



Sylvan Lake Shoreline

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Clean-Up Day Saturday Morning May 16

Our annual Clean-Up Day is set for May 16. See the flyer insert for details. If you want to know who the captains are for the various parks and easements closest to you, find the list as a link on the home/calendar page of our website (www.slia.net) under Clean Up Day. This is a great way to show pride in our community by helping to keep our parks and easements in good shape. Don't forget lunch at the beach at noon.

There will be one (1) roll-off dumpster at the beach again this year for Clean-Up Day debris. This roll-off is **ONLY** for landscape waste removed by our neighborhood volunteer crews from the parks and easements. No private garbage/ junk/ garage debris will be allowed in the roll-off. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in this.



See inside for details:

Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale

Saturday, April 11th - 9:30 a.m.
SCHWERMAN PARK

See inside for details:

Garden Club invites you to...

Ladies Night Out

Friday, May 8th, 6:30pm
Food and Beverage Tasting Party

Local Music

Mark your calendars for April 11th!
The Irish Mill is on Route 60/83
south of Midlothian Road.

One of our native sons, Dan Trahan, will be playing along with John Luckhaupt, his college roommate, at the Irish Mill starting around 9 P.M. Dan played at Oktoberfest in the late afternoon and puts on monthly Saturday evening music fests at the beach during the summer. Dan has lived at Sylvan Lake since he was in 4th grade.

If you'd enjoy hearing some fine music at a local pub, join us in packing the house for Dan and John.

How about the Barrel

How about a rain barrel to conserve water. Easy to install and rain water is so nice for gardens and house plants.



2009 Rain Barrel Sale - \$79 each.

Available in grey or terra cotta 55-gallon upcycled plastic. Rain barrels can be left outside year-round, but before winter arrives, drain and cap the barrels.

Pre-ordering deadline is May 1, 2009. Order from:

THE LAKE COUNTY SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT - LCSWCD
100 North Atkinson Road, Suite 102-A
Grayslake, IL 60030-7805

Phone-(847) 223-1056

Fax-(847) 223-1127

E-Mail-meablauer@sbcglobal.net

Pick up this year will be at the **Lake County Fairgrounds**, 1060 E. Peterson, Grayslake.

The Benefits of a Rain Barrel
A rain barrel connected to your downspout 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.

*Check out your website at
www.slia.net for more information.*

Do you Email? Do we have your addresses

Hi Sylvan Lakers --

If you want to be part of the email list, please send your email address to SylvanLakers@gmail.com.

Jeanne Peterson

Environmental News (Prescribed Burns)

What is a prescribed burn ?

Rather than relying solely on herbicides to control invasive vegetation, controlled burns are performed either by trained volunteers or paid contractors to burn areas that have a large population of invasive plants such as garlic mustard, reed canary grass, and Dame's rocket.

Both Ravinia Park and Maple Park have lots of these species. They also have lots of other healthy native species. By burning these areas, we help to control the bad species. So, early this spring (March 20th) on a dry day, you would see burning, by volunteers.

As much notice as possible is given, I hope that you were not surprised to see smoke in these parks.

A few neighbors were contacted for permission to use their hoses. A mass email went out to those that have provided emails for the purpose of receiving last minute notices.

Because only a few of us will be doing this, smaller, more controlled burns will take place.

Any questions ? email me: swan458@sbcglobal.net

Send Jeanne Peterson your email address if you wish to be included in any mass emails for the neighborhood. Contact her at the Sylvan Lake email address: SylvanLakers@gmail.com

Thanks for your support !
Jeri Swanson



Re-cap of the Major SLIA Projects

As you may all ready know the SLIA never rests. Here are the projects that are in planning, review or completed. Many projects need volunteers. If there are any of these topics that are of interest to you please volunteer.

Items being discussed

Beach -

Electrical to shed and deck
New pole and redo electrical?

Beach -

Paint shed, Arrange volunteers
Garden Club picks the color

Beach -

Fish stocking and plantings,
More plantings and stocking

Beach - Retaining bench-wall replacement at beach, replace wood with synthetic wood

Beach -

Add beach chairs & umbrellas?

