



# Sylvan Lake Shoreline

*"What species will come after the humans?" ~ Scott Haseman at age 5*

## A New Year in Our Sylvan Lake Neighborhood

It's going to be great year in the hood!

Starting off...**Christy Adler** & **Dan Trahan** are planning a Winterfest. (see inside)

BTW Christy says there are still a few cookbooks left.

**Mark Anderson** has ordered the new basketball backboard for Bjorkland park. The new court looks terrific!

**John Hynds** was busy last fall stocking fish in the lake. Hopefully we will see new babies this spring.

**Dan Trahan** is ordering a new permanent grill for the beach. It cost a little more than we expected but it will be bigger and sturdier.

And this is the year we'll finally be getting electric to the shed.

**Chris** has lobbied for that for a long time.

Porta potty seems to be out of the picture for now...too many obstacles.

But we'll be getting more sections for the paddle boat pier so more people can park their boats.

And there is talk about renewing the kiosks and adding a new one on South Sylvan.



Everyone appreciated the Benedeck's snowman welcoming us as we came into the lake.

If you see anything that is in need of repair in or around any of the playgrounds especially concerning a safety matter, please let **Kevin Adler** know about it. He has graciously volunteered to be our Safety contact (in addition to his job as treasurer).

**Sam Ford** (Recreation) is checking out new volleyball standards. And this year we will be having an Ice Cream Social after the volleyball tournament.

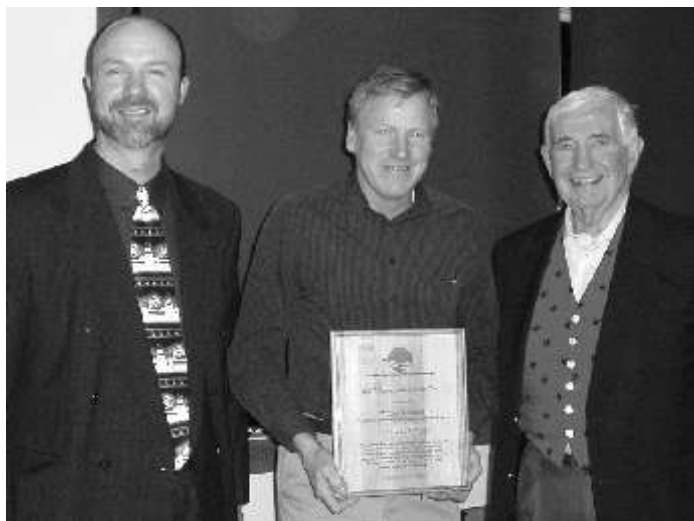
**Jeanne Peterson** has sent out all the dues notices. Please make her life easier and send yours in promptly.

So you see, your SLIA board is hard at work for you!

**And outside our neighborhood...** more good news for Lake County. Almost 700 new acres were purchased by the Forest Preserves in record land buys bringing the total land owned by the District to more than 26,000 acres.

If you are interested in all that fabulous nature around us. There is a terrific periodical out there. **Chicago Wilderness Magazine**. Check it out at [www.chicagowildernessmag.org](http://www.chicagowildernessmag.org) or click the link on our website.

## Environmental



**Bill Grinnell**, Fremont Township Highway Commissioner received the **Steward of the Year** award for his leadership and initiative on behalf of Fremont Township. From resolving local drainage issues to protecting Fremont's many natural resources, he has been willing to spend the time needed to see a project through for the betterment of those living within the township.

He has put his efforts in many instances on his own time to assist the Sylvan Lake homeowners and the Indian Creek watershed group. We are grateful for his service and dedication.



A big thank you also to **Jeri Swanson** for her tireless efforts to improve the quality of our easements.

It should also be noted that **Barb Tonkery** helped immensely in handling all the paperwork and bookkeeping needed for our 319 grant at Ravinia. Without her help neither Jeri or Bill would have been able to handle all the forms and reports.

