



Sylvan Lake Shoreline

*Happiness does not depend on outward things,
...but on the way we see them. ~ Leo Tolstoy*

Garden Club News & Events

Old News...

On December 6th, amidst the wind and falling snow, approximately 40 Garden Club members gathered at **Julie Newcomb's** for a festive holiday gathering.

The women generously donated several bags and boxes of items donated to the **Fremont Food Pantry**.

A big thank you to Julie and her hostesses: **Jan Hanwright, Barbara Haseman** and **Rita Rak** for all your efforts.

Mary Harroun has resigned as our Meals on Wheels Coordinator. We thank Mary for the time she spent assisting the community with this program.

Robin Soderstrom will be doing the Meals on Wheels now. People may contact her to coordinate meals. Also if anyone is interested in being placed on the Meals on Wheels volunteer list to make meals for neighbors in our community contact Nancy Brashear.



The **Garden Club** wants to invite everyone to bake and donate sweets for the Sylvan Lake Garden Club's annual fund-raiser "**Bake Sale**" to be held **Saturday, April 7th, at 9:30 a.m.** at Point Comfort Park. Please drop off your baked goods on **Friday, April 6th** at **Sandy Pakledinaz's** house: 125 N. Sylvan Drive or bring them directly to the bake sale at Point Comfort Park.

If you do not have time to bake but would like to donate to the Garden Club you can make a check to the Sylvan Lake Garden Club and send it to **Nancy Love**, Garden Club Treasurer, directly at 170 N. Sylvan Drive. Thank you for your participation with this fund-raiser.

The Sylvan Lake **Easter Egg Hunt** for the children will also take place at Point Comfort Park on **Saturday, April 7th at 9:30 a.m. sharp!** The Easter Bunny will make an appearance for picture-taking with the children during this event. Please have your children remain with you prior to the Easter Egg Hunt for the safety of the eggs hidden. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Ladies Night Out:

"**Good Girls Wear Goodwill for Goodness Sake**" You should have already received a flyer for this event on **Friday, May 4** at **Nancy Love's** house. Shop for your spring outfit at Goodwill and win a prize! (if you misplaced your flyer, it's on our website ...)

At left is a photo of last year's Goodwill party.



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**Rain barrel only.
Ordering deadline is
April 12, 2007**

**For ordering/pick up
information:**

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www.lcfpd.org
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Save the rain for a sunny day.

Buy a rain barrel!

A rain barrel connected to your downspout—also known as a rain bank—is a great way to keep stormwater out of the system and to cut down your water bill! Because you are collecting right off the roof, it has few contaminants and is perfect for watering the garden.

Diverting water from your downspout into rainwater catchment systems has several advantages:

- Reduces the volume of water flowing to the sewer treatment facility
- Lowers the percentage of roof top rainfall as a component of urban runoff
- Backup source of water during times of drought or between rain showers
- Helps to keep our creeks and beaches clean
- Naturally softened water - great for delicate houseplants, auto cleaning and window washing
- Saves money by lowering your water bill
- Reduces the need for additional tax dollars earmarked for sewer expansion
- Chlorine-free water helps maintain a healthy biotic community in the soil
- Educational tool for teaching residents about water conservation

See our website: www.slia.net/environmental for a downloadable form and more information.

How to Stay Green

....even after St. Paddy's Day:

(just a drop in the bucket, taken from the Sunday Trib 1/14/07)

1. The average household could easily recycle a half ton of paper per year. That equals 17 trees, or enough energy to power an average home for 6 months, saves 7,000 gallons of water and keeps 60 pounds of pollutants out of the air.
2. Plant a tree, (hardwoods for here) they're like giant air filters. One mature tree takes care of the pollution caused by 13 cars.
3. ONE (1) JUST ONE aluminum can, recycled, saves enough energy to run a TV or computer for 3 hours....just one, uno 1...
4. Pre 1994 toilets use 3.5 gal of water per flush. Federal law now requires they use no more than 1.6 gal. If all the pre '94 toilets were replaced in the U.S., 800 BILLION gallons a year would be saved. That's the equivalent of 12 days of flow over Niagra Falls.
5. Get a rain barrel....see our website for locations that will offer them. Every drop helps, and besides it's naturally soft water.
6. Future inventions, just around the corner: Designing low powered or "sleep" mode into all those home electronics we love. Some have them, but our TVs, VCRs DVRs, etc. don't have this feature yet. By doing this it would save \$1 BILLION in electric bills, enough energy to power Delaware for a year ! And it would eliminate carbon dioxide emissions equivalent to removing 1 million cars off the road for one year.

And finally, have your heard about Al Gore's documentary? (**An Inconvenient Truth**) Want to see it ? I have a copy and would just love to lend it to you. No charge, no nagging, no sobbing.... I'll even deliver it. Just ask ! **Jeri Swanson:** 566-4587

Roger Ebert says: "In 39 years, I have never written these words in a movie review, but here they are. You owe it to yourself to see this film." ~Jeri Swanson

Tidbits from the Past

The photos at the right are from Carl Pearson's son Gary. He vaguely remembers a train wreck around here in the fall of 1965. Does anyone else remember anything about it?

Board Briefs ☕

Mark Anderson, Parks & Easements: "As most residents are aware, work started on the **Bjorkland Park** basketball court last fall. In our attempt to save funds, the maximum amount of work by volunteers was and is our goal. A majority of the old court has been broken up but as yet not removed. We had the equipment to break up the remaining portions lined up and the trucks to haul it away ready to go when winter set in. As soon as the temperature permits we look to dewater the site and get back into the removal of the old court. The Board appreciates your patience in this matter."

John Hynds, Lake Chair, reported that he will convene a Lake Committee meeting to start drafting a lake management plan.

Jeri Swanson, President, reported that we are still awaiting Army Corps approval for Ravinia Park. The spillway portion has been removed from the scope of the project; it will be rebuilt separately at a later date.

If you have anything you feel should be discussed at a board meeting, call Jeri Swanson and she will add it to the agenda.



not the last word...

Sadly, in these last months we lost three
longtime and well-loved neighbors.

Esther Benedeck - Nov. 25

Margaret Bahr - Feb. 7

Madeleine Ferrara - Feb. 24

*Let us not mourn the absence of the flame,
but rather celebrate how brightly it burned.*

New Baby Neighbors

Tylea Lynn
born Jan 2nd
to Tim & Jen Crow

Sarah Evelyn
born Nov 28th
to Paul & Monica Blidy

Did you know?....

- **We don't need any more fish cribs!** Please do not throw dead trees or branches in the lake. It is too dangerous for swimmers, algae grows on them, fish hooks get caught on them, boats can get damaged, etc, etc, etc.
- Those beautiful European Goldfinches that the **Trahans** spotted are still hanging around at their feeders. They like Safflower seeds.
- The Great blue Herons are back!
- Nick Tonkery is looking to purchase an aluminum canoe....let him know if you have a one for sale.
- The buzz on the message board shows an interest in learning how to attract bats so they eat the mosquitoes. **How about a bathhouse building day?**
- *Speaking of buzz...*How many flowers must a bee visit to make 1 pound of honey? See our website for answer *...it will blow you away.*
- *Speaking of blowing...*dead skin and other organic matter account for about a billion tons of dust in the atmosphere. Your skin sheds 50,000 cells every minute!

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