



Sylvan Lake Shoreline

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Garden Club News

SLIA and Garden Club 2017 Activities

June

- June 6th – 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 4th – 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 15th – 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 30th – 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 9th - 4:00 p.m. Santa's visit
and 5:00 p.m. Luminary Walk

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Garlic Mustard Unfortunately Doing Well

Garlic mustard is an invasive species that affects woodland habitats. It has no natural enemies in our area and spreads rapidly. Invasive species such as garlic mustard destroy biodiversity by creating monocultures, or widespread areas of a single species. Garlic mustard monocultures can completely dominate a forest floor in five to seven years, drowning out native woodland wildflowers and other vegetation that our wildlife needs to survive. It is possible to prevent this by catching the growth early and removing it.



Your Volunteering Helps Keep our Annual Assessments Low



Each year the Sylvan Lake Improvement Association (SLIA) will send out email messages, post notifications on various bulletin boards throughout the community requesting volunteers support various events during the year.

Our annual assessment is among the lowest in Lake County. It covers these items and more:

- Insurance coverage for SLIA property.
- Maintaining our parks and easements
- Maintaining the quality of our lake and beach area
- Landscaping of SLIA parks and property

Some people believe “why should I volunteer?” Doesn’t my annual assessment cover that work that needs to be done?

Sylvan Lake is within unincorporated Lake County. We receive no county or state funding to keep our lake, parks and easements clean safe and well maintained. It is only the Sylvan Lake Improvement Association assessments that keep our community beautiful and a desirable place to live.

Volunteering is fun. It’s a great way to mingle with existing neighbors and meet any new neighbors that have recently moved to Sylvan Lake. Volunteering provides a contribution to the community in addition to learning about the community as a whole and how it has evolved over the years. Clean up day is a perfect example that was started many, many years ago as a community event which hap-

pens now twice a year. Periodically throughout the year, other events take place that require individuals to help out. Carp-O-Rama, The 4th of July Picnic and Oktoberfest just to name a few. You don’t have to wait to get notified of a volunteer event. Please feel free to volunteer at any time of the year and in any of the following areas: Lake, Beach, Parks and Easements, Special Projects and others. If you feel the need to volunteer doing something, please contact a board member in charge of that area and discuss your volunteering idea.

So please, next time you see or hear a notification for volunteers needed, please sign up. You will be making a major contribution to the Sylvan Lake community and keeping our assessments low.

Brian Wawrzyniak –
SLIA Special Projects

The 1st Boat Storage Rack is in!

Approved by the board last year, the 1st phase of installing 3 boat racks on SLIA property has started. The Boat Storage rack at the beach has been completed. The 2nd on the SLIA Ravinia easement was just started on May 14th. If you live off the lake and want to store your kayak, canoe, row boat or rowing board, please complete the Boat Permit Sticker and Storage form that has been sent out in a blast E-Mail. In addition the form is available on the Sylvan Lake website.

You will be ASSIGNED a location on the rack and that will be communicated to you before you can store your boat. These racks will make our beach and Ravinia easement safer and more organized due to the large number of «**stacked**» vessels in those locations. Below are the picture of the finished boat storage racks.

Brian Wawrzyniak



First two boat racks are now installed. A boat rack at the beach was the first to be completed, followed by one at the south bay.



State of the Lake

By Gary Goldblatt. SLIA President

Greetings fellow Sylvan Lakers! No doubt, we will soon experience what 80 degrees feels like....

Your SLIA board has been busy working on the proposed 2018 budget. Why is this important?, because this year, according to our amended by laws, one of the many community advantages is that the SLIA budget must be distributed to all members 30 days in advance of our Annual meeting. This puts the due date in August. This is a great benefit to all members, as you will be privy to the information ahead of the annual meeting in September. We are also working hard at prioritizing projects over the next 2-4 years and attaching estimated costs to them and working them through the budget. Some of these projects/ideas/suggestions, have come from the member forums that we have at the end of each of our monthly Board meetings. All are encouraged to attend and participate at the Board meetings the third Wednesday of every month, from 7:30-9:00 pm at the Countryside Fire station.

Huge thanks to all of the Sylvan Lakers who came out in the rain to execute yet another great clean-up day. Jeri Swanson, thank you for publishing great clean-up day plans. Volunteerism is the x-factor in this community's ability to do great things while keeping costs down and having some fun working with great neighbors. Reminder: volunteers are welcome at any time. There is always something to do to make Sylvan Lake better.

