



# Sylvan Lake Shoreline

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## Garden Club News

The Ladies of the Lake would like to extend a special thanks to Nancy Parra for organizing and setting up the Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale. Thanks also to all those who donated and bought baked goods and to the many Garden Club members who helped make this event happen. The successful sale brought in \$211.

The Spring Hawaiian Party was a huge success primarily due to the inspired planning and enthusiasm of Tammie Trahan. It was a wonderful evening and many ladies went home with earrings as a raffle prize. Thank you Tammie!

### – Events Coming Up –

- **Swim Lessons by Katie Finerty**

Dates and Time: June 16 – June 26 from 6 to 8 pm. June 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> will be scheduled as rain dates if needed. – Location: Beach



- **4<sup>th</sup> of July** – Date: Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

Garden Club sponsored event with a bike parade, picnic, and games for kids and adults. The exact schedule will be posted later.



### – Events to be planned for the future –

- Hot Dog Social – During the volleyball playoffs in August
- Fall Ladies Night Out – Hostess will be Denise Goldblatt
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Turkey Trot – Thanksgiving morning

The Ladies of the Lake would like to encourage every woman to get involved with the Garden Club Activities. Please invite any new neighbors and bring them to the next event!

See inside for details:



- Swim Lessons
- Volleyball Starts June 10
- Parks and Easements
- Summer Recreation
- Carp A Rama
- Community Clean-up
- And Much More

## Summer Recreation in Sylvan Lake!

### Volleyball League



**Where:** Schwerman Park

**When:** Tuesdays starting  
June 10<sup>th</sup>

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

**Contact:** Dave Kruse at  
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with any questions.

# Carp-O-Rama Pulls In Competition

What is it? Carp-O-Rama is an annual event where Sylvan Lake residents band together to help rid the lake of our carp population, one carp at a time. You catch the carp, you keep the carp, we all got together and counted and weighed the carp ... 50 cents was paid for each carp!!

That's not all. The largest fish will qualify as the winner of the Carp-O-Rama. As in, the King of all Carp Fisherman ... here in Sylvan Lake. It's a big deal.

Carp-O-Rama ran from Noon Friday 5/23 until Monday 5/26 at 5:00 pm. At that point, all participants gathered at the beach for the weighing and measuring of the fish.

There is no age limit. Kid's love the Carp-O-Rama!

We saw many die-hard Carp-O-Rama enthusiasts scattered around the lake over this weekend. If you've never participated in a Carp-O-Rama in the past, perhaps next year will be your year.

This year over 50 carp were pulled from the lake. Great turnout.

Team of Pete Graham/Chris Molsen caught the most (29)

## 3 Largest went to:

Slattery  
Mirock  
Graham/molsen

Thanks, Dave Kruse

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# Swim Lessons

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# What does it matter?

Our nephew, Kyle, has been coming to Sylvan Lake to fish the Carp-O-Rama since he was eight. You are probably wondering, "What does it matter?"

Kyle is twenty years old and has epilepsy. He has watched his brother who is a year older go off to college and his sister who is three years younger get her driver's license.

During the past couple weeks his seizures have returned and have become unmanageable. He was taken from the soccer field, found bloody in a bathroom, and was unable to march in the parade today with his Explorers Unit. He could not compete in the Special Olympics this year because he experienced his third seizure of the week the day before the regionals. (He did sing the national anthem for the opening ceremony.) For the first time he is experiencing fear about his condition. He has been told that physical exertion may be the trigger and that he may not be able to participate in sports.

Can you imagine his delight when he claimed second place in the Carp-O-Rama? So what does it matter?

It mattered a great deal to this young man.

We are so blessed to live in a community that cares.

Mary Beth Mirock

# PARKS AND EASEMENTS:

Gary Goldblatt

## Clean up day highlights:

Huge thanks to everyone who turned out to get a lot of work done and make our neighborhood better. The weather delay and re-scheduling just postponed what a truly great group of neighbors we have and what can be accomplished when everyone chips in.

Here are some highlights of what was accomplished over the last 2 weeks.

- Replaced dead tree at the Diamond on W Sylvan
- Replaced the flag at Schwerman park.
- Repaired the slide at Point Comfort.
- Added cork board backing to sign boards on S Sylvan and Crescent.
- Ravinia weed control
- Painting of Point Comfort gym equipment.
- Replaced the stone barrier at Highland entrance
- Volleyball court maintenance at Schwerman Park
- Beach house deck power washing and railing staining
- Mulching at Gilmer entrance, Highland boat launch area and pump house gardens
- Township removed the stumps along the curve at Point Comfort Park
- Painting of easement park markers
- Burn piles
- Lots of debris cleaned up and staged for Fremont Township chipper
- Water distribution
- The Beach BBQ, - always a big highlight\*\*\*\*

## OTHER THINGS:

- ILM report on Easement work
- Our streets are on the 2015 list for re-surfacing
- No new updates from the Township on the dam project, still might this fall.
- The "Round About" plan for the Gilmer and Midlothian intersection is probably off the table because of the possibility for massive back-ups due to the railroad crossing just south of this intersection



## 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.

## Newsletter NEWS Needs Your Help

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

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

***July 20th, 2014***

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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## Dues Paid?

