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Sylvan Lake Shoreline

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Will Your Address Change? Five-Digit Addressing

Representatives from the County made a presentation to SLIA members at the Annual Meeting with regard to pending implementation of 5-digit addressing. In fact, a letter from the County to all Sylvan Lake residents may already be in your hands by the time this Shoreline issue is distributed.

Some residents already utilize a 5-digit address, however many do not. Our 2 and 3-digit addresses are actually lot numbers that date back to the original Schwerman subdivisions platted in the 1920's.

The SLIA Board and the members in attendance first learned of the County's intentions, and the reasons behind it, at this annual meeting. Representatives from Countryside Fire District, the Post Office, the County mapping department and the Sheriff's 911 center presented their reasons for this change. The bottom line deals with safety, and being able to accurately identify and locate property addresses given the automated mapping system used by the County. A SLIA membership straw poll taken following the presentation resulted in a clear majority in favor of the change.

Here's a tentative outline for some of the major components of this process –

Finalize street names:

Some of the street names may need to change. Either to have them be compliant with what was recorded on the original subdivision plat or to facilitate the assigned county five-digit addresses, or to simply remove the post directional designation. The County will work with the Homeowners Association to determine which option is best. If changes are needed, we will then get the agreement of the Fire District, Sheriff's Office, Post Office, and Fremont Township. Then final approval will come from the County Board.

Upcoming Events

Oktoberfest 2011

Oktoberfest is Oct. 15!

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Oktoberfest Bake Sale

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Santa's Visit -

Early December

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Holiday Party

Ladies of the Lake

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Finalize address list:

A cross-reference list of the existing and new addresses, owners and permanent index numbers (PIN) will be generated. This file gets supplied to all the other agencies (Fire District, Sheriff's Office, Post Office, utility companies, etc.) so that they can update their records.

Second letter:

A second letter is mailed to all the residents showing their new address. We'll explain what steps we will have taken to make this change as seamless as possible and what they will be responsible for.

Post street signs (if needed):

Work with the Fremont Township Highway Department and Lake County DOT to post any new street signs. Pass that same information onto the various GPS mapping companies, for inclusion in their next update release.

We look forward to working with you on this important project.

Keith Caldwell

Lake County Department of
Information Technology

GIS/Mapping Division

Very Local Honey!



We've hung the
"Honey Sign" out again.

Al Benedeck
220 Highland Dr.

Oktoberfest Bake Sale



Please drop off your donations starting at 3:00 and then come by and sample the delicious bake goods!

Santa's Visit



"You better watch out.
You better not cry.
You better not pout,
I'm telling you why.
Santa Claus is coming to town!"
in early December!

Please Keep In Touch

I have been working with Beverly Sobieski and getting her mother, Dolores, settled into Winchester House and Beverly wanted this information passed on so that you can keep in touch with Dolores and go and visit her.

Dolores Sobieski
Winchester House
1125 North Milwaukee
Room 1323
Libertyville, IL 60048

She would love a phone call:
847-877-7579 or a visit.

Thank you, Mary Harroun

Leaf Burning

Its that time of year again!

As we prepare for the annual harvest of leaves we are reminded



of what we can do to make it a more pleasant experience for all.

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:

- Be courteous and respectful to your neighbors, especially those with breathing problems.
- Do not burn on very windy days.
- Do not burn wet leaves. Smoke from such fires stays closer to the ground and longer in the breathing zone.
- The best time of day to burn is from mid-morning to mid-afternoon. The smoke clears the fastest at this time of day.
- 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.

Thank you for your help and concerns in keeping our own special resource, Sylvan Lake, clean.

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!!

SLIA Board of Elected Volunteers

The positions on the board will change at the next reorganization board meeting due to elections at the last Annual Meeting.

Steve Magnusen - President

Jeanne Peterson – Vice President

Deb Kvien - Secretary

Doug MacKay – Treasurer

John Hynds – Lake

Dan Trahan – Parks/Easements

Sam Ford – Recreation

Chris Molsen – Beach

Nancy Parr – Garden Club

Wendy Kjeldbjerg – Projects

What Floats Your Boat or Where is Your Boat Floating.

One of the important discussions each year is what to do for the winter with boats, sailboats and paddle boats that have had very little or no use during the past season.

Again last year several of these neglected water craft were pulled up on the beach for the winter. Some were covered, some were not. Some of those that were covered had the covers blown off. The general consensus was that the over all appearance of the easements was not as pleasant or inviting as would be liked.

If you have a water craft that is stored on any of the easements, please be responsible for storing it for the winter out of the water and neatly organized on the easement.

If you have a water craft that you are not using, that may be full of water and not easily moved, please consider having it removed, junked or sold.

