



August, 2014

Sylvan Lake Shoreline

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Upcoming Activities at Sylvan Lake

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.... • **August 9 • September 6**
Put these dates on your calendar and come out on the lake and join us.

Garden Walks: **August 16th**- 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, pot holders, 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

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Summer Recreation in Sylvan Lake!

Volleyball Tournament



Cheer on your neighbors

Saturday August 9th

at the end of the season all day volleyball tournament. The Garden Club will feed you with the always popular hot dog social and we'll crown the 2014 Sylvan Lake Volleyball Champions.

If you have ever had interest in playing; this is a great way to see what Sylvan Lake volleyball is all about.

Thank you garden club for sponsoring the hot dog social.

Dave Kruse

PARKS AND EASEMENTS:

Gary Goldblatt

Mark you Calendar:

FALL CLEAN UP DAY is planned for 10/4, rain date 10/5. 9 am-noon.

Please contact me if you would like to captain a project. Details to follow as we get closer but here are some high level activities already on the books.

- Collect wood for Oktoberfest and take it to Schwerman park
- Move 1 yard of grade 8 rock to washed out area above bridge in Ravinia by Crescent. Spread to cover
- General clean up in all parks and easements (debris, leaves, weed control, mulching)
- Burn piles (Ravinia, Maple etc)
- Take in piers at beach if still out
- Maple park by water: Cut up and remove old sailboat that has been damaged from fallen trees over the years.
- Paint easement board lettering (thank you Andrea Dickinson for already starting on this project)

Other highlights:

- Dam project update: Engineers had to make some revisions to existing plans. Re-submitted plans to downstate. No specific date for work to begin.
- Lots of storm damage this Spring/ Summer causing some of Sylvan's 100+ year old Oak trees to fall. Maple park got hit the hardest. Areas have been cleaned up. (Thanks Adam Washburn for allowing access to Maple Park)
- Working with Fremont Township to get dead and dying trees removed off of parkway at Bjorklund Park, then removing 8-10 stumps in the area, re-plant 3-5 red oaks. Fremont township will be evaluating all of our trees along the rights of way so we can be proactive with possible damage in the future. EST 7/30
- Planning a fall burn in Ravinia and Maple parks. The date is still pending (weather sensitive). I will e-blast specifics when known. ILM will be conducting the work. I'm really excited to execute this burn as we will be able to better control invasive growth while allowing for more native growth.

Neighbors with dogs.... **Please, Please..keep picking up after your dog.** There have been sightings of dog dropping piles in the parks.

Thank you Sylvan Lakers for helping to keep our neighborhood simply fantastic.



To the wonderful People of Sylvan Lake

You have brightened and cheered my days with your get well cards containing personal sayings, as well as with beautiful gifts of candles, books, stationery, jams, homemade cookies, plants, flowers, soaps, robe and gown, a lovely homemade shawl and other thoughtful gifts. And the many meals, Stan and I have been eating like royalty lately. Sylvan Lake has the best cooks in Lake County. Your thoughtfulness and kindness are overwhelming.

We have been living in paradise for 55 years and this year we celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary.



Dues Paid?

Please send your Sylvan Lake Improvement Association dues to:

Rita Weiss
21086 Bittersweet Dr.
Mundelein, IL 60060

Garden Club News

Thank You

- * Thanks to Katie Finerty for doing such a wonderful job with swim lessons!
- * Many thanks go out to several people who helped make the **4th of July** a special event. The list follows:
 - ☛ Bike Parade – Peggy DelaCruz and Jennifer Cameron
 - ☛ Food Purchase – Kathy Ford
 - ☛ Beans – Nancy Parra
 - ☛ Server Recruitment – Linda Mihel
 - ☛ Drinks – Laurie MacKay
 - ☛ Kid Games – Tammie Trahan and Peggy DelaCruz
 - ☛ Adult Games – Dave Benedeck
 - ☛ Posters – Kelly Dickenson
 - ☛ Beach Preparation – Chris Molsen
 - ☛ AND thanks to all those who donated treats, worked the stations and to Countryside Fire Department!

Events Coming Up

- **Hot Dog Social** –
During the volleyball playoffs on August 9th
- **Fall Ladies Night Out** – Hostess will be Denise Goldblatt 9/12. It will be a 50's event!. Please bring your picture when you were 16 for a guessing game and dress in a 50's dress-up theme. Join us!
- **2nd Annual Turkey Trot** – Thanksgiving morning; Get your sweatshirt design to Kathy Ford.

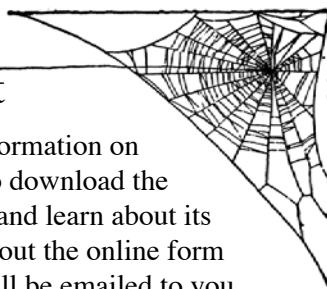


New Events

- **Happy Hour at the Beach** – Tentative date Friday 8/22; BYOB from 5-8 pm
- **Kick Ball Ice Cream Social** – Date to be announced

Sylvan Lake Website
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.



