



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 9th

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 9th at
Bjorkland Park at 5 PM.
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.**

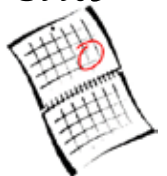


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Coming Events

*Up-coming
events in 2013*



Santa's Visit
Clean-up Day
Carp-O-Rama
Octoberfest 2013
Adopt a Highway
Volleyball
Horse Shoes
Ladies Night Out
Easter Egg Hunt

3rd Annual Luminary Light Walk

December 15

Please join us on Saturday evening, December 15 in Sylvan Lake's 3rd annual "Luminary Walk".

Put out your luminaries and also enjoy the walk around the Lake to view other luminary decorations. The walk around the lake will be from 4 to 7 p.m..

Everyone please put luminary lights out by the street so that all of us can see and have a nice walk when we walk around the lake on December 15th.

We have two homes that have volunteered to serve hot drinks and cookies to all who pass by and we need a few more....so call me.

As for containers for the luminaries, I will be placing two boxes of white lunch bags under the two bulletin boards for use that night. All you need to do is put sand, kitty litter, or whatever in the bottom of the bags, put in candles, light them and place them on the street edge.

If anyone wants to sing songs of the season, let me know as Marlene and I are planning a small chorus to sing as we walk....any questions, call Mary Harroun 847-970-9741.



SYLVAN LAKE 11TH ANNUAL

And everyone at the lake is invited to join neighbors for:

NEW YEAR'S EVE PROGRESSIVE DINNER

December 31st NEW YEAR'S EVE Progressive Dinner. All are invited, including new residents, and it's a great way to meet neighbors. We start at 6:30, for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, then go to another house for dinner, and a third house for dessert.

Dinner is served in candlelight, beef tenderloin, potatoes, and salad. We potluck the hors d'oeuvres, salad, potatoes, and dessert, and the cost per person is \$20.00. Everyone is most welcome as the dinner host house can seat thirty people. Please join us in bringing in 2013 with a very nice group of Sylvan Lake people. Call Mary Harroun for more details or to make your reservation.



All reservations for New Year's Eve must be in by December 24th, please Thank you, Mary

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!

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, if you have an option, 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!

Garden Club News

The Sylvan Lake Garden Club would like to thank everyone who participated in baking, buying and eating all those wonderful goodies at the Octoberfest bake sale. We made over \$220.

A special thanks also goes to Janis Powell for hosting the "Ladies of the Lake" Holiday Party and to all those who came out for a wonderful evening of friends, food and fun.

Spring Ladies Night Out will be held at Kathy Schwerman's Home. The date is yet to be determined.

The Easter Egg Hunt and bake sale will be held on March 30th with more details to come later.

Newly Elected Garden Club Officers

President - Nancy Parra

Vice President – Linda Mihel

Secretary – Laurie MacKay

Treasurer – Karen Finerty

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 Shoreline in the subject line, **Donn Hamm**
dehamm@comcast.net

Newsletter NEWS Needs Your Help

Please email any information, pictures, past happenings or up coming 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.

Shoreline is a Newsletter for the Sylvan Lake Community, Sylvan Lake, Illinois

How about a Winter Event!

How about a Winter Event... put your thinking caps on..... soup or chili cook-off? Sport event on the lake, on the ice? If there is enough snow, we can have a snowman making contest! Give me ideas- call Mary Harroun- 847-970-9741.



How about a Sylvan Lake Talent Day

"Sylvan Lake Talent Day- What Is Your Talent?"

The plan is to have our Talent Day in Schwerman Park on a nice spring day... May or June... for all Sylvan Lake residents to show off their talents.

Sylvan Lakers can bring their own tables to set-up to share, show or sell their talent; art, jewelry, pottery, books they might have written, candles, plants, food they make that is special, anything that they make

or do that is unique to them, avocation or vocation. Please share with the community so that we can get to know our neighbors better...

We may have a hot dog lunch, or a bring a dish to pass and share for lunch from 12-3 pm on a nice sunny day.

Details will be forthcoming as the event gets closer.

Mary Harroun- 847-970-9741



Parks and Easements Update:

by Gary Goldblatt

Winter update:

Not much happening this time of the year. Plants and trees are all dormant. Our lawn service and easement weed control service have all stopped until Spring. We need rain/snow as the moisture levels are still very low.

Fall Project completed:

The steps at the Oak Terrace Easement have been repaired by Paul Stempian. He has some additional ideas to improve the landing portion of those steps as well as installing a possible railing.



Clean up day 2013:

I'm proposing that we have 2 clean up days. One in the Spring, as usual and one in mid fall. Details to follow

Sylvan Lake Hi-Tech Mission Still Needs Your Help!

