

April, 2013



# Sylvan Lake Shoreline

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## Parks & Easement update:

by Gary Goldblatt

### *Here's to a Happy and Colorful Spring!*

It appears that this winter has been easier on our trees. We may not have the tree loss that we had last year, however there still remains a few trees that have been dead for a while but are not a danger to life or property. We plan on continuing to remove our dead trees while re-planting new native trees. We are planning to divert some of the tree removal costs to tree planting costs.

**\*Sylvan Lake Landscapers to begin spring cleanup on 3/27,** weather permitting. We are using the same contractor as last year, Poul's Landscaping. Same cost as last year!

### **\*MAY 18th, 9am-12noon, is CLEAN UP DAY.**

Please mark your calendar. We had a great turnout last year and would like to do even better that this year. Projects to include, painting the stairs at Oak Terrace, additional clean up at Briar Terrace, and the usual clean up projects throughout the Lake. A detailed project list will be distributed in early May along with captains for each area. We have lots of new neighbors, so please round them up to enjoy this chance to get acquainted - both during the work that's so useful and during the picnic that follows.

**\*Plans to replace the beach retaining wall** are in the early stages and we will provide updates as progress continues.

**\*Maintenance of our Easements.** We are in the second year of our same-price contract with ILM, (Integrated Lakes Management) to maintain our Easements. We have begun the quote process for next year. Our plan is to reduce costs while maintaining the service and results that we have come to expect.

**\*Sylvan Lake Dam & Road Rehab project** is still in the plans for this fall!

## See inside for details:



- **Ladies Night Out**  
Friday, April 26th, 7:00 p.m.
- **Clean-Up Day**  
Morning of May 18th
- **Summer Recreation**  
Coming in June

## Clean-Up Day

*(Many hands make light work)*

### Saturday Morning May 18

Mark your calendars for Saturday morning May 18 for our annual Everybody-Pitch-In-and-Help-Clean-Up Day.

Each park and easement will need a Captain (we need volunteers) and a whole lot of worker bees. Your reward for helping? Join your neighbors in showing pride in our community by keeping our parks and easements in good shape. Plus, all workers will enjoy a great noon lunch and frosty beverages at the beach.

Please email Gary Goldblatt at: [ggoldblatt@comcast.net](mailto:ggoldblatt@comcast.net) to be a team captain

# Garden Club News



The Sylvan Lake Garden Club would like to thank all of those who helped make Santa's visit possible. Once again Robert Oliver made Old Saint Nick come to life. A big thanks to you!

Also, thanks go to Don and Rachel Abel and Jen Crow for organizing this special, seasonal event.

Moving on to Easter, thanks to all of the children and parents who came out to the Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale. A special thanks goes to Dave Benedeck for being such a great Easter bunny. Did you notice he never gets old! Thanks also to the following Garden Club members for helping make this delightful event possible: Nancy Parra, Kelly Dickinson, Linda Mihel, Rachel Abel, Rita Rak and Lauren Rollinger.



## *Ladies Night Out*

Good Girls  
Wear Goodwill

The Spring Ladies Night Out will be held at Kathy Schwerman's Home on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Please see the last page for attached flyer.

Fremont Township  
Annual Town Meeting  
to be held  
Tuesday April 16



The 2013 Annual Town Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room located in the downstairs area of the Fremont Township Administration Building, 22376 W. Erhart Road, Mundelein. This meeting gives the Township an opportunity to review the past year; it gives residents a chance to communicate with each other and with Township officials.

*Mark your calendar and plan to attend. It is an informative evening.*

# Talent Day!

Show Your Talent Day will be held on a late spring afternoon at Schwerman Park, where we will all gather to show what we do from book writing, to art work, to spinning and knitting, furniture building, bowls, ceramics, gardening, whatever you do in your spare time to be creative in all kinds of talents you have that your neighbors would like to know about.

We will have some sort of lunch. Please bring a table to hold your materials. Date to be announced later, so get your talents together and plan to show them off.

Mary Harroun

## 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

**Park & Easement:**

Gary Goldblatt

**Garden Club:** Nancy Parra

**Recreation:** Dave Kruse

# Wild Ones

## The Monarch butterfly,



The Monarch butterfly, a summer delight beloved by children and adults alike, is in trouble. Loss of habitat and its primary food source is plucking this iconic beauty from the sky.

The Monarch uses milkweed to raise and feed its young, and as a place to rest, hide from predators, and prepare for migration. But the decreasing availability of milkweed plants and the increased use of systemic insecticides are negatively affecting this beautiful butterfly, along with many other creatures.

Monarchs need friends who will help. Pat Miller, Conservation Specialist with Monarch Watch, University of Kansas, talked about current conservation work to help this

beloved creature through the combined efforts of Monarch Watch, **Wild Ones**, Monarch Joint Venture, Xerces Society, and other organizations. At a recent meeting Pat helped us discover the magic of Monarch butterflies, their biology, their fascinating life cycle and their incredible annual migration and helping us understand why this miraculous migration is now considered an “endangered phenomenon”.

Pat’s presentation focused on what people can do to “Bring Back the Monarchs.” Her main point was to understand why milkweed plants are key to their Monarch survival.

**Lake-to-Prairie** is a chapter of **Wild Ones**, a national not-for-

profit organization that promotes the use of native plants in landscapes.

