

April, 2016



Sylvan Lake Shoreline

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New Beach seating wall

We are excited to announce that construction of our new seating/retaining wall at the beach will begin around April 1. There may be some prep work a few days before this date but most of the work will be executed during the first week of April, plus or minus a week depending on weather.

Please note the following.

*Members' boats currently on the sand at the beach will need to be moved away from the beach area prior to April 1 construction. The contractor will move any boats in the way. SLIA and the contractor will not be held responsible for any damage caused during this process. Boat owners can look to temporarily use another easement for storage, phone a friend who has extra pier space, or take the boat home for this time period.

*There may be a chance that beach piers could be put in the water prior to this construction, but that would take some volunteers and a leader to execute this.

*There will be heavy equipment and material parked in this area. It will not obstruct traffic, but please be safe when navigating the area with this equipment.

*Scope of work: Demolition of existing wood beach wall, trench for new wall, install drainage, install natural stone, grade and seed.

*As always, please follow all beach rules posted and be safe.

Thank you for your cooperation and support!

SYLVAN LAKERS

As a reminder the SLIA board meets on the third Wednesday of every Month. There is no meeting in December.

Time: 7:30pm-9pm

Location: Countryside Fire station on Midlothian Rd

Meetings are open to Sylvan Lake members

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Clean-Up Day

(Many hands make light work)

Saturday Morning May 21

Saturday morning May 21 is 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. Plus, all workers will enjoy a great noon lunch and frosty beverages at the beach. **To be a team captain please email** email me: Jeri Swanson swan458@sbcglobal.net

SAVE THE DATE!

SPRING ANNUAL CLEAN UP DAY

SAT. MAY 21ST, RAIN DATE 22ND

9:00 AM TIL NOON

This is when we all pitch in to clean up our neighborhood, then meet at the beach at noon for lunch and fellowship. New to Sylvan Lake? This is the time to meet your neighbors in a joint effort to beautify your surroundings. Team Captains needed for the following: Captains are responsible for lining up their workers and needed equipment. Usually rakes, shovels, clippers, chain saws are welcome too !

Food prep & servers @ the beach	The Beach itself
Wildflower Terrace	Briar Terrace
Maple Park	Juneau Terrace
Buena Terrace	Oak Terrace
Gilmer Rd Entrance	Indian Creek Park(dam outlet area)
Road easement area of N. Sylvan	Schwerman Park
Water Triangle	Bjorklund Park
Pt. Comfort	Highland & Midlothian Entrance
Corner of Highland & N. Sylvan	

We also need someone to drive around with water bottles and garbage bags to be handed out. Great job for someone who can't do heavier work.

Ravinia Park & Hiawatha Terrace myself, Jeri Swanson. I plan on planting a few flowering, fruit bearing shrubs and sedge plugs, also lay out wood discs in a very low area that is too mucky to traverse, (great job for kids) bring light weight wheelbarrows for this, wagons may also work if they have good tires.

Once I have a list of captains an email blast will go out so you will know who to contact.

ATTENTION KIDS: once again we will give you twice the amount of volunteer hours, verified in writing, for any project you may be working on for school, scouts, church, etc.

No dumpster will be available, we will call Fremont Township for leaf & wood pick up to be done on Monday May 23rd. Please take trash and dispose at home.

Captains : email me with your commitment: swan458@sbcglobal.net

Thanks in advance !

Jeri Swanson, Parks/Easements

The Buzzzz about bees and butterflies:

Excerpts from Chicago Tribune Garden section Feb. 28, 2016

Our bee and butterfly population is shrinking, so what can we do about it?



They and other pollinators need and want these 5- top flowering plants:

milkweed,
goldenrod,
salvia,
aster and
liatris.



The asters and goldenrods are already abundant here. Perhaps in your garden, could milkweed, salvia & liatris be available ?

Other bonus must haves: zinnias and sunflowers. Flowering shrubs like chokecherry, service berry, lilacs, flowering crab, raspberry and blueberry bushes, too. Has anyone had any luck with blueberries here?

Another problem for pollinators is pesticide use, as it affects almost all insects, good and bad.



State of the Lake

By Gary Goldblatt. SLIA President

Greetings fellow Sylvan Lakers. Spring is here and it will be great to see neighbors out and about on our streets, parks and lake.

We've hit the ground running with some early 2016 improvements.

*In January, the SLIA board elevated our community status by voting in CICAA, the Common Interest Community Association Act of Illinois

*Approved plans to replace the Beach seating wall by end of April.

*Negotiated no increases in any of our vendor service contracts, while looking for ways to improve service. Prices staying the same as they have been for past several years.

