



Sylvan Lake Shoreline

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4th of July Picnic (Sunday July 3rd) at Sylvan Lake

Schedule:

10:30 a.m. Bike Parade

at Schwerman Park - Bring your decorated bike, wagon, or scooter!

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Lunch at the Beach!

Hamburger with Chips
Hot dog with Chips
Baked Beans, Brownies
Pop / Water / Beer / Wine



12:30 p.m. Kids Games
at the Beach

1:30 p.m. Paddleboat Races
at the Beach

2:30 p.m. Sailboat Races
at the Beach

3:30 p.m. Adult Games

Rain Date: Monday, July 4th
**Happily Sponsored by the
Sylvan Lake Garden Club**

NEW SYLVAN LAKE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY 2011

**DEADLINE:
SUNDAY, JULY 10**

Garden Club is in the process of updating our telephone directory.

E-mail addresses will not be listed. We will use the same information as printed in the 2006 directory. If you wish to make a correction, addition or deletion (home phone number or cell phone number) from the old directory, please phone or e-mail: Rita Rak 847-566-8771 or e-mail: srrak@sbcglobal.net (Use subject: SLGC Directory) If you have any questions, please feel free to notify me.

New residents who have had their names, addresses and phone numbers published in the Shoreline will be listed in the new directory.

This directory is intended only for Sylvan Lake residents and for their own personal use and convenience.

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**When Ever
You Can
Help,
Please
Volunteer**



Clean-Up Day Re-Cap, May 28

A big THANKYOU goes to all the volunteers who spent part of their Saturday to help keep our parks and easements in shape. There was a lot of shoveling, raking, weeding, hauling, cutting, hammering, sawing, flower planting and just plain elbow grease displayed by a sizeable neighborhood crew. Among the major accomplishments was racking the beach sand, repairing and setting up the beach piers and rafts, staining and oiling the bulletin boards, yanking out nasty invasive plants and general landscape cleanup and planting in many areas. **A lot was accomplished.** Also, many thanks to all who take the time to keep the areas near their homes in great shape throughout the year.



The day was just about perfect – not too hot in the morning and the rain held off until most of us had finished lunch at the beach cookout. Good food, socializing and refreshments were headed up once again by Stan and Rita Rak and Jeanne Peterson. A special thank you to all the “Captains” who coordinated work in the various parks. I would like to mention many others who deserve recognition, but we all know who you are. It really is gratifying to see all the help come out.

If you missed the opportunity to work off a few calories, find loose change in the sand, or take out your frustrations with a hammer or saw, let me or someone on the Board know. We can probably find a project for you.



We cut, split, repaired, cleaned, weeded painted and rebuilt! Had fun with out neighbors and improved the community



Master Chef Stan Rak keeping the workers well fed. It was another community of volunteers for Sylvan Lake Clean-Up Day!

Whisky Barrels Still Need Planting!

Please help yourself to planting a whiskey barrel with flowers near the beach and dam area. Please plant according to the sun requirements so that our beach will look colorful for the summer. Thank you to those that have all ready planted!

If you have questions please call Mary Harroun at 847-970-9741 and happy planting.

INVASIVE PLANTS @ SYLVAN LAKE

Clean Up Day rendered another crop of garlic mustard, and buckthorn. Upon inspection of adjoining properties to Ravinia, much more was seen on private land bordering these public areas.



Please do your part on your own property to stop the spread of these species.

Invasive means that our local balance of nature does not recognize these plants as food sources, so they become abundant. If our local

wildlife liked the berries of buckthorn or the deer ate the bark, it wouldn't be a problem.



Mundelein Fine Arts Festival *Sept. 10-11*

Mundelein Community Connection announces the first annual Mundelein Fine Arts Festival, a juried art festival that will showcase the talents of 50 fine artists and craftspeople who work in a variety of media. The two-day event will be held from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday, September 10 and Sunday, September 11, 2011 and will feature



top-notch artists, local musicians and tasty food.

Hurry!

**Deadline for submissions is
June 15, 2011**

Sylvan Laker to Sell Wurlitzer Organ

A fine Wurlitzer Organ (walnut) with a bench and sheet music. 44" long x 22" deep. If you are interested please call 847-566-8786

Newsletter NEWS Needs Your Help

June 1st Issue News
is needed by:

July 17th, 2011

Send to Donn Hamm at:
dehamm@comcast.net

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Fremont Township Needs Volunteers

NEED COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS OR WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Community Garden. This year, we are growing a garden in which the proceeds will benefit our food pantry recipients. We need help with planting, weeding, and harvesting the fruits and vegetables.

Please call Pete Tekampe or Nancy Lech @ 847.223.2847 to sign up or for additional information.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

Fremont Township Center will an AARP Driver Safety Program for drivers over the age of 55 on Wednesday June 8 and Thursday June 9, 2011 from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm in our downstairs community room. Cost is \$12.00 for AARP members, \$14.00 for non-members. Please call 847.223.2847 to register or for additional information.

Have you paid your SLIA dues?

There are a few households that have not yet sent in their annual dues. A dues mailing was just sent this week.

Please mail in our dues now!!