Stay vigilant with "see something, say something" It works...you might have noticed that the school buses have slowed down as they

move through Sylvan Lake to pick up and drop off the kids. Same goes for our rules and regulations and those of Lake County: "See something, Say something".

*Please welcome the newest member of the SLIA Board. Cliff Gartner. Thanks for jumping right in Cliff.

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: Cliff Gartner

Recreation: Dave Kruse

Special Projects:

Brian Wawrzyniak

OTHER UPDATES:

- * Nothing new to report on the spillway and **Dam project**
- * Nothing new to report on the **Gilmer Road project** ETA 2019.
- * **10/7- 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 now to insure a great experience. Entertainment, Music, food games, etc. Octoberfest will be an agenda item during our June Board meeting.
- * Look for continued boat storage and sticker execution

HAPPY SUMMER
EVERYONE!!!



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 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.**

Parks/Easements, Clean-Up Day

By Jeri Swanson

CLEAN UP DAY, SATURDAY, MAY 20TH

A huge thanks to all of you that once again worked for 3 hours or more IN THE RAIN !

I started out at 9:00 with my grand-kids and stopped at Briar Terr where Paul Stempian & John Pakledinaz were hauling dead wood out, so helped for a few minutes there, lots of washed out soil due to heavy rains.

Gary Goldblatt arrived to help, so we headed down to No. Sylvan where Gen Conner, Sandy Washburn & Linda Mihel were uncovering an Elderberry bush behind weeds and buckthorn. The kids and I started pulling Dame's rocket along the fenceline and were joined by Nancy Brashear. Gwen Stempian arrived with garbage bags and water bottles.

Now off to see what was happening @ Schwerman: "someone" was cleaning up a Volley Ball court, couldn't make out who it was because the rain really picked up, but met with Renee Del Misier and her son, John, who were digging up weeds and planting native flowering plants in the garden there. The Kitzmiller family had worked there the week before, and their son who is in need of service hours has been removing gravel from Hiawatha Terr. that washed in from all the rain the past couple months.

Hey kids: we will double your hours you need when you volunteer at Sylvan Lake ! It doesn't have to be a clean up day, just call any board member for guidance.

I heard that Nancy Hanson worked in Wildflower Terr., and that Andi Dickinson not only took care of Bjorklund Park & the Water Triangle ahead of time, but then helped Betty Nieses with the Highland Dr. Entrance.

Steve and Lucia Mongelluzzo cleaned up our Highland Ave. entrance and Dan Washburn cut down some shrub off of our spillway providing for a great view of Indian Creek.

Stopped by the beach : Lee Dickinson had already cut up the broken raft

and hauled it away, Cliff & Jean Gartner were pulling weeds. Jennifer Cameron planted two of the barrels there, heard the Kitzmillers had worked there earlier as well as Fred Bellinder.

The Triangle planted area across from the beach received some trimming and weeding by Renee & her son. Karen Doane and son Bradley were weeding the beach while Ron Doane was power washing the deck by the shed. Bob Mihel and Gary Love also helped at the beach.

Dan Dickinson and Mark Anderson worked in Maple Park, as did Deb & Brian Wawrzyniak who picked 6 bushels of giant ragweed that was already 12" tall.

Judy Snyders worked in Hiawatha Terr. doing the same thing and Sharona Javit has been weeding there and will work on buckthorn in the fall, (best time for this task).

Blue Heron Point on South Sylvan was tended to by Jon & Kathy Schwerman and neighbors Sue Peecher & Bill Dolbee.

In Maple Park, Mark & Jeff Anderson, Dan Dickinson, Deb & Brian Wawrzyniak removed the very large tree that fell in the creek, its' always large trees that fall in there !

Rich & Terri Borst were ready to prepare lunch for us at the beach, but by 11:00 it was a steady rain. Thank you both for being ready & willing, just felt it was too much for you to try and cook in the rain.

OTHER PARKS/EASEMENT NEWS:

Over the past couple of months Glen Maksinski and Alex Grandt have done much work in lower Ravinia Park. That area remains very wet, and further work will have to wait until it starts to dry up a bit, same problem as last year.

The rehab work along Hiawatha Terr. is finished. Poul's Landscaping installed lots of rip rap in the creek bed that comes off Crescent. A new bridge was added there, made out of pier material, with railings.



Go up towards So. Sylvan and you will see coconut rolls that were installed under the Hamm's driveway to curb erosion. This was made possible by a grant from Stormwater Mgt. of Lake County, and also by Fremont Township as they provided the coconut rolls.