Rita Rak has been welcoming new neighbors since 1966 and is in need of a break. The Garden Club will continue her tradition of welcoming new neighbors, bringing them a tasty bite to eat, and giving them the information they need to become active members in our community. In order for us to do this, we need all of you to inform us of when a new neighbor moves in near you. Please call one of the following people to let us know about our new neighbors:

Laurie MacKay847-452-2205
Nancy Parra224-565-2129
Kathy Ford847-571-1745
Jennifer Cameron847-949-7337
Lauren Rollinger224-715-1867
Linda Mihel847-566-1357
Kelly Dickinson847-949-7996.
Karen Finerty847-977-1518

Nancy Parra
nparra@d75.org

Newsletter NEWS Needs Your Help

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

October 1st Issue News Needed by:

September 20th, 2014

Pictures welcome!

Send to Donn Hamm at:

dehamm@comcast.net

Please put Shoreline in the subject line.

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Oh Dam, update: Maybe this winter 2014!



Design plans for the rehabilitation of the dam are still being finalized by Fremont Township Highway Commissioner Bill Grinnell, consulting engineers and the State of Illinois review of the plans.

Final State approval is expected very soon 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.

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, Sylvan Lake will have only one entrance and exit during construction. Pertinent information will be provided by this newsletter, email and the web site to give everyone as much notice as possible about this project.

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 many 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.



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:

- 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.
- Burning of garbage is not permitted. Only burning of yard waste is permitted

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

Sylvan Lake Celebration 2014!

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.

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, our Country Side Fire Department again shared their fire truck and sprayed water from the lake over the beach area for the thrill of all! Games were fun and the kids (and parents) had a great time decorating bikes. Once again the wonderful food and drink were the crowning touch! We are blessed to have this country and community.



Community Interests

*From Diana O'Kelly
Fremont Township Supervisor*

Property Assessment

Fremont Township homeowners received their property assessment notices in the mail the week of July 17th. The Fremont Township Assessors office asks that you contact them if any information on the notice is incorrect. They can be reached at 847 223-2846.

The only time you can appeal your assessment is by August 18, 2014. The Fremont Township Assessors office welcomes you to bring documentation if you feel there is a discrepancy.

If you are planning on appealing your assessment with the Lake County Board of Review, the last day to file an appeal is August 18, 2014.

If you have turned 65, make sure you file for your senior exemption. You only have to do this once!!!

Help Center

Lake County has numerous resources to help answer taxpayers' questions about property tax assessments. For a quick overview, read this [newsletter](#). Visit the Assessor's website for more information.

CN Rail Traffic

News this week includes a report that Senator Richard Durbin is attempting to work with federal officials to hold the Canadian National accountable for the heavy rail traffic delays caused throughout the Canadian National route from Joliet to Waukegan, Illinois. If you are affected by these delays and would like to get feedback from Senator Durbin on his progress, you can contact him through the email link on his website at: <http://www.durbin.senate.gov/public/>

Get A Library Card

September is National Library Card Sign-up Month, a good time to get a library card for all members of the family as the youngsters start a new school year. Your library is a community hub of activity, providing free access to books and computers, homework help, assistance with resumes and job searches, accurate financial information, adult education courses, music, movies and much more.

Patrons who get their first library card during the month will receive a 100% biodegradable dual-function letter opener/ruler. Please stop by the checkout counter just inside the front entrance.

Used Book & CD sale

**Saturday, August 9 10 am - 4:30 pm &
Sunday, August 10, 1 - 4:30 p.m.**

Shop from hundreds of items and take advantage of a half off all VHS videos, DVD's Cd's, and books on Cd's at the [Friends of the Fremont Library](#) book sale.

Fremont Public Library, 1170 N. Midlothian Rd., Mundelein

Donations are welcome: clean, gently-used books, CDs and DVDs.

Meet the New Superintendents

Members of the Mundelein community are invited to meet the new superintendents of Districts 120 and 75 at an informal Meet and Greet to be held Tuesday, August 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Mundelein High School Media Center where refreshments will be available. Both superintendents began their new leadership positions this summer.

Fremont Library Special Programs

Computer Education

Fri. & Sat., 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Sundays, 2:00 p.m.

Get 45 minutes of one-on-one help with Zinio Magazine downloads, Facebook, e-books, genealogy research, Mango languages and more! Bring your laptop and/or handheld device or use the library's computers. **(R)**

Facebook for Beginners

Part 1: Wed., Sept. 10, 10:00 a.m.
Part 2: Wed., Sept. 24, 10:00 a.m.

Register for this two-part class to learn the basics of Facebook. Please sign up for a Facebook account ahead of time through one of our Computer & Device Help appointments. **(R)**

Mundelein Knit & Crochet Studio

Thur., Aug. 14 & Sept. 11 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. All skill levels welcome.

Acoustic Music

With Dave Rudolf

Wednesday, Aug. 13, 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy a great evening of acoustic music from Grammy-nominated Dave Rudolf. Whether it's his award-winning original tunes or cover tunes from artists as varied as the Beatles, James Taylor, Cat Stevens, Jimmy Buffet, or more, you're guaranteed an enjoyable and memorable event. **(R)**

Programs with an **(R)** require registration. To register, stop at the Reader's Services desk, call 847-918-3225, or click on "Events Calendar" at www.fremontlibrary.org.