If anyone needs help in moving their water craft please ask a neighbor or put a message on the SLIA message board on the web site to ask for assistance



Good News/Bad News Dam update:

Here is the good news! Design plans for the rehabilitation of the dam are still being finalized by Highway Commissioner Bill Grinnell and his consulting engineer. Some of the key work items being planned are:

- replacing the culvert and spillway
- relocating a sewer pipe
- sheet piling reinforcement
- timber guardrail
- pavement resurfacing with curbs from the bridge to Midlothian Road
- boulder covered slope on the east side of the dam



It is too early to predict a start date since State agencies must first review the plans and issue permits. The project must then be advertised for bidding.

There will certainly be inconveniences, but the Board of Directors will do it's best to keep everyone informed. We will pass on pertinent information by email and the web site to give everyone as much notice as possible.

Swim Lessons Were Very Successful

Swim lessons were a great success this year thanks to the great teaching abilities of Liza Dickinson and the participation of 21 children.



4th of July

A huge THANK YOU goes to all the volunteers who spent part of their Sunday to help make the 4th of July picnic a great success. All at the picnic had fun, good food and great conversation. Thanks to Marty Hanson and Bruce May for the baked beans this year and for allowing Steve and Lucya Mongelluzzo a well-deserved rest from cooking the baked beans after so many years.

Do You Remember the Location of the Emergency Call Box?

The red Emergency Call Box is attached to the "Beach Rules" sign on the beach side of North Sylvan. If an emergency arises, open the door and push the button. The County Sheriff 911 Center will answer.



Sylvan Lake Website

www.slia.net

The Sylvan Lake website 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.

Beach Will Soon Be Getting Packed Away for Winter

Based on feedback we again heard at the annual meeting and our general sense of style, we came up with a much better way to store the piers and rafts at the beach. We ask that if you have a boat that you'll be keeping at the beach over winter, store it as close as you can toward the shed. We'd like to keep the sail boat beach, boat ramp and majority of the beach clear of boats so we can enjoy the view and have clear access to the lake for winter activities. Thank you.



Newsletter NEWS Needs Your Help

I will need help to pass along the information for the next issues of the *Sylvan Lake Shoreline*. Please email me any information or pictures about the past happenings or up coming events. This information makes for very interesting reading for everyone!

December 1st Issue News Needed by:

November 20th, 2011

Pictures welcome!

Send to Donn Hamm at:

dehamm@comcast.net

Please put Shoreline in the subject line.

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OKTOBERFEST



Saturday, October 15, 2011
For Sylvan Lake Members
(and their guests)



1:00-4:00 Craft Show

- Bring your own table and cash for change
- No entry fee

2:00-4:00 Kids Games & Activities

- Games
- Pumpkin Painting
- Face Painting
- Tractor Hay Rides
- Moonwalk



3:00 Bake Sale and Bar Opens

- Drop off your baked goods at 2:00pm
- Wrist band required to purchase alcohol – Must prove you're 21 or over

4:00 Dan Trahan – Acoustic Set

5:00 Dinner Starts

6:30 – 10:30 The Band

- Dancing, Singing and Rockin'
- Tips are welcome!

7:00 Bonfire

- Fire Dept must approve the pile and the weather
- No Junk in the pile, only Yard Waste

9:00 Cash Raffle

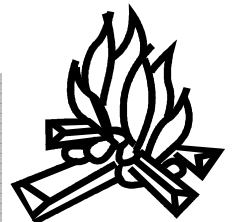
- Winner is announced



Many thanks to:

- Nick Kirby for your Tent
- The DuPonts for the Hayrides
- Jen Crow for the kid's games
- And all the volunteers that make this event happen!

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Ladies of Sylvan Lake Garden Club

Holiday Party Friday, Dec. 16th

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 16 starting at 6:30PM.

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. We hope to see you there!

Event: Ladies of the Lake Holiday Party
Date: Friday, December 16th
Time: 6:30.m.
Place: Mary Harroun's House
21350 South Sylvan Drive



Ladies Night Hostess Needed

The Garden Club is looking for a hostess for the Spring Ladies' Night Out and the Fall Ladies' Night Out for next year. Please contact Nancy Parra (847) 566-0674, if you are interested in hosting.



A Little Light Walking

Join us on Saturday evening, December 17 on a walk around the Lake. We'll start after Santa's visit, about 5:30 P.M. and finish by 7:30 P.M. Let's place luminaria across our front yards to light the way. Several neighbors will be serving hot wine, cider and/or chocolate as well as sweet treats on their driveways.

You can make luminaria out of empty milk cartons. Just cut a round opening across from the handle, put a small amount of sand or kitty litter in the bottom of the carton, and stand a candle in the sand or litter. Light the candle to light the way.

Questions? Call Mary Harroun, 847-970-9741.