Beach -

Do something to make the existing cement seawall from the dam to the boat ramp look better,
Lake/Parks - Extend piers at easements,

Parks -

Continue underlaying rip-rap in Maple Creek

Parks -

Refurbish or replace two existing bulletin boards. Estimate costs for a more elaborate board for the beach triangle get volunteer(s) to build a Bjorkland Park board

Parks -

Replace two wood bridges in Maple Terrace over stream bed as it empties into Maple Bay

Parks -

Replace/repair baseball backstop in Schwerman Park Board -
Curb by gutter near beach to channel runoff

Parks -

Replacement bridge leading to Crescent in Ravina Park. Look at crescent bridge to see if it needs to be replaced

Parks -

Wildflower Terrace refurbishment, could use rip-rap. Need to remove old railroad ties. Potential rain garden?

Board -

Rehab grate by horseshoe pits at lift station

Environmental -

On-going maintenance
Burns and herbiciding.

Recreation -

Do something about the rusty storage box at the Schwerman baseball diamond

Board -

Put boardwalk over flooded section in Ravina Park

Board -

Examine/Replace the railroad tie bridge at the mouth of Ravina Bay

Board -

Get a walking/bike shoulder on Midlothian between S. Sylvan and Highland Ave.

Completed Projects

Beach - Beach extension

Beach - Replace paddleboat pier sections

Beach - Add section to sailboat pier Kevin

Parks - Redo Eastern volleyball court at Schwerman Park

Parks - Replace half-court basketball court at Bjorkland Park.

Beach - Permanent grill near shed

Beach - Add more sand to the beach close to the paddleboat pier

Parks - Culvert replacement bridge near S. Sylvan

Parks - Add new S. Sylvan bulletin board. Add doggie bag holder

Parks - Dropped, replace guard rail by beach with wood rail, , ,
Would not be allowed by IDOT

Recreation - New upright standards for Volleyball

Environ - Ravina Grant project

Board - No right turn from 4PM-7PM signs on Midlothian

Newsletter NEWS Need Your Help

I will need help to pass along the information for the next issues of the *Sylvan Lake Shoreline*. If you would email me any information or pictures about the past happenings or up coming events for the Sylvan Lake community it would make for very interesting reading for everyone!

June 1st Issue News is needed by:

May 17th, 2009

Pictures welcome!

Send to Donn Hamm at:

dehamm@comcast.net

Please put Shoreline in the subject line.

Shoreline is a Newsletter for the Sylvan Lake Community, Sylvan Lake, Illinois

CN train increase Started March 4 . . .

The likelihood of increased freight train traffic on the Canadian National (CN) Railway began March 4.

More freight trains began rolling through our communities along the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway starting March 4 as a result of the line's acquisition by Canadian National (CN) Railway.

The Montreal-based railway has not yet determined how many additional trains will run beginning March 4, but according to CN estimates, suburbs such as Barrington, Lake Zurich and Mundelein will see an increase in trains from five to 20 a day over the next three years.

The major impact on Sylvan Lake commuting will not be known until the increased number of trains and the train's schedule (time of day or night) is known.

Working together and by following common-sense safety rules, we can preserve the wellbeing of residents and children as our communities adjust to gradual increases in train traffic.



Sylvan Lake Website www.slia.net

Sylvan Lake has a website that provides up to date information on events and activity around the lake. You can also download the latest Shoreline, participate on a message board, and learn about its history. To access secure sections of the site, fill out the online form from the home page and the login information will be emailed to you.

SPAM-A-Lot On bulletin boards?

Bulletin boards at the three locations around the lake are for residence only. The intention of the boards are for community communication such as special events, lost pets, etc. We are noticing that there seems to be an increase in the number of SPAM notices that are now showing up to advertise services for hire such as home cleaning, tree trimming, etc.

As an example we have had what some residence consider a "bad" cleaning service put advertisements on the boards. When this service was called a Hispanic speaking person (for a Polish cleaning service) could not communicate with the caller.

A notice will be posted on each board indicating that their use is for residence only, but this needs to be followed up by community involvement.

If you see advertisements that do not meet the intentions of community communications please remove those items.

Thank you

Spring Clean-up and Leaf Burning

Around the lake we have the usual leaf burning in the street. We ask people to clean up the ashes before the next rain washes things into the storm sewers and from there into the lake. Other suggested guidelines are:



- Always attend, manage and control your fire. Always have a hose or water source nearby.
- Do not burn in ditches, drainage ways or within 25 feet of a body of water.
- Open burning of anything other than yard waste, such as garbage, is not permitted.

Keeping Our Lake Clean

It is a fact that just about everything that washes into the storm drainage grates ends up in our lake and/or easements. That can include a number of undesirable things, such as cigarette butts, paper products, oils, salt, ashes and anything else that can be washed down the drain. It is extremely important, therefore, that all of us take an interest in keeping our streets and yards free of debris. Visit the web site Environmental section to learn more.

