



# Sylvan Lake Shoreline

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## SLIA Annual Meeting - 2012 Needs Your Support

The SLIA annual meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 18 at 8:00 p.m. at the Countryside Fire Station. The 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 2013 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. 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 Sam Ford 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 board members. The meetings are open to all members. If you would like to attend please call Sam to confirm the meeting time and place.



## October Fest 2012

Tentative Date for October Fest is:

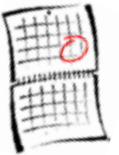
**October 13th!**

Watch for more details.



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## Newsletter NEWS Needs Your Help

Please email any information, pictures, past happenings or upcoming events.

**October 1st Issue News Needed by:**

**Sept. 20th, 2012**

Pictures welcome!

Send to Donn Hamm at:

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

Please put Shoreline in the subject line.

*Shoreline* is a Newsletter for the Sylvan Lake Community, Sylvan Lake, Illinois

## Please Be a Part by Doing Your Part

*Unfamiliar faces or someone  
you should get to know?*

If you see unfamiliar faces, please politely ask them if they live in the lake. If they do not live in Sylvan Lake, ask them to leave. We realize we have both longtime residents and new neighbors that live here, so please don't take offense if you are approached. It's a simple way to keep unwanted visitors out and to get to know your neighbors.



## Successful Swimming Lessons

The Sylvan Lake Garden Club reports that this summer's Sylvan Lake Swim lessons were again very successful thanks to the great teaching abilities of Liza Dickinson and the participation of **17** children.



## Sylvan Lake Improvement Association

Board Member Volunteers

**President:** Sam Ford

**Vice President:**

Wendy Kjeldbjerg

**Secretary:** Deb Kvien

**Treasurer:** Doug MacKay

**– Committees Chairs –**

**Lake:** John Hynds

**Beach:** Chris Molsen

**Parks & Easement:**

Gary Goldblatt

**Garden Club:** Nancy Parra

**Recreation:** Dave Kruse

## New Addresses at Sylvan Lake

Most Sylvan Lake residents have now been assigned new addresses for safety reasons by the Lake County Department of Information technology. Sylvan Lake has always been unincorporated, but has never used the rural addressing system that was set up in 1981. Six months ago, the Lake County approached us to change our addresses now so the Police and Fire Departments can use the same addressing system for us as the rest of Lake County. It was always a danger that Police or Fire officials would be slowed in locating Sylvan Lake residents with our "alternate" addressing system.

We will have a new Sylvan Lake phone book with these addresses in the next few months so we can continue to find each other!

## Sylvan Lake Phone Directory

The new Sylvan Lake phone directory is in its final stage of editing before it goes to press.



The Sylvan Lake Garden Club under the diligent work of Rita Rak has updated and collected the names, NEW addresses and phone numbers of community members. Donn Hamm is formatting the directory information into the booklet size document that has been used for the past several additions.

All SLIA members will be provided a copy of the directory when it is completed.

## Garden Walk Happening...

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Sylvan Lake Garden walk on July 8th. The twenty-two gardens were beautiful, even without rain water, and everyone enjoyed the thoughtful and engaging write-ups provided by the gardeners. These narratives offered another great glimpse into life here at Sylvan Lake. We will plan on scheduling another garden walk next spring... possibly earlier in the spring to avoid the lack of rain this summer.

Your gardens were wonderful!  
Mary Harroun





# Carp-O-Rama 2012

Carp-O-Rama 2012 was another adventure with a great response from Sylvan Lake anglers. Each year the goal of Carp-O-Rama is to help reduce the carp population in the lake, and that was accomplished again this year.

Carp is an excellent fish for beginning anglers to pursue because they are plentiful and the required equipment is relatively simple. The strong-fighting fish also is not restricted by bag, possession limits or size limits.

Carp-O-Rama anglers have said that carp actually are one of the smartest fish that swim in our waters and can be a worthy challenge for the best of anglers. Catching the carp in Sylvan Lake helps to further reduce the numbers of this nongame fish that muddies water and uproots plants with its aggressive feeding activities.

Common carp are an exotic species that were introduced to North America a long time ago and we would be better off without them and we will continue to eliminate them whenever possible. But the fact is they are here to stay, and when life gives you lemons, you might as well make lemonade.



*Thank you to Dan Trahan for pictures.*

## Carp Recipe #1 Buttermilk Fried Carp Fillets

2 pounds carp fillets  
1 cup buttermilk  
1 cup biscuit mix or pancake mix  
2 teaspoons salt  
1/4 teaspoon dried lemon flakes

Remove the skin of the carp. Take out all the brownish-redish-colored part of the meat, the "mud vein"; discard. Chunk up the rest of the carp fillets.

Place fillet pieces in a shallow dish. Pour the buttermilk over them and let it stand for half an hour, turning the fillets over once during that time.

Stir the salt into the biscuit mix.

Take fillets out of the buttermilk and pat them into the biscuit mix, covering both sides.

Fry fillets in deep fryer or in hot oil in fry-pan for 5 - 10 minutes until cooked through and browned on both sides. Use tongs or slotted spoon to turn them. (If oil is too hot, they will brown too quickly and not cook within.)

Drain on paper towels. Serve with lemon wedges if available. Serves 4-6

## Carp Recipe #2 Cedar Board method

Prepare fillets as per other recipe.

Place fillets on a cedar board and season with salt, pepper, butter and other seasonings of your choice.

Wrap fillet and cedar board in tin foil and slowly bake in oven or over a campfire for 55 minutes.

Unwrap the carp fillet and cedar board, remove the fillet and throw it away, and eat the cedar board.

# Sylvan Lake in "Visit Lake County" Ad Campaign

Visit Lake County, the tourism department of Lake County, ran a photo contest early in the year. Sylvan Lake resident Mike Trahan was the grand prize winner with this photo of Dan and Zoe Trahan sailing on Sylvan Lake. Well, it's now on billboards at various spots in the Chicago area. Ones that we know of are on Route 53 heading north just past Euclid, on I55 heading east just before I355, and on I294 near its intersection with I290.

Next time you're driving past one of those spots look for someone you know! (No, they weren't paid cash but Zoe got a night's stay for her and her family at Key Lime Cove in Gurnee.)



*Familiar sighting of Mike Trahan with camera in hand*



*Original photo entry picture!*

## Parks and Easements

*From: Gary Goldblatt*

I'm happy to report the following updates regarding the continuing work being done in regard to our Parks and Easements

- Recognition to our landscape service (Poul's Landscaping and Nursery), They have been busy mowing, edging and cleaning up all of our common areas of the lake. You can see them in action every Wednesday. They also replaced the dead shrub located on the Highland Y.
- Integrated Lakes Management, Inc (ILM) continues to fulfill their contract obligations by performing quarterly Terrestrial service in Ravinia and Maple parks. Some of the highlights include, eradicating and controlling White Sweet Clover, Queen Ann's Lace, Ragweed, Canary grass, Cattails, Purple Loosestrife, Garlic Mustard as well as the to cut brush

along the trails to clear it and make walking through the site easy.

**General observations :** These two parks are improving in condition. Later visits will treat Reed Canary Grass further, continue to reduce and eliminate it. More brush cutting of invasive annual and biennial plants will be done. These parks will have to be monitored for garlic Mustard and Dame's Rocket as there is probably a seed bank for those species. Both parks need woody removal, particularly Maple park, \*\*\*\*\* (any volunteers to help?) \*\*\*\*\* There is a lot of very large brush Honeysuckle that needs to be removed from the bank of the stream. We will be targeting

Phragmites in their next visit.

- With the help of Bill Grinnell and Lake County, we identified and removed 5 dead, semi fallen and soon to fall trees along the streets. No charge to our community
- 6 dead trees removed from Ravinia park. Lots of wood stacked on south side of lake. Could be used for Oktoberfest

### **Upcoming/continuing projects:**

- Re-plant some trees in Diamond off of W Sylvan to replace the removed dead trees. We'll have to see how the Fall rain season pans out, otherwise this could be a Spring project.
- Fill a sink hole in Bjourkland
- Paint the rocking duck in Schwerman park
- Continue to trim and create a walking path in Briar Terrace
- Need volunteers who want to help with wood removal in Maple and Ravinia parks



# Please Leave Room for Emergency Vehicles!

When Sylvan Lake residents host parties with many guests, please remind your guests to park on **only one side of the street** to allow large emergency vehicles room to drive down that street.

Please look at this picture taken on South Sylvan. No ambulance could pass between these two vehicles. Fire trucks and ambulances can enter Sylvan Lake at any time. With no room to pass, they will be delayed in responding to a neighbor who has called for help. Safety first! Our roads are narrow! Check where your guests park and make sure there is room for emergency vehicles to pass."



*Can an emergency vehicle make it?*

## DROUGHT & INVASIVE /ALIEN PLANTS

*from Jeri Swanson*

As this drought and heat continues to challenge us as gardeners, I wanted to point out that beyond our properties lines a problem is happening. Non-native and alien invasive plants can survive in extreme drought conditions better than our native plants which will result in more of the bad guys next year.

### ***What can you do to help this ?***

Keep a close eye on specific invaders here at Sylvan.

These include Dame's Rocket, (looks like phlox, but bloomed in June and is white, pink or purple in color and fragrant), Queen Anne's Lace, very abundant and will take over a hard worked on garden in a season, Garlic Mustard, all species of buckthorn, Norway Maples, oriental bittersweet, yellow flag iris (at our shorelines), zebra & fountain grasses.

A new invasive, as declared by the Chicago Botanic Gardens, is Japanese/Chinese Silver grasses. They have the pretty white plume tops. Phragmites are also a very very tall grass that has appeared in Ravinia Park. Get a good

ID of this one on Midlothian Rd, going towards Old McHenry Rd, both sides of the street. Thistle and Teasal are also abundant here as well as Bidens, which is a small airy plant with stickers on them. (aka pants grabbers by Mark Anderson). Then there are the giant RAGWEEDS, look up as you survey your property and areas around Maple & Ravinia. It's over 6' tall and is the most aggravating plants for allergy sufferers. These should be cut down right now, do not compost any invasive plants. Either bag for the garbage or burn it.

Dame's Rocket is really a bad one here, people like it, its pretty and smells nice around 7:00pm. Because of this it has become big problem . I pulled over 200 of these in Ravinia. The rest were herbicided by Integrated Lakes Mgt (ILM), the firm that does our herbiciding.

We PAY to have invasives removed. Please do your part in your own yards, as well as pulling any of these nasties when you are out walking, it WILL lower our overall costs.

Black Locusts have also made the list. They are an airy tree that travels thru fast growing roots. It took a few years, but they made it into my yard, all the way from S. Sylvan and Midlothian Rds.

One success story is Purple Loosestrife, another pretty plant that likes water. By hand pulling it for 5 straight years, it is 99% gone here. Proof that we can make a difference by lending a hand and most importantly, keeping our own spaces free of alien/invasives.

The Chicago Botanic Garden has a new list for 2012 of invasive and alien plants just for our area. Visit their site for indentifying something your "think" may be a nice addition to your garden. [www.chicagobotanicgarden.org](http://www.chicagobotanicgarden.org)

Also visit Northern Illinois Invasive Plant Partnership, for more ID pictures: [www.niipp.net](http://www.niipp.net)

Thanks, Jeri Swanson



# 4th of July Celebration at Sylvan Lake 2012!



A huge THANK YOU goes to all the volunteers who spent part of their 4th to help make the picnic a great success. All at the picnic had fun, good food and great conversation.

Thanks to Steve and Lucia Mongelluzzo and Marty Hanson for the baked beans this year and a special thanks goes out to the volunteers who organized the activities for the day: Beth Kruse for her work on the bike parade, Tammie Trahan, Courtney Molsen and Dave Benedeck for organizing the games. Kids and adults alike participated and enjoyed the activities!



## You Have a Choice on Electric Supply

Lake County residents have a choice of who provides the supply portion of their electric service, and choosing a different electric supplier may be able to save you money.

Any Lake County resident can choose to purchase their electricity supply from an alternative supplier. Essentially, this means you can shop for suppliers providing service in your area and compare prices, charges, other terms, and select a new supplier.

If you live in unincorporated Lake County, this option is available to you now. If you reside in a community that has approved aggregation, your municipality has secured an electric supply plan and you can opt in or opt out. View the list of municipal agreements [here](#). If you opt out, you can also shop around and choose an alternative supplier now. If you choose a different supplier, the only difference is a new price for electric supply on your bill. You will continue to call ComEd for outages, emergency services, and questions about your residential service.

By shopping for electric supply, you may be able to save money, find suppliers that use green resources, or get different types of services.

You can visit [pluginillinois.org](http://pluginillinois.org) for detailed information on electric choice in Illinois.

Learn the basics of electric choice and find out where you can get more information.

## Mosquitoes Test Positive for West Nile

A mosquito pool (or batch of mosquitoes), sampled July 6 in Mundelein, has tested positive for West Nile virus. The mosquito pool is the first confirmed indicator of the disease's presence in Lake County in 2012. In 2011, no human cases, one bird, and 14 mosquito pools tested positive for the virus in the county.

"Hot weather typically increases mosquito activity," said Irene Pierce, the Health Department's Executive Director. "You can protect yourself against mosquito bites by following the three R's - reduce your exposure to mosquitoes, repel them by wearing insect repellent, and report areas where mosquitoes typically breed."

Despite the lack of rain, mosquitoes are still active in many areas of the County. It is particularly important to practice mosquito bite prevention now since Culex mosquitoes, the mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus, tend to thrive in dry conditions.

The Health Department maintains a West Nile virus hotline for county residents to report areas of stagnant water (which are conducive for mosquito breeding), or to obtain more information on the signs and symptoms of West Nile encephalitis. The West Nile hotline number is: (847) 377-8300.

### **Recommendations to prevent mosquito breeding include:**

- Discard old tires, buckets, drums or any water holding containers.
- Poke holes in tires used as bumpers on docks
- Keep roof gutters and downspouts clear of debris
- Keep trash containers covered
- Empty plastic wading pools once a week and store when not in use
- Drain unused swimming pools
- Fill in tree rot holes and hollow stumps that hold water
- Change the water in bird baths and plant urns at least once a week
- Store boats upside down or drain rainwater weekly

### **Recommendations to prevent mosquito bites include:**

- Whenever possible, limit outdoor activity at dusk
- Wear light-colored clothing that minimizes exposed skin and provides some protection from mosquito bites
- Make sure door and window screens fit tightly, all holes are repaired
- Apply insect repellent that includes DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR 3535 according to label instructions. Consult a physician before using repellents on infants.

While most people infected with WNV have no symptoms of illness, some may become ill, usually three to 15 days after the bite of an infected mosquito. In some individuals, particularly the elderly, the virus can cause muscle weakness, inflammation of the brain (encephalitis), stiff neck, stupor, disorientation, tremors, convulsions, paralysis, coma or death. The Health Department conducts a multi-faceted mosquito surveillance program in Lake County.



## Important Reminder

### *Please Slow Down*

PLEASE TALK TO  
YOUR YOUNG  
DRIVERS ABOUT  
THIS!

Our beautiful,  
active communi-  
ty 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. Par-  
ticularly 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.



## August Flotilla in Sylvan Lake

**August 11th**  
**7:00 p.m.**

On August 11th,  
everyone is invited  
to get in your kayak,  
canoe, sail boat, paddle boat  
or other and join the rest of your  
neighbors out on the lake.

Bring a snack to pass and your own  
liquid refreshments... bungee cords  
to tie your boat to others, lights to  
get home with, and yourselves! We  
will start gathering after dinner about  
7:00 on the lake.

## Do you Email?

The Sylvan Lake Association board  
is using email to send out the *Shore-  
line* and Garden Club announce-  
ments as e-newsletters, as well as  
occasional notices of interest to the  
whole community. We will also use  
it to send invites when the whole  
community is welcome at a party or  
event.

If you want to be part of the email  
list, please send your email address  
to  
[SylvanLakers@gmail.com](mailto:SylvanLakers@gmail.com).

## Sylvan Lake Resident Reverend Patty Pipia ~ Personal Minister, Teacher & Speaker

There are many people who are not  
into a traditional Church and still  
might have a need for a minister.  
Revered Patty Pipia is a non  
denominational personal minister for  
those people. Providing services  
for Weddings, Baptisms, Memorials,  
Pastoral/Grief Counseling, Spiritual  
Mentoring and so much more. Call  
Rev. Patty 847-845-8818 [www.  
RevPattyPipia.com](http://www.RevPattyPipia.com)

## House for Sale or for Rent

184 Marion Drive

4 bedroom and 3 bathroom house for  
sale or for rent. If you are interested,  
please contact Scott Hanson at 847-  
668-5032.



## Dues Payments are \$300 for 2012

**Dues are collected by  
Doug MacKay for 2012.**

There is a separate box for  
collecting the dues by Doug's  
front door - just drop it in. If  
you're one of the many people  
who use an online bill payment  
account, feel free to set up  
your Sylvan Lake dues to be  
sent that way - just be sure  
to use Doug's address. Prompt  
payment is greatly appreciated  
and saves both time and  
expense. Thank you!

**The address for remittance  
is:**

Doug MacKay  
21200 Sylvan Drive South  
Mundelein, IL 60060

## Treasure Hunter's Delight

**Thur., Fri. & Sat., August 2,3 & 4**  
**8:00 - 6:00**  
**168 (21128) N. SYLVAN,**

Antiques, collectibles, furniture,  
mirrors, artwork, fishing & boating  
gear, dollhouse furniture, cameras,  
renovation supplies, plumbing,  
electrical & hardware, hand & power  
tools, Oriental rugs, toy JD wagon,  
cans, water pump, storage cabinets,  
entertainment centers, oak sideboard,  
wardrobe, twin bed set, life-size  
Power Ranger, dishes, glassware,  
linens, phono parts, milk 78 records,  
books, holiday décor.

**EVERYTHING PRICED TO  
SELL. HALF PRICE ON  
SATURDAY.**



# 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 11***

The volleyball tournament is scheduled for Saturday, August 11 – 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 Nancy Parra to volunteer for this exciting event! Watch the action while you support the players! Bring your family! Bring your friends!

Nancy's contact information: [nparra@d75.lake.k12.il.us](mailto:nparra@d75.lake.k12.il.us) or our home phone (please leave your phone number and the shift you would like) 847-566-0674. Thank you! See you there!!

## Labor Day Potluck...

Here is the scoop....

**Time:** 5:00

**Labor Day -**

**Monday, September 3rd**

**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 taste the handy work of the talented cooks we have at the lake!*

*You All  
Come Now,  
hear?*

## Ladies Night Out

Please join us for a fun evening at the home of:

Marlene Kirby,  
21384 S. Crescent.

**Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**  
6:30 to 10:00.

Come and share good food and great conversation with your neighbors. Please bring a dessert or an appetizer to share. Also take advantage of the opportunity to become involved in the Garden Club.

