

Sylvia Lake Association 2004 NEWSLETTER

Help Keep Sylvia Lake Beautiful

June, 2004

Events & Information 2004

Notice About Association Dues - Your \$10.00 Sylvia Lake Association dues are very important.

It pays for water testing that is a guide line to help us keep the lake clean to keep us healthy.

It helps pay for the association picnic.

It pays for mailings to keep you informed about association meetings and lake activities.

Please give your money to any officer or mail to Mona Allen, Treasurer, 130 Jones Road, Gouverneur, N.Y. 13642

SPRING MEETING

Friday June 18th - 7 p.m. FOWLER TOWN HALL

Kite Flying Day - Will be scheduled for July 4th.

Saturday, July 24th - Sylvia Lake Association Picnic - 3 P.M. - The Picnic will be held at the Public Beach area. It will be free to all association members and a charge of \$2 will be asked of all guests and nonmembers, (over the age of 10 yrs.). Please bring your own place setting and a "Covered Dish" to pass. Hot dogs, sausage, soda and beer will be provided. If questions call Jeanette Perry at 287-7442. Thanks to Linda and Gary Scott, Joe Riley, Randy Gadbaw and all involved for making last years picnic a success. **In the event of rain** the Picnic will be held at the Fowler Town Hall.

Saturday & Sunday, July 3rd & 4th • The Annual Charlie Ferguson Fishing Derby. Enter your catch from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. at the Ferguson camp. Once again Gale will pay 10 cents for every rock bass turned in. Thanks to Gale Ferguson for his time and donations. Also thanks to Rosalie & Carlton Force for donating the fishing trophies.

Sunday, July 4th - Light up the Lake. Flares available from Gale Ferguson (287-2116) or Dave McGrath (287-2005) \$2.00 each, proceeds to the Concert Fund. Light your flare at 9:30 to complete the spectacular display which premiered last year.

July 6th, 7th & 8th Boating Course - Will be given from 10-11:30 A.M. at Fowler Town Hall. **Must pre-register** by June 11th. Call Jeanette Perry at 287-7442. Must be at least 10 years of age by January 1, 2004. Adults over 21 will be charged \$20.00. Under 21 Free. All Jet Ski operators must have certificate of completion.

WARNING ROCKS - Hazardous submerged rocks and debris. Please beware of their locations.

Have a Fun & Safe Summer

Watch the clipboards at the end of each road for current information and events.

Visit SylviaLake.org for maps, history, Indian Head Club, photos, Bulletin Board & Event Updates

President: Gale Ferguson

Camp: 287-2116

Treasurer: Mona Allen

Home: 287-2206 Camp: 287-2829

Webmaster: Shari Barnhart

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Vice President: Jeanette Perry

Home: 287-3302 Camp: 287-7442

Please report any address or ownership changes to Secretary: Betsy Kalina

Home: 287-9383

Directors

Faye Hopper, Dave McGrath

Lea Dickson, Donna Besaw

132 Donations totalling over \$8500 were received for the Tent Caterpillar spraying project. The wet & windy spring made scheduling of the spraying difficult. An attempt on May 25th was aborted due to heavy fog. Hopefully by the time this reaches you the outbreak will be under control. Thanks for your generous response!

Saturday, July 17th - Tour de Camps - hop on a pontoon taxi or drive to camps open for the day. (\$5.00 donation, 15 p.m.) Visit Bill and Johanna deLorraine, Millie Hayden, Mary Jo Whalen and Locations TBA. Tickets from Donna Besaw at the Lake or Mrs. Beasley's.

Saturday, July 24th at 1 P.M. Boat Parade - Call Andy Leonard for more information. Last year's boat parade had some great entries, was windy but fun!

The Town of Fowler has a Leash and Nuisance Law. In summary, dogs may not run at large, bark habitually, chase or intimidate any person. Complaints may be filed with a peace officer, Town Justice or Dog Warden.

Clean Up Around The Lake - Don't let our roads become a gathering spot for all sorts of discarded junk. Be a good neighbor and camper by keeping the woods as beautiful as the view of the lake.

