

August 2017



Sylvan Lake Shoreline

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Garden Club News

SLIA and Garden Club 2017 Activities

August

- August Kids game day/Sylvan Lake 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

Mundelein Concerts In The Park Schedule

At Kracklauer Park

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.

Farmers Market

The Mundelein Farmer's Market this season is 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. 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.

Diana O'Kelly
Fremont Township Supervisor

Sylvan Lake Boat Progress

With the help of many volunteers we have successfully been able to clean up some of our easements and beach area of abandoned boats. As of mid-June there have been a total of 8 boats that have been identified as abandoned and have or are heading to the dumpster during the months of June and July. Out of the 8 abandoned boats only one was found to be seaworthy and was claimed by a member of Sylvan Lake. A boat sticker and storage form was completed and submitted for it. I'd like to shout out a special thank you to Cliff Gartner and his son. We also want to thank Gary Goldblatt, Debbie Wawrzyniak and the men that were at the June 16th Happy Hour at the beach, for carrying, dragging and lifting the first set of abandoned boats out of easements and the side of the beach house and into the dumpster. In addition, some Sylvan Lake members have been evaluating their own boats and determining that they may not need them and are finding other families within the community that could use them.

This project has been very successful as we have implemented our team solutions. We are identifying our boats, and we have installed storage racks at the beach and Ravinia easement. In addition, we are cleaning up the beach area and some of the easements of abandoned boats. Moving forward we will continue to listen to our community for suggestions on improving the boat identification and storage process here at Sylvan Lake and considering additional storage at the beach and other easements as the process identifies the need.

If you ever notice a boat that has been sitting some where on SLIA property that you think may be abandoned or have any questions or suggestions, please send an e-Mail to sliaboatsticker@gmail.com.

Thanks for all your support.

Brian Wawrzyniak
SLIA Special Projects



Security at Sylvan Lake

Door-to-Door Salespeople Now Required to Have Certification

We in unincorporated Lake County now have some additional security provided by the Lake County Government. Solicitors seeking door-to-door purchases or orders are required to comply with a County Board adopted ordinance when working in unincorporated Lake County.

Each solicitor must:

- Work only between the hours of 11 am and 7 pm.
- Carry his/her own Certificate of Registration bearing the sales person's name, employer's name, manufacturer's name, type of business, and an embossed seal.
- Observe "No Solicitation" signs.
- Respect occupant's request if asked to leave.

Residents should ask to see the vendor's certificate and report any violations to the Lake County Sheriff's office (847.549.5200) where fines and penalties can be enforced.

This ordinance applies only to unincorporated Lake County and provides exemptions for religious groups, candidates, and minors under the age of eighteen who participate in fundraising activities.



State of the Lake

By Gary Goldblatt. SLIA President

Greetings fellow Sylvan Lakers!
What a fast summer! All the seasons are great at Sylvan Lake.

Thank you Garden Club and all volunteers for putting on a great July 4th event at the Beach. Most attended in recent years.

The SLIA board has been busy working on Octoberfest, 2018 budget, prioritizing projects and approving expenditures. In 2018, we look to update the SLIA rules and regulations to be more in line with Lake county ordinances and HOA standards.

The Boat sticker and storage process continues to evolve and has already shown early signs of success by the reduction of boats along the beach this year over last, giving members more sandy beach to enjoy. (We've received \$700.00 in sticker and storage fees, and 104 boat stickers issued)

As we continue to move forward with infrastructure improvements, which by the way are costly, our need for volunteers will remain high to help keep the costs down. Volunteers are not age restricted..... Did you know that Association fees are outpacing home prices (Money magazine). HOA fees have risen almost twice as fast as home prices over the past decade, according to Trulia. The fees, which cover shared property maintenance, repairs, insurance and association responsibilities, jumped to \$331 a MONTH on average in 2015. That's almost 32% higher than 10 years earlier...

What do we pay at Sylvan Lake....\$300.00 a YEAR. Amazing compared to averages.

Fun fact - SLIA assessment history

Interesting to look back on SLIA assessment chronology

- *8/4/1940-Assessments set at \$5.00 for working funds
- *1941-Assessments set at \$10.00 (59 members in association, 180 now)
- *1961-Assessments were \$15.00
- *1971-Assessemnts set at \$30.00
- *1976-Assessemtns set at \$40.00
- *1977-Assessemnts set at \$50.00
- *1985-Assessments set at \$60.00
- *1986-Assesments set at \$100.00 (eagle scouts began several major projects throughout easements)
- *additional increases over years to \$300.00 per year

OTHER FUN

SLIA CHRONOLOGY FACTS:

