



Sylvan Lake Shoreline

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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 6:30 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. 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

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

Meet
Santa
and
his
helpers



“You better watch out.
You better not cry.
You better not pout,
I’m telling you why.
Santa Claus is
coming to town!”

December 3rd

Meet Santa and his helpers at
Bjorkland Park at 6:00 sharp!

Holiday Celebration & Walk Around the Lake:

Luminary Lights to Light Up Sylvan Lake

Saturday night December 17th – 5 pm to 7 pm

We are asking everyone that resides at Sylvan Lake to participate in the Luminary Light Night. We hope to light up all the roads here at the lake. We are asking everyone make their own luminary lights and place them along the street to light up the lake roadways from 5-7 pm on December 17th.

All residents are invited to walk around the lake during that time and stop at six different driveways that will be offering refreshments: hot cider, warm wine, or hot chocolate and possibly some cookies.

How to make a luminary on page 2



Making luminary lights:

2 different methods

1. Plastic milk bottles- cut top off and place either sand or kitty litter in the bottom. Then place a candle, light the candle, place in front of your house on the street. It may take eight or ten milk bottles to light across your property.



2. White or brown paper bags may also be used. You can cut designs into the paper bags so that the light shows through. Place sand or kitty litter in the bottom, place the candle and light it, and again place the luminary lights out along the street to light up the way for all of us walking through the neighborhood.

If you have trouble lighting your roadway area, please contact Mary Harroun. The pathway from Crescent to South Sylvan will be lighted with luminaries so that people can walk around the lake safely. Let's make this an annual event. Hopefully, it will be warm enough that all of us can get out and visit each other for the evening and have a fun time.

The new Board Members and Committee Heads for the Sylvan Lake Improvement Association

President: Sam Ford

Vice President:

Wendy Kjeldbjerg

Secretary: Deb Kvien

Treasurer: Doug MacKay

– Committees Chairs –

Lake: John Hynds

Beach: Chris Molsen

Park & Easement:

Gary Goldblatt

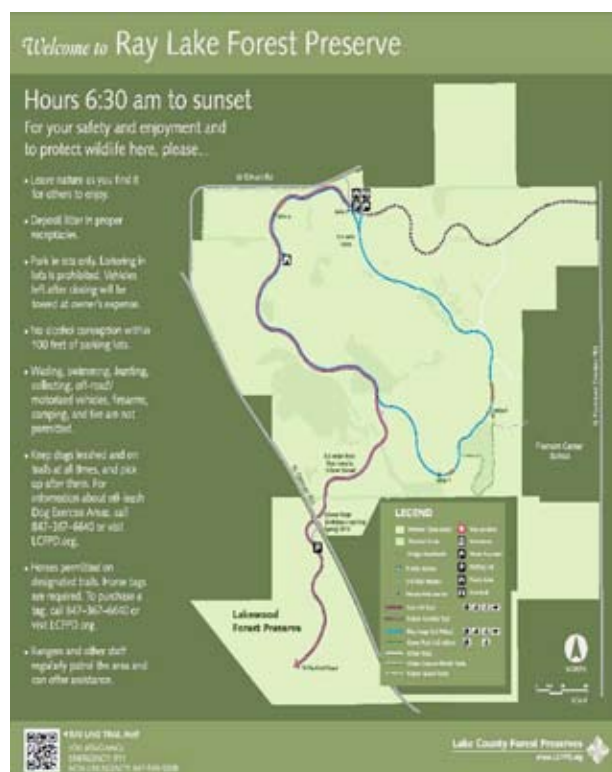
Garden Club: Nancy Parra

Recreation: Dave Kruse

Ray Lake Forest Preserve now open

New trails and public access await you at the newly opened Ray Lake preserve in Wauconda. Hikers, bicyclists and cross-country skiers will enjoy a 2.7-mile crushed gravel trail that loops around wetlands and includes three boardwalks and a scenic overlook. The preserve's entrance and 25-car asphalt parking lot are located on Erhart Road in Fremont Township. Remember to keep your dogs leashed.

