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Sylvan Lake Shoreline

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Sylvan Lake Recreation! *Last Call for* **Volleyball League**

Where: Schwerman Park

When: Tuesdays June 5th to add a team

When: Tuesdays June 12th season starts

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.



Oktoberfest 2018 October 6

As some of you may know, I have volunteered to Captain the legendary "Sylvan Lake Oktoberfest". It is scheduled for Saturday October 6th, so mark your calendars.

To accomplish an event of this magnitude the Sylvan Lake Improvement Association relies on volunteers. So, why not join the party-within-the-party and volunteer to be a part of "Team Oktoberfest". We are looking for Committee members as well as anyone who has time to help with the abundance of preparation tasks needed. Please send an email to resqk_9@hotmail.com if you want to be a part of our team.

Luke's of Mundelein will again be serving the food. Plus, due to many requests, Luke's has agreed to add their celebrated Homemade Italian Beef to the menu. The Association will be providing Wine, Water, Soda and "Beer" for purchase. (positive ID will be required).

Thank you,
Christine Seidner

Garden Club News

Here's the upcoming Summer Garden Club information.

BYOB happy hour at the beach - June 1st starting at 5:00 pm

Swim Lessons - June 11th - 22nd at the Beach from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Attached is a form for Swim Lessons (see page two):

July 4th Picnic - Wednesday, July 4th.

Thank you, Laurie MacKay

Sylvan Lake Swim Lessons

Ages 3-12

June 11-22 (Monday-Thursday)

Fridays are Weather Make up Days if Needed

6pm-8pm (30 minute classes)

Cost: \$30 per Child (one week)

\$45 per Child (two weeks)

Instructor: Rachel Finerty

Location: Beach



First day (6/11@ 6pm) Testing for all class assignments

Please bring form and check to first swim lesson. Checks can be made out to: **Sylvan Lake Garden Club**

Any questions call Karen Finerty @ 847-977-1518 or Laurie MacKay @ 847-452-2205

Sylvan Lake Swimming Lessons

\$30 for one week or \$45 for two weeks per child Due: 6/12/2017

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone: _____

Child's Name(s) and Age(s): _____

Additional Information: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

State of the Lake

By Gary Goldblatt. SLIA President

Greetings fellow Sylvan Lakers!
How about this warm weather!!!
Finally!

The SLIA board completed our first-quarter project by approving the revised and updated SLIA Rules and Regulations. We plan on communicating these Rules and Regs via E-blast as well as direct mail to the 10 or 12 members for whom we have no e-mail address. In addition, we will post the Rules & Regs on the SLIA website – www.slia.net. This completes the cycle of updating and revising our By-laws and Rules and Regs to align them with Illinois Association Law as well as local county and nearby municipal ordinances. Additionally, some items changed in the Rules & Regs pertaining only to Sylvan Lake. The next phase of implementation will be the execution of conformance. It is the objective of the Association to maintain the Property as a first-class residential community and to make living in Sylvan Lake a positive and enjoyable experience for all residents. In adopting these Rules, the Association is seeking to facilitate the efficient operation of the Property, protect the rights and interests of all Owners and residents, and promote harmonious community living. The SLIA Association Board thanks owners and residents for their compliance.

Here are some highlights:

- *Owners who rent property in Sylvan Lake are required to submit the lease documents to SLIA.
- *Updated verbiage and clarification on Docks and Piers
- *Updated verbiage on Safety and security
- *There are General Parking Rules
- *There is a section on Annoyance or Nuisance
- *Violation procedures and fines are outlined in the document.

SLIA Web site:

Huge thanks to Gen Connor and Jeanne Peterson for putting in a ton of hours to resurrect the SLIA web site.

Web address: www.slia.net

The password for this site has been distributed by email. If you do not have it, send an email message to SylvanLakers@gmail.com and request it

Please DO NOT give this password to anyone who does not own or rent within Sylvan Lake.