Please send your Sylvan Lake Improvement Association dues to:

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# Upcoming Activities at Sylvan Lake

## Flotillas.

Flotillas....bring your boat, drinks, a snack to pass, a flashlight to get home with, bungee cords to tie up to other boats, and yourselves....full moons will be out on or around the following dates for the flotillas. We will start gathering on the lake about 6:30. Let's see how many people will come out for this fun event....

See following dates and join all of your neighbors on the lake.:

• June 14th • July 12 • August 9 • September 6

Put these dates on your calendar and come out on the lake and join us.

## Garden Walks:

It was suggested last year after we walked 20 or more gardens and were exhausted, to break up the garden walk into three sections. so they will be as follows:

**June 14th-** walking through Spring Gardens

**July 19th-** walking through summer gardens

**August 16th-** walking through more summer gardens

If you will call me and let me know if your garden is open for viewing, I would appreciate it. We love seeing what everyone works on so hard in their gardens, don't let your garden be left out, even if it is not perfect... as we do not care...we want to see all of your work and your lovely gardens. Call me, Mary Harroun, at 847-970-9741 to be included in one of the garden walks.



## Second Annual Sylvan Lake Art Festival

Labor Day Weekend, August 30th. Last year's festival brought out all kinds of great art projects. Ask yourself, what did you do during the long hard winter that you would like to show off, possibly sell and share with your neighbors? Quilts, photos, art work, jewelry, pottery, potholders, any creation that you have created. Bring your own table and set up in Schwermann Park, on the concrete pavement. Times will be posted later but put the date on your calendar either to display your art or come and see what creations your neighbors produce. More on this event later in the summer, but mark your calendars now.

Mary M. Harroun - 847-970-9741

## Dame's Rocket (looks like phlox)

Dame's Rocket (looks like phlox) is blooming

now and needs to be pulled.

Many people have "adopted" it as it is pretty and fragrant



around 7 pm. However, after the bloom, seed pods form on the main stem and can disperse up to 1000 seeds per plant. This creates a boom of an invasive species, requiring expensive herbiciding and or hand removal.

I removed nearly 100 of them last evening from Ravinia. This is an area I have been diligent with, and now many new Jack-in-the-pulpits are present. These are plants we want.

Also, Garlic mustard is having a fun time spreading all over, its easy



to pull right now, even if you get the majority of the plant, that helps because the seed pods can not form. Both Garlic mustard and Dame's rocket are from the mustard families, smell different, but can and do appear together.

Enjoy on the roadsides of other neighborhoods ! But not here.

Jeri Swanson

# Our New Neighbors to the West.

## Hawthorn Hills 230 home Development Update

On Monday, April 21, Gary Goldblatt and Donn Hamm attended the Hawthorn Woods Village Board Meeting and had the opportunity to put on record the concerns of Sylvan Lake in regard to the large development to our west. Those concerns were detailed as the potential for silt and mud migration into our lake during the development, water quality entering our lake from the runoff from the homes and retail development/parking lot proposed for the corner of Midlothian and Gilmer, and lastly the added traffic congestion especially at Crescent and Gilmer.



Hawthorn Woods Chief Administrator, Donna Lobaito, thanked us for our input and invited us back on Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup> for a closer look at the details in this development. This meeting was attended by Gary Goldblatt, Warren Young and Donn Hamm. These officials gave us an overview of the development and the safeguards that are being built in to protect all the water management in the development site. Gary asked who would be the go-to and responsible party if we should have any water management problems from the development and we were assured that the developer would be responsible, but that Hawthorn Woods has the power to stop all development and construction if a problem developed.

As to the traffic concerns, there are several alternatives being considered.

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## More housing is being explored



There is approximately 4.5 acres on the south-east corner of South Sylvan Drive and Midlothian that is being looked at for the possibility of a small housing development. A contractor has started looking at the possibilities with the Lake County Building and Development. Here is a summary of the questions being asked in regards to this property.

The Lake County Department scheduled an Early Assistance meeting on Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, for the property located at 21377 Sylvan Dr. South, unincorporated Mundelein. The applicant has requested the following:

- Rezoning from the R-1 district to the R-3 district;
- Subdivide to 12,000 square foot lots;
- Request to connect to Lake County public sewer;
- The property size is 4.5 acres;
- The developer's name is Michael Schall.

As this is the first we are hearing about this exploration, we will be very interested in several aspects.

1. Will the development be for single-family homes?
2. Will the homes be part of the SLIA?
3. Will the development be ultra sensitive to run-off into Sylvan Lake during and after construction?



# Sylvan Lake Community Clean-up 2014

Thank you all good citizens!





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