An underpass connection to the Fort Hill Trail at Gilmer Road is currently under construction. When the connection is complete in summer of 2012, trails at Ray Lake will be open to equestrians as well.



2011 IEPA 319 GRANT

In April, May and June of 2011 the following people helped clear **Hiawatha Terrace** so that 549 native plant plugs could be installed along the streambank and uplands; Steve Magnusen, Tori Trauscht, Dan Trahan, Ann Trauscht, Bob Trauscht, Sandy Washburn, Dan Washburn, Adam Washburn, Cindy Wittje, Kevin Adler, Jerry Kroll, Bill Pohl, Ben Ford, Kathy Ford, Linda Mihel, Doug MacKay, Josh MacKay, Glen Maksinski, and Jeri Swanson. Ben Ford and Josh MacKay are Boy Scouts and a fellow scout also came to help scout Ryan Zentz

A total of 115 hours of volunteer labor contributed to this site alone.

I point this out because at the same time, volunteers were all over Sylvan Lake helping on Clean up Day (and beyond) with the beach area and **Wildflower Terrace**. By the way, we are NOT done with Wildflower... it will be a work in progress for some time. Keep this spot in mind when you are dividing your true native plants that can tolerate sun and dry conditions next spring.

Maple Park also received plant plugs. That effort was lead by Linda Miller with help from Sandy Washburn and her son, Adam who recently moved into Carl Pearson's house at the top of the ravine. John Hynds, Mark and Patty Anderson, Martin Hanwright and Uwe Moeller

helped clear dead wood and chip it all.

Previously, Steve Magnusen, President SLIA, oversaw the recent grant work that we received all over our neighborhood. Stop dams were installed in **Hiawatha** along with storm sewer catch basins designed to trap sediment and oils coming from our roads. **Maple Park** received more stream bank stabilization with boulders. Fremont Township Highway Dept/ Bill Grinnell partnered on this grant by installing the structures and also redesigning curbs to help with run-off at the beach area. These installations will greatly reduce erosion, keeping lots of sediment out of the lowlands and eventually the lake. A 100 yard bio-swale has been installed on Valley View Terrace which leads into Maple Park, again to curb erosion from storm water and collect sediment before it reaches the lake.

I am not surprised by how many helped, and I am always so pleased with how willing our neighbors are to help with environmental efforts. Sometimes they help in the rain, the cold or really when they should be doing something else, like cleaning their own yards.

Volunteer hours for grants are now worth \$15.00 per hour!! So just in Hiawatha Terrace alone, that means \$1700.00 in labor was provided free by YOUR neighbors. Just think

of what the entire clean up day crews did! I just volunteered to help a neighboring lake community with native plant seed collection and distribution. Besides me, only 3 other people showed up. There are over 300 homes on that lake and we have only about 190 households.

This is sad for them, because they still had many hours needed to complete their grant commitment. Always, these grants require the service of educating their residents. By volunteering, this is how we learn.

People from Diamond Lake, Countryside Lake, Forest Lake, and Echo Lake are in awe of what we have accomplished here with volunteers. I hear this through the Indian Creek Watershed Project. We never have had a problem exceeding our pledged volunteer hours match.

Good neighbor, Sharona Javit put it in perspective : we are SYLVANIZED here ! Thanks so very much everyone, Jeri Swanson

We are part of the Indian Creek Watershed

Since 1998 the Indian Creek Watershed improvements have totaled \$3,538,066.00. Our watershed is defined from Lincolnshire at the east to Diamond Lake, north, to the northern edge of Lake Zurich, and west to Toll Brothers developement.

Jeri

Gilmer & Midlothian Intersection Under Review

by Donn Hamm

The Lake County Division of Transportation offered a public meeting regarding the possible Gilmer Road and Midlothian Road Intersection Improvements

The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the study, solicit public comments and opinions, and gather information to supplement the existing conditions data. Maps, exhibits, and a presentation were available for viewing at the meeting.

