



# Sylvan Lake Shoreline

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## Sylvan Lake Recreation!

### Volleyball League



**Where:** Schwerman Park

**When:** Tuesdays, starting in June

**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.**

## Fremont Township Annual Town Meeting to be held Tuesday, April 10

The 2018 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 19**

Saturday morning May 19 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.

# State of the Lake

By Gary Goldblatt. SLIA President

Greetings fellow Sylvan Lakers!  
It's been great seeing lots of Hockey, and other activities in general on our frozen lake this past Winter. Sylvan Lake is truly a Lake for all seasons. And now, for some warm weather.

As 2018 moves on, so too is your SLIA board. Our main priority the first half of this year is to update, revise and re-state the Sylvan Lake Rules and Regulations from 2006. This in conjunction with the re-stated by laws of 2016 as well as county and State ordinances. We will continue addressing erosion, shoreline buffer zones, repairs as needed, and the continuing development of the SLIA website.

Huge thanks to Gen Connor and Jeanne Peterson who have spent a lot of time to resurrect the SLIA website.

**Website address: [www.slia.net](http://www.slia.net)**

The logon password will be provided to the SLIA email distribution list in about 10 days when it is ready for viewing.

We received a Grant (\$4000.00) from the WMB for partial reimbursement of the bridge work that we did last year. Thank you to Jeri Swanson for being instrumental in continuing to obtain grants to help our community.

Thank you to the Eco Chics for planting native seeds along W. Sylvan right of way and for the many other Gardening initiatives they have undertaken. #makesylvanlakebeautiful.

Thank you to Christine Seidner for volunteering to be the Oktoberfest captain this year. A daunting task...so let's all help her when she asks for help.

I encourage increased volunteerism year round as there is always something that can be improved in our great community.

Remember...the "I" in SLIA stands for improvement and that requires each of us to find a way to contribute to that goal. Schools may offer credits to students who volunteer in communities and Sylvan Lake would qualify.

## Your 2018 SLIA board:

**President:** Gary Goldblatt

**Vice President:** Jeanne Peterson

**\*Treasurer:** OPEN

(need a volunteer)

**Secretary:** Lynda Throm

**Parks & Easements:**

Jeri Swanson

**Lake:** Lee Dickinson

**Beach:** Cliff Gartner

**Special Projects:**

Brian Wawrzyniak

**Recreation:** Dave Kruse

*\*The SLIA board is still in need of a Treasurer. Don't be scared by the title of Treasurer. We have great systems in place to help manage this function. Like any job, it is what you make of it and we sure could use the help.*

I encourage everyone to attend the monthly Board meetings. Third Wednesday of every month except December. 7:30pm-9pm at the Country Side Fire station on Midlothian rd. This is where great ideas, suggestions can be shared and acted upon. Don't make the annual meeting the only meeting for participation. The SLIA board meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month from 7:30-9pm at the Countryside fire station. In the interim and always, please feel free to reach out to any of the Board members if you have questions, comments, suggestions and the like.

## SAVE THESE DATES:

**\*5/19 - Spring Clean up day**

**\*9/26 - SLIA annual meeting, 7pm**

**\*9/29 - Fall Clean up day**

**\*10/6 - Oktoberfest**

## OTHER UPDATES:

**\* Dam project,** Nothing new to report on the spillway and Dam project. Probably on hold indefinitely.

**\* Gilmer Road project** ETA 2019. Land acquisition along Gilmer road and Midlothian road is actively underway. There may be a couple of small parcels of SLIA land at our entrance on Midlothian and West Sylvan Dr South that may get purchased to aid in the overall development of the project. This will not affect member access. More to come when we get more details.

**\*Fremont Township single Trash/recycle service** is scheduled to be on the November Ballot. This was discussed by Diana O'Kelly at our 2017 Annual meeting and was almost unanimously agreed that this would be a good thing for our community. Expected to save money, increase services like Leaf pick up and limit the number of garbage trucks on our streets.

**\*Juneau Terrace repair:** Fremont Township will be doing some curb and sewer work at the top of the Juneau terrace easement in the Spring. Sylvan Lake is 2<sup>nd</sup> on the street work order list. Then we will be able to repair the steps in Juneau Terrace. The flow of water must be better controlled before we make repairs to the easement. Fremont work is of no cost to SLIA.

