

April, 2017



# Sylvan Lake Shoreline

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## Garden Club News

### *April 15th* **Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale**

Point Comfort Park on Saturday  
April 15th at 9:00 am Sharp!

*Parents - Please bring a baked good to sell  
and money to purchase a wonderful treat  
for your holiday meal.*



**The bake sale from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 am**

**Kids – Bring a basket to collect your eggs!**

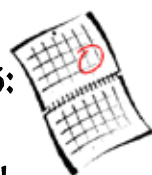
### Fremont Township Annual Town Meeting to be held Tuesday April 11

The 2017 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.**

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### Clean-Up Day (Many hands make light work)

**Saturday Morning May 20**

Saturday morning May 20 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](mailto:swan458@sbcglobal.net)**

# SLIA and Garden Club 2017 Activities

## April

April 15th - Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale - 9:00a.m. Point Comfort

April 17<sup>th</sup> – Coffee at Barb Hasumans's House

## May

May 19<sup>th</sup> - (Friday) – Ladies Spring Party, 6:30p.m. at Denise Goldblatt's House

May 20<sup>th</sup> – Spring Clean-up Day

May 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> – Carp O rama Weekend

May 30<sup>th</sup> – Pre-Season - Volleyball Clinic (TBA)

## June

June 6<sup>th</sup> – Volleyball Season begins

June – Swim lessons at the beach (exact dates TBA)

June – Friday Night Happy Hour at the Beach  
(TBD by weather)

## July

July 4<sup>th</sup> – Picnic and Games at the Beach

July 22 (July 29 Rain Date) – Frisbee Golf &  
Craft Beer and Wine tasting

## August

August Kids game day/Sylvan games (Date TBD)

August 12th – Volleyball Playoffs & Hot Dog  
Social at Schwerman Park

August 15<sup>th</sup> – End of Season Volleyball Clinic (TBA)

## September

September 3, (Sunday) - Venetian Night and Pot Luck  
Dinner at the Beach

September/October – Fall Ladies Party (Date TBD by Hostess)

September 30<sup>th</sup> – Fall Clean-Up Day

## October

October 7 – Oktoberfest and Bake Sale

## November

November 23, Turkey Trot

## December

December – Holiday Ladies Party –  
(Date TBD by Hostess)

December 9<sup>th</sup> - 4:00 p.m. Santa's visit  
and 5:00 p.m. Luminary Walk

# CLEAN UP DAY

## CLEAN UP DAY IS COMING

on

**Saturday, May 20th,  
rain date on Sunday the 21st.**

Let's try to reduce the amount of mulch requested in the past. Rather, rake up, loosen up what is there, maybe none will be needed ?? Remember when mulching: do not create the volcano effect around trees, its bad for the bark, invites mold to grow. The volcano has no purpose, some people just like the way it looks, not good for trees, however.

Think about what needs to be done for Clean Up day and let me know ahead of time so we can see if enough funds have been allocated. We're probably going to run over a little this year due to more erosion problems with nothing but rain. Snow is better in the long run, melts slowly, allowing absorption rather than always running water. if you would like to captain an area, cook/serve food, deliver water bottles and garbage bags, please let me know asap. It's a great get to know your neighbor event!

Work from 9:00 til Noon, then we all meet at the beach for lunch. It would be great to know captain assignments before we send out info for Clean Up day, so people know who to report to and what the captain would like to accomplish. The Township always comes around a few days afterwards to pick up and chip whatever branches we put out.

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# State of the Lake

By Gary Goldblatt. SLIA President

Greetings fellow Sylvan Lakers! What an interesting Winter season we have had. Weather has been great considering we live in the Chicago area. It's been fun to see lots of activity on the frozen lake over the winter and, like me, I'm sure everyone is ready for warmer weather and to see some boats on the lake. Soon enough, the airators will be turned on.

