



# Sylvan Lake Shoreline

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## SLIA Annual Meeting - 2011 Needs Your Support

The SLIA annual meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 20. A meeting date and place confirmation, along with the meeting agenda, will be sent electronically to those on our e-mail notification list, and by mail to all other property owners. Included in the agenda will be approval of a 2012 budget and SLIA director elections.



## 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, and as of this writing, at least two directors are not seeking re-election. 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 Steve Magnusen or any other board member. Over the years many people have stepped forward to help manage the community assets and to oversee community activities. Board meetings generally are held monthly on a rotating basis at the home of one of the directors. The meetings are open to all members and the next meeting is scheduled for the evening of August 4. If you would like to attend please call Steve to confirm the meeting time and place.



## October Fest 2011

Tentative Date for October Fest is Oct 15!  
Watch for more details.



## Important News In This Issue

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## Garden Club hostess needed

We are looking for a hostess for the Garden Club appetizer party in the fall. If you are interested in hosting please contact Nancy Parra at 847-566-0674.

This e-mail may contain confidential material. If you were not an intended recipient, please notify the sender and delete all copies. Please note that we monitor all e-mail messages to and from our network.

# Good News/Bad News

## Dam update:

**Here is the good news!** Design plans for the rehabilitation of the dam are being finalized by Highway Commissioner Bill Grinnell and his consulting engineer. Some of the key work items being planned are:

- replacing the culvert and spillway
- relocating a sewer pipe
- sheet piling reinforcement
- timber guardrail
- pavement resurfacing with curbs from the bridge to Midlothian Road
- boulder covered slope on the east side of the dam

It is too early to predict a start date since State agencies must first review the plans and issue permits. The project must then be advertised for bidding.

**Here is the bad news!** The lake will have to be lowered by about 6 feet and the Highland access closed to traffic during construction. However, this will present a good opportunity to perform shoreline maintenance, cleanup and protection. The goal is to avoid significant lake use impacts, especially during the summer of next year, 2012.

There will certainly be inconveniences, but the Board of Directors will do it's best to keep everyone informed. We will pass on pertinent information by email and the web site to give everyone as much notice as possible.



### Midlothian Rd Resurfacing

President of the Sylvan Lake Improvement Association, Steve Magnusen, contacted IDOT with a request to include removal and replacement of the paved shoulder on the westerly side of Midlothian south of Highland Drive. Steve included a photo showing the broken-up condition of this 6-8' wide shoulder. In addition, we also request replacement of the curb at the NW corner of Highland. This barrier curb is broken and should be replaced. The loose and irregular asphalt create a hazard. If that length cannot be added, we respectfully request the addition of the 8' paved shoulder between S. Sylvan and Highland, which is about 540 linear feet.

In reply to Steve's request IDOT indicated that they will include repaving the Midlothian shoulder between S. Sylvan and Highland, but will have to limit shoulder work from S. Sylvan to Gilmer to "clean up" (stone regarding) only. IDOT also said that they would look at the Highland corner curb but made no promises.



# The beach

The beach at Sylvan Lake is meant for use by homeowners and their families and friends.

We are occasionally having issues with young people – middle and late-teenage years – who are coming to the beach without their families and bringing many friends with them. Problems happen when these friends are loud and raucous, sometimes drinking and smoking, sometimes taking over the pier, and sadly often using language that other beachgoers don't want around their small kids. There are reports of families leaving the beach to avoid the unpleasant exposure. It has happened often enough that the SLIA Board feels it needs to be addressed.

This is during the day. We have separate issues with kids coming out at night and using the beach when it's closed. But this has become an issue during the daytime hours.

Some private lakes have paid security personnel for these reasons. Private security is very expensive. The SLIA Board would like to avoid such expense if possible.

We need homeowners to discuss this with their kids. It comes down to a matter of responsibility and respect. Ask them to bring only a few friends at a time to the beach, and then show consideration for other people at the beach with their behavior. Remember, the Lake Rules and Regulations (available on the SLIA website) require that children under age 15 be accompanied by an adult.

When not accompanied by an adult homeowner, ask your teenagers to bring no more than 3 or 4 friends with them to the beach. If a larger group of teenagers are going to use the beach, there needs to be a parent present to monitor the group.

We have operated as a Neighborhood Watch community for many years. If you see people you do not know, especially if they do not appear to know the rules of the beach, you can direct them to the rules sign. Also, if you ask them for information, you can ask who they are visiting and confirm whether or not the Sylvan Lake member is present in their group. You can then call a board member and describe the group size and behavior that brought them to your attention. The board will contact the homeowner.