Until the next time...

Happy Spring everyone!!!!!!



## George Weber hosted for Congressional Campaign Presentation

Mary Harroun and Warren Young recently hosted a presentation by George Weber, a Democratic candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives for our district.

George Weber ran in the field of Democratic Congressional primary candidates for the 14th Illinois Congressional District. He hoped to run in November against Republican Randy Hultgren for the Congressional seat in Washington. Mary and Warren hosted the campaign gathering for him at their home on February 11. Lots of questions were asked on national issues, and he responded well.



## Newsletter NEWS Needs Your Help

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

June 1st Issue News Needed by:  
**May 20th, 2018**

Email to Donn Hamm

dehamm@comcast.net

## Fremont Township Welcomes New Assessor

While the election for assessor was back in April, the term of the new assessor started January 1, 2018. Join me in welcoming Joe Herchenbach as the Fremont Township Assessor. Joe can be reached at 847 223-2846.

### Message From Assessor Joe Herchenbach

Seniors 65 and older who are homeowners and have a household income of \$65,000 or less may be entitled to the Senior Assessment Freeze. (This does not apply to Saddlebrook Farms homeowners) This exemption "freezes" your home's equalized assessed value at a base year value.

If you need help filling out the application you can come to the Fremont Township Assessor's office or [click here for an outreach location](#).

#### Qualifications are:

- 65 years old or older during the tax year
- Own the property as your principal residence for the last two Jan. 1st (2017 and 2018)
- 2017 total household income is \$65,000 or less

Be prepared to bring copies of income received such as:

- 2017 Federal Income Tax Form
- Social Security Statement (SSA-1099)

Please note that this exemption is not a tax freeze or a tax reduction and does not protect against increased taxes due to tax rate increases. Questions? Call 847 223-2846

## Ruse Burglaries

The weather is warming up, increasing the opportunity for ruse burglaries.

**Ruse burglaries** are committed by offenders generally travelling in pairs. One offender uses a 'ruse' to distract the victim, while the other offender enters the home to search for and steal cash, jewelry and other items.

#### Offenders use many storylines including:

- Offering to repair gutters, fences or tree trimming and landscaping, Blacktop, seal-coating, or driveway repair, inquiries about the homeowner's water supply or water pressure or informing the homeowner there is an electrical problem outside of the home.

#### Safety tips:

- Do not allow anyone in your home unless you know them personally or it is a scheduled appointment.
- If a solicitor comes to your residence, take notice of the vehicle they are driving (make, model, color, type) and their attire and physical characteristics.
- If you choose to speak with a solicitor or utility worker, never leave your front door unlocked or unattended. Legitimate utility or government worker will never object if you ask for ID.
- Share these tips with family, friends, neighbors and colleagues.

If you feel you were the victim of a ruse burglary please call the Lake County Sheriff's Office at 847-549-5200 to report these incidents.

Call 911 if the incident is in progress. Please be ready to provide the offender's vehicle description and a license plate number.



## Donate Diapers to Fremont Township

We accept diaper donations for children and adults. If you have diapers you are no longer in need of, please consider donating them to Fremont Township. We do accept open bags.

If you are aware of Fremont Township residents in need of diapers, (children or adult) please have them contact our office at 847 223-2847.



## Garlic Mustard Is Alive 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.



## Beach Report

By Cliff Gartner

Hello Sylvan Lakers, let's go to the beach! The 2018 beach season is quickly coming upon us.

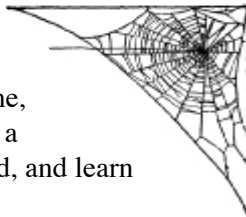
This season the beach committee is looking for some volunteers to help out during Spring clean up day, putting the piers in and keeping aquatic vegetation under control. We will also be taking a delivery of new beach sand, so we will need helpers to spread and manicure the sand. It should be fun!

Anyone interested in helping make our community a better place, please contact Beach director Cliff Gartner at [Crgsq5@gmail.com](mailto:Crgsq5@gmail.com).

