.slia.com/association/past%20events)

More Board Briefs

November Board Meeting at Mike Trahan's:

Parks/Easements: Mark Anderson reported that volunteer work at Bjorklund Park BB court has begun. Glen Maksinski and Alex Grandt have volunteered to haul the broken material away. New drainage will be added before any concrete is poured, as lack of drainage is to blame for this failing previously.

New Business: We reviewed a website/concept of Floating Islands. They are constructed of recycled plastic materials and plants are installed on top. Root systems flow thru to the underneath creating habitat for fish, birds and turtles. We also learned of their ability to provide cleaner water by removing phosphorus and nitrogen. Visit their website for more info: www.floatingislandsinternational.com.

Lake: John Hynds reported that he is photographing and creating an inventory of all boats at all easements and the beach area to determine how many abandoned ones there are. John also reported that the Lake County Lakes Mgt. Division was out on our lake to create a new Bathymetric map using a new tool they have acquired. They will provide us with a copy soon and it will be posted on our website.

Treasurers Report: Mike Trahan reported that he is reviewing our current bond investments and money market earnings on our escrow accounts.

Your board members are hard at work for YOU and for the health of our parks and lake. If you would like to attend a board meeting, please contact Jeri Swanson for the date of the next one: 566-4587

Annual New Year's Eve Party

If you don't have plans for celebrating 2007 please call Mary Harroun, 970-9741 and sign up for the Annual Progressive Dinner right here at the lake.

6:30 pm - Hors d'Oeuvres at the Trahans

8:00 pm - Candlelight Dinner at Mary and Warren's.
(beef tenderloin and the trimmings)

9:30pm - Dessert (we still need a house for that)

The cost per person will be \$15.00
accepted at the time of the reservation.

We also would like each person to bring a dish to pass, dessert or an hors d'oeuvres.

This evening is a great way for all to be acquainted with neighbors and for the past six years, everyone has had a great time.

Garden Club

I hope everyone had a chance to view the new Garden Club Corner on the Sylvan Lake Website...it's in the Association section with a link on the right.

We are busily planning the Garden Club holiday party to be held Friday, December 1st at Julie Newcomb's, 66 W Sylvan Drive. Instead of the traditional gift exchange we will be accepting donations to the Fremont Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is low at this time on paper supplies such as paper towels, toilet paper and kleenex. Reserve December 1st on your calendar and bring a festive dish or dessert to pass.

Santa will be arriving in Sylvan Lake on Sunday, December 10th at 5:00 p.m. sharp, to visit all the girls and boys. We will be hosting this event on Hillside Lane (the street will be blocked off just for Santa) due to the basketball court being under construction.

Refreshments will be served.

This would be a great time for neighbors to get together for some holiday caroling.

Anyone interested???

We are still in need of recipes for the Sylvan Lake cookbook. Please pass them along to Kelly Dickinson or Christy Adler. Let's hear from the great cooks here at Sylvan Lake.

Nancy Brashear



Chris' Column . . . And the Beat goes on

Some reasons why power in the shed (Sloppy Moe's) will be a good thing.

1. Winter Fest - hot chocolate and coffee could be served while kids and adults ice skate at the beach.

2. A Superbowl party could be planned using the large screen TV that was graciously donated to the association by Dan Trahan.

3. In the summertime, Saturday night concerts can become a weekly event with lights and speakers.

4. 4th of July activities at the beach could be greatly advanced by lights, a hot plate and a refrigerator.

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New Neighbors i

Bill & Mary Pohl
21230 S. Sylvan Drive

Nick & Lana Chepovetski
21416 S. Sylvan Dr.

New Baby Neighbors f

Dylan Isaac born Aug. 28
to Dan & Tammi Trahan



Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays

- Longtime resident, Madeleine Ferrara (*my mom*) is home from the hospital and would like your prayers.
- Jim Frisch fell off his ladder and was seriously hurt but recovered miraculously and is now vacationing with Joan in Florida.
- Please do not to burn wet leaves, and burn only when there is a little breeze so the smoke moves away.
- Using parks or easements for burning and dumping is not allowed.
- Also please remember to pick up the ashes, or the rain will wash it into the lake and that's a bad thing.
- Mike Trahan spotted a pair of European Goldfinches at his feeder last week. They are rare in North America.
- Please flag your piers so they are visible in the snow.
- Next Adopt-a-Hwy day - Sat. Dec. 2nd for our section on Gilmer Rd. Meet at Cherry Hill Plaza at 9:00am. No kids under the age of 10 are allowed. We provide bags and safety vests. Please wear work gloves and appropriate boots for walking along soggy areas.

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