Log on and take a look. The SLIA web page will continue to be fluid and additional information will be added as available. We are looking to add a section on the fish within Sylvan Lake. Who would like to contribute to this Post?

Clean Up day:

Thank you to all clean up day volunteers and to Mike Trahan for taking some fantastic pictures of all the volunteers in action. It is estimated that Clean up day took 90-110 man hours and saved the community around \$1100.00.

Oktoberfest: 10/6/18

Thank you to Christine Seidner for volunteering to be the Oktoberfest captain this year. She has been all over this and has already made many plans and signed up some volunteers to help. Please...more volunteers are needed. Give Chris a shout out.

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

*There will be 3 Board positions opening in September. Who wants to join?????

I encourage everyone to attend the monthly Board meetings. They are on the third Wednesday of every month, except December, from 7:30pm-9pm at the Countryside 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 you attend! 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:

*9/26-SLIA annual meeting, 7pm

*9/29-Fall Clean up day

*10/6-Oktoberfest

OTHER UPDATES:

*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 2nd 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. As of 5/17, Work has not been started by the Township.

Until the next time...

Happy Sylvan Lake-ing all!!!



Gilmer Road to Close for Culvert Replacement, June 7-July 6



The Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) will be closing Gilmer Road, from Midlothian Road to Diamond Lake Road, to through traffic starting Thursday, **June 7 at 6 a.m. and will reopen the afternoon of Friday, July 6.** The closure is necessary to replace a culvert south of Sequoia Road. Local traffic will have access to Sequoia Road from the north and access to Darlington Drive from the south.

Detour Route: Midlothian Road to IL Route 60/83 to Diamond Lake Road.

Gilmer Road from Midlothian to Chevy Chase Rd

Please join me in thanking these neighbors who volunteered for Adopt-A-Hwy on Earth Day, Sunday April 22nd.

These 8 people picked up 13 very large bags of garbage and 9 very large bags of items to be recycled : Jean Gartner, Chris & Cliff Seidner, Ann Trauscht, Donn Hamm, Bill Pohl, Desi Elliott, (my son's friend) and myself.

We spent 2-1/2 hours working from Cherry Hill Plaza down to Chevy Chase Rd. Sadly, 2 weeks later, the debris is reappearing. Anyone at anytime can pick up trash in this area, but you must bring it home to dispose of.

And oh, those Eco-Chics!! They bumped it up a notch this winter by cutting down buckthorn and herbiciding it and then we did some seeding along the North Sylvan fenceline that hopefully is starting to grow now. Look for Beebalm, Coneflower, Asters, Virgin's Bower, Golden Alexander, Liatris, Anise Hyssop, Little Blue Stem, Cup Plant, Prairie drop seed, and Elm leaf Goldenrod. Wildflower Terrace received some seeding as well.

The seeds were either collected from neighbors here or donated by the Indian Creek Watershed Project/Tori Trauscht . Workers for the plantings were: Linda Mihel, Sandy Washburn, Jennifer Cameron, Elizabeth Nagel and myself.

Big thanks for helping to make Sylvan pretty in so many ways!

Jeri Swanson, Parks/Easements

Get theLead Out

Hello Neighbors!

This is a warning for fisherman about the dangers of using lead-based tackle! Wisconsin DNR has put out a lot of warnings regarding this problem. Since we have some new visitors (loons) who are enjoying on our lake, we need to be aware of the problem. Thank you!

Reasons to use lead-free fishing tackle



Start the summer right by switching to lead-free fishing tackle for the Minnesota fishing opener.

Get the lead out - One lead split shot - enough to kill a twelve pound loon!

Lead poisoning from ingested tackle usually occurs in one of two ways, a lead jig head is swallowed by a fish, or lost lead tackle is picked up along with small stones and grit from the bottom of lakes to help digest food. Fish, loons, eagles, trumpeter swans and many other wildlife species are consuming lead in one or both of these ways, and the results can be fatal.