*Adding seasonal Garbage and Recycle can/service in Schwerman Park, Port Comfort and the Beach.

*Continuing efforts to reduce and control weeds in our parks and common areas.

*Dam update-Nothing new at this time. Plans are still under review and awaiting approval from downstate.

*Update on Sylvan Lake requests regarding the Gilmer/Midlothian road construction plans expected 2017-2018. This update is included separately within this Shoreline

As a reminder, the SLIA board is always looking for volunteers to help with projects and committee work. We are also looking for neighbors who may be interested in joining the board. Call it succession planning. Please contact me if interested in any of these opportunities.

On behalf of myself and your SLIA board we wish you a very Happy Spring!!!!



Fremont Township Annual Town Meeting Tuesday April 12

The 2016 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.



Water Quality in Sylvan Lake

Dave Cummins, Pulte homes engineer, who was being pro-active, sent some of his team out to look at the rain impact from the last recent downpour. The Pulte home water retention is holding and is not sending muddy water into our stream area. He did note however, that the water from Cherry Hill was not as clear as it has been in the past.

Unless we put something in place to monitor the in-coming water from every source, we will not know the impact of silt etc to our lake and creeks. It may be something to consider in the future.

Gary Goldblatt

Assessment For 2016 Paid?

The 2016 SLIA assessment was due on February 29.

If your assessment is not paid, make \$300 check payable to SLIA and mail to:

Sylvan Lake Improvement Assn
781 S Midlothian Rd, Box 265
Mundelein IL 60060

Thank you to all members who paid their assessment on time.

Pet Etiquette Guide:

Scoop the Poop

Keeping pet waste off the ground is an important responsibility held by all pet owners. If not addressed, the presence of unattended waste can quickly become a major point of conflict amongst neighbors. In fact, it happens to be one of the single-most talked about annoying problems

Managing pet waste takes an entire community. Here are some simple tips for both pet owners and non-pet owning residents alike to help keep doggie doody from bringing our community down:

Keep an eye out. If you notice pet waste accumulating in certain areas, please watch for offenders. These are called “hot spots” and they tend to attract more waste the longer they go unaddressed.

When taking your dog for a walk, always keep a couple of doody pickup bags with you. Even if you don't expect Fido to go, you never know. It may also be that you bump into a neighbor who has forgotten a bag of his or her own and will appreciate the gesture.

If you forget a bag and your dog does do his business, don't forget about the waste, please return and pick it up.

So what's the big deal?

Keeping this waste off the ground is not just about being considerate to your neighbors and their lawns – it's also about protecting the environment, your family and our community.

Dog waste, left unattended, can harm your health. While many of us don't realize it, dog waste often carries bacteria, worms and other parasites that can be transmitted directly to humans and make them sick. Ringworm, roundworm, salmonella and giardia are examples of such bacteria, all of which are found in dog feces and are easily transferable upon contact. Roundworm, for example, is one of the most common parasites found in dog droppings and it can remain infectious in contaminated soil and water for years.

Don't let doggie doody get our community down.
Be considerate of your community and pick up the poop.

Thank you



Calendar of Events

Lake County Fair Grounds

Zurko Antiques and Flea Market

Sat, Apr 9, 2016 9:00am

Sun, Apr 10, 2016 3:00pm

Camping World RV Super Sale

Thu, Apr 14, 2016 10:00am thru

Mon, Apr 18, 2016 5:00pm

Zurko Antiques and Flea Market

Sat, May 7, 2016 9:00am Sun,

May 8, 2016 3:00pm

The Flavor Run Chicago 5K

Saturday, May 21, 2016

Family Fun Run through flavored colored powder.

Zurko Grayslake Midnight Flea Market - Cruise Night

Sat, May 28, 2016 3:00pm Sun,

May 29, 2016 12:00am

Vintage, American Customs,

Hot Rods, Classic, Lowriders &

Motorcycles welcome

Mudderella 5K

Saturday, June 4, 2016

Obenauf Auction

Saturday, June 4, 2016

Zurko Antiques and Flea Market

Sat, Jun 11, 2016 9:00am Sun,

Jun 12, 2016 3:00pm

Zurko Antiques and Flea Market

Sat, Jul 9, 2016 9:00am

Sun, Jul 10, 2016 3:00pm



Volunteer in the Community Garden

The Fremont Township Community Garden provides produce to our low income seniors and food pantry clients.