Thank you for your assistance.  
SLIA Board  
Steve Magnusen, President  
Jeanne Peterson, Vice President  
Chris Molsen, Director, Beach Committee



## SLIA Board of Elected Volunteers

**The positions on the board  
are as follows:**

Steve Magnusen - President  
Jeanne Peterson – Vice President  
Deb Kvien - Secretary  
Doug MacKay – Treasurer  
John Hynds – Lake  
Dan Trahan – Parks/Easements  
Sam Ford – Recreation  
Chris Molsen – Beach  
Nancy Parr – Garden Club  
Wendy Kjeldbjerg – Projects

### Have you paid your SLIA dues?

There are a few households that have not yet sent in their annual dues. A dues mailing was just sent this week.

Please mail in our dues now!!

# Notify Fire Department

*From Diana O'Kelly  
Lake County Board Representative*

During the recent power outages I was contacted by a constituent asking if there were any provisions to notify emergency personnel of disabled or people who may require special consideration in order to access services. I have been in contact with Countryside Fire, Grayslake Fire and Mundelein Fire Departments regarding this issue. Each Fire Department said there is a process to notify them. Please contact your local fire department to enroll.

Your information will be entered into the Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) database. When a telecommunicator types in an address and an Illinois Premise Alert has been attached to that address, the telecommunicator will observe extra information about any special needs.

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## Fremont Township Needs Volunteers

### NEED COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS OR WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Community Garden. This year, we are growing a garden in which the proceeds will benefit our food pantry recipients. We need help with planting, weeding, and harvesting the fruits and vegetables.

*Please call Pete Tekampe or Nancy Lech @ 847.223.2847 to sign up or for additional information.*

## Township Services:

- General Assistance
- Emergency Assistance
- Food Pantry
- Giving Garden
- LIHEAP/ SUMMER LIHEAP
- ALLKIDS/ KidCare / FamilyCare
- Illinois Dept. of Human Services Applications
- Share-the-Harvest Food Baskets
- Adopt-A-Family Holiday Program
- Social Service Agency Referrals
- Voter Registration
- Absentee Voting
- Line Dancing
- Circuit Breaker
- Pace Bus
- RTA/Metra Reduced Fare Pass / Senior Free Pass
- Handicap Parking Placard Applications
- Notary Public
- Township Maps
- Lake County Prescription Discount Card
- Parks & Recreation
- Mosquito Control & Abatement
- Healthreach Clinic
- Senior/Disabled Half-fare Taxi coupons

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## Midlothian Road Extension Now Open

The new Midlothian Road segment extends from the Lake County Fairgrounds entrance north of Peterson Road to the Metra station just south of IL Route 137, connecting travel between Libertyville, Grayslake and Mundelein. This road improvement provides an important north-south transportation link in this area.

The access to the Metra Station formerly on Harris Road is now on the new Midlothian Road extension. A bike path was included with the project.

## Please Welcome Our New Neighbors

Clifford & Christine Seidner  
23 Crescent Drive  
224-475-0643



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## John Ford

October, 1932 - June, 2011

We are sad to report that John Ford, who lived in Sylvan lake for many years, passed away on Saturday, June 25.

John and his wife Carol raised there family here in Sylvan Lake before moving to Tecumseh Michigan.

John worked for 30 years for Allis-Chalmers (later Fiat-Allis) in a variety of roles before retiring as Corporate Manager of Data Processing in 1982. He joined Tecumseh Products in 1985 as the Manager of Data Processing, retiring in 1999. When his six children were younger, John enjoyed grilling for them and their friends and watching them play volleyball her at the lake. It was during this period that he earned the nickname "Spike".

John is survived by his wife Carol, six children and their families including Sam (Cathy) who are still members of the Sylvan Lake family as well as 14 grand children.

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## Newsletter NEWS Needs Your Help

Oct. 1st News is needed by:

**September 17th, 2011**

Send to [dehamm@comcast.net](mailto:dehamm@comcast.net)



# 4th of July Celebration at Sylvan Lake!

Oncc again a memorable event for the young, the old and all that are in the middle!

*A special thank you to Mike Trahan for all the great pictures!*



# Drowning Doesn't Look Like Drowning

May we all remember and learn from this tragedy at Sylvan Lake

One year ago Matt Rogan, 21, son of Tom and Tammy Rogan, drowned at the beach during our 4th of July picnic celebration despite the best efforts of a number of people around him and several lake residents trained in emergency CPR. (Please review the link to an article containing valuable information about drowning: <http://gcaptain.com/maritime/blog/drowning/?10981>.)