The SLIA board met for the first time this year on 1/18/17 and kicked off 2017 in full throttle. We voted in the new By-law amendments, reviewed and prioritized the project list which will address some repairs and enhancements to our community this year and set the tone for making improvements:

- Planning to repair/replace the concrete steps in Juneau Terrace
  - Replace the broken raft on the beach
  - Replace 2 bridges-Lower Ravinia, and Hiawatha land bridge.
  - Install a 12' pier walkway in wetland part of Ravinia from Hiawatha to Ravinia lower Ravinia.
  - Install 1-2 boat storage units (beach and Ravinia)
  - Executed the SLIA boat sticker/storage policy (rcvd 42 boat sticker/storage forms thus far.)
- Just to reiterate, watercrafts will not be allowed to be stored on any SLIA easement without a permit and a corresponding annual storage payment. Watercrafts at the beach and Ravinia must be stored on the boat racking system once installed and not on the beach.
- SLIA service contracts from our contractors will remain the same price as the last several years. Big win to keep expenses in line.
  - 1st QTR assessment collection was better than last year. +1740.00
  - Working with Fremont Township on patching of the potholes at our Highland entrance.

For 2017 and beyond, I'd encourage all Sylvan Lakers to adopt a "See Something, Say Something" philosophy. If we all work together utilizing this philosophy we will continue to keep Sylvan Lake a safe and beautiful place to live. The "See Something, Say Something" philosophy ties directly to folks you don't recognize using our parks, beach, lake etc., vehicles speeding through the neighborhood and this goes for contractor and service vehicles as well, and neighbors who do not pick up dog poop, or do not leash their dogs when in public areas, or any other rules and regulation violations.

A recent news story on one of the morning programs featured an imprisoned felon who burglarized homes prior to being caught. When asked what practice was most effective in stopping home invasion, he replied: "Neighborhood Watch." It was an interested neighbor, he said, that led to his arrest and conviction. I want each of you to feel comfortable in calling the proper authority or a Board Member if you see something that is not right. It is also important to be comfortable reminding fellow neighbors of our rules and regulations as they apply.

## 2017 SLIA Board

**President:** Gary Goldblatt

**Vice President:** Jeanne Peterson

**Treasurer:** Mike Trahan

**Secretary:** Lynda Throm

**Parks and Easements:**

Jeri Swanson

**Lake:** Lee Dickinson

**Beach:** open

(looking for a volunteer)

**Recreation:** Dave Kruse

**Special Projects:**

Brian Wawrzyniak

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-9pm. There is always a member forum on the agenda.

We are actively looking for a Sylvan Lake volunteer who has a passion for joining the SLIA board and looking over the beach directorship. The Beach is our signature feature and needs a volunteer who is committed to directing the maintenance of our beach. Interested parties should contact the board.

## OTHER UPDATES:

- Nothing new to report on the spillway and Dam project
- Nothing new to report on the Gilmer Road project ETA 2019.
- The Cul-de-sac plan at the end of Sylvan Drive South by Gilmer appears to be cancelled, at least for the short term
- 10/7-Tentative Octoberfest date. The board is looking for volunteers who want to be involved in the planning and execution of this year's Octoberfest. Planning must begin in April with band booking, entertainment, food/drinks, games etc.
- 2017 SLIA Member assessments were due by 2/28/17-per bylaws. If you are a member who isn't current with your assessments, please contact us regarding your status. You'll want to make sure that you, your renters and your family don't lose the many great privileges that being a member in good standing offer.

**HAPPY SPRING EVERYONE!!!**



# Parks/Easements

By Jeri Swanson

As I write this, Hiawatha Trail that leads from South Sylvan to Crescent is receiving its much awaited erosion control rehab. With the help of a WMB grant issued through Lake County Stormwater Mgt., we were able to curb erosion from water that enters off both of these streets. Off S. Sylvan where a culvert runs under the road and thru Hiawatha Trail, we experienced a much greater amount of water coming in and causing severe erosion on one side, just underneath Donn and Tana Hamm's driveway. Coconut rolls were secured by Poul's Landscaping to take the force of the water coming in and slow down the eroding process. On the other side, at Crescent, some additional rip rap was added to the first stop dam that was installed about 8 years ago.

Continuing down that trail and to the right was a small wooden bridge. From that point, going upstream, additional rip rap was added over erosion blanketing in a large area that was cutting deep because it couldn't go wide. Now the old wood foot bridge will be replaced with an aluminum pier section, with railings on both sides. '

The amount of erosion was not anticipated back when plans were made for rehab work to be in these areas. The increase of new construction means that more impervious surfaces have replaced areas that once absorbed moisture: driveways and streets.