It is currently in the early planning and data gathering stage. Engineering consultants were collecting comments.

Gilmer and Midlothian roads each supports approximately 12,000 cars a day in the morning and again in the evening. The projected increase for the next 15 years is only 10% due to the possibility of highway 53 being extended into Lake County.

If highway 53 is not built, the projected traffic increase on Gilmer and Midlothian roads will need to be re-evaluated, and further revisions and plans will need to be made for the Gilmer & Midlothian intersection.

So the elephant in the room is the Highway 53 extension. A Lake County project manager indicated that the time and the politics for this major highway extension has never been better and that a decision, one way or the other could occur in the summer of 2012.

So in the planning for the Midlothian and Gilmer intersection improvement, there is only one issue at this point: will Highway 53 be built. All current planning hinges on this development.

A concept of importance, and the only unique alternative to this intersection presented by the Lake County road planning is to look at the feasibility of a traffic roundabout. This is a popular intersection configuration in other countries and there is one in Lake Co. at the intersection of Riverwoods Rd. and Everett Road just south of Rt. 60 by the Tollroad, a small version of a roundabout is up the road from us on Schwerman.



Street Parking & 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!



Forest Preserve Headquarters has Moved

On Friday, October 14, the Lake County Forest Preserves General Offices at 2000 North Milwaukee Avenue in Libertyville officially closed, reopening at the new location at 1899 West Winchester Road between Butterfield Road and Route 45 in Libertyville on Monday, October 17.

The new General Offices houses nearly 100 Forest Preserve staff responsible for administration, planning, natural resources, land acquisition, public information, education and registration, as well as a public meeting room.

Although many everyday transactions can be handled on the Lake County Forest Preserves website (LCFPD.org), such as picnic shelter reservations, Dog Exercise Area, equestrian and other permits, purchasing bids and job applications, they can also be handled in person at the new General Offices.

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.

Octoberfest 2011 Sylvanized

*Pictures
provided by
Dan Trahan*



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!



New Year's Eve Celebration & Progressive Dinner



For the past eleven years, Sylvan Lake residents have enjoyed a New Year's Eve progressive dinner. This year we will start at the Trahan's house at 6:30 pm for hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. Then we'll move on to Mary and Warren's about 8:00 pm for a candlelight dinner of beef tenderloin. Finally, we'll move on to Goldblatt's house about 10:00 pm for dessert and ringing in the New Year. Everyone will be asked to make either an hors d'oeuvre, a salad, or a dessert. It's BYOB, and we ask for \$20.00 per person to cover the cost of the dinner. For reservations (we can seat 40 for dinner) or questions, please call Mary Harroun at 847-970-9741.

We hope to see everyone participate in these events. Sylvan Lake is such a special place to live because of the people who live here and it is fun to get out in the winter to see all the other folks who live here and see old friends and maybe greet new neighbors.

Dues Payments for 2012

Please note:

Dues will be collected by Doug MacKay for 2012. Doug will be sending out the dues notices in January, as always. If you prefer to drop the payment off at his house, please DO NOT put it in the mailbox. There will be a separate box for collecting the dues by Doug's front door - just drop it in. If you're one of the many people who use an online bill payment account, feel free to set up your Sylvan Lake dues to be sent that way - just be sure to use Doug's address. Prompt payment is greatly appreciated and saves both time and expense. Thank you!

The address for remittance is:

Doug MacKay
21200 Sylvan Drive South
Mundelein, IL 60060

**Have you paid
your 2011 SLIA dues?**

Please mail in your dues now!!

Newsletter NEWS Needs Your Help

Please email any information, pictures, past happenings or upcoming events.

April 1st Issue News Needed by:

March 20th, 2012

Pictures welcome!

Send to Donn Hamm at:

dehamm@comcast.net

Please put Shoreline in the subject line.

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