I am scanning and archiving online all the old documents that have been held in storage. The documents date from 1940 on.

I have already scanned well over 2,000 pages and am still only up to 1975. If there is anyone who would like to help going through the last 2 boxes to decide what should be scanned, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please call me if you are interested. Thank you
Genevieve Connor - 847-566-0369



Have You Checked Out the 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 the 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. *Thank you Gen Connor, for all your help!*

Sylvan Lake Welcomes Our New neighbors!

Please introduce your self to any neighbor that you are not familiar with and especially greet the new members of our Sylvan Lake community!

Tom & Dawn Owen

21303 W. Crescent Dr

Tom & Sarah Owen

26181 N. Highland Dr
847-722-3078

Tony & Linda Ladd

21315 W. Crescent Dr
Linda's 630-333-8581
Tony's 630-768-5065
Tony's office: 847-317-7095

Looking For New Board Members Be a part by taking part!

Three of the nine SLIA board members come up for election at the annual meeting every three years. **This year we went away from the Annual meeting with vacancies on the board.** If you are interested in serving your community and wish to learn more about what is involved in joining the board, please call SLIA President Sam Ford or any other board member. Board meetings generally are held monthly on a rotating basis at the home of one of the board members. The meetings are open to all members. If you would like to attend please call Sam to confirm the meeting time and place. Sam's email, tyhand5@gmail.com

Township Residents can Now Dial a Ride

The Lake County Coordinated Transportation Services Committee's (LCCTSC) Northwest Demonstration Project (NW Demo) began in January 2010 to provide curb-to-curb dial-a-ride transportation service in the northwest Townships of Lake County: Antioch, Avon, Grant and Lake Villa. Recently, *services have been expanded to the Townships of Fremont and Wauconda*. The NW Demo is available to seniors 65+ years, people with disabilities and the general public.

Wauconda and Fremont Township residents can reserve transportation trips to three destinations: College of Lake County, Gurnee Mills Area and the Greenleaf Medical Offices on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. More drop-off locations will be added in January.

For more information about the service and how to register, contact your Township office. Fremont Township 847 223-2847

From Diana O'Kelly Our Lake County Board Representative

Scammers have been making phone calls claiming to represent the National Do Not Call Registry. The calls claim to provide an opportunity to sign up for the Registry. These calls are not coming from the Registry or the Federal Trade Commission, and you should not respond to these calls. To add your number to the Registry you can call 888-382-1222 from the phone you wish to register.

Have You Changed Your Electric Supplier? by Donn Hamm

You have a choice on your electric supply – but what does this mean?

If you have changed your electric supplier from ComEd I would like to hear from you.

Please email me dehamm@comcast.net; with the following information:

- To what company did you change your electric supply?
- How long have you been changed?
- Have you realized any savings?
- Have you had any problems with the new supplier?

There are so many choices and most of the choices seem to be a 15% to 30% savings over ComEd. To help other Sylvan Lake Residents understand the advantages and disadvantages of changing their electric supplier, I

would like to know what other electric suppliers Sylvan Lakers have switched to. Your name will be confidential.



The county and the State of Illinois have indicated that our residents have a choice on who provides the supply portion of their electric service and choosing a different electric supplier may be able to save us money.

Any Lake County resident can choose to purchase their electricity supply from an alternative supplier other than ComEd. Many municipalities have already made changes for their entire city. Essentially, this means we can shop for suppliers providing service in your area and compare prices, charges, other terms, and select a new supplier.

The State of Illinois has a web-site to view many choices, but some of these choices are not in our area.

Take a look at <http://pluginillinois.org>

According to the State of Illinois, if you choose a different supplier, the only difference is a new price for electric supply on your bill. You will continue to call ComEd for outages, emergency services, and questions about your residential service.

So please share your research and experiences and I will share that information with other Sylvan Lake residence.

New Dam Rehabilitation News

The long and short of the dam rehabilitation project is that several years ago we almost lost the causeway, down the hill side of the dam, due to a very heavy rain and run-off. When the increased water went through the dam and over the causeway it started to undercut the causeway and wash it away. Highway Commissioner Bill Grinnell, our township road commissioner, put almost 10 yards of concrete under the causeway to keep it in place.



Due to this repair work the dam needed to be inspected.

The inspection revealed that our hand built dam from long ago had not been permitted or classified, and although the inspection indicated that we had currently a solid dam, the new #2 dam classification required that an emergency plan be created to drain the lake down to protect the roads and community downstream from Sylvan Lake. Hence the dam needs an upgrade.

The plan is still in the permitting phase and includes adding a new emergency drain pipe with a valve that can be opened to drain down the lake. This drain pipe would only be used in the event that there was a fear the dam would fault and break causing the rush of water to possibly wash out or flood Midlothian Rd. and Cripple Creek Drive into the Indian Creek Club community.

