



August, 2013

# Sylvan Lake Shoreline

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## Save these dates:

**August 10th**

**Volleyball Tournament Finals**

Hot Dogs available while cheering on your favorite team

**August 17th**

**Flotilla (Full Moon)**

**August 31st - Sylvan Lake Arts Festival**

(Rain Date, September 1st)

**September 28th**

**Fall clean-up day (rain date 9/29)**

**October 5th**

**Octoberfest**

(focus will be on dead tree removal, wood procurement for Octoberfest, Leaf and debris clean-up in selected Easements)

**Other updates;**

Dam repair- Workorder is downstate waiting for final approval.

*From Gary Goldblatt*

## Activity News @ Sylvan Lake

**August Flotilla- August 17th-**

Full Moon. Bring your own drinks, snack to pass, bungee cords to tie up to other boats with and flashlight to get home with.

**Sylvan Lake Arts Festival-** due to inclement weather on our scheduled Talent Day in June, we have renamed and rescheduled event:

**Sylvan Lake Arts Festival:**

**Saturday, August 31st**

**Schwerman Park**

**10 am to 2:00 pm.**

Bring anything you want to show others what you do for a living or as a hobby, and yes, you can sell your arts to others. You will be responsible for your own table and your own lunch. Rain date for the Arts Festival will be Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Any questions, call Mary Harroun 847-970-9741

**Labor Day Potluck Supper** will be at the beach on the deck. Bring a dinner dish to pass, and join all of us here at the Lake for our final beach blast. Dinner will be served at 5:00. Bring your own chairs and your whole family.

## Mundelein Outdoor Concert Series

Sponsored by the Mundelein Community Days Commission, Mundelein Park District and the Village of Mundelein.

**5:30 – 7:00 P.M. at Kracklauer Park**

August 4 Lake Shore Symphony

August 11 Chicago Outskirts (Big Band Jazz)

August 18 The Drunk Whisperers (Folk & Blues)

# Garden Club News

## Thank You

The Ladies of the Lake want to thank everyone who helped make our Fourth of July celebration one of the best ever. The weather was beautiful, the fire truck came, the games were fun and the kids (and parents) had a great time decorating bikes. The wonderful food and drink were the crowning touch!

We would also like to thank Katie Finerty for doing such a fine job with swimming lessons which ran from June 17<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup>.



## Events Coming Up

- \*\* “Hot Dog Social”** during the volleyball tournament on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.
- \*\*Fall Ladies Night Out** (date yet to be determined) will be a “jewelry swap” to be held at Mary Harroun’s home.
- \*\*Octoberfest Bake Sale** (Saturday 10/5) – Start thinking about what you’d like to bake!
- \*\*Feed My Starving Children** – Volunteer event to be scheduled this fall. Watch for details in your email.
- \*\*Thanksgiving Turkey Trot** – Did you get your designs for a sweatshirt logo to Kathy Ford? See details on the attached flyer!

## Suffrage at Seventeen

*From Diana O’Kelly*

Will you be 18 on or before November 4, 2014?

If you answered yes, you will be able to register and vote in the March 18, 2014 primary election. Beginning January 1, 2014, 17-year-olds are eligible to register and vote in an Illinois primary election if 18 years of age by the date of the next general election. This change in the law, referred to as “Suffrage at Seventeen,” was the project of Stevenson High School students and their faculty advisor Andy Conneen.

To vote in any election, U.S. citizens must be registered 28 days before the election, 18 years old on or before the general election, a resident of the precinct for 30 days immediately prior to Election Day, and provide two forms of valid identification with one form of identification showing the current address for registration.

To find the nearest deputy registrar, call the Voter Registration Department at 847.377.2410 or find the location of a convenient site listed online. Registration forms are also available through the Lake County Clerk’s website and the Illinois State Board of Elections’ site.

## Mundelein Fine Arts Festival

*Saturday and Sunday  
September 7-8, 2013*

**Hosted by the Mundelein Community Connection** a *Downtown Revitalization Effort, is a not-for-profit corporation formed in 1993 to renew interest and investment in downtown Mundelein.*

The third annual **Mundelein Fine Arts Festival**, a juried art festival that will showcase the talents of 45 fine artists and craftspeople, **will be held from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday, September 7 and Sunday, September 8, 2013** and will feature top-notch artists, local musicians and tasty food.

In addition to professional artists, Mundelein Fine Arts Festival will also highlight artwork by select students from Mundelein and Carmel Catholic High Schools.

A committee of well-known judges will award a cash prize for: Best of Show; Judge’s Choice 2-D; and Judge’s Choice 3-D. In addition, both high schools will receive scholarship money to award to students pursuing art in college.

The Festival will be located in Kracklauer Park in downtown Mundelein, (100 N. Seymour Ave.) Artists will be located in the paved area for easy access by visitors, and local musicians will perform in the Gazebo in the Park, adjacent to the artists’ set-up.