Baltimore Oriole

Did you see the Baltimore Orioles as they migrated north and stopped for a rest in Sylvan Lake? They are a beautiful bird,



about the size of a Robin .

WARNING: Unlawful Speeds on Sylvan Lake Streets Will Be Pursued

Speed limit signs at the entrances of the Sylvan Lake subdivision are posted as 20 MPH for the whole subdivision.

Speeding cars and commercial vehicles on the streets of Sylvan Lake pose a big threat to our community. Sylvan Lake has no sidewalks, creating a substandard situation with our streets being used as sidewalks. Small children on bikes get ahead of their parents, who are then horrified to see a vehicle coming toward their toddlers much too fast and sometimes much too close.

Anyone who sees a speeding vehicle is welcome to call the Sheriff at 847-377-4000. The Sheriff has offered to come into the lake and issue citations to random vehicles caught speeding. If you don't that to happen to you, maintain the speed limit.

Sylvan Lake Improvement Association Board

Dial A Ride Service Expansion for Fremont Residents

Eligible residents of Fremont Township now have access to two Pace Dial a Ride services. Residents 60 and older and individuals with disabilities have access to Fremont, Libertyville and Shields Township five days a week. To register and make a reservation, call 1-800-201-6446.



Relaunch of the Sylvan Lake website!

After much work by neighbor Gen Connor and her daughter, Michelle Anderson, the Sylvan Lake website is back up and running.

Some features:

- SLIA history, photo gallery and chronology of events.
- Upcoming events calendar
- Documents and information you need about the Association
 - + Contacts for the Association Board
 - + Rules & Regulations
 - + Amended Declarations and By-Laws
 - + Phone listing of Sylvan Lake residents
 - + Copies of SLIA Newsletters for past several years.

**THIS IS A COMMUNITY WEBSITE AND
IS NOT TO BE SHARED WITH PEOPLE
OUTSIDE THE COMMUNITY.**

**THEREFORE,
DO NOT GIVE THE
PASSWORD TO ANYONE.**

Web address: www.slia.net

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Take time to browse through and enjoy the site.
Sylvan Lake Association Board



Earth-friendly Yard Maintenance. From the Eco Chicks

Wild Ones: Gardening with native plants is good for pollinators, birds, and keeping our lake clean and healthy. If you would like to learn more, consider attending a Wild Ones meeting. On June 5, Meredith Tucker, Citizens for Conservation will present: Earth-friendly Yard Maintenance. On July 10, Tom Simpson, Field Station Ecologist at McHenry Conservation District will present: The Role of Squirrels and Blue Jays in Oak Reproduction. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at Fremont Library in Mundelein at 7pm. Non-members are always welcome. For more information: <https://laketoprairie.wildones.org/>

Things all of us can take care of, Sylvan Lake and the people who use it:

1. **Don't over-fertilize** your lawn and choose phosphorus-free fertilizers. Most lawns have enough phosphorus anyway and excess washes into waterways and contributes to algae blooms. Avoid fertilizing before a heavy rain to minimize fertilizer run-off.
2. **Avoid using Round-up and other herbicides** or use them as sparingly as possible. Learn more about the concerns: <https://news.nationalgeographic.com/2015/04/150422-glyphosate-roundup-herbicide-weeds/>
3. **Reconsider your use of mosquito and other insect control chemicals.** Dragonflies are rock stars when it comes to mosquito control. The larvae feed on mosquito larvae and adult dragonflies feed on adult mosquitoes so make your property dragonfly friendly. Dragonflies like vegetation that grows out of the water or near the water with flat rocks nearby for sunning themselves.

4. If you are making some additions to your landscape, **consider choosing native plants.** They have deeper root systems than other ornamentals so they require less watering and tending once established, prevent erosion, support native pollinators and birds and more.
5. **When cleaning your boats, use water only.** Detergents and chemical products are damaging to our fish and other wildlife.
6. **Dispose of pet waste properly.** Leaving it in easements or on other surfaces means that it will eventually wash into the lake.