- *1941-First Garden Club meeting
- *1942- August Schwerman deeds playgrounds, parks, terraces, roads and dam to Sylvan Lake Improvement Association. AKA SLIA
- *1946- Speed limit moved from 13-15MPH..now 20 MPH
- *1951-Swings installed at Point Comfort park
- *1954-First Sylvan Lake newsletter distributed
- *1962-Natural Gas arrives, owners convert from oil
- *1963-Weekend beach patrol costs \$1.25 per hour
- *1969- sewers installed
- *1974-Playground equipment at Schwerman park updated
- *1975-First clean- up day with free refreshments, basketball court poured at Schwerman park, First Octoberfest
- *1979-Sylvan Lake streets paved by Township. Re paved in 2015 (remaining parts planned in conjunction with dam work)
- *1980-\$150 special assessment for bay excavation
- *1983-Cable TV comes to Sylvan Lake
- *1990-Association passes 50 year mark, new playground built at Schwerman park
- *1991-Fish committee established
- *1997-SLIA by-laws revised and amended
- *2011-streets and dam are deeded to Fremont township
- *2015-New native landscape at Bjorklund park, Board adopts Article 9 of Illinois code and civil Procedure
- *2016-Beach seating wall replaced
- *2017-SLIA amended and re-stated By-Laws, Canadian Geese control

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State of the Lake Continued

By Gary Goldblatt, SLIA President

STAY VIGILANT:

“See something, say something”
Can’t stress this enough. Same goes for our rules and regulations and those of Lake County. See something, say something. Please do not be afraid to call the authorities when you suspect anything or anyone that is out of the norm. The SLIA board will continue to do their part in holding members accountable to SLIA rules/regulations and By-law violations. Reminder, we are a “neighborhood watch community” The Lake County Sheriff can and will make house calls.

*visit SLIA website to view documents

PIERS: Couple of things to note about piers on Sylvan Lake. Member piers must be pre- approved by the board and must be built in compliance with SLIA rules and regulations under section 4 of Common Property policy.

Homeowners who have lake access across SLIA Easements are not allowed to build piers. These would be considered on SLIA property and if someone (3rdParty) is hurt on the pier built on SLIA property, both owner of the pier/dock and SLIA may be brought into a bodily injury claim. Best advice...ask before doing something that you may be asked to remove.



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
**There will be 3 board positions open at the September annual meeting.*

OTHER UPDATES:

- * Nothing new to report on the spillway and Dam project. Probably on hold indefinitely.
- * Nothing new to report on the Gilmer Road project ETA 2019.
- * Highland entrance potholes have been patched/paved by Fremont Highway commission (will remain on their list to keep maintaining- ongoing)
- * Highland entrance shrubbery has been pruned back to provide greater visibility

SAVE THESE DATES:

- 8/16 - 7:30 Regular SLIA Board meeting, (Countryside Fire station)
- 9/20 - SLIA annual meeting-7pm-9pm (Countryside Fire station)
2018 meeting agenda and budget will be distributed in August ahead of the meeting.
- 9/30 - Fall clean up day
- 10/7 - Octoberfest
- 10/18 - 7:30 Regular SLIA Board meeting, (Countryside Fire station)
- 11/15 - 7:30 Regular SLIA Board meeting, (Countryside Fire station)

HAPPY FALL EVERYONE!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN FREMONT TOWNSHIP

Duplicate Bridge

July 31 @ 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

SIG Meeting for Fremont Center

Road Phase 1 Study
August 1 @ 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Take Charge of Your Diabetes

August 2 @ 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Duplicate Bridge

August 7 @ 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Take Charge of Your Diabetes

August 9 @ 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Duplicate Bridge

August 14 @ 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Board Meeting

August 14 @ 7:00 pm

Take Charge of Your Diabetes

August 16 @ 9:30 am - Noon

Grand Dominion Car Show

Aug. 20 @ 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Duplicate Bridge

August 21 @ 9:30 am - 1:00 pm



Parks and Easements

By Jeri Swanson

Maple Park

Maple Park has about 300' of shoreline that a few homes border. This shoreline is very eroded, with chunks of land falling into the lake as well as old RR ties that were installed over 30 years ago in an attempt to curb erosion there.

Large pipe was used to secure these RR ties and they are exposed. Old tires used as bumpers on piers are in the water.

Maple Park is also a recipient of some of the fastest water entering Sylvan Lake, which is why this erosion occurs.

In May, Debbie Wawrzyniak, who lives on the bay across from this area and I met with Integrated Lakes Management who also does our herbiciding in Maple Park and Ravina. We discussed the scope of the improvements we would like to see and have received quotes. Debbie also met with Applied Ecological Services, but has not received quotes from them.

