



December 2010

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 12th

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

Santa Claus is coming to Sylvan Lake!
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

10TH ANNUAL

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

NEW YEAR'S EVE PROGRESSIVE DINNER

And everyone at the lake is
invited to join neighbors for a
wonderful dinner with friends.

When: December 31, 2009

Time: Starts at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Hors d'oeuvres at Kirby's

Then: 8:30 p.m. Candlelight
Dinner of beef tenderloin at
Mary & Warren Harroun's 21350
South Sylvan Dr.

Then: 10:30 p.m. Dessert, we are
still looking for a host

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

Cost: \$15.00 per person

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



Sylvan Lake Improvement Association

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, November 16th, 2010

The Board of Directors of the Sylvan Lake Improvement Association (SLIA) met on Tuesday, November 5th, 2010 at 7:09 p.m. at the home of Steve Magnusen. The following members of the Board were present: Sam Ford, Deb Kvien, Steve Magnusen, Dan Trahan, Jeanne Peterson, John Hynds and Nancy Parra.

Recreation – Sam Ford

- Courts are all down – nets are in good condition will need to by lines next year
- Nets stored in boathouse
- No Winter Activities
- Sign committee to meet after Holidays

Lake – John Hynds

- Lost compressor air rater pump – can no be repaired – replaced with new one at a cost of \$615
- Pulled fish feeders for the season, change out ducks, close up lake
- Fish stocking (bass) – from donation

Jeanne Peterson

- 3 more dues paid
- Association Dues to remain \$300 for next year – post cards to go out in January

Garden Club – Nancy Parra

- Dec. 17th – Mary Harroun's – 6:30 p.m. – bring gift if exchanging
- Kathy doing Santa Visit 12/12 – 5pm
- New Years Eve – Mary Harroun's 6:30 p.m. – still need house for Dessert

Administration – Deb Kvien

- Dates: December 1st – Shoreline. The articles due to Donn 2 weeks prior – November 19th.
- Dan to send article on Point; Steve - 319 grant article; Winter submissions, Nancy – Garden Club Activities/dates

Parks/Easement – Dan Trahan

- Landscaping at point (Triangle Project)
- Steve to meet with Dan Kjeldbjerg – walk through 11/17
- Crabtree's moved along with spruce tree

- Moved location of one bush because of concrete where they wanted to plant
- Quotes for mowing services to include point and Ravinia Terrace – Torres, Brauillo, Poul's by mid January
- Benches on beach and Wildflower to be replaced with wooden ones during clean-up weekend
- Spring Clean-up – will include Ravinia Terrace
- Will receive a list of initiatives from Steve
- Take care of tree by Bjorkland Park

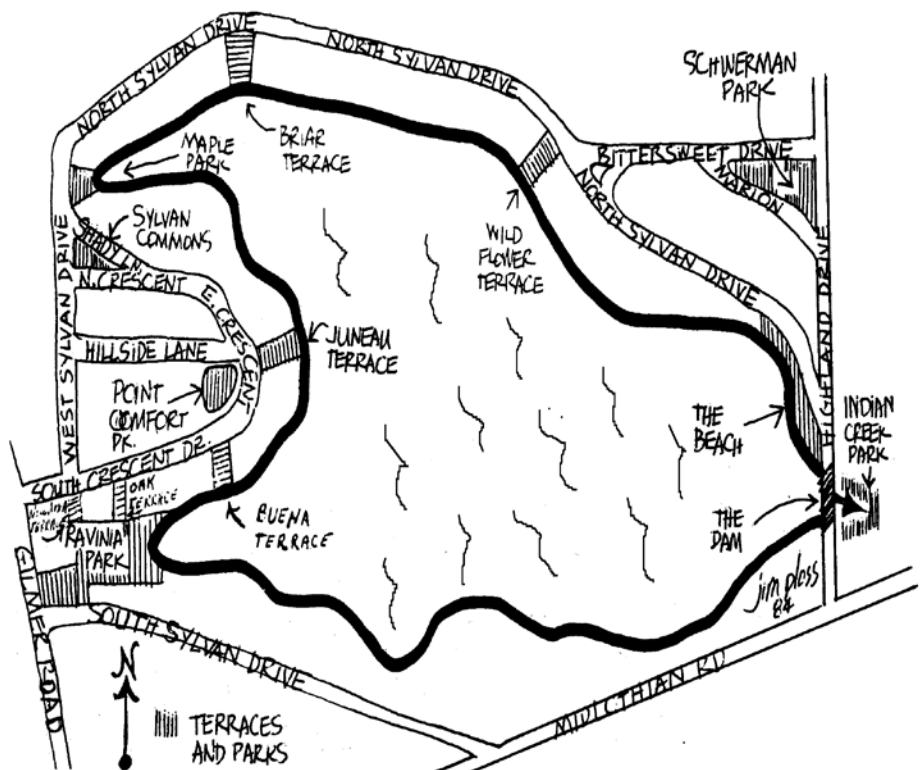
President/Parks – Steve Magnusen

- Point Holiday Decorations – Dan Trahan volunteered
- Check on different lenses for lamp post with contractor
- Check on banner cost/options/ material for lamp post – Jeanne
- 319 Grant – Sylvan Lake/township obligated to do restoration work at Wildflower – planting/grading
- Contractors need to do more clean up, remove pipes at beach, working at Crescent street
- Steve to bring up dam responsibility with Bill Grinell – who owns DNR or township – Sylvan Lake would prefer not to be a part. Engineering study on dam being conducted to get it classified and defines who owns

New Business

- Topic of temporary speed bumps brought up as concern of people running stop sign at point
- Single Waste Hauler discussion – willing to entertain need more information on how this would be handled for Sylvan Lake

Next meeting on Wednesday, January 26th. No December meeting.



