



December 2009

Sylvan Lake Shoreline

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★ SANTA'S VISIT ★

Sylvan Lake Boys and Girls...
Santa will be coming to BJORKLUND PARK
for his annual visit on:

Sunday, December 13th

He will arrive at 5:00p.m. SHARP!

Santa Claus is coming to SylvanLake!
We are expecting Santa to make his
special appearance on Sunday,
December 13th at
Bjorkland Park at 5PM.
As always, we ask
you to donate your
favorite cookies,
because we all know,
Santa loves his cookies
and he comes such a long
way! All Sylvan Lakers are invited for
Winter Fun in the moonlight.



Come visit the Jolly Old Man with your
Christmas wish list!
There will be cookies and hot chocolate to enjoy
around the fire pit.

**Garden Club is looking for bakers to make their
favorite cookies to share at this special event!
Drop off your goodies between 4:45-5:00p.m.**



SYLVAN LAKE

8TH ANNUAL

And everyone at the lake is in-
vited to join neighbors for:

NEW YEAR'S EVE PROGRESSIVE DINNER

When: December 31, 2009

Time: Starts at 6:30 pm

Where: A home is needed for
cocktails and dessert

Then: Candlelight Dinner
at Mary & Warren
Harroun's ~ 21350
South Sylvan Dr.

What to bring: Dish to
pass: salad, hors
d'oeuvres, or dessert

Cost: \$10.00 per person- for
beef tenderloin dinner

Call: Mary/Warren to RSVP:
970-9741 and let us
know what you are
bringing by
December 23rd.



A new Neighbor

Please say hello to our newest neighbors!

Bill & Amanda Rouse
21255 S. Sylvan Drive



Please Drive Cautiously!

Please slow down in the Sylvan Lake neighborhoods. It is getting darker earlier and it may be more difficult to see our many walkers and children being dropped off by the school buses.



Street Parking and Snow Plowing

It won't be long until we have the first SNOW of the season that will need plowing. During these snow conditions please avoid parking on the streets. The streets can be plowed better and faster without the obstacles of parked cars to weave around. Thank you for the help!



Sylvan Lake
Web-site

www.slia.net

Check it out weekly for updates!

Do you Email? Do we have your email addresses

Get Sylvan Lake News and Information First.....
If you would like to receive the Sylvan Lake email notices, please send your name and email address to SylvanLakers@gmail.com

Hi Sylvan Lakers --

We have put together a list of email addresses. The Sylvan Lake Association board would like to use it to send out the *Shoreline* and Garden Club announcements as e-newsletters, as well as occasional notices of interest to the whole community. We will also use it to send invites when the whole community is welcome at a party or event.

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

Jeanne Peterson

Do You Geocach?

A New Adventure Game for Sylvan Lakers

There are almost 100 cach/treasures hidden with in 5 miles of Sylvan Lake, many at Lakewood Forest Preserve, ready to be discoverd, and now we have our own hidden cach in our community.

Geocaching is a 'FREE' high-tech, outdoor hiking/walking, treasure hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with a GPS devices. The basic idea is to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, outdoors and then share your experiences online. Geocaching is enjoyed by people from all age groups, with a strong sense of community and support for the environment.

A hidden treasure is now in the Sylvan Lake community, just for Sylvan Lakers! The Clues, coordinates and simple rules can be found on the Sylvan Lake website www.slia.net.

This can be a great family activity for out door adventure. We will acknowledge the names of those that can locate this treasure!

You can find out more about this free outdoor sport at: www.geocaching.com or email Donn Hamm at dehamm@comcast.net



Hypothermia & Special Thanks

More special thanks goes to Pete Graham, Dan Trahan and Doug MacKay for removing the piers and rafts from the lake in frigid late-September water temperatures. These are the same guys to thank for the cleanup all around the beach last week. Thanks Dan, Doug & Pete! I hope that you have warmed up!

Writers Needed...

Newsletter News And You

Do you like to write? Tell an interesting story? Reporters are needed to acquire information about and for the next issues of the *Sylvan Lake Shoreline*. **You can have your own by-line!** Please email Donn or Deb any information or pictures about the past happenings or up coming events for the Sylvan Lake community, Your information could be very interesting for everyone!

Pictures, pictures, pictures.
Worth a 1000 words!

Here are some other suggestions:

Calendar of community activities, special events, event pictures, new neighbors, new babies and always Special Thank yous.

Email your news: Please put Sylvan Lake News in the subject line.

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General ice thickness guidelines When is ice safe?

There really is no sure answer. You can't judge the strength of ice just by its appearance, age, thickness, temperature, or whether or not the ice is covered with snow. Strength is based on all these factors -- plus the depth of water under the ice, size of the water body, water chemistry and currents, the distribution of the load on the ice, and local climatic conditions.

As a general rule for new, clear ice only:

* 2" or less - STAY OFF

* 4" - Ice fishing or other activities on foot

Enjoy the lake this winter, hope for a smooth freeze and BE SAFE!



Oktoberfest 2009

Great weather... Great neighbors... Great Community Event!





Garden Club Holiday Party

Friday, Dec. 18th

The Sylvan Lake Garden Club would like to invite all "Ladies of the Lake" to our annual Holiday Party at Mary Harroun's house on Friday, December 18 starting at 6:30PM.

We will have a gift "grab bag" exchange consisting of gifts less than \$10.

Please bring your favorite appetizer and join the fun and chat. Mary's address is 21350 South Sylvan and we hope to see you there!

Event: Ladies of the Lake Holiday Party
Date: Friday, December 18th
Time: 6:30.m.
Place: Mary Harroun's House
21350 South Sylvan Drive



Sylvan Lake Meals on Wheels

After many years of helping those when they need help the most, Robin Soderstrom is taking a break from coordinating Sylvan Lake's "Meals On Wheels" program. We are asking if anyone would like to step into this role. If so, please contact Sandy Pakledinaz at 847-566-8341.



Sylvan Lake Spirit Wear -

New "Sylvan Lake" fashion is on the boards, stay tuned for details.

Calendar dates for events



*Look forward to the
up-coming events 2010*

Winter Carnival - TBD

Recreation Dates -

Sam Ford will soon post

Clean-up Day -

Headed by Steve

Magnusen - Saturday May 22nd

Carp-O-Rama -

Headed by John Hynd -

Same timing as this year

Octoberfest 2010 -

Oct. 2nd

Adopt a Highway -

Headed by Chris Henderson

Sylvan? ~ From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Sylvan or **Silvan** refers to an association with the woods. Specifically, that which inhabits the wood, is made of tree materials, or comprises the forest itself. The term can also refer to a person or place that resides in the woods or a spirit of the woods. In mythology, the term also refers to deities or spirits of the woods.

The term in English is from the Latin *sylvus* or *silvus* meaning "forest, woods." This root is found in place names in the U.S.A. like Pennsylvania (lit. "Penn's woods") and Spotsylvania and Sylvan Lake. The first names *Sylvester* and *Sylva(i)n*, and the female name *Sylvia/Silvia*, are also from the Latin word.