## 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.



The updated website will be available again in the next few weeks. At that time, the login and password will be sent by email to the SLIA email distribution list. Stay tuned."

## Sylvan Lake Regular Board Meetings

Regular meetings of the SLIA Board are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month as follows at:

Countryside Fire Department  
801 S Midlothian Road,  
Mundelein 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

### Upcoming meetings are:

- April 18
- May 16
- June 20
- July 18
- August 15
- \* **September 26**  
[SLIA Annual Meeting]
- October 17
- November 14 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed.  
because of Thanksgiving holiday.]
- No meeting in December

All Sylvan Lake Association members and guests are welcome to attend. Each meeting includes a member's forum where homeowner's can present issues of concern.

## SLIA Annual Assessments Are Now Past Due

SLIA Assessments were due on March 4. Future invoices for unpaid assessments will include a late fee. If you have not paid. If you have not paid your assessment please make your check payable to Sylvan Lake Improvement Assn. and mail your \$300 check to:

SLIA  
781 S Midlothian Rd, #265  
Mundelein IL 60060

# Sylvan Lake Special Project

## Sylvan Lake Boat Registration and Storage

Greetings Sylvan Lakers. Spring is here and soon boats will be in the water.

As a reminder SLIA's Boat Policy states that all boats used on Sylvan Lake must have a current (and legible) boat registration sticker. Boats are defined as a row boat, canoe, kayak, smaller paddle boat, pontoon paddle boat and sail boat. Inflatable boats are excluded from the SLIA boat policy. Periodically, the beach and easements are checked and if a boat does not display a legible Sylvan Lake boat sticker, it will be considered abandoned.

### Since September of 2016, we have:

- Issued 135 boat registration stickers
- Assigned 32 boat storage locations
- Identified 15 boats as abandoned
  - 73% of them have been removed and disposed of
  - 27% of them were repurposed and received new boat registration stickers

This winter, we benchmarked with Loch Lomond and Forest Lake to compare progress. The results are that all 3 lakes have been successful in their respective efforts identifying boats, storing boats, constructing boat storage units and cleaning up abandoned boats. SLIA continues to be the lowest cost regarding boat registration sticker and storage fees.

If you are a new or existing resident and need Boat registration stickers, storage or a copy of the Boat Policy, please send an E-Mail to [sliaboatsticker@gmail.com](mailto:sliaboatsticker@gmail.com) In addition, the boat registration and storage form is available at the beach

communication bulletin board and on our SLIA.net website.

### Considerations for 2018:

There have been an increased number of paddle boats over the last 3 years and the beach was considerably congested this past fall through winter.

In 2017, only 50% of the boat storage space was utilized. Based on requests received thus far in 2018, storage space capacity will remain similar. Additional space for boat storage is available. This year, SLIA will work to improve our process as we enter into the summer months. Please send an E-Mail to [sliaboatsticker@gmail.com](mailto:sliaboatsticker@gmail.com) by April 15 if you are interested in becoming part of the boat team to help evaluate and improve our process.

I personally want to thank the SLIA Board, members and residents of Sylvan Lake for their time, input and patience in assisting and aiding in the roll out of the boat registration and storage process these last 2 years. Have a great spring and remember to be safe out on the lake.

Brian Wawrzyniak  
*SLIA Special Projects*



## Upcoming Events at Fremont Township

*Information from Diana O'Kelly  
Fremont Township Supervisor*

**Secretary of State Mobile DMV Event** -The Mobile DMV will be at Fremont Township on April 13, 2018 from 10:00 am til 2:00 pm.

**Diabetes 101-** Lunch and learn about diabetes basics, presented by Advocate Condell. Wednesday, April 25th at noon. 22385 Route 60 around back in the lower level. \$6 donation Call Kari Pohar to register at 847 740-6708.

**Free Hearing and Otoscope Exam** -Thursday May 15 @ 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Audibel Hearing Aid Center in Libertyville, a leader in “Better Hearing Health” is pleased to offer a Free Hearing Screening and Otoscope Exam Event on Thursday, March 15 from 10:00 am til 2 pm at lower level of the Fremont Township Administrative Building.  
To make your reservation, call or email Jeanne Pinkerton at [jeannepaudibel@gmail.com](mailto:jeannepaudibel@gmail.com) (847) 362-7500.