We also plan on replacing the foot bridge at the mouth of the bay in Ravinia, as it too has experienced more forceful run-off than was expected and is losing its footing. Another pier section will be used

there. In lower Ravinia adjacent to the the mouth of the bay, much buckthorn and honeysuckle was removed and tree stumps. Sedge seed was put down late winter in those new areas opened up. Thanks to Linda Mihel & Sandy Washburn for your help ! Once we see how the seed takes, we can add some native flowering species this spring. Thanks to Glen Maksinski for stump removal and burning all the old logs down there. We can finally proceed !

Next up will be shoreline rehab in Maple Park. There is water edge erosion happening on the areas where lawn reaches the water's edge. Deep rooted vegetation is needed there. We hope to be able to curb the erosion with vegetation vs having to excavate and use erosion blanketing as that is very costly. Depending on what is needed/recommended we will apply for the same type of grant from the WMB fund. It is a 50/50 grant, we pay half and they reimburse us the other half provided we install what we claim on the application.

On your own properties if you have lawn meeting water and are experiencing hunks of the lawn falling off, consider planting native grasses at the edge. You can certainly keep a path open for your kayak or swimming. The goal is to have something in place all around the lake to stop the land from simply falling into the lake. Native grasses have 2-3 foot deep root systems. Turf grass is about 1/2" root depth. Some waterfront owners put in retaining walls, which is fine. However, vegetation is way cheaper as long as you get it started so it can mature and do its job. This is also known as a buffer zone. Google the term buffer

zone for more information. Also the Wisconsin DNR has a much better site for such things than the Illinois DNR site.

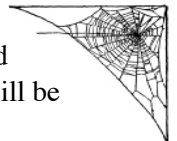
Juneau Terrace on Crescent: Bids have been submitted for the replacing the broken concrete steps. We also asked Fremont Township to help us out with the curb configuration at that area. Water runs real fast into the steps area and we hope that the Township can help out with re-routing the discharge directly into the manhole.

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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. 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.



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## Newsletter NEWS Needs Your Help

Please email any information, pictures, past happenings or up coming events.

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

**May 20th, 2017**

*Email to Donn Hamm*

[dehamm@comcast.net](mailto:dehamm@comcast.net)



# RECYCLE-♻️-RAMA


**9:00-Noon**  
**Vernon Hills Hawthorn Mall**  
**Sears Parking Lot**  
*(Enter from Ring Dr. off of Milwaukee Ave.)*

**Saturday,  
May 20**

Recycle CRT monitors, laptops, CD/DVD players, cell phones, televisions, printers, computer towers, and small appliances.

Paper Shredding:  
Limit 2 boxes per vehicle.  
*There will be no chemical waste recycling.*

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## Recreation Sylvan Lake!



## Volleyball League

**Where:** Schwerman Park

**When:** Tuesdays starting  
June 6th

**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](mailto:krusdp@gmail.com)  
847-989-2392

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

**Any neighbors interested in  
playing & not currently on a  
team please contact**

**Dave Kruse. I'll add a team if  
there's enough demand.**

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

## Farmers Market

*There will be a Farmers Market in  
Mundelein This Year*

There have been questions regarding the farmers market this year. The Mundelein Farmer's Market will operate again this season on the Santa Maria del Popolo parking lot on highway 45 between Courtland and Crystal streets. The market will be open from 3:00 PM till 7:00 PM on Fridays from June 16 till October 6 (no market June 30). There are new vendors plus many of the old favorites. New this year will be food trucks. Watch for announcements of other new additions to the market this year. The market still has room for a few more vendors. Please visit our Facebook page and website

Diana O'Kelly  
Fremont Township Supervisor

## Get Your RTA Pass at Fremont Township

**Seniors 65 and over may apply for the RTA Pass at Fremont Township.** Taking the train downtown? This will save you money and it is free. It takes 3 to 4 weeks to receive the pass in the mail. We take your photo here at no cost to you. Questions?  
(847) 223-2847

The RTA Reduced Fare Permit allows older adults, age 65 and older, and qualified people with disabilities and Medicare recipients to ride all RTA fixed-route services (regularly scheduled CTA, Metra and Pace buses or trains in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will Counties) at a reduced fare.