## Garden Walk Happening...

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Sylvan Lake Garden walk. The twenty-two gardens were beautiful, 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.

Your gardens were wonderful!  
Mary Harroun



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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. 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.

## Oh Dam, update: Maybe this fall/winter 2013!

Design plans for the rehabilitation of the dam are being finalized by Highway Commissioner Bill Grinnell and his consulting engineer but due to final approval on small revisions, it may be a few more months.

Final State approval is expected in the next 2 to 6 months at which time bids can be drawn up and bidding by contractors will begin. Once contracts are awarded it is expected to take 3 to 6 months to complete the project.

It is Commissioner Grinnell's best intention to do this project in the late fall and winter to have the least impact on summer lake activities. If all would go very timely this project will be started this late fall 2013 and into the winter. Worst case time line will push this project back until the fall of 2014.

This is no small project due to it's complexity. Some of the key work items being planned are: replacing the culvert and spillway, relocating a major sewer pipe, relocating a significant water pipe, sheet piling reinforcement on the lake side of the dam, timber guardrail, pavement resurfacing with curbs from the bridge to Midlothian Road, boulder covered slope on the east side of the dam.

**There will certainly be inconveniences,** due to the road being closed for rehabilitation 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.

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## Invasive Aquatic Plants

By Linda Mihel

I recently attended a presentation on "Alternatives for Invasive Aquatic Plants" sponsored by the Chicago Botanic Garden. Some of the things I learned follow: "Invasive plants are becoming a widespread problem in aquatic and wetland habitats throughout North America. Once introduced, these noxious and harmful plants can displace native plants, which are important sources of food and shelter for wildlife. Ecological processes, such as oxygen production, may also change because invasive plants can affect water chemistry and flow. Unrestricted invasions can block drainage pipes, impede navigation, and hinder commercial and recreational fishing."

I hate to tell you, but YELLOW IRISES are on their "Most Wanted" list. So, please check your shorelines and destroy your yellow irises. They seem to be pretty prevalent. Try to pull them before the seed pods develop and do not compost. Dispose of them in the trash. Our lake community has done a pretty good job getting rid of PURPLE LOOSESTRIPE which is also on their list. However, we need to continue to be vigilant about it and try to eliminate it before it blooms. **Alternatives for yellow irises are "blue flag irises."** **Alternatives for purple loosestrife include "swamp milkweed" and "swamp loosestrife."**



For more information on aquatic invasive species, visit [www.iiseagrant.org/cfgs](http://www.iiseagrant.org/cfgs).



## Did you know....

The Sylvan Lake website has a Message Board that you can use to give away or sell things to your neighbors. If you have something of value that you want to get rid of, try posting the item on the Message Board.

Only Sylvan Lake residents can use this section of the website, so if you can't reach the Message Board, use the link on the front page that says "please click here to request the password."

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## Important Reminder

### *Please Slow Down*

PLEASE TALK TO YOUR YOUNG DRIVERS ABOUT THIS!

Our beautiful, active community has no side-walks - 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.



## The Passing of Sylvan Lake Friends and Family

### Carol Ford

Past resident, friend and neighbor Carol E. Ford, 79, of Tecumseh, Mich., passed away Wednesday, July 17, 2013, at her home.

Carol grew up in Springfield, IL, but spent many years as our friend and neighbor here in Sylvan Lake.

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Carol Ford especially to her son Sam and daughter-in-law, Kathy Ford.

### Jimmy Wetteland

Our friend and long time neighbor, Jimmy Wetteland, passed away Wednesday, July 19th. He died peacefully after a short illness.

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Jimmy Wetteland especially to his wife Jill.

## Fairfield Road at IL Route 176 Junction Improvement



## Fairfield Road and Route 176 Junction Improvement

Many have questioned what is being developed at the Fairfield Road and Route 176 Junction. There has been a lot of heavy equipment, earth moving and even a little extra traffic delays on Route 176. Above is a graphic from Lake County showing what this intersection will look like after completion. Most notable are the extra traffic lanes and as well as the added turn lanes



# 4th of July Celebration at Sylvan Lake 2013!



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.

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# 1st Annual Sylvan Lake Turkey Trot Logo Contest

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**  
Sylvan Lake Garden Club is hosting a  
5K run/walk on Thanksgiving morning  
through Sylvan Lake.  
(More information about the race will be available in the fall)

**NEEDED**  
Creative designs for the participant Sweatshirt.  
Designs are limited to 1 color and should include  
"1st Annual Sylvan Lake Turkey Trot",  
"5K run/walk", & "2013".

**SUBMIT DESIGNS BY AUGUST 15th**

Please submit designs to Kathy Ford at  
21447 W Hillside Lane or send to

[kpenford13@gmail.com](mailto:kpenford13@gmail.com)

Questions? 847-571-1745

Entry Form on Next Page



Name of Artist: \_\_\_\_\_

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