## The Instinctive Drowning Response

There is very little splashing, no waving, and no yelling or calls for help of any kind. It is the number two cause of accidental death in children, age 15 and under (just behind vehicle accidents) Drowning does not look like drowning - instinctive drowning response like this:

1. Except in rare circumstances, drowning people are physiologically unable to call out for help.
2. Drowning people's mouths alternately sink below and reappear above the surface of the water.
3. Drowning people cannot wave for help.
4. Throughout the Instinctive Drowning Response, drowning people cannot voluntarily control their arm movements.
5. From beginning to end of the Instinctive Drowning Response people's bodies remain upright in the water, with no evidence of a supporting kick.

This doesn't mean that a person that is yelling for help and thrashing isn't in real trouble – they are experience aquatic distress.

Look for these other signs of drowning when persons are in the water:

- Head low in the water, mouth at water level
- Head tilted back with mouth open
- Eyes glassy and empty, unable to focus
- Eyes closed
- Hair over forehead or eyes
- Not using legs – Vertical
- Hyperventilating or gasping
- Trying to swim in a particular direction but not making headway
- Trying to roll over on the back
- Ladder climb, rarely out of the water.

One way to be sure? Ask them: **“Are you alright?”**

**If they can answer at all – they probably are ok.** If they return a blank stare – you may have less than 30 seconds to get to them. And parents: children playing in the water make noise. When they get quiet, you get to them and find out why.

## Important Reminder

### *Please Slow Down*

We have a very active community - we bike ride, we walk or run, we push our kids in strollers and have the older ones unsteady on their new two-wheeler pedal along in front of us. We walk our dogs and stop and talk to neighbors. We do all of this in the street.

Our beautiful, active community has no sidewalks - so the only place to do these activities is in the street.

Driving at a speed that might seem “slow enough” is not safe enough for our neighborhood. Particularly dangerous areas include the blind curve nicknamed “dead man's curve” (for a reason) and any stretch of road with parked cars that block the driver's view of pedestrians (which is pretty much everywhere!) Please use caution on our streets for the safety of all - drive slower than you think you need to and remind the new drivers in your family to do the same thing.



## Very Local Honey!

We've hung the **“Honey Sign”** out again.

We've been busy extracting our first batch of honey this season. Jars are filled and ready to sell if anyone is interested.

Al Benedeck  
220 Highland Dr.





# Summer Recreation in Sylvan Lake!

## Volleyball Tournament

Come one, come all!!



A family-friendly and exciting outing right in your own neighborhood!

Come to the Volleyball Tournament !

***Saturday, August 13***

The volleyball tournament is scheduled for Saturday, August 13 – it is the grand finale of the season. All the teams will battle to be the champion (either of the “not-winners” bracket or the winners bracket)!! All teams advance into the finals and it is a double elimination tournament. Play starts at 9am. Come watch this day-long, double-elimination competition.

**Volunteers** are also needed for this day to help set-up and run the garden-club donated hotdog stand. Volunteer opportunities include shopping, set-up, tear-down, and manning the stand in hour shifts.

**Shoppers** – two people to get hot-dogs, water, gator-aid, chips (and one to go for ice the morning of)

**Set-up** - 10:00 to 10:30 – two people to set up the tables, hot-dog steamer, and put ice in the coolers

**One person for each of these one-hour shifts:**

11:00 to 12:00, 12:00-1:00, 1:00-2:00, 2:00-3:00, 3:00-4:00

**Tear down** - 4:00-4:15 – two people to tear down and clean up

Please contact Wendy Kjeldbjerg to volunteer for this exciting event! Watch the action while you support the players! Bring your family! Bring your friends!

Wendy's contact information: [wkjel@comcast.net](mailto:wkjel@comcast.net) or our home phone (please leave your phone number and the shift you would like) 847-949-8042. Thank you! See you there!!

## Labor Day Potluck....

Here is the scoop....

Time: 5:00

Labor Day - September 5th

or if rain predicted, then

Sunday, September 4th at 5:00.

Where: Deck at Beach

What to bring: Dish to pass, drinks,.  
chairs to sit on and good cheer.

*Come and enjoy the fellowship, share  
your dish and tast the handywork of the  
talented cooks we have at the lake!*