Please be considerate of everyone who uses Sylvan Lake. Any product that isn't appropriate to add to a child's pool doesn't belong in our lake! Thanks for doing your part to make this a great summer.

Sandy Washburn

Sylvan Lake Regular Board Meetings

Regular meetings of the SLIA Board are held on the 3rd 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:

- June 20
- July 18
- August 15
- * **September 26**
[SLIA Annual Meeting]
- October 17
- November 14 - 2nd 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.

Dames Rocket has bloomed !

Looks like phlox, but it's not.

It is the junk -food of the flower community...all sugary & pretty , and then billions of seed are dispersed across the landscape. It's a bad, bad plant. Please, when you see it, pull it and or cut the stem so the seeds can't spread, then put it in the garbage, do not compost.



Real phlox blooms mid-late July.

Young oak trees available

There will be -2- young oak trees available for adoption ! They are about 3' tall. Looking for a home in a public area but close to a home so they can be watered .

Please contact Jeri Swanson if you are interested: swan458@sbcglobal.net

Re-Cap of Clean Up Day

Many Hands Helped to Make Light Work

Areas and captains :

Andi Dickinson: Bjorklund Park and Crescent Road/ Gilmer Rd entrance. Al Grandt, Dan Dickinson, Sam & Kathy Ford, JenCrow and kids and a family friend of the Swanson's, Desi Elliot as well as Patsy Sweeney all pitched in to spread mulch and plant some new flowering perennials that Andi donated around Bjorklund. The kids also helped spread sand at the volleyball court.

Ravinia Park: Al Grandt removed a fallen tree hanging over 2 detention ponds. The pier work will happen when volunteers are available. The RR tie removal will happen this winter when they can be dragged over the ice using an ATV.

Ravinia Terrace: Sharona Javit, Mike Trahan, Donn and Tana Hamm pulled Garlic Mustard, cut an invasive tree down and repaired a step on the crosswalk and cleaned out the drainage pipe up near the road. I personally pulled lots of the "Vine of Death" which looks like grape vines, but bears no fruit and kills everything in its path. This is a very satisfying task !

Captain for the Beach was Cliff Gartner: His crew installed the piers and did general clean up. Captain for mulch at the beach was Dave Benedeck . All pitched in for these two areas: Jeremy Vale, Chris Molsen, Dan Washburn, Peter Graham, Jean Gartner, Andrew, Sheri and John Poorman, Brian Wawrzyniak, Patti & John Burmeister who are new neighbors, Barb Erdman, Renee Del Missier, Deb Wawrzyniak.

Captain for Wildflower Terrace was Linda Mihel and her helpers were Sheri, Dan & John Poorman, Dan and Fran Pacheco, they are new to Sylvan Lake this past winter, Debbi Pomazal & Ann Trauscht.

Mulch was spread and weeding was done. In case you didn't know, Linda is a master gardener.

Brad Buysse drove around **water bottles and garbage bags.**

Mike Trahan **took our pictures** of us, see the Sylvan Lake Facebook for lots of them.

Captain for Shady Lane/Maple Terrace was Sandy Washburn, her helpers were Jennifer Cameron and Karen Finnerty. They removed buckthorn and piled across the street for Fremont Township to pick up and also planted a few shrubs. Earlier in the week, Sandy was working along the fenceline on No. Sylvan and discovered some native cherry trees there as well as in Maple Park. She has tagged them with green ribbon so they are easy to ID, check it out, you may have one in your yard. Compare leaves and bark. They are very beneficial to birds, pollinators and wildlife.

Rich and Terri Borst **shopped for food and then cooked** it for all the helpers !

Schwerman Park Pollinator

Garden was Renee Del Missier 's post and Deb Wawrzyniak helped her out there and also spread mulch at the beach triangle with help from Chris Molsen, Jeremy Vale and Dave Benedeck. More plants were added to pollinator garden, some donated by Sandy Washburn, who by the way is also a master gardener !

Blue Heron Point on S. Sylvan and was headed up by Jon & Kathy Schwerman, work still in progress.