The Monarch butterfly meeting that was offered earlier is one of a wonderful group of meetings available here in Lake County. Talks are offered on interesting topics once a month, sometimes by speakers from the Illinois Extension Co-Op. While the group does focus on wild flowers and their benefits, the speakers really know all types of gardening information. Mary Harroun is a member, so if you want more information, please call her at 847-970-9741.

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## Please Be a Part by Doing Your Part

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



The lake has thawed and beach season will soon be here. In an effort to avoid some of the problems our community experienced last year, The Sylvan Lake Improvement Association would like to request all of us do our part this season in keeping our parks, beaches and easements quiet and enjoyable for all residents.

As you may recall, last year unwelcome visitors were a continual cause of concern. This year, 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. More information will follow in future editions of the *Shoreline* including Rules and Regulations, suggestions for how to keep our neighborhood quiet and safe, as well as the Lake County Sheriff’s non-emergency phone number to call in case of disturbances.



# Changing Electric Supplier?

by Donn Hamm

If you are considering changing your electricity supplier, here is some information that might be helpful. There are many electricity providers to choose from and a lot of different rates and plans. Illinois has a website <http://pluginillinois.org> that lists all the choices.

At least two of us at Sylvan Lake have switched our electricity supplier to **First Energy Solutions**, but if you go to the Illinois website you will see that there are many others.

We chose First Energy Solutions for two reasons. The village of Mundelein has selected them for their supply services. If they felt they were good for them as a whole community, then it should be alright for us. The second reason was the current available rate of .0477 cents per kwh thru June of 2014. It was the lowest rate of the four companies that I talked to. Rates and plans change frequently, so you need to call companies to find out what is available at the moment.

Your electric bill has several parts: supply line fee, electric usage fee, tax etc. The only part

that will change is the company selling you the ELECTRIC USAGE and the new lower price. A flat percentage savings cannot be applied to your total bill. Line usage (the cost of bringing the electricity to your home through the wires) and the taxes will not change.

Even though you change the supplier of the electricity you are not changing the company that delivers it to your home through the wires. From a billing standpoint you will only receive one bill, and it will still be from ComEd. The new suppliers' fees are integrated into ComEd's billing but at the lower rate.

Last year I used approximately 13000 kwh of electricity supplied by ComEd. The most common rate I paid ComEd was 6.9 cents per kwh, my cost for the year for just the electricity, (not the line use, taxes etc.) was \$897.00. If I had been with another supplier with lower rates such as 5 cents a kwh, my costs would have been \$650.00. A possible savings of \$247.00 for the year. But this is a new year and the test will be if ComEd



drops their rate or raises their rate. The savings could be higher or lower but still a savings. If you use more electricity a year then your savings will be greater. If you use less your savings will be less.

Even though the purchase of electricity is now through a different company, remember the billing will still be from ComEd. ComEd then pays the other supplier.

When I went online today, April 2nd, to First Energy Solutions, FES.COM the website fixed price was at .052 per kwh but when I talked to them on the phone they had the better offer of .0477 per kwh, guaranteed for 1 year.

Remember all delivery of power still comes through the ComEd wires and they still receive income from that service. They are still the go-to for any electrical problems.

I hope that this information helps you in making a choice that will lower your electric bill.

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## Rt 53 Extension Still Moving Forward

*From Diana O'Kelly, Lake County Board*

The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors approved a \$4 million contract at its meeting to Schaumburg-based TranSystems Corp. that will continue to plan for the proposed extension of Illinois Route 53/120 in Lake County. TranSystems will develop a detailed engineering concept, evaluate cost estimates, refine traffic and revenue analyses and survey customers' willingness to pay tolls on the proposed extension. The contract also includes services to study the environmental and economic impacts of the project.

# CLC CERAMICS SALE

*7th Annual Spring Sale presented by the*

**Community Clay Association**

**TUESDAY APRIL 16TH 10AM-10PM**

**& WEDNESDAY APRIL 17TH 7AM-7PM**

**LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER ATRIUM**



Pieces pictured are examples of work produced in the CLC ceramics studio and may not be available for sale. Proceeds from the sale are used to fund fieldtrips, visiting artists and new equipment for the studio.

*Original ceramic artwork by the students & faculty of the CLC Ceramics Dept.*



**Mother's Day is May 12th!**



## Long Time Resident Passes

Clara Oliver passed away November 30. She was waked at Kristan Funeral Home December 5,

Clara was very active in the Garden Club and contributed her skills in putting the first Sylvan Lake Cook Book together in 1974. Clara had been ill for many years.

Our condolences to Clara's husband and family.

## Newsletter NEWS Needs Your Help

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

June 1st Issue News Needed by:

**May 20th, 2013**

Pictures welcome!

Send to Donn Hamm at:

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

Please put Shoreline in the subject line.

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## 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.

# Ladies' Night Out...

Friday, April 26th

Good Girls  
Wear Goodwill

All you Ladies of the Lake, go to  
Goodwill and select an  
awesome ensemble that  
you can model. Leave the tags on!!

Kathy Schwerman's Home  
21290 W Sylvan Dr South  
7:00 to 10:30 pm

*Please bring an appetizer or dessert.  
Beverages will be provided.*



## Summer Recreation in Sylvan Lake!

### Volleyball League

**Where:** Schwerman Park

**When:** Tuesdays starting in June

**How Much:** \$5.00 Resident / \$10.00 Non-Resident

**Contact:** Dave Kruse at (847) 989-2392 / krusdp@Gmail.com with any questions.

\*Captains to submit roster and funds for entire team prior to first game

**Winners will receive: Respect, Accolades ... and a Shirt.**