## Garden Club News & Events

The Ladies of the Lake gathered Friday evening, December 8, at the home of **Mary Harroun** for the annual Holiday Party. Over 40 attendees enjoyed good food, fellowship, and lots of fun with a gift exchange game. Canned goods were collected and will be delivered to the Fremont Township food pantry. A big thank you is extended to Mary for her hospitality and opening her home to the Sylvan Lake Community.

Santa was spotted at Bjorklund Park on Saturday, December 9. Under the direction of **Kathy Ford**, families ate Christmas cookies, drank hot chocolate to stay warm, and visited with Santa himself. **The Hampson's** light display surely added to the spirit of the evening. Thank you Kathy and to all who brought baked goods to this special event.

Spring will welcome the Easter Bunny on March 22nd at SCHWERMANN PARK. This site offers more space for the egg hunt and bake sale. **Sandy Pakledinaz** and **Michele Bellinder** will chair this event and phone calls will be made asking for donations of baked goods.

Ladies of the Lake...we are hoping to get together again on Friday, April 11th. Perhaps a pizza dinner at Gino's East in Lake Zurich followed by Clay Monet, a contemporary paint-your-own ceramics experience? More details will be coming.

Mark your calendars...We will celebrate our nation's birthday on Friday, July 4th. The bike parade, cookout, adult and kids games, boats races, and pizza dinner will return!

Swimming lessons will be coordinated once again by **Nancy Love** and **Robin Soderstrom** and **Debbie Spector** will continue to be the Meals on Wheels contacts. **Rita Rak** continues to spread sunshine, welcoming our new neighbors and **Tammy Trahan** will be her assistant in training!

We're hoping to offer a couple of Movie Nights at the beach next summer. And, we're even thinking of hosting a Prom!

If you have ideas for Garden Club, please feel free to contact one of the Board members:

Christy Adler, President





- Chili "Bowl"
- Ice Skating
- Hockey
- Snowman Building Contest
- Longest Golf Drive on Ice
- Outdoor Fireplaces

## Winterfest 2008

Date: Saturday, Feb 9

Time: 11:30am

Where: Beach

Time to get out of the house and join us at the beach for a fun day of winter activities.

- Contact Christi Adler if you plan on bringing your best tasting chili (warming space will be limited). The Best Chili will win bragging rights for an entire year!
- Bring your own dish and drink. And if you have spare logs, bring them for the fire!
- If the ice is safe, we'll have a special surprise for the kids!

Christi Adler: 949-4314

## Did you know?....

That each of our volleyball courts have a name?

**ARDITH'S ANKLE**

**BENJY'S BLISTER**

**SUNSET SLAB**

Ask Sam Ford which are which and why.

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That Oak trees have very shallow roots and are easily damaged by digging near them?

One neighbor had an old oak topple this winter because one year a new shed was put too close to it. It can take several years to notice the damage.

So when you are planning your new landscaping this spring, please keep it in mind.

## Sylvan Lake Trivia



Can you guess where you've seen these "S" letters in our neighborhood?



The full photos are on our website in this 'n that

# ..... not the last word...

Last September we lost a wonderful  
neighbor and a good & kind man.

*John Zenner - Sept. 9, 2007*

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

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New Neighbors 

Paul Justice & Lorraine Olley  
68 W. Sylvan Drive  
847-970-7730

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"On Saturday Dec. 29th evening, after sledding with my nephew, I inadvertently left the outdoor stereo speakers on....luckily we live in the type of community where a kind (but sleep deprived) neighbor called us...instead of the Sheriff Department...

I want to let all of our neighbors know it wasn't partying kids/teens...and regardless of the hour nobody should be disturbed by our music (with the possible exception of Danny Kaloway :)

My sincere apologies with hopes of never repeating the "performance".

Ann Trauscht

  
Please email submissions for the Shoreline to [gen@slia.net](mailto:gen@slia.net)  


**Selling a Fischer Player Piano**  
serial number 133172. Patent February 3, 1880.

It has a white mahogany veneer stained dark.  
The player motor does not work but can be repaired.  
The piano also needs to be tuned.

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