

SYLVAN LAKE NEWS

SYLVAN LAKE RESIDENT AND ASSOCIATION MEMBERS:

As usual, your elected Board of Directors hope to keep you informed of events, past and future, concerning our community. Our aim is to make Sylvan Lake a good and happy place to live with healthful and clean surroundings.

We shall have another dance on November 10th. Save the date so we can have an even more successful evening than our last well-attended social event.

Does anyone know where the FLAG for the Schwerman Park flagpole is? If you do, please call to 6-4129.

Thanks to the Garden Club and some dedicated men and women, our entrances have been landscaped. An excellent job has been done to help beautify the area. Particular thanks go to the following men:

Bussone
Fleece
Zaleski
Sleeting
Pearson

Hazen
Zellmer
Vavra
Beranek
Lundin

Koppitz
Runge
Hoppman
Washburn boys
Borland

Also, "Thank you" to the Washburn and the Gram families for use of their water facilities. Too, we are grateful to Mr. Reed for his donation of black dirt which was delivered by Mr. Bussone. His truck has been very busy.

The new shrubs and evergreens at both the entrances from Rt. 63 look very nice and the painting job done by Mrs. Seagren on the flagpole at the S. Sylvan Drive entrance was a classic. You should ask her about it.

There is a rumor - although unconfirmed - that someone is renting a boat to outside fishermen. This cannot be permitted. Sylvan Lake is a private lake and it's use must be confined to residents, their families and guests.

One other matter which is causing some concern is the swimming at the beach at night. Our people must have consideration for the residents near the beach and use some courtesy and common sense about the use of this beach.

BEACH CURFEW IS TEN P.M.

The Association cannot do anything about rowdyism except to report to the authorities. This we will have to do if the present rate of vandalism continues. To be explicit, two of the Garden Club's boxes were torn down and the flowers were scattered. Some children have been using our signs for targets at which to throw rocks. Also, the Boathouse was broken into. These are a few of the instances that necessitate our calling to your attention some unfortunate type problems that have come up recently. We hope the parents and families will try to control the youngsters so we will not have to call in the authorities.

It has been suggested that we have a clean-up day at the Lake and Mr. Lou Bussone has offered the use of his truck to carry away debris. But if we accept his generous offer, we cannot abuse it by expecting him to use it as a moving van.

BEACH REPORT

by

Robert P. Bull

Oh, what would we do without the ladies! Beach cleaned, sand spread, trash disposed, rotted timbers replaced -- all under their stern direction. Bicycle racks have been added, too. Yes, to the ladies of our Garden Club go the laurels -- they do 70% of the actual work and 100% of the "bossing" for a "mean average" of 85%. Girls, thanks, it sparkles!

But they did have bad luck with their raft -- a lost anchor again. Attempts to recapture it have not been successful -- those of you who have never ventured to the depths of our lake in middle June have missed very little. It is so dark that you can't see your hand in front of your face, and it is startlingly, unbelievably cold. The temperature must be close to 40 degrees.

A new anchor is being made and we hope the raft will be back in summer position shortly. And have you noticed that even this equipment has been repainted and generally refurbished?

Your Association finally decided that our old pier would last another year with minor repairs. Some welding was done following a close examination of its parts. We are now in hopes that at least some of it will even be useable next year - possibly the old main frame with new decking. A completely new pier would be a sizeable investment that we are very anxious to avoid if at all possible.

We hope it was noticed that the pier went in on time, expertly and quickly. Credit for this is due Post 289, Explorer Scouts, under the able direction of Bob Obenauf. For the second time the Scouts accepted the job as a project in order to bolster their treasury, and we hope they are as happy with the arrangement as we are -- it gives us a chance to contribute something to some worthy young men and, at the same time, saves us two bursitis attacks and one mild pneumonia.

To try and cope a little bit with some of our beach problems, it has been decided to try a Beach Guard during our busiest weekend hours. Policing for outsiders will be a major objective and we earnestly solicit your understanding and cooperation. We also hope to slightly upgrade our beach safety, but no attempt will be made to provide professional Life Guard protection. It is vital that we all understand this, as the new arrangement must not serve as a reason for anyone to relax their regular vigilance. Most particularly parents will want to continue to exercise the greatest possible surveillance over their youngsters.

Expenses for the Beach Guard will probably be shared by the Association and the Garden Club -- and a request for specific support from regular beach users is being considered. We may learn a great deal for future consideration through use of this idea this year.

"STRANGERS FISHING OUR LAKE"

The fish in our lake have survived the toughest winter in years. Snow and an extra thickness of ice covered the lake for 90 days, and it was necessary to get the snow off, in order to leave sunlight through the ice, to keep the fish alive.

If the snow had not been cleared, the fish would have been killed as surely as dropping poison in the lake. It was necessary to remove the snow in at least three areas. Mr. Ratke's equipment was too heavy and could not be used, so a jeep was hired to plow the skating rink for the Association and a wide path plowed completely around the lake near the shore-line. Ice skating areas were cleared in front of Borland, Borst and Kukla's places. Mr. Borland, Mr. Borst and Mr. Kukla paid for the cost of these areas themselves.

We believe this action had a lot to do with saving our fish, as some of the lakes North of us suffered heavy losses, as you probably have heard. Our pan fish losses were negligible and of the newly-planted Northerns, the loss was about a half dozen out of 48. This is very good. In fact, it has been reported that several schools of newly-born Northerns of at least $\frac{1}{2}$ " or better have been seen by other people and the writer.

If the small fry can hurdle the de-weeding process, I would say that we are on the way to some good fishing in the future. By October, these small fish should be 8 inches to 9 inches long, as they grow approximately 2 inches per month if our lake can feed them. Northerns are known to eat their weight per month and we believe that is why there have been only three or four caught this spring. The others which have been caught have run between 27 inches and 31 inches.

