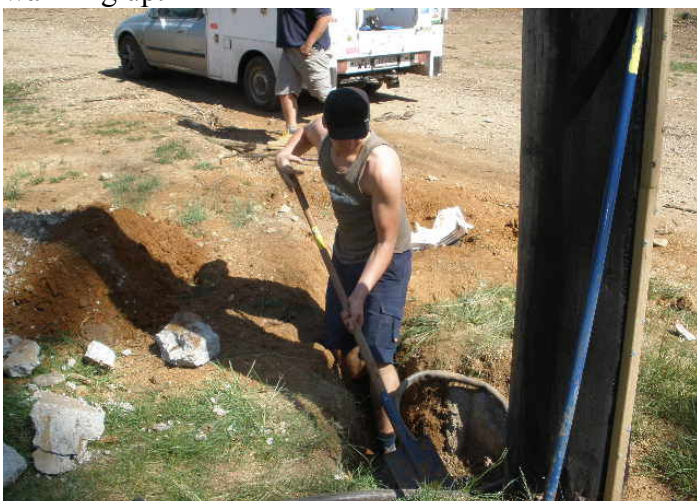


WHAT IS HAPPENING AT OSELYA KARPATY *November 2009 (One Week before Svyato Mykhayila)*

A reasonable turnout of volunteers arrived at the Oselya to prepare for our patron saints festival Svyato Mykhayila on 22nd November. The morning started off with a mild breeze and clear skies and we knew that the day was going to be a warm one. Nevertheless, the boys got right down to work before it got too hot. Nick Wasyl and Nick Rudewych were working away preparing items needed for the electrical inspection and power connection to the main switchboard, gigging the electrical pit at the base of the power pole.



These two lads put in a great effort to get this work done as it was hard going and the weather was warming up.



Good to see some new and younger faces back at the ploscha, certainly hope this is a beginning of new interest from our druzhynnyky.



A big effort was made in cleaning up the male and female toilets from the soot and remanence of the fires in February this year. Thanks to Nick Di Stefano for organising a commercial high pressure washer from work, Wally Rava for organising more special fittings and Wally Herczaniwsky for organising and supplying from work a special hose connection so as we could fill a 1000lt water container to our petrol fire pump. Thanks Herchy it worked well.





Clearing up the broken concrete around the kitchen took place to remove hazards. This work could not have been done by hand and thanks to Sam Salemba and his bobcat, most of the rubble was moved.

A very special thankyou needs to go out to our Noble Park druzi Evhen & Orysia Stefyn, who organised and donated 150 stackable chairs which will be used at Svyato Mykhayila. Also a big thankyou to the lads from Noble Park, for spending the whole day cleaning these chairs with passion, a great job and again a very big thankyou to Nobel Park.



It was most pleasing, for the first time in my going up to the Oselya, to, in fact water the lawns. Sounds strange, yes, water the lawns. After the grass seed had been spread a few weeks ago, it was an opportunity to do some watering and hopefully get some greenery on the fields to keep the dust down for our Svyato.

The grounds experienced for the first time grass mowing. That's right' grass mowing. With all the rain and good warm weather that the ploscha has experienced in the past few months, the grass has grow to some lengths and needed to be cut. Even our Holova was reliving his childhood ambitions of a racing car driver. Could not get him off the machine.



Thankfully the river is flowing rapidly as the runoff from the rains is keeping the flow steady, this allowed us to pump water from the river into our storage tank and fill our portable trailer mounted watering system, to get to places distant from the river and give the new growth a good drink.



Svyato Mykhayila is this coming Sunday 22nd November. Uprava CYM Melbourne invites ALL members of the Ukrainian community to visit Karpaty and celebrate our patrons St. Michael's festival. There will be a jumping castle for the kids to play on, allowing the adults to sit back and enjoy the company of old and new friends, bring a traditional picnic lunch and enjoy the pleasures of the grounds and the hard effort put in by a handful of dedicated volunteers, who are rebuilding the Oselya. ***Please note, there are no facilities available for catering on the new Oselya Karpaty and you will need to provide your own food and beverage.***

We will have on display the studies conducted by Melbourne University on our Oselya of landscape and building architecture designs. These studies looked at how best a fire affected region and community facility like ours, can protect itself from further destruction based on how landscape and buildings are designed.

This will be a much anticipated study that CYM Melbourne has been waiting for. I'm sure many will find the works interesting and much discussion will take place on these ideas.

The CYM UPRAVA is looking forward in seeing many visitors at the Svyato and will make all effort in ensuring your stay is a pleasant one.

On a final note. I must point out that the Oseredok has been fortunate enough to receive assistance and support from the outside. I must acknowledge the Buxton Hotel who has provided our Geelong CYMivci with discounted accommodation for Svyato Mykhayila, and Landmark with the Uniting Church who provided discounted materials and labour in building our fencing around the Oselya.

There will be other acknowledgments made at Svyato Mykhayila of companies and individuals who have donated in kind or have made special provisions in assisting CYM in its progress of rebuilding the Oselya.

I personally am looking forward in seeing you there and will be available to answer any questions you may have in relation to the rebuilding project.

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