May 31 Special Meeting Highlights

Sylvan Lake property owners were invited to attend a Special Meeting held on May 31 to address several important issues that needed action prior to our regular Annual Meeting in September. The primary agenda item was to adopt a SLIA Bylaw provisions that allows the transfer of property and the granting of easements for utility or dam/spillway maintenance. Once that provision was adopted, the intent was to transfer ownership of the dam and spillway to the Fremont Township Highway Department. **The reason?** The 85-year-old dam and spillway needs major work that could cost over \$340,000. The State also is requiring an ongoing operation and maintenance plan that would add annual expenses to our budget.

Forty-five owners were represented at the meeting and the required 2/3 approval was accomplished to enact the bylaw amendment and to transfer the dam and spillway to Fremont by quit claim deed. Also included in the motion was the “official” transfer of the neighborhood roadways to Fremont Highway. The streets reverted to the Township years ago more or less by default per a State law provision, however the recorded document on file still showed SLIA in ownership.

Three other items also were adopted. 1) Correcting a discrepancy in the SLIA Articles of Incorporation regarding the number of SLIA Board of Directors members, 2) carrying over \$11,500 in unused funds from the 2010 budget to 2011 for the 319 IEPA grant work, and 3) amending the bylaws to allow the use of e-mail for SLIA annual or special meeting notices.

Thanks to all who participated at the meeting and in the good discussion

that occurred on these important items. More information on the pending construction work at the dam will be forthcoming. At this point, engineering plans are being finalized by the Township, and permit applications to the State and County are pending.



Volunteerism – It Is What Makes Sylvan Lake So Special

The recent activity around the lake, including Clean-Up Day, 319 Grant volunteer work and Carp-O-Rama reminds me once again how special the people in this community are. A little help here and there goes such a long way to making this a special place.

I always am reluctant to name people for fear of leaving someone out who deserves recognition. But here are a few who have stood out for a long time, and my sincere apologies to anyone I forgot:

Stan and Rita Rak always come through when there is a cookout at the beach.

The Neises' and Powell's always

take good care of Juneau Terrace well before and after Clean-Up Day - It is a garden.

Eric Swanson refurbished the large raft at the beach in expert fashion, despite being “off his game” with health issues that required surgery days afterward. Thanks and Get Well Soon!

Jeanne Peterson faithfully handles the task of dues statements and collections, and this year did so while having serious health issues of her own.

As I said there are many others: our dedicated Board members, Clean-Up Day captains and volunteers, gardeners and planters, webmaster Gen, Newsletter Donn, ravine tree trimmers, Carp trophy Gary and John, etc. .

All of you are terrific.

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The Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale were a big success! Thanks to all who participated in the egg hunt and for the donations of the wonderful baked goods. A special thanks to Dave Benedeck for being such a great Easter bunny!



The “Section 319” Water Quality Grant Improvements

The various improvements at the beach, Wildflower Terrace, Maple Park and Hiawatha Terrace are essentially complete. Final costs have not been tabulated yet but the SLIA share should be well below our budgeted amount. Bill Grinnell and the Fremont Highway department have contributed the lion’s share of the 50% “local match” by replacing storm sewers, installing new curbs and performing landscape restoration at the Beach, Wildflower and Hiawatha. The landscaping repairs have been held up due to all the rain but should happen soon.

On June 10 a County-wide bus tour of water quality improvement projects will make a stop at Sylvan Lake to view some of our work. A big part of this work includes the installation of hundreds of native plants by our own lake volunteers. Jeri Swanson deserves much credit for organizing a dedicated group of our residents who have helped do the planting and clearing at Hiawatha and Maple parks. We can take monetary credit for his volunteer work as part of our share of the grant cost, so it directly saves us dollars in the process. Great work!

Garden Club News

A huge thanks to Karen Finerty for hosting *Ladies Night Out* in April. Attendance was great and many ladies were creative in their making of bracelets and necklaces with Bella Beads. Great conversation and good food were also enjoyed.

We are looking for a hostess for the Garden Club appetizer party in the fall. If you are interested in hosting please contact Nancy Parra at 847-566-0674.



Summer Recreation in Sylvan Lake!

Volleyball League

Where: Schwerman Park and Bjorklund Park

When: Tuesdays starting June 14th

How Much: \$5.00 Resident / \$10.00 Non-Resident

Contact: Sam Ford at (847) 566-4325 with any questions.

Captains will submit roster and funds for entire team prior to first game



Horseshoe League

Where: Point Comfort Park

When: Thursdays starting June 16th

How Much: \$5.00 Resident / \$10.00 Non-Resident

*League participants will not have to
pay entry into Labor Day Tournament*

Contact: Lee Dickinson at (847) 949-7996 to enter your team



Winners will receive: Respect, Accolades ... and a Shirt.

* Sylvan Lake Swim Lessons

Ages 3-10

June 20th -30th (Monday-Thursday)

6pm-8pm (30 minute classes)

Cost: \$40 per Child

First day (6/20) Testing for class assignments

Please return form by JUNE 15 with a check made out to Sylvan Lake Garden Club

Payment and Form to Liza or Kelly Dickinson

34 Crescent Dr. - 847-949-7996

Sylvan Lake Swimming Lessons----\$40

Due by 6/15/2011

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Additional Information: _____

