



December, 2016

# Sylvan Lake Shoreline

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## Santa's Visit

Hey Kids  
Don't Miss Santa's Visit



Santa will be coming to  
Bjorklund Park  
for his  
annual  
visit.

**Saturday,  
December 10th,**

*Please bring treats to share.*

*He will arrive at  
4:00 p.m. SHARP!*

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## Santa's Visit and Luminary Walk

After Santa's Visit, walk around the lake with family or friends and enjoy the lights from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. If you need luminary paper bags, they will be available at the Turkey Trot and Ladies Holiday Party.

Stempians (21219 W. Sylvan) will host a treat station during the walk. If you would be interested in hosting a treat station, please email [lauriemackay@gmail.com](mailto:lauriemackay@gmail.com).

## Ladies Holiday Party ~

Friday, December  
2nd at 6:30 p.m at  
Debbie Wawrzniak's  
house (21291 W.  
Crescent).



Bring a wrapped white elephant gift to exchange if you'd like. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share and canned donations for the Fremont Township food pantry.

# State of the Lake

By Gary Goldblatt. SLIA President

Greetings fellow Sylvan Lakers! What a Great Fall season we had. Awesome weather, Great tree colors, a Fun Octoberfest and a Cubs World series win. Doesn't get much better than this at Sylvan Lake. Now it's time to bundle up and have some Winter fun with family and friends.

As I look back on the year at Sylvan Lake, I can't help but remind myself of how truly great it is to live here and am thankful for the many volunteers who have contributed so much over the past year.

## 2016 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Built new beach seating wall
- Boat storage and permit process adopted to roll out in Spring of 2017.
- 2017 budget approved with spending focused on Parks and Easement repairs and improvements (new bridges, erosion control)
- New message board installed at corner of Highland and W Sylvan drive.
- Adoption of Illinois Common Interest Community Association act (CICCA)
- Removed dead trees and planted new ones in Schwerman park
- Great Garden Club events which included some new ones
- Lake looked great all year which included repair and replacement of airators
- Trash cans in parks for the full year (ongoing)
- Great vendor partnerships from Poul's landscaping, ILM, Fremont Township (road repair)
- SLIA By-Law amendment review
- Active steps being taken on all SLIA Assessment debtors.
- Parts of Highland Dr. re-surfaced after drainage upgrades.

\*All members are welcome and encouraged to attend the Monthly SLIA board meetings. They are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month except December at the Countryside Fire station @ 7:30pm. There is always a member forum on the agenda. Next Board meeting will be on 1/18/2017.

## OTHER UPDATES:

- Nothing new to report on the spillway and Dam project
- Only new update per the Gilmer road project ETA 2019, is the fact that there is an engineering proposal to create a cul-de-sac at the end of Sylvan Drive South by Gilmer. This is in the very early stages and the community will get more info on this as it becomes a relevant happening. We are currently in talks with the Township regarding this plan and the neighbors who live on W Sylvan Drive South are being active participants in this process. A public hearing is in the planning stages. Project slated for 2019.

## SAVE THIS DATE:

- 1/5/17-2/28/17- your 2017 assessments are due
- 1/18/17-First board meeting of 2017.

*On Behalf of your SLIA board, we wish you and your families the happiest of holidays. Be safe, have fun and we'll see you around.*

## Upcoming Sylvan Lake Board Meetings

### 2016 Meeting Dates

December – No SLIA meeting

### 2017 Meeting Dates

January 18

February 15

March 15

April 19

May 17

June 21

July 19

August 16

**September 20 –**

**SLIA Annual Meeting**

October 18

November 15

December – No SLIA meeting

Any changes to this schedule will be published via SLIA email distribution

### 2017 SLIA

### BOARD MEMBERS:

President: Gary Goldblatt

Vice President: Jeanne Petterson

Treasurer: Ted Thomas

Secretary: Lynda Throm

Parks and Easements:

Jeri Swanson

Lake: Lee Dickinson

Beach: open

(looking for a volunteer)

Recreation: Dave Kruse

Special Projects:

Brian Wawrzyniak

Garden Club President:

Laurie MacKay



# West Sylvan Drive South at Gilmer Proposed to be Closed

By Donn Hamm

There is a new issue and concern that we have learned about in relation to the redevelopment of the Gilmer/Midlothian intersection and the nearby roadway.

Due to the space limitations between Gilmer Road and the end of Ravinia Ravine, by Sylvan Dr. South, more road width is needed in the proposed redevelopment project.

Eliminating the existing turn lane on Gilmer into Sylvan Dr. South would provide the needed road width for Gilmer Road improvements, but eliminating the turn lane from would require the closing of South Sylvan Drive to and from Gilmer. A cul-de-sac is proposed to be built.

The only proposed benefit to closing Sylvan Dr. South to the residents

would be the elimination of any cut-thru traffic between Midlothian and Gilmer.

*Note: There has been very little cut-thru traffic since the posting of no-turn signs during rush hours.*

The detriments for closing Sylvan Dr. South seem to be more significant:

- the 27 homes will need to use Midlothian Road as their only entrance and exit.
- increased traffic for residents on the east end of South Sylvan.
- dangerous and challenging rush-hour entrance/exit with only the Midlothian Road option.
- Fire protection may have an issue with limited access.
- Large truck delivery or pick-up
- Police protection response time from the west.

- School bus pick-up and turn-around difficulty
- Private property will need to be purchased to create the cul-de-sac.
- Sylvan Dr. South would be an extremely long 2000 foot cul-de-sac
- A 60' cul-de-sac diameter is very small for any large vehicle.

Our gratitude to Bill Grinnell for requesting a meeting for us with the Lake County Division of Transportation so that the County may better explain the proposal and possibly the alternatives.

