



Sylvia Lake Breeze

Sylvia Lake Association Newsletter
Spring, 2009

Shooting the Breeze

by Sandy Kraker, Sylvia Lake Association President

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the June 19th Summer Season Kickoff at the Gouverneur Country Club. This will mark the 3rd annual gathering of the Spring Association meeting in this social atmosphere which starts at 6:30 and includes Hors D'oeuvres and a cash bar. The meeting will begin about 7:30. The evening will be a great chance to socialize with your lake neighbors and share mutual concerns for our lake environment as the summer season begins.

As of this writing, the shoreline of the Lake is revealing an especially hard hit shore scape from previous caterpillar damage. Nature will have its way of repairing itself but please be especially alert to potentially damaged trees that may fall or have fallen. Porcupines have also been especially destructive with many cottagers reporting girdled trees and tops of cedars eaten bare. Even though our surroundings exhibit fragility from time to time, it is our continued vigilance that sustains the health of Sylvia Lake.

Boat Parade ~ Summer 2009

The Sylvia Lake Boat Parade has been a tradition for many years. However, participation has been less than enthusiastic in the past few years. The Association is looking for some volunteers to explore different ideas that may create more participation.

Some ideas that have been discussed are:

1. A "Light Up the Lake" weekend. Property owners would decorate camps and docks with lights, judging would take place, and awards would be given.
2. Continue the boat parade, but have it occur just prior to sunset, with the boats decorated with lights and either have judges or just a parade.

If you are interested in getting involved, or have other ideas, please contact Barb Maloy at 491-5222. If there is no interest, then there will be no boat parade this year.

Watch our tree bulletin boards and the website for more information or any additions or changes to activities or events.

Important 911 Information

Joe Lacks, Deputy Fire Coordinator, has asked that we remind property owners to post 911 numbers on your camp where emergency teams can see them.



Last fall, the Association was informed that when Emergency Services at St. Lawrence County upgraded their computers, all the information Sylvia Lake residents had provided was lost. Everything gone. For our own safety, we have to help them recreate it.

All property owners must call "911" from the camp phone -again. Be sure to tell the operator it is not an emergency and provide this information:

1. Your 911 address.
2. The highway that meets your turn off.
3. The exact number of turns prior to entering your driveway or important location information.

Maria's 2009 Sylvia Lake Quilt

For the sixth year, Maria McGrath has painstakingly crafted another beautiful quilt – "Sylvia's Blooms and Butterflies." Raffle tickets will be sold at the Kickoff Party and throughout the summer. Quilt tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The drawing will be held at the Fall Meeting, August 28th. Contact Barb Maloy (cell: 315-491-5222) if you would like to buy or sell tickets.

Association Dues and Contributions

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated to the Sylvia Lake Association and/or paid their dues! We know you understand it is a small price to pay to help fund standing and special committees, mailings, water testing, picnic, 911 road signs, concerts, milfoil abatement, navigation aids, Sylvia Lake website, pump house signage, and other miscellaneous projects and activities. Dues cover the calendar year, so in order to be current for 2009, dues must be received by December 31, 2009.

Please mail contributions and your \$10 dues to:

Mona Allen, Treasurer
130 Jones Road
Gouverneur, NY 13642

You can also pay your dues securely online:
www.sylvialake.org/dues/paydues.html

Sylvia Lake Pet Etiquette



Be sure your dog is a good neighbor. Prevent your pet from being a nuisance by following these guidelines.

- Be aware that some people are afraid of dogs.
- Control your dog at all times.
- Keep your dog confined to your property.
- Supervise your dog when it is outside.
- Keep your dog on a leash when off your property.
- Be aware of and curb your dog's barking.
- Pick up and dispose of your pet's waste.
- Be sure its dog tag is in place at all times.

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

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Please feel free to contact any officer or director if you would like to get more involved in our community activities or events. Let us know about changes in your address so you will continue to receive our mailings.

Water Testing ~ Summer 2009

If you are interested in being trained to monitor and test lake water as part of the ALAP : Adirondack Lake Assessment Program, contact Lea Dickson. (287-4043) For more information about this program and a history of our involvement, visit the Sylvia Lake website:

www.sylvialake.org/08watertesting/spring08.html

SAVE THESE DATES

- ~ Summer Kickoff Social & Meeting at the Gouverneur Country Club - 6:30 PM..... **June 19**
- ~ Charlie Ferguson Fishing Derby..... **July 3 - 4**
- ~ SLA Picnic at the Jones Camp at 51 West Shore Rd. 12:30 - 3:PM..... **Aug. 1**
- ~ Summer Concert..... **TBA**
- ~ Fall Meeting at the Fowler Town Hall (downstairs) at 7:PM..... **Aug. 28**

ICE OUT ~ April 3, 2009

The winners of this year's online Ice Out pool were: Roxanne Tyler, Jim Peterman, and Roy Smith. Each winner received a Sylvia Lake Ice Out mug, courtesy of Sylvia Lake Online.



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This summer, "Sylvia Lake Online" will mark its sixth summer online. Visit the site for photos and news about our beautiful Sylvia Lake. We welcome your contributions, too. The Association newsletter is produced and published by Sylvia Lake Online.