The dam project, which is still in the final pursuit of getting permits from the engineers, county, state and core of engineers has some pretty solid plans. The plans include:

- the emergency drain pipe,
- slightly raising the road but keeping it a single lane,
- replacing the culvert and spillway - relocating a sewer pipe
- sheet piling reinforcement
- new guardrail
- pavement resurfacing with curbs from the bridge to Midlothian Road
- a covered slope on the east side of the dam to prevent erosion
- a slight adjustment to the Midlothian road junction for better safety.
- relocating the water and sewer lines so that they will be underground.

Highway Commissioner Bill Grinnell estimated that the project would require 3 to 6 weeks to complete.

Bill indicated that the project should be permitted and ready for bidding by this spring but suggested that, for the benefit of the community, he would prefer to start the project in the fall of 2013, so we have the whole summer for our recreational needs. "Draining the lake down in the spring when the lake is at its highest and then hoping that the lake fills back up for the summer recreational activities is a bit chancy" said Bill.

As you can already guess, there is going to definitely be some inconvenience for the community during the construction by shutting down 50% of our entrances and exits. **The Midlothian entrance/exit during construction will be closed.** There will be no alternative but to use the Gilmer entrance/exit for the residence during construction.



Have you paid your SLIA dues?

There are a few households that have not yet sent in their annual dues. A dues mailing was sent this last month. Please mail in our dues now!!



Doug has sent out the dues notices recently. 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

Mundelein and Fremont need volunteers for drill December 8th

Mundelein, in cooperation with the Fremont Township, will be holding a **Shelter Care Drill** on December 8, 2012. Members of the general public are needed to play the part of persons in need of temporary shelter. They would be needed from 9 am til noon at Mundelein High School. For further information, contact Lou Bruno at lou5535@gmail.com.

Local Community Information

Route 53/120 is Moving Forward... Slowly

The following information was sent from Paula Trigg, P.E., Lake County Engineer and Director of Transportation.

The Tollway did release the following information regarding the current status of the 53/120 project:

This message is to provide an update on activities related to the Illinois Route 53/120 project. As you know, the Blue Ribbon Advisory Council submitted their Resolution and Summary Report to the Illinois Tollway Board of Directors in June. Since then, a number of activities have taken place to advance the project.



Board Action The Tollway Board of Directors referred the Council's report to their Strategic Planning Committee. After thorough review, the Committee determined the Tollway should participate in future steps toward project development, including a corridor land use plan and developing engineering details.

Corridor Land Use Plan Developing a comprehensive, corridor land use plan was one of the key recommendations of the Council. Lake County and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) have taken a first step forward toward developing the plan - securing planning assistance through CMAP's Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program. It will take some time to communicate with all the parties expected to participate in the plan, coordinate funding, and for CMAP to secure a consultant to lead the plan's development. The corridor plan could be underway by mid-2013.

Detailed Engineering Concept The Council's report established the project's design features, performance requirements and environmental commitments. The next step is to develop engineering details to fully understand the transportation impacts of project, consider capital and operating costs, and develop funding and financing options. The Tollway is in the process of procuring a consultant to lead these tasks, and work is expected to begin next year. More detail about this contract can be found under item #3 in the Tollway's current Professional Services Bulletin.

Thank you for your continued interest in the Tollway's efforts. Information about the Council and archived materials are available on the Tollway's website.

Take an Evening Hike Along Solar Lighted Trails

With small solar lights to guide their way, hikers, skiers and snowshoers can now get some brisk evening exercise at [Old School Forest Preserve](#) in Libertyville, and along a hilly, scenic section of the [Millennium Trail](#) adjacent to the [Winter Sports Area at Lakewood Forest Preserve](#) in Wauconda.

Though regular preserve hours are 6:30 a.m. to sunset, the illuminated trails and adjacent parking lots will remain open after sunset until 9 p.m., daily through March 9. Bicycle and equestrian traffic is not permitted on the lighted trails after sunset. Dogs are allowed but must be leashed.

To access the lighted trails, park at [Lakewood's Winter Sports Area](#), located on the east side of Fairfield Road just south of Route 176, or at [Old School's main entrance lot](#), located on the east side of St. Mary's Road just south of Route 176. Lake County Forest Preserve Rangers regularly patrol the areas.

Kirk Players Upcoming Classics

This season the Kirk Players will perform the family classic, *Tom Sawyer* on April 12, 13 & 14, and a hilarious musical, *Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?* on June 14, 15 & 16. Performances will be in the Auditorium at Mundelein High School. [More info and tickets at www.kirkplayers.org](#)