It will cost upwards of approximately \$20,000-\$30,000 for this work which involves remove all the debris: RR ties, old pipe, tires. Then reshaping the shoreline, possibly adding boulders, and installing deep rooted native plants to retain soil. Seeding will also be done.

All work would be done from the water side, not on land. A special vessel is now available that will haul away debris and also bring in new materials to be used.

We are also planning on addressing the boat storage and shoreline usage while we save up for this.

We have to save \$\$ for this project, however in the meantime we are asking that the homeowners bordering this shoreline stop mowing all the way to the

edge. Please leave 4-6 feet to grow. If ugly or invasive plants emerge, we can deal with that as it happens.

There are native species, in the form of seed banks left over from 10-15 years ago when we planted many native deep rooted plants.

Left alone, those seeds will grow into plants and their roots will also go deep holding the soil once again.

We must begin this process this summer. Once the shoreline is rehabbed, it will have that same appearance, it is technically called a Buffer Zone. Very simple, but has great benefits.

If you have any question regarding this, please call me: Jeri Swanson 847-507-2760 or email:swan458@sbcglobal.net

Looking for on the ground workers to be a part of the Parks/Easements Committee. We already have -5-, but we welcome more who want to help plan projects as well as work on the ground. Please call me about this or just leave a message with your email so I can alert you to our very first meeting later in August. Also some winter work, cutting/herbiciding, what else: BUCKTHORN !

Juneau Terrace

Update on Juneau Terrace: We will proceed as soon as Fremont Township re-directs the curbing along there.

The Township is very behind on all their road projects due to earlier storms, and then the most recent ones.

Thank You Patsy Sweeney!

I forgot to mention in the last newsletter that our wonderful longtime neighbor, Patsy Sweeney, got the entrance at Crescent and Gilmer in tip top shape for Cleanup Day !

Every year she does this. Thank you Patsy ! And while I'm at it, Special thanks to Andi Dickinson for all her work at the pretty gardens around Bjorklund Park.

There is a big, now dead oak tree at the road's edge of Bjorklund Park that Fremont Township will be removing for us.

Jeri Swanson



Newsletter NEWS Needs Your Help

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

October 1st Issue

News Needed by:

September 20th, 2017

Email to Donn Hamm

dehamm@comcast.net

NATURAL AREA REPORT

Site Sylvan Lake Parks - Ravinia and Maple Date 7-13-17
 Service Task Description 2017 Natural Area Maintenance
 Personnel Ivy, Nicole, and Brian
 Wind 8mph Direction W %Humidity 62% Sky Cloudy
 Drought NA Air Temp 80F %Chance of Rain 20%
 Target Plants Aliaria petiolata, Hesperis matronalis, and Phalaris arundinacea Signs Posted Yes
 Herbicide Name Brand AquaPro I Garlon 3A Delivery Method Backpack Sprayer
 Active Ingredient Glyphosate I Triclopyr (amine) Herbicide Rate/Amount 5% (6.4oz.) I 3% (11.52oz.)
 Surfactant Name/Amount Cide Kick II (8oz.) Type of Carrier/Amount Water
 Restrictions 12hr. restricted entry interval Total Amount of Dye Used 0.03gal.
 Total Amount of Mixed Herbicide Used 4gal.

JOB PROGRESS AND COMMENTS

We pulled and chemically treated invasive species at both Ravinia and Maple Parks. The first pass through the site was very successful leaving few herbaceous species. We found only one Dame's rocket and minimal other species. We selectively sprayed relatively small nonnative woody species making sure not to over-spray or drift onto vegetation below. The worst woody species at these two sites is high-bush cranberry while the worst herbaceous species at this time of year are sow thistle and queen Anne's lace. Creeping Charlie is also on the rise. We targeted remaining garlic mustard, dame's rocket, and reed canary grass and made sure to look out for rosettes. We were as thorough as time allowed with the intention of not damaging the lush native vegetation present. These sites are in good condition and host a diversity of native species. We saw an abundance of joe pye weed, harebell, and bottlebrush grass, and were glad to see ironwood and culver's root among a plethora of other species. There are a fair amount of relatively large woody species that are too big to treat chemically at this time of year. A quick selective clearing and stump treatment, or basal bark treatment, would benefit these sites greatly.

Report By Brian McKee

Reviewed by Kelley Blake

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Fun for Everyone! **Sunday**
11am - 3pm
August 20th, 2017

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- The Prize Drawing will Take Place at Grand Dominion's Cruisin' with the Classics Car Show on Sunday, August 20, 2017
- Cash/Check Donations will be Accepted (payable to Fremont Township). One Ticket for Every Dollar Donated
- Please Drop Off Your Donations to the Concierge Desk to Receive Your Tickets



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1967 Ford Mustang

At the Lakeside Lodge Parking Lot

Rain Date: August 27th