The mission of the Fremont Township Community Garden is to create and maintain a beautiful, productive, low maintenance, organic garden that will demonstrate gardening techniques (such as companion planting, cover crops, flowers, herbs, mulching, semi-permanent in ground beds, edible perennials, and berries), while providing an educational and community building opportunity for local residents.

If you are looking for volunteer opportunities, the Fremont Township Community Garden will be in need of help soon. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1410566585865284/>

They also have a new website. www.fremontgarden.org

Their needs change every year, but their current wish list is:

Flagstone - to create a patio area near shed - Do you have any left over from a project?

Honeybees - we will gladly take a spring swarm if you find one!

Native Perennials - prairie plants, especially pollinator-supporting varieties
(Think of us if you are thinning yours)

Straw and bagged leaves - we use for both mulch and to add carbon rich materials to our compost bin

If you can't volunteer but would like to make a monetary donation, please contact or stop by the Fremont Township office. (847) 223-2847

Midlothian & Gilmer Intersection Improvement - Update,

By Gury Goldblatt

I have kept contact with one of the project engineers, Darrell Kuntz, at the Lake County Building & Zoning Department regarding the Midlothian & Gilmer intersection improvement. Darrell recently sent an email message with the following items:

~~ Darrell provided an update regarding the overall project, saying it is still funded in 2017, but realistically, it sounds like it could go to 2018 [or even later.] Lake County expects it will be a one-season project.

~~ Darrell also mentioned that if you have land that might be affected by the land acquisition for this project, he is more than willing to discuss it with you so you have correct information about the size of the acquisitions. Phone him at 847.377.7459

In addition to the overview, Darrell responded with an update about 4 specific requests SLIA asked LCDOT to consider as part of the project.

Stone Monuments at Crescent Drive Entrance

At this point in the design, the monuments still look like they should stay. To be sure, we need to complete the intersection grading plans and sidewalk grading plan...which leads me into the next topic.

Sidewalk between Crescent Drive and South Sylvan Lake Drive

The sidewalk between the two streets looks promising, though we are still analyzing a couple of options near the near Sylvan Lake Drive ravine area. There will likely be an increase in the temporary grading easements needed from some adjacent property owners to construct the sidewalk and match into the existing topography.

Stop Light at Gilmer and Crescent/Cardinal

We have completed a traffic-signal-warrant analysis for the intersection of Gilmer Road and Cardinal/Crescent. The analysis showed that the intersection did not meet warrants and therefore, LCDOT will not be installing a traffic signal that location.

Erosion Control

Plans

No new developments on these plans. They will be developed a little later in the design.



Animal Rescue and Whiskers & Wags

If you're interested in volunteering to help with animal rescue, this organization needs volunteers in a number of ways: visit their website:
reachrescue.org

This same group also runs Whiskers & Wags, an upscale resale shop in Mundelein next to the vacant Dominick's at 176 and Midlothian. The site has easy-to-follow links for volunteer applications. The resale shop funds the efforts to feed dogs, cats and birds that need homes, gets their vaccinations and then on Saturdays, brings them to the resale shop for viewing and adoption.

Fremont Public Library Happenings

Please check out the Library newsletter on line for more great programs!
<http://www.fremontlibrary.org/newsletter.pdf>

Concert to Celebrate the Earth

Sunday, April 10, 2:00 p.m. All ages

Environmentalism and musician Jack Kaufmann will present his award-winning music and multimedia program with its powerful message in honor of Earth Month.

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

Saturday, May 7 • All ages Note: while supplies last

Free Comic Book Day Movie

Saturday, May 7 2:00 P.M., ALL AGES, DROP IN

Until now, the Justice League has triumphed over every foe who has challenged them. This time, they face Brainiac, a super-intelligent invulnerable machine whose mad quest endangers all life in the galaxy. When Brainiac zaps Superman, Wonder Woman and Green Lantern to different places in time, the race is on for Batman and The Flash to re-assemble the Justice League! (NR; 1 hr. 18 min.)

North Central O Gauge Train Run

Second Saturday of each month
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Fremont Writers' Group

FREMONT WRITERS' GROUP

Tuesdays, April 12 & May 10 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

All writers welcome. The group meets the second Tuesday of the month in a study room. Pick the time slot that is more convenient.

Craft Recycle O-Rama

Time to spring clean your craft closet! Pack up your fabric, buttons, notions, kits, and other long unused craft supplies and bring them to the Youth Services desk on April 28 & 29. Then, drop in and pick out "new" stuff on April 30 & May 1. You need not have dropped off anything in order to pick-up crafting supplies, but please bring bags to tote your treasures home.

Fremont Township Community Room Available for Groups

Fremont Township residents looking for a location for their community group to meet should contact our office at 847 223-2847.