Water Testing - The water will be tested the first week in July, and the last week in August. The testing will be completed in six different areas around the lake. Thanks to Gale Ferguson and Dr. VanSlyke for taking care of the test.

Please be courteous of all and remember that the NYS speed limit requires that any motorized vehicle's speed limit is 10 mph within 100' of shoreline, and 500' from a swimming area.

FALL MEETING - Friday, August 13th at 7:00 p.m.

911 EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Lea Dickson and Joe Lacks are heading up a committee to assure that 911 responders will be able to locate our homes at Sylvia Lake. The project will include signs for roads and individual properties. To complete phase 1, we ask you to: Write down your 911 information then **Call 911** from your **Sylvia Lake phone**

Tell the dispatcher "**This is Not an Emergency**" that you would like to review the information on their computer screen. Please be courteous, the dispatchers **may** be busy and ask you to call another time. It may be necessary to fill out a form to make changes.

Welcome to Sylvia Lake

Please Help Us Keep It Healthy and Safe

Smokers: Use Ashtrays, not the Lake Ill

Campers: Use your shower for shampooing: Fish don't have hair!

Swim, Don't Bathe.

Use trash cans for all foods, bottles and beverage cans. Don't be a Lake Litterer.

Use a low phosphate, bio-degradable detergent for laundry, dishes, etc.

Please keep any "trash fish" you catch, Fertilize your flowers, not The Lake.

It is illegal to dump or burn garbage or trash in the woods. Use your local garbage man.

Be Courteous Afloat:

Keep clear of fishermen.

Stay 100' from docks and swimming areas. Water skiers take note.

Sailboats and canoes have the right-of-way at all times. Watch your wake.

Remember, the bigger your boat - the bigger your wake. Be Responsible!

Be Safe Afloat:

One life saving device for each person aboard.

Use your boat lights after dusk, for your safety and others.

It's wise to have extra line, paddle and anchor aboard

Water Skiers must have an observer and driver.

Swim Safely:

Know the water depth.

Swim with a buddy.

"Look before you leap!"

Have a boat with you when swimming any long distance.

Road Safety:

Use low speed, good judgement and courtesy on all camp roads. ATV's on camp roads are becoming a problem. Violators are to be identified, parents notified and repeat offenders can be arrested (Campers call Sheriff).

Remember that sound travels far over water. Be considerate of your neighbors before 10 a.m. and after 10 p.m.

Check your motor. Remember leaking gas and oil pollute the Lake.

Have a Healthy, Happy and Safe Summer

Thank you!

Your Sylvia Lake Association

NYS BOATING LAW: Did you know that the NYS speed limit of ANY motorized vehicle on ANY NYS waterway is 10 mph within 100 feet of the shoreline? The distance from the Old Beach Public swimming area is 500 feet. There can be tickets given if an officer of the DEC is around. Be forewarned!! If you have questions about specific NYS Boating Laws and Safety, please contact our Navigation Committee-Ralph Undercoffler and Jeanette Perry.

As of 1/01/02 you will need a course if your birthday is after 1/01/75

As of 1/01/03 you will need a course if your birthday is after 1/01/72

As of 1/01/04 anyone operating a PWC will need to complete the course

Sylvia Lake Association Mission Statement

As members of the Sylvia Lake Association, we welcome all guests and visitors to share and enjoy the crystal clear water and beautiful shores that make Sylvia Lake so special. Please know that, as residents, we are deeply concerned for the preservation of this fragile ecological neighborhood and thereby commit our time, efforts, and resources to keep Sylvia Lake safe for all to use and free from water, air, noise and visual pollution. For that to occur, we ask all people who enjoy the lake to share the responsibility of maintaining this rare environment so that generations in the future can appreciate the lake as much as we do now. Therefore, it is our goal and our mission as a homeowner's association to protect the unique qualities of Sylvia Lake at all times and in every way. Please help us with our goal!

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Gouverneur Fire Department - (287-2350)

Gouverneur State Police - (287-2311)

Gouverneur Police Department - (287-2121)

Gouverneur Rescue Squad - (287-1311)

St. Law. Co. Sheriffs Dept. - (379-2222)

Remember, 911