Our Sincere Condolences to Family and Friends of Don Kroening

Don Kroening, one of our dear friends here at Sylvan Lake passed away Friday, November 12.

Don and Betty Kroening have lived here since the '70's. The Kroenings, along with their children, were very active in the community. They ran the Sylvan Lake Octoberfest for many years. Don and Betty celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in January 2010.

A family burial service was held Monday, November 15.

A community memorial service will be held Saturday, December 18, 2010

11:00 a.m

Ivanhoe Congregational Church
21078 W Hwy 176
Mundelein, IL

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 with any information or pictures! - Pictures, pictures, pictures. Worth a 1000 words!

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

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dehamm@comcast.net or

Deb Kvien

dkviene@sbcglobal.net

General ice thickness guidelines When is ice safe?

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!



The Fort!

A year or so ago a tree fell in the undeveloped part of Ravinia park and for many of our young warriors this tree has become a very interesting and fun location to play. They have used this tree as a rendezvous, a club-house, a hide-out, a fort to be attached and a fortress to be defended. Their battles have been quiet with sneak-attacks and others have been loud with frontal assaults. Like many battles over the decades these battles have been recreated with homemade swords and spears.



The fort has been built under the large limbs of this fallen oak. At times there may be as many as 8 to 10 of our young Sylvan Lakers defending or attacking the fort that now has a flag pole, a ceiling, a door and a grass roof, all in the spirit of fun and play! Some day this fort may be gone but it will live on in the hearts and minds of our youth for ever! What a great place to live and grow up.



Water Quality Improvements, Section 319 Grant Status Update

The long-awaited project has been underway for the past month or so, with storm sewer work complete at the beach, Wildflower Terrace and Hiawatha Terrace. The work here includes three new catch basins that will trap sediment and road oils and keep that bad stuff out of the lake. At the beach, several new curb inlets were installed to significantly reduce the chance of heavy storm runoff over-topping the curb and washing away our beach sand.



As of this writing, work is beginning on the check dam installations in Hiawatha Terrace and stream bank stabilization in Maple Park, using large stone and concrete reinforcement in some spots. Both of these improvements are aimed at reducing erosion caused during large storm events. A bioswale in Valley View Terrace, off of Shady Lane and leading to Maple Park, will be completed in the spring. This will be a 100-foot long swale planted with native vegetation immediately downstream from a storm sewer. The idea here is to utilize the soil and plant mix to clean and absorb the storm water before the flow discharges into the Maple Park streambed.



All of the work is being done in partnership with Bill Grinnell, Fremont Township Highway Commissioner. Plans for the project were prepared by Gewalt Hamilton

Associates, a civil engineering firm based in Vernon Hills. Permits from the Corps of Engineers and Lake County were secured, and the project was advertised for competitive bids. The lowest bidder was Copenhaver Construction Company of Gilberts, with a total bid of just under \$80,000. The IEPA Section 319 grant secured in May 2009 will pay 50% of the water quality items up to \$47,800. The storm sewer piping is not grant eligible so the Fremont Highway Department is picking up that cost. The SLIA share should be in the \$10,000 range, constituting less than 15% of the total cost. These funds have been budgeted and will be money well spent given the scope of the improvements being installed.



With the start of work delayed until this fall we will need to finalize the landscape restoration efforts next spring. A lot of this is part of the SLIA share, so we will probably be looking for volunteer labor to help complete it. These volunteer hours count towards our cost share and thus will reduce our out-of-pocket expense. Thanks for your patience during the construction work, it will be great when everything is done.

Beach Point Update

Beach Point has really begun to take shape! Landscaping has begun by Poul's Landscaping with trees and bushes already planted. The remaining perennials and ground cover will be planted in the spring. Many of us are looking forward to the spring just to see the beautiful colors in full bloom.

The new decorative street lamp has been installed and the old telephone pole has been removed. A higher wattage light bulb was mistakenly used when the lamp was initially installed, but this has been corrected to match the wattage of the previous light. Banner arms will be installed shortly, so we can optionally show banners throughout the year.

Even though Beach Point is not complete, it's already becoming a beautiful focal point for those who enter Sylvan Lake.



Old Triangle Spring 2010 - roads form a complete triangle, bulletin board and street light and landscaping to be improved.

Leaf Burning

This may be a little late for this year but it may be of help next year or during spring clean-up.

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:

- Do not burn wet leaves. Smoke from such fires stays closer to the ground and longer in the breathing zone.
- 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.



Beach Point in Nov. 2010 - road removed to form a point instead of a triangle. Bulletin board remove although a new board is in the planning, a new ornate street light has been added and landscaping.



Garden Club Holiday Party

Friday, Dec. 17th

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 17 starting at 6:30 PM.

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

Please bring your favorite appetizer or dessert and join the fun and chat. Please also bring canned food for the food pantry.

Mary's address is 21350 South Sylvan and we hope to see you there!

Event: Ladies of the Lake Holiday Party

Date: Friday, December 17th

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Mary Harroun's House
21350 South Sylvan Dr.



Watch for these coming events

*Look forward to the
up-coming events 2011*



Santa's Visit
Garden Club Holiday Party
Progressive Dinner
Clean-up Day
Carp-O-Rama
Octoberfest 2011
Adopt a Highway
Volleyball
Horse Shoes

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!