Another 32' pier section is in Ravinia now where there is always a foot of mud. As soon as it dries up a bit we can position the tree disks in front to better provide a pathway down there.

Deb Wawrzyniak, Sandy Washburn and I have been looking into shoreline stabilization in Maple Park. Another vendor will meet with us in June. We are also attending a conference for grant possibilities as related to watershed projects, which this certainly is. We'll keep you posted !

Sure am enjoying all the native plants that are popping up in our easements and now your yards !

For a real treat, visit the Reed-Turner Preserve located on Old McHenry Rd, just north of Rt 22. A true sedge meadow exists there with so many native species. They have interns every summer who keep up the quality. Barbara Turner was born there 98 years ago, and she still resides there. It is an Illinois Nature Preserve, she donated the land to the state. This was the first site I ever worked on, and still my favorite. Barbara taught me so much.

Jeri Swanson



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NATURAL AREA REPORT

Site Sylvan Lake Date 4-24-17
Service Task Description 2017 Natural Area Maintenance
Personnel Brian M.
Wind 12mph Direction SE %Humidity 28% Sky Mostly Sunny
Drought NA Air Temp 67F %Chance of Rain 0%
Target Plants Glechoma hederacea, Alliaria petiolata, Hesperis matronalis Signs Posted No
Herbicide Name Brand Garlon 3A Delivery Method Backpack Sprayer
Active Ingredient Triclopyr I Glyphosate Herbicide Rate/Amount 3% (15.36oz.) I 3% (3.84)
Surfactant Name/Amount Cygnat Plus / 10oz Type of Carrier/Amount Water
Restrictions 48hr. re-entry period restriction Total Amount of Dye Used 5oz.
Total Amount of Mixed Herbicide Used 4 gal. Triclopyr I 1 gal. Glyphosate

JOB PROGRESS AND COMMENTS

Both Maple Park and Ravinia Park are in good condition, they display a diverse group of native species, notably ephemerals.

The most problematic of invasive species at this time is Creeping Charlie and Garlic Mustard following. The majority of Garlic Mustard seen was first year seedlings; there were very few mature second-year plants. The worst Garlic Mustard populations were in the heart of Maple Park. Reed Canary Grass was seen throughout both sites in wet areas but no large patches were seen. A few monocultures of Moneywort and Lesser Celandine were treated. Dame's Rocket was worst near the lake at Ravinia Park. Periwinkle, English Ivy, Hostas, and Lily of the Valley are all escaping out of residents' yards at Ravinia Park. One patch of Phragmites was seen on the lakeshore at Ravinia Woods. Other treated species with limited distribution include: Queen Anne's Lace, exotic thistles, Burdock, Curly Dock, and Dandelion. Canada Goldenrod was selectively thinned where appropriate.

Woody re-sprout treatment is recommended at both parks. Several invasive trees and shrubs were seen though Honeysuckle and Highbush Cranberry were the most prevalent.

Report By Brian McKee

Reviewed by Kelley Blake

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Kirk Players Presents ~ I Remember Mama

Kirk Players announces the final show of its 51st season, ***I Remember Mama***.

The charming story shows how Mama, with help from her husband and Uncle Chris, brings up the children in their modest San Francisco home during the early years of the 20th century. Mama's sisters and Uncle Chris furnish a rich background for heartwarming comedy, while the doings of the children manage to keep everyone in pleasant turmoil.



The show can be seen at Mundelein High School Theatre on Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10 at 7:30pm. Additional performances are offered on Saturday, June 10 and Sunday, June 11 at 2:00pm.

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.

Mundelein Concerts In The Park Schedule

At Kracklauer Park

June 4 8 Miles South (Southern Rock)

June 11 FlashDrive (Rock, 70's to Present)

June 18 Kaleidoscope Eyes (Beatles Tribute Band)

June 25 3 If By Air (Rock & Alternative)

June 30-July 3 Mundelein Community Days

July 11 Jazz Spectrum

July 16 DuPage Band (Motown, R&B, Blues)

July 23 Buffalo Grove Symphonic Band

July 30 Cadillac Groove (R&B, Classic Rock, Blues)

August 6 Samadhi Vibe (Funk, Soul, Blues)

August 13 Low-reen & the Lazy Dogs (Blues)

August 20 Mr. Myers (Caribbean Rock)

All concerts take place at Kracklauer Park from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. For more information please call 949-3200.

