



October, 2012

# Sylvan Lake Shoreline

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## Octoberfest 2012

Its that wonderful time  
of the year again

**October 13th!**

Don't miss this wonderful Sylvan Lake special event!

### Starting off with the famous Oktoberfest Bake Sale

Please drop off your donations starting at 3:00 and  
then come by and sample the delicious bake goods!



Now who was it that made that  
fabulous pecan pie, those special sugar  
cookies or the very festive cupcakes?

We are also looking for **volunteers** to run the bake sale  
table. Please contact **Nancy Parra** if you are able to  
volunteer.



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## 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. **This year we went away from the Annual meeting with vacancies on the board.** 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. Sam's email, [tyhand5@gmail.com](mailto:tyhand5@gmail.com)

## Newsletter NEWS Needs Your Help

Please email any information, pictures,  
past happenings or up coming events.

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

**Nov. 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

# I Finally See the Light!

## Luminary Light Walk

December 15

Please join us on Saturday evening, December 15 in Sylvan Lake's 2nd annual "Luminary Walk".

Put out your luminaries and also enjoy the walk around the Lake to view other luminary decorations. The walk around the lake will be from 4 to 7 p.m..

Let's place luminaires across our front yards to light the way. Bragging rights and a bottle of wine for each of the best candle luminaries and the best electric luminaries!

If anyone would like to volunteer to host/hostess drinks and cookies outside their house that night let Mary Harroun know... I am sure Santa will be here also walking around and visiting with the children. We will have strolling carolers, **new this year**, singing all kinds of holiday music...

Also if you want to join in the singing, let Mary Harroun know by December 10th so we can have a short practice and get costumes lined up...like long skirts and muffs (Gals) and scarves and fun hats (Guys). Should be a fun evening for everyone....

Questions? Call Mary Harroun, 847-970-9741.



## "Ladies of the Lake" Holiday Party

Friday, Nov. 30th



The Sylvan Lake Garden Club would like to invite all "Ladies of the Lake" to our annual Holiday Party at Janice Powell's house on Friday, November 30 starting at 6:30 PM. We will have a gift "grab bag" exchange consisting of gifts less than \$10. Please bring your favorite appetizer or dessert and join the fun and chat. We hope to see you there!

**Event:** Ladies of the Lake Holiday Party

**Date:** November 30th

**Time:** 6:30.m.

**Place:** Janice Powell's House  
21327 W. Crescent Drive

### Ladies Night Out

A huge thanks to Marlene Kirby and all of the ladies who attended Ladies Night Out. There was a great crowd that enjoyed fantastic conversation and wonderful food.

Linda Mihel, Jennifer Cameron and Lauren Rollinger volunteered to join the Garden Club Board.



## Santa's Visit

Coming Soon in December

"You better watch out.  
You better not cry.  
You better not pout,  
I'm telling you why.  
Santa Claus is coming to town"

*Look for more information in the  
December Shoreline!*



## Sylvan Lake Directories

The directories are complete thanks to Rita Rak and Donn Hamm!!!  
The directories are being distributed.



# Leaf Burning

Its that time of year again!

As we prepare for the annual harvest of leaves we are reminded



of what we can do to make it a more pleasant experience for all.

Around the lake we have the usual leaf burning in the street. We ask people to clean up the ashes before the next rain washes things into the storm sewers and from there into the lake. Other suggested guidelines are:

- Be courteous and respectful to your neighbors, especially those with breathing problems.
- Do not burn on very windy days.
- Do not burn wet leaves. Smoke from such fires stays closer to the ground and longer in the breathing zone.
- The best time of day to burn is from mid-morning to mid-afternoon. The smoke clears the fastest at this time of day.
- Always attend, manage and control your fire. Always have a hose or water source nearby.
- Do not burn in ditches, drainage ways or within 25 feet of a body of water.
- Open burning of anything other than yard waste, such as garbage, is not permitted.

Thank you for your help and concerns in keeping our own special resource, Sylvan Lake, clean.

