



Sylvan Lake Shoreline

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Clean-Up Day *(Many hands make light work)* Saturday Morning May 21

Mark your calendars for Saturday morning May 21 for our annual Everybody-Pitch-In-and-Help-Clean-Up Day. Each park and easement will have Captains who will coordinate the work and this list should be posted soon. Your reward for helping? Joining your neighbors in showing pride in our community by keeping our parks and easements in good shape. Plus, all workers will enjoy a great noon lunch and frosty beverages at the beach.

Here's a few details:

In addition to the usual raking, brush trimming/clearing, etc, we have need for some specialized help:

- Wood Bench construction (*Wildflower Terrace and the area between the beach and the dam*)
- Perennial plantings at Wildflower Terrace
- Stairway repairs at Oak Terrace
- Backstop repair/grinding at Schwerman Park
- Cut down and removal of marked trees at Hiawatha Terrace



We may need the use of a trailer to haul debris. If you can supply one, let Dan Trahan know.

There will be a roll-off dumpster at the beach again this year, but it's ONLY for landscape waste removed by our neighborhood volunteer crews from the parks and easements. No private garbage/junk debris will be allowed in the roll-off. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in this. Just in case, we'll be setting up a special webcam this year to catch those who feel it can be used for private use!

If you notice some work that you feel is needed and want to be sure it's on the list, please send an email to dan.trahan@gmail.com.

If May 21 is a complete rain-out, we will try again on May 28, Memorial Day weekend.

See inside for details:

Garden Club invites you to...

Ladies Night Out

Friday, April 8th, 7:00 p.m.

Bracelet or Necklace with
Bella Beads!

See inside for details:

Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale

Saturday, April 23th - 9:00 a.m.
POINT COMFORT PARK

Calendar Dates



April 8 -Ladies Night Out

April 23 - Easter Egg Hunt and
Bake Sale

May 15 - News Needed

May 21 - Lake Clean-up Day

June - Volleyball Starts

June - Horseshoe Starts

July 4 - Lake Picnic

Carp-O-Rama - TBA

About the same time as last year

Octoberfest 2011 - TBA

All Year - Adopt a Highway

Major Improvements for Sylvan Lake

The “Section 319” Water Quality Grant Improvements

To re-cap, this project involves various improvements at the beach, Wildflower Terrace, Maple Park and Hiawatha Terrace. We have mentioned this project a number of times over the past two years, and it is good to see that it is nearing completion.

Late last fall three storm sewer catch basins were installed that are now trapping and holding sediments and road oils before they discharge into the lake. Streambank reinforcement using boulders and concrete-filled bags were placed along the Maple Park stream. A series of rock and stone check dams were installed in the Hiawatha Terrace ravine to reduce bank erosion downstream of a newly extended storm sewer outlet pipe.

Now that the snow and frost are gone, the contractor will soon be back to finish a bio-swale downstream of a storm sewer that now discharges freely into the Maple Park stream. The 100-foot long bioswale just off of Shady Lane will utilize a special soil mix and plants to absorb much of the storm water coming off the street and nearby properties. This will provide a natural filtration and water clean-up process.

The contractor and the Fremont Township Highway Department will be restoring the curbs near the beach and placing stone to direct surface runoff to the drains. As part of our SLIA share of the project, we will be organizing our own Sylvan Lake **VOLUNTEERS (like you!)** to re-plant the disturbed areas. We may do a separate e-mail blast to everyone and make some arm-twisting calls to solicit help, but if you would like to get on the list early and beat

the rush, contact Steve Magnusen (magnusens@sbcglobal.net) or Jeri Swanson (swan458@sbcglobal.net).

The Street Light and Landscaping at the Highland “Point”

I don’t think this “Point” designation is official, but we have received a number of compliments about the new look. Now we are waiting for the spring buds to appear! Something new that recently happened is the attachment of the correct decorative scroll arm and two banner arms on the light pole. The SLIA board is looking into ordering a decorative banner (or perhaps more than one) to better showcase our main entryway. This could expand over time to include the placement of various seasonal banners. As always, we are open to ideas. Additionally, a reflective shield was installed inside the street light lamp

to reduce the glare on the house side of the light. All of this basically completes the work here, and thanks again to Highway Commissioner Bill Grinnell for absorbing all the cost for the street light.

The Dam and Spillway

Repair of the 1920’s concrete spillway has been on the table for a number of years. Highway Commissioner Bill Grinnell has hired an engineering firm to prepare plans and to begin the reconstruction permit process through the State of Illinois. The SLIA Board has been actively involved with Bill in developing the renovation plan and in establishing a long-term ownership and maintenance agreement for both the dam and spillway. This continues to be an ongoing process, and more information will follow.



DUES ARE DUE

Thanks to all who have sent in their dues.
If you haven't paid, please send them in ASAP.
Mail to: Jeanne Peterson, 22 Crescent Dr., Mundelein.
Remember, no unstamped mail in my mailbox.
the Post Office gets angry about that.
If you drop it off please bring it to the door,

Thank you
Jeanne Peterson

Do you Email? Do we have your addresses

Hi Sylvan Lakers --

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

Jeanne Peterson

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 Sylvan Lake's 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.

Have a Paddle Boat?

If anyone is looking to sell a gently used paddle boat, please contact Dave Kruse at krusdp@gmail.com or phone 847-989-2392.

Say a Special Hello

A special welcome to our new neighbors: Uno & Gloria Larson
75 W. Sylvan Drive
847-949-2407

Saying Good by

Dan Kaloway, one of our dear friends here at Sylvan Lake passed away December 8, 2010. Joan & Dan lived at here since the mid sixties, and they were married 56 years.

Dan worked on many projects at Sylvan Lake with heavy equipment he would bring home from work.

Dan's wonderful personality and sense of humor will be remembered by many. He will be missed cruising around the lake and socializing with everyone.

Newsletter NEWS Needs Your Help

June 1st Issue News is needed
by:

May 17th, 2011

Send to Donn Hamm at:
dehamm@comcast.net

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Spring Clean-up and A Clean Lake

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. It is extremely important, therefore, that all of us take an interest in keeping our streets and yards free of debris. Visit the SLIA 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

SLIA Board of Elected Volunteers

**The positions on the board
are as follows:**

Steve Magnusen - President
Jeanne Peterson - Vice President
John Hynds - Lake
Dan Trahan - Parks/Easements
Doug MacKay - Finance
Sam Ford - Recreation
Chris Molsen - Beach
Nancy Parr - Garden Club
Wendy Kjeldbjerg - Projects
Deb Kvien - Secretary

Sylvan Lake Garden Club invites you to...

Ladies Night Out

Friday, April 8th, 7:00 to 10:00 pm

Mark you calendar, save the date:

Come and visit with your neighbors
and make a bracelet or a necklace
with Bella Beads!

Date: Friday, April 8th

Time: 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Place: Karen Finerty's House
81 N. Crescent

Cost: \$12 if you want to make a bracelet or a necklace

Please bring an appetizer or dessert.

Beverages will be provided

Please RSVP to Laurie Mackay at 847-918-0638 ASAP

Come and visit the Easter Bunny
and fill your basket with goodies!

Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale

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

For the adults, a sale of baked goods,
So come and see your neighbors in the hood!



Date: Saturday, April 23rd - Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: POINT COMFORT PARK

*Baked good donations can be dropped off at
Point Comfort Park anytime after 8:45 a.m.

*A special area may 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.

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