The bass are hitting very well at this writing and lunkers have been reported quite frequently this spring. Mr. Clark of Gray's Lake dropped in 40 Giant Blue Gills and 40 Crappies, hoping to begin a new strain of these fish. He has, also, suggested that he would like to try some German Brown and some speckled trout sometime soon.

Several of our Sylvan Lake residents have asked me if we are going to put up with strangers fishing on our lake. Let us preserve this right to fish and swim for ourselves and our guests. Let us make it a point to ask and question people who are fishing whom we believe to be "outsiders". The news has been spreading around about the planting of our King-Sized Northerns and it is only human nature for some people to try to take advantage.

I shall welcome any suggestions that our Association Members might have. Please call me at Locust 6-0226.

ERNEST FLEECE,
FISH COMMISSIONER.

REPORT FROM THE GARDEN CLUB ...

The past very successful year was made possible by the wonderful ladies who had a hand in the many projects we've had. Also, we appreciate the donations made by people inactive as Garden Club members. In general, the cooperation of all helped make the many things we did towards bettering and beautifying our community possible. A project which I am very proud of is that concerning the Highway 63 entrance. I personally would like to extend my very sincere thanks to all the men and women who worked so hard on it. Another project involved the repairing and painting of the beach benches and raft and building bike racks. Also, ladders and hand rails were added to the raft. All this was made possible because of work on card parties, bake sales, etc. which brought money enough to do something for our community. I personally would like to thank Mr. Lou Bussone who gave so much of his time, effort and good will. His charges for any work were very, very low. We couldn't have gotten anyone else to do the jobs so reasonably. Thank you to each and every one who had some part of all efforts to make our community more beautiful.

Erna Fleece, President
Garden Club

THE TREASURER REPORTS ...

The following is a list of Members who have paid their dues and we thank them very sincerely. Our taxes on our Lake and Parks plus Easements have tripled since 1955.

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| 1. Andre, M. | 31. Hitzeman, A. | 61. Reece, J. |
| 2. Athanatos, W. | 32. Hoppman, F. | 62. Rak, S. |
| 3. Bade, J. | 33. Isaachsen, J. | 63. St. Ores, L. |
| 4. Borland, B. | 34. Isaacson, C. | 64. Schira, Mrs. J. |
| 5. Borst, F. | 35. Jedd, Mrs. G. | 65. Schmidler, O. |
| 6. Bull, R. | 36. Johnson, W. | 66. Schroeder, C. |
| 7. Buckingham, M. | 37. Knutson, R. | 67. Stayart, A. |
| 8. Beranek, J. | 38. Kondziolka, T. | 68. Stark, R. |
| 9. Busse, G. | 39. Koppitz, K. | 69. Swanson, C. |
| 10. Cerza, A. | 40. Krattiger, A. | 70. Seagren, N. |
| 11. Campbell, J. | 41. Krauth, H. | 71. Sleetig, C. |
| 12. Cole, E. | 42. Krumm, C. | 72. Sloan, W. |
| 13. Crist, R. | 43. Kusack, W. | 73. Sobieski, F. |
| 14. Dearborn, W. | 44. Larson, B. | 74. Stevenson, J. |
| 15. Davis, W. | 45. Lawrentz, M. | 75. Umbdenstock, E. |
| 16. Decker, C. | 46. Lundin, R. | 76. Updegraff, R. |
| 17. Dillon, G. | 47. Maris, Mrs. F. | 77. Wallrab, C. |
| 18. Domian, J. | 48. Marx, E. | 78. Wendt, W. |
| 19. Eimers, C. | 49. McNamee, D. | 79. Wepfer, H. |
| 20. Erickson, M. | 50. Moore, D. | 80. Werner, H. |
| 21. Ericson, V. | 51. Lautenschlager, C. | 81. Zaleski, V. |
| 22. Fain, L. | 52. Norinder, H. | 82. Zimmerman, W. |
| 23. Fleece, E. | 53. Owens, C. Jr. | 83. Runge, G. |
| 24. Grandt, A. | 54. Owens, C. Sr. | 84. Swanson, G. |
| 25. Vavia, F. | 55. Parker, R. | 85. Fritsch, R. |
| 26. Hastie, C. | 56. Pearson, B. | 86. Bussone, L. |
| 27. Hastie, R. | 57. Pahios, G. | |
| 28. Huk, C. | 58. Pilarski, Mrs. E. | |
| 29. Heckmueller, N. | 59. Poulton, D. | |
| 30. Hellman, A. | 60. Pritchard, O. | |

There is still time to pay your dues if you've overlooked the matter. If we have neglected to mention anyone in our list, please let your Treasurer know so we can check to see if your dues got lost in the mail.

The many projects to keep our community beautiful and progressive cost money. We sincerely appreciate the generosity of so many families at our Lake.

James Beranek, Treasurer
Sylvan Lake Improvement Assn.

If you have any questions or suggestions about Sylvan Lake, please feel free to call any of the following Board Members:

Bruce Borland
Robert Bull
James Beranek
Nels Seagren

Kurt Koppitz
Bud Issachsen
Bob Updegraff
Gene St. Ores

Thank you for your past cooperation.

DON'T FORGET THE FOURTH OF JULY FAMILY PICNIC AT SCHWERMANN'S
PARK.

BRING YOUR FOOD, TABLES AND CHAIRS.

ICE CREAM, COFFEE AND COLD DRINKS WILL BE FOR SALE.

BICYCLE AND BOAT PARADE AT 11:00 A.M.

PICNIC AT 2:00 P.M.

PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY ON OUR ROADS - WATCH OUT FOR OUR CHILDREN