All residence that will be affected by this proposal will be notified about a meeting time and place as soon as it is posted. The meeting, once scheduled, is proposed to be at the Fremont Township Office.





# PARKS AND EASEMENTS: Dec. 2016 Report

The Fall Clean-Up Day was a great success despite the rain because of our fantastic volunteers!

**At the Beach Triangle** area some shrubs that were crowding a tree, were removed and replanted at the area on Bittersweet where 2 large dead pines were previously removed. Grasses were trimmed back so the site line at that stop sign is a bit more visible. Renee Del Missier, Sherry & Andy Poorman, Sheri & Ken Liss, Debbie & Brian Wawrzyniak and Nancy Hanson did all this IN THE RAIN!

**Over at Maple Park and Dead-man's Curve**, Donn Hamm & Alex Grandt were using their log splitter to split up large logs that were then hauled over to Schwerman Park for Oktoberfest. Oktoberfest Team was headed up by Sam Ford.

**At Bjorklund**, yet another team (which I think was), Bob Mihel, Derek Hampson, Sam Ford reworked a stepping stone area that had heaved. Again, in the rain ! Since not everyone looked up as I was viewing this from my dry car, I can't recall all the helpers. But I do recall all the efforts inspite of the weather.

At the same time Debbie & Brian Wawrzyniak were busy calling contractors regarding the heaving concrete steps in **Juneau Terrace** off Crescent. They are still working on receiving bids and ideas to replace these steps, you may have noticed there is a sign there warning of its instability.

In **lower Ravinia**, Glen Maksinski and Alex Grandt burned some of the dead wood that has been down there for several years. It's a start to finally restoring that area. First things, first. In the spring more work in the way of planting, after all this dead wood is gone. Native seeding in certain areas of Ravinia & Lower Ravinia will happen after the first snow fall this winter.

The **Landbridge project** is still in the works. We will have the little wooden bridge on the trail replaced now with an aluminum pier section with hand rails on both sides. Then the creek work can begin, but may not happen until late winter/early spring. A \$4,000 grant reimbursement from Lake County Stormwater Mgt made this possible. It is called The WMB Grant that is available for water quality improvements. In this

case our improvement is not just the bridge walkway, but the added rip rap in the creek bed to stabilize the banks along that trail coming off Crescent. A lot of water travels through there, it is run off from our streets as well as Gilmer Rd.

**2- Bladderwort trees** were planted in Ravinia Terrace area off South Sylvan by Sandy Washburn & Renee Del Missier a couple weeks after Clean Up Day. And prior to Clean Up Day Sandy and Renee cut lots of buckthorn on N. Sylvan's fenceline area. Linda Mihel helped with this thankless chore too.

It is in the 100 year plan of the Lake County Forest Preserve's mission statement to eradicate buckthorn. Visit their site to learn more and view their newsletter magazine: [Honzons@LCFPD.org](mailto:Honzons@LCFPD.org)

Thanks everyone for your help in our parks and easements. We have a truly unique ecosystem here and we need as much help as possible. Come out to learn what to cut, what to save on our next workday.

Jeri Swanson

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## Snow Plowing and Parking

When Fremont Township plows your roads this winter it allows for better and safer snow removal if the plows do not have to go around vehicles that are parked on the road. **Please do not park on the street to allow the plows to get through safely.**



Fremont Township maintains over 40 miles of road including the roads in Countryside Lake, Fremont Manor, Sylvan Lake, West Shore Park, Oak Terrace, Barnswallow, Pond Shore, Summerhill Estates, Ivanhoe Road, Erhart Road, Chardon Road, Milton Road, The Woods of Ivanhoe and more!

# Snowmobile Safety Class Certification and Exam for Children 12 to 16 Years Old

This program is primarily designed to train young people between the ages of 12 and 16. Students under the age of 11 may not participate in the exam to receive certification.

Persons 12 and over completing the minimum eight hours of instruction and successfully completing the final examination will receive a State of Illinois Certificate of Competency.

Students between the age of 11–12 years old will receive their certificate upon their 12th birthday.

No person under 10 years of age may operate a snowmobile. Age 10 years and less than 12 years of age may operate under a parent or guardian's direct control.

Illinois winters are very unpredictable and when we receive enough snow for snowmobiling everyone is anxious to ride. Besides teaching basic safety principles, the course attempts to develop the proper attitude of respect for others and the environment. The development of this respect and correct safety procedures are essential if snowmobiling is to continue to grow and give hours of enjoyment as a leisure time recreational activity in Illinois.

Visit the Illinois Department of Natural Resources online for more information about Snowmobile Safety Education.

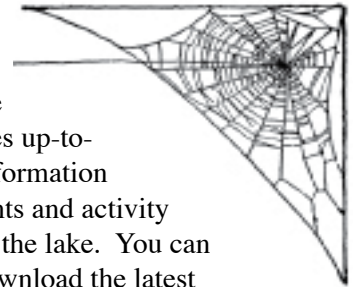
FREE. Registration required. Call 847-968-3404.



## 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.



## Where Can You Recycle Christmas Lights?

The Village of Mundelein is again offering to recycle Christmas Tree Lights. The lights can be conveniently recycled for no charge at the following Village facilities:

Mundelein Village Hall 300 Plaza Circle  
Mundelein Public Works Facility  
#1 440 East Crystal St.  
Mundelein Fire Station #1 1000  
N. Midlothian Road  
Mundelein Police Station  
221 N. Lake Street

Only the light strands themselves will be taken; bulbs do not have to be removed from the strands. However, light strands connected to wreaths, garlands, or other material cannot be taken.



## Newsletter NEWS Needs Your Help

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

April 1st Issue News Needed by:

**March 20th, 2017**

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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