Remember also that if you use lawn fertilizer; be sure to use a product that does not contain phosphorous. Phosphorous contributes to algae blooms in the lake. This chemical is not really necessary for established lawns anyway.

By: Steve Magnusen

Winter Wildlife at the Lake

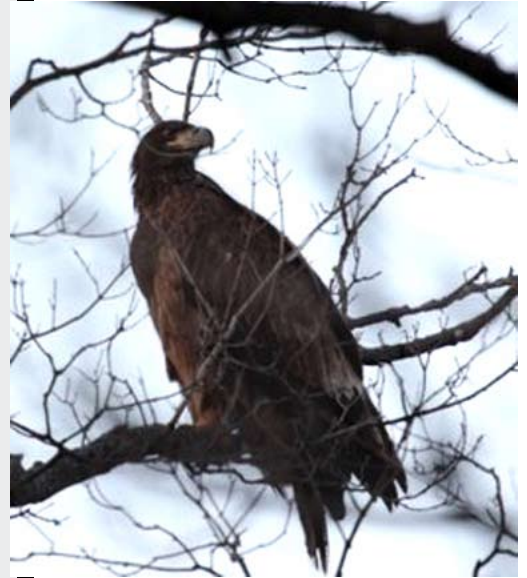
It may be cold outside but there's still wildlife to be seen during winter at Sylvan Lake. Neighbors have seen Red Fox and deer along with the usual small mammals. The five deer in the photo were on South Sylvan recently. Screech Owl, a pair of Great Horned Owls, Red-tailed Hawk, and Cooper's Hawk have stayed around the neighborhood. The pair of Red-tails shown in the photo taken from a deck in the neighborhood were passing by. Our resident Red-tail told them in no uncertain terms that this was his neighborhood and to move on.

The usual resident birds that stay for the winter, Northern Cardinal, American Goldfinch, House Finch, Black-capped Chickadee, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, White-breasted Nuthatch, Northern Flicker, Mourning Dove, and House Sparrow, are joined by several birds from further north who usually winter here where it's warmer: Dark-eyed Juncos and American Tree Sparrows. But this year, we had a real influx of birds that we see very rarely in the neighborhood if at all: Pine Siskins who came in force to some feeders and Common Redpolls (see photos). Northeastern Illinois also had an irruption of White-winged Crossbills who feed on Spruce cones. No one reported seeing any here but they have been spotted in Mundelein at Marytown on Route 176.

By the time you read this Spring migration will have started. Gary Love saw Common Loons were on the lake on March 14 and Lee Dickenson spotted an immature Bald Eagle who spent the night perched in our back yard on March 16th (see photo). There are many more migrants to come so keep looking!

(All photos taken at Sylvan Lake.)

Mike Trahan



Bald Eagle



Deer



Common Redpoll



Pine Siskin



Red-tailed Hawk

Easter is coming and that means spring,
Mr. Easter Bunny will be doing his thing.

Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale



Hiding eggs for all the Sylvan kids to find,
Chocolate treats of all shapes and kinds.

For the adults, a sale of baked goods,
So come and see your neighbors in the hood!
Get your Easter basket and meet at the park,
9:30a.m. on your calendar, the time to mark.

Let's hope for warmth and sun,
That will only add to the excitement and the fun!



Event: Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale

Date: Saturday, April 11th - Time: 9:30a.m.

Place: SCHWERMANN PARK

*Baked good donations can be dropped off at
Schwerman Park anytime after 9:15a.m.

*A special area will be coned off for the 3 year and under crowd to fill their baskets!

This special event is being sponsored by the Sylvan Lake Garden Club.

Garden Club invites you to...

Ladies Night Out

Friday, May 8th, 6:30pm

It's been a long winter for sure. The economy is on the decline,
And there's only one cure...Ladies' Night Out 2009!

Bring a dish and some red or white wine

We will catch up, chat, and we'll dine. On whatever dish you bring.

Be sure to print the recipe to share with all of the Sylvan Lake Ladies
And ring in the SPRING!

EVENT: *Food and Beverage Tasting Party*

PLACE: Mary Pohl's house, 21230 S. Sylvan Drive.

TIME: 6:30p.m.

*Bring your favorite appetizer, salad, entrée,
or dessert paired with your favorite beverage for sharing.

*Bring copies of your recipe for all of the Ladies of the Lake.

*Wine glass decorating will be available. (All materials will be provided.)

*Soft drinks and water will be available.