Captain for Maple Park was Mark Anderson: earlier this spring Mark refurbished signs for Maple Park and he and Nick Kirby cleaned out 50' of stream area uphill from the landbridge. Mark will also be installing a new dog poop bag station in Pt. Comfort as it never had one.

Barb and Mike Erdman worked in **Indian Creek Park**, spillway area.

Steve Mongelluzzo cleaned up the **entrance on Highland Dr.**

We had good weather and a great turn out. Many thanks to these volunteers who worked for 3 hours, some more prior and afterwards. Everything looks healthier, prettier thanks to all these hard workers !



Carp-O-Rama 2018

Another record breaking success!



Once again Sylvan Lakers celebrated the unofficial start of summer with Carp O Rama. 53 carp were pulled in with the King of Carp award going to Trevor Cannon. Trevor pulled in a whopping 26.5 lb carp... the largest on record in recent Carp O Rama history!



John Rollinger wins for most caught with 16 & Matt Molsen wins the kids division with 6.

Thanks to everyone who participated & to John Rollinger for managing the weigh-in.

Sylvan Lake Garden Walk June 23

The Gardeners of Central Lake County sponsors a free, self-guided walk featuring

Five residential gardens

in Sylvan Lake,

from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Saturday, June 23.

Addresses and maps will be available at the group's website, gardenersofcentrallakecounty.org, in early June. Visitors can start at any garden on the map.



NATURAL AREA REPORT

Site Sylvan Lakes Parks - Ravinia and Maple Date 05-02-18

Service Task Description 2018 Natural Area Maintenance

Personnel Monica & Eric M.

Wind 17 MPH Direction SW %Humidity 38% Sky Partly Sunny

Drought No Air Temp 85F %Chance of Rain 15%

Target Plants Hesoberis matronalis, Phalaris arundinacea, Allaria petiolata, Signs Posted No

Herbicide Name Brand AquaPro Delivery Method Backpack

Active Ingredient Glyphosate Herbicide Rate/Amount (3%) 7.68 oz

Surfactant Name/Amount Cygnat Plus (4 oz) Type of Carrier/Amount Water

Restrictions 2 Hr REI Total Amount of Dye Used Cygnat Select 0.0156 Gal)

Total Amount of Mixed Herbicide Used 2 Gallons

JOB PROGRESS AND COMMENTS

The purpose for today's visit was to complete the initial herbicide application of the season in both Ravinia and Maple Parks. The target species for today included Dames Rocket, Reed Canary Grass, and Garlic Mustard.

A 3% solution of AquaPro was applied to target species via backpack sprayer. There were greater populations of Garlic Mustard at Maple Park and greater populations of Dames Rocket at Ravinia Park. Reed Canary Grass was observed in both locations but was more prominent in Ravinia Park. Some native species observed today included Trout Lilies, Bloodroot, Dutchman's Breeches, Large Flower Trillium, Prairie Trillium, Wild Geraniums, and Mayapples.

In the future, another herbicide visit can occur to ensure that invasive species populations are under control. Day lilies and other garden cultivars were observed within the unit; action may be taken to control these species in the future so that natives can persist.

Report By Monica Komorowski

Reviewed by Kelley Blake

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Many Hands Helped to Make Light Work Continued

We are learning the hard way that controlling mosquitoes with fogging yards is also killing the pollinators. Please reconsider this practice. 1 out of every 3 bites of food we eat is made possible by pollinators, not to mention flowers and trees. To learn more about this visit: armn.org (Arlington Regional Master Naturalists)

Last fall "someone" herbicided a swath through Maple Park. Please do not do this without asking a board member. Round Up or anything that you can buy at a hardware store is not what is used by the service that selectively herbicides for us. In other words, we don't know what was used, was it safe for humans ? not to mention the pollinators we are trying to attract here. When a bee or humming bird lands on or brushes against something that has been herbicided with Round Up, it becomes impaired.

We