# Winter Boat Storage 2012

If you have a water craft that is stored on any of the easements, please be responsible for storing it for the winter out of the water and neatly organized on the easement.

If you have a water craft that you are not using, that may be full of water and not easily moved, please consider having it removed, junked or sold.



If anyone needs help in moving their water craft please ask a neighbor or put a message on the SLIA message board on the web site to ask for assistance

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## How about a Sylvan Lake Talent Day

“Sylvan Lake Talent Day- What Is Your Talent?”

The plan is to have our Talent Day in Schwerman Park on a nice spring day... May or June... for all Sylvan Lake residents to show off their talents.



Sylvan Lakers can bring their own tables to set-up to share, show or sell their talent; art, jewelry, pottery, books they might have written, candles, plants, food they make that is special, anything that they make or do that is unique to them, avocation or vocation. Please share with the community so that we can get to know our neighbors better...

We may have a hot dog lunch, or bring dish to pass and share for lunch from 12-3 pm on a nice sunny day.

Details will be forthcoming as the event gets closer.

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## How about a Winter Event!

How about a Winter Event... put your thinking caps on..... soup or chili cook-off? Sport event on the lake, on the ice? If enough snow, snowman making contest? Give me ideas- call Mary Harroun- 847-970-9741.





# Parks and Easements Update:

by Gary Goldblatt

## Recent projects completed:

- Planted swamp white Oak tree in the diamond. This to replace the two dead trees taken out earlier this year. Seeding to follow
- Wildflower terrace-edged around trees and pine to define possible future wildflower look. Planted perennials donated by John Hynds.
- One burn completed at Ravinia, need more volunteers to cut wood and do more burns to clear the area.
- Swing repaired at crescent park...Thank you John Hynds

## Projects on list to complete this fall:

- Oak Terrace Easement steps to be repaired-Thanks in advance to Paul Stempien for your help
- Painting the car spring toy in Schwerman park
- Freemont District partnership to remove some additional dead trees along W Sylvan (across from Volleyball court) At no charge

## Other business:

- Reviewing bid from TallGrass, inc. to see if we can improve our service and costs on Herbicide treatments in our easements.
- Need volunteers to cut and burn wood in Ravinia....The wood is from the 6 dead trees in that area. Mary Huron would be a great contact on this project
- Octoberfest firewood.....there is plenty of wood in Ravinia and by the dock in Ravinia. Just need some volunteers to haul it away.
- Gen Connor has donated a young Oak tree (about 8') to be trans-planted in the Spring on the roadside of W Sylvan. This to replace some of the dead trees taken down this last year. It's a great specimen!

## Something to think about for next year:

- I'd like to suggest a Fall clean-up day in addition to the May clean-up day. There is a lot of cleanup for fall as we need to make sure that the native seeds that have dropped over the summer get a great chance to grow in the spring. As you know there are many leaves, tree debris, invasive plant pulling, and general clean-up possibilities in the fall. Can you imagine what we can get done with 25-30 volunteers for a few hours in the fall?

## Have You Checked Out the Sylvan Lake Website

[www.slia.net](http://www.slia.net)

The Sylvan Lake website provides up to date information on events and activity around the lake. You can also download the latest Shoreline, participate on a message board, and learn about its history. To access secure sections of the site, fill out the online form from the home page and the login information will be emailed to you. *Thank you Jen Connors, for all your help!*

## Beach Has Been Packed Away for Winter

We ask that if you have a boat that you'll be keeping at the beach over winter, store it as close as you can toward the shed. We'd like to keep the sail boat beach, boat ramp and majority of the beach clear of boats so we can enjoy the view and have clear access to the lake for winter activities. Thank you.



## PURPLE LOOSESTRIPE NOTICE

Because of the drought, Purple Loosestrife is a late bloomer this year. Some residents on North Sylvan, on Midlothian and on W. Crescent have it.



Please check your shorelines for a tall spikey purple, pretty cluster. Please pull if possible.