**A Matter of Balance-**  
Do you have concerns about falling? Would you like to learn more about how to reduce the fear of falling? You are eligible if you are 60 or older, ambulatory, or concerned about falling. This eight week workshop begins Thursday July 12 from 10 am til noon at Fremont Township. Call Kari Pohar to register at 847 740-6708.

**Electronic Recycling and Shredding**  
September 22 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

# ECO-CORNER # 3

## Bottles, dental picks, and bags, Oh My!

Birds are chirping, sunshine feels warmer with every passing day, and green shoots are starting to push up in many places in our Sylvan Lake neighborhood and local Lake County natural areas. We are all so ready for spring! Unfortunately, there are other things being revealed as the snow and ice have melted in the places we walk, bike, and drive to and from our homes and work: litter. Garbage strewn alongside county roadways is unsightly to be sure, but trash and debris also show up around the edges of some of our own yards, SLIA easement lands, and shorelines. Non-biodegradable litter, household waste, landscape waste, and construction garbage that was not properly disposed of is not only an eyesore but potentially dangerous to children, pets, and wildlife.

Sylvan Lake residents have garbage cans and recycle bins provided through contracted waste disposal services that are set out weekly for removal. However, between the time when household waste is set out at the curb for pick up and when the garbage trucks roll through our area for collection, sometimes gusty winds, storms, and even wildlife scavengers can cause unsecured or partially closed garbage containers to be "hacked" resulting in trash being blown away or dragged into other places like our common easements and waterways. Please remember to secure recycling waste and make sure garbage can lids are fully closed. This will help minimize unintentional trash polluting our neighborhood easement lands, streams, and open waters. In addition, asphalt chunks, dead plantings, or other unwanted materials should never be tossed into easement lands or "across the road."

Can any one person make a positive impact? YES! ANYONE can take an active role in cleaning up our neighborhood areas - and not just during the organized cleanup days. Your personal awareness and efforts are important and can make a difference! Whenever garbage is noticed along the roads where we walk, plastics left behind at a park or beach areas where we fish or play, or even a non-biodegradable plastic bag snagged on a branch, please consider carefully removing it for proper disposal. It is also possible that occasional guests and workers traveling through Sylvan Lake are either clueless or careless with their own garbage debris and litter tossed out or left behind, and we can actively remind others to do the same and pick up, clean up. These efforts - your efforts - will help to keep our Sylvan Lake an overall cleaner environment for everyone to enjoy!

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<http://ecubelabs.com/blog/overflowing-garbage-bins-5-impacts-on-health-and-environment-and-how-to-prevent/>

<https://www.lakecountyil.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/2423>

<https://ilenviro.org/issues/reduce-reuse-recycle/>

[https://www.kab.org/sites/default/files/LitterinAmerica\\_FactSheet\\_LitterOverview.pdf](https://www.kab.org/sites/default/files/LitterinAmerica_FactSheet_LitterOverview.pdf)

## Sylvan Lake to be part of Shark Experiment

The Herald-News in Waukegan, IL reported that 3 lakes in Lake County have been selected to host "an in-depth study into the breeding and habits of several species of fresh-water sharks." Two hundred sharks will be released into the lakes including blue sharks, hammerheads, and a few great whites.

The experiment is designed to determine whether the sharks can survive in the cold climate of northern Illinois, and apparently the federal government is going to spend \$1.3 million to determine this. A representative from the National Biological Foundation was quoted as saying that there would probably be a noticeable decline in the populations of other fish in the lake because "the sharks will eat about 10 pounds of fish each per day, more as they get older." County officials were said to have protested the experiment, afraid of the hazard it would pose to fishermen and swimmers, but their complaints have been ignored by the federal government. Furthermore, fishermen had been forbidden from catching the sharks, they must be a "catch and release."

The report concluded by again quoting the National Biological Foundation representative, who said that "We can't be responsible for people if they are attacked. Besides, anyone foolish enough to believe all this deserves to be eaten."

April Fools!!  
Have a great spring