Do You Play Bridge?

Play Duplicate Bridge at Fremont Township on Monday mornings. Contact Barb Stone at 847 566-0889. This is ACBL sanctioned so you can earn points.

Does the State of Illinois Have Your Money?

The state currently has \$2.1 billion dollars in cash, plus contents from Illinois bank safe deposit boxes, which need to be returned to Illinois residents. Most assets are transferred to the state after they've been inactive for at least five years.

When you are checking the www.icash.illinois.gov to see if the state is holding your money, check your businesses, churches and governmental agencies too. I posted this on Facebook and heard from over 100 people who found themselves on the list! Three of my children, my sister and my great grandfather are on the list! One friend found \$10,000.00. If you have an apostrophe in your name like me, the system doesn't accept the apostrophe.

Our Condolences

To all the families and friends of these Sylvan Lake community members, our condolences for your and our Loss.

Jack Oliver

Neighbor and friend Jack Oliver passed away on December 29.

He was born August 6, 1926 in Indianapolis and died at Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville.

Jack loved his vintage cars, jalopies, aviation, antique farm equipment, and basically anything with a motor. Jack taught at Lake Forest Business School. He also enjoyed sailing, scuba diving shipwrecks in Lake Michigan, motorcycles and welding. He was also an avid reader.

Jerry Kroll

Longtime friend neighbor Jerry Kroll passed away on December 31.

Jerry and his 30-year life companion, Judy Snyders, have lived here at Sylvan Lake since the 1970's. Jerry retired from the College of Lake County where he taught from 1974-2002. He was a charter member of the Independent Consultants Assn and a member of the American Welding Society. He was a lifelong member of the 1st Presbyterian Church, Libertyville. He was also an avid Chicago Bears fan, and enjoyed fishing, sailing, cooking, running and antique auto refurbishing

Thank You From Judy Snyders Kroll

Thank you to all our friends and neighbors who sent cards, gifts and offered support during this difficult time. Your kindness has meant so much. Jerry lived in Sylvan Lake for over 30 years and he loved it here.

Sincerely,
Judy Snyders Kroll

Be Proactive!

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 has experienced in the past, 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.

More information will follow in future editions of the *Shoreline*, such as 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.

Fremont Township Donations Needed!!!

Fremont Township Food Pantry
Fremont Township operates a food pantry. If you are aware of Fremont residents in need, please refer them to our office.

Our pantry accepts monetary, food and non-perishable donations from local residents and businesses.

Donations can also be made to the Fremont Township Community Garden. The Garden provides fresh produce to our low income seniors and food pantry clients. We appreciate the generosity of our community.

We are currently in need of cereal and breakfast items, toiletries and cleaning supplies.

We also accept eye glasses and shoes to be recycled year round. If you are disposing of shoes that have laces, please tie the laces together.

Donate to our Diaper Bank
Fremont Township is a member of the Diaper Bank Partnership of Lake County. This service can provide 30 diapers / month (adult and child) to residents in need. If you know of Fremont Township residents in need, please have them call our office at 847 223-2847 for more information.

We also accept diaper donations. We are in need of childrens size 3,4,5 and 6, and Women's XL pullups and Men's L pullups.



Summer Recreation in Sylvan Lake!

Volleyball League



Where: Schwerman Park

When: Tuesdays starting June 7th

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

Contact: If you are interested in Captaining a team reach out to
Dave Kruse krusdp@gmail.com 847-989-2392

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

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



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ILM SOUTH: 1360 Union Hill, Building 10, Suite F, Alpharetta, GA 30004 | (678) 207-7631
info@ilmenvironments.com | ilmenvironments.com

NATURAL AREA REPORT

Site Sylvan Lake

Date 03-03-2016

JOB PROGRESS AND COMMENTS

Today we removed invasive and aggressive species from the western half of Ravinia Park. We first removed the honeysuckle patch, leaving behind about 10% of the Highbush Cranberry as requested. We finished that patch a bit quicker than expected, so we took the opportunity to remove the aggressive species in the open wetland. For example, there were Mulberries, Boxelder Maples, Cottonwoods, and Elms recolonizing the area. We did leave the Willows along the creek. They appear to be a non-aggressive Willow species and are an appropriate species to be present along the creek. Should the client decide they do not want those willows in the creek it wouldn't take long at all to remove them, we could do that in a future woody removal visit.

For our future visits in the spring I suggest dedicating plenty of time to search for honeysuckle resprouts; the patch was extremely dense. I also strongly recommend seeding with woodland species in the cleared areas, but not before we return for resprouts.