Just because it's pretty is not enough of a reason to let it get out of control, again. If you are unable to handle this, or are not sure you are identifying it correctly, please email Jeri Swanson with permission to remove it. email: [swan458@sbcglobal.net](mailto:swan458@sbcglobal.net) Thank You !

# Sylvan Lake Hi-Tech Mission Needs Your Help!

I am scanning and archiving online all the old documents that have been held in storage. The documents date from 1940 on.

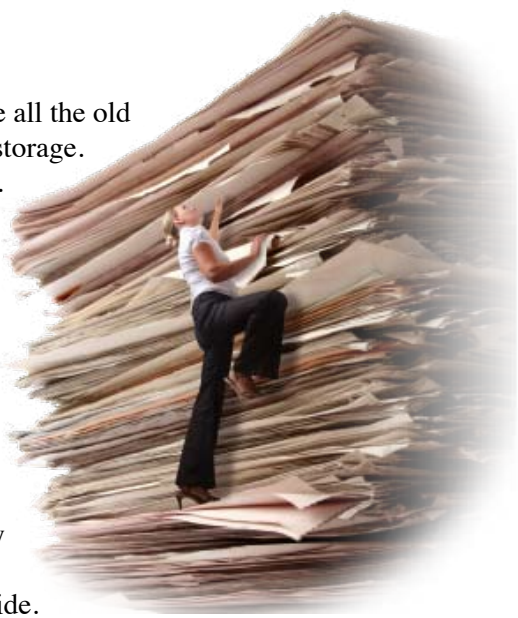
I have already scanned well over 2,000 pages and am still only up to 1975. If there is anyone who would like to help going through the last 2 boxes to decide what should be scanned, it would be greatly appreciated.

The problem is that they are moldy and we should wear masks and gloves and really should do it outside.

If nothing else I will sort out the annual meeting notes and scan at least them. I already have scanned all the Shorelines that I could find from the early 1960's to the present day.

Discovered trivia...the Shoreline newsletter was first called "Sylvan Lake News" and then "The Sylvan Smile" before it became "The Shoreline" in 1973.

Please call me if you are interested. Thank you,  
Genevieve Connor - 847-566-0369



## Lost and Found



### "Lost chair at the Beach -

We had a family party at the beach on August 5. Not all of our chairs made it back to the house. We are missing a dark green canvas fold-up chair with "Novack and Macey" logo on the covering. If you found this chair, please call the Stempiens at 847-970-9905."

Thanks, Paul Stempien

### Lost Sail for Sylvan Lake Sailboat

We lost our sail for our Sylvan Lake Sailboat, it was left at the beach possibly early summer by someone. We are hoping that one of the Sylvan Lake community possibly saw it or knows what may have happened to it. It is white with a black scorpion on it. Please give us a call if you can help with our missing sail. Thanks for your help. 847-949-8616.

Thanks again! Lori DuPont

## Sylvan Lake Flotilla brought together community boaters on a beautiful fall evening!



# Sylvan Lake Dam Rehabilitation

Fremont Township, caretaker of the roads in Sylvan Lake, has made application to the State of Illinois to make improvements on the Sylvan Lake dam and roadway. These needed improvement have required engineering plans to be created and State approval. This process has taken a little longer than was first thought. The engineering plans required a little extra time to be developed, the State of Illinois has taken a little longer to look over the plans and then they have made required modifications to the plans that need further engineering. The end result is that the early fall start date cannot be met and the project will need to be delayed a little longer.



**Here is the good news!** Design plans for the rehabilitation of the dam are being re-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

**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. We are hopeful that this will present a good opportunity for Sylvan Lakers to perform shoreline maintenance, cleanup and protection of the shoreline.



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

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## Route 53/120 Blue Ribbon Advisory Council Recommends Moving Project Forward

The Illinois Route 53/120 Blue Ribbon Advisory Council has approved its final report recommending the Illinois Tollway move forward with an Illinois Route 53/120 Corridor project in Lake County. The group includes local elected officials, transportation and planning agencies and a diverse group of environmental, civic, business and labor representatives. The report was presented to the Illinois Tollway Board of Directors in June. Co-chaired by David Stolman, Lake County Board Chair, and George Ranney, President and CEO of Metropolis Strategies, the Advisory Council's work has focused on answering three primary questions: Is there consensus to move forward? What are the scope, configuration and design elements of a new roadway? And, how should the project be financed?

Learn more: [Watch Video from May 18 Illinois Route 53/120 Blue Ribbon Advisory Council meeting](#) [Read Illinois Tollway News Release](#) [Visit Tollway Website: Illinois Route 53/120 Blue Ribbon Advisory Council](#)

## Have you paid your SLIA dues?

There are a few households that have not yet sent in their annual dues. A dues mailing was sent this last month. Please mail in our dues now!!



Doug has sent out the dues notices recently. If you prefer to drop the payment off at his house, please DO NOT put it in the mailbox. There will be 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

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## Maybe you noticed, Maybe you didn't!

The recent closure of Rt. 60/83 at the Canadian National train track crossing in Diamond lake was a two fold project. The track crossing was upgraded for a much smoother crossing for vehicles, it was well needed. The second part of the project is that they put in a second set of tracks! Looks like more train traffic in our future!





# Local Community Information

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## Preview November's Ballot Online

From Diana O'Kelly's web pages

Registered voters in Lake County may now preview their official ballot at [LakeVoterPower.info](http://LakeVoterPower.info) using the "What is on My Ballot?" link. Simply supply your registration name, house number, ZIP code and date of birth to view the correct ballot for your address. Sample ballots may be printed, marked with the voter's choices and taken into the polls for reference when voting.

Visit [LakeCountyClerk.info](http://LakeCountyClerk.info) for more information about County Clerk services and current election news.

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## Putting the Green in Your Halloween

From Diana O'Kelly's web pages

The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County is offering tips to help make your Halloween environmentally friendly. Among recommendations are recycling your pumpkin into a Thanksgiving decoration (and then composting it), making Halloween crafts from recycled items, such as egg crates, and holding a parade of recycled costumes in your neighborhood.

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## Mundelein Farmers Market

Every Friday, 3-7 p.m., through October 12

Park Street & Seymour Avenue, Mundelein

## Preparing for an Emergency

October 22, 7 p.m., Fremont Library, Mundelein

**Disasters happen.** Are you prepared? Join Fremont CERT to learn how you can prepare at home and work in the event of a natural or manmade disaster. Learn how to prepare an "Emergency Go Bag" filled with the supplies you will need to care for yourself and your family. The first 50 attendees will receive a free emergency-related item for their home/work "Emergency Go Bag," and attendees can participate in a free raffle to receive their own home/office bag. Light refreshments will be served.



[More info.](#)

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## Kirk Players Season Tickets

The Kirk Players are now selling season tickets for their 47th season. This season the Kirk Players will perform the longest-running murder mystery of all time, Agatha Christie's *Mousetrap*, on October, 25, 26 and 27, the family classic, *Tom Sawyer* on April 12, 13 and 14, and a hilarious musical, *Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?* on June 14, 15 and 16. All performances will be in the Auditorium at Mundelein High School. [More info and tickets.](#)

## Have you gotten your flu shot yet?

– Lake County Official Webpage

You can protect yourself from the flu by getting vaccinated from the virus every year. The Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center is offering flu and pneumonia vaccinations to the general public. For more information, call: (847) 377-8470 or visit [www.lakecountyflu.com](http://www.lakecountyflu.com). In this video, see just how easy it is to get your flu shot!

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## Do You Need Special Recycling? Its Free!

Want to recycle an outdated television or old computer?

View SWALCO's [list of electronic waste dropoff locations](#) across Lake County.

For a list of items that may be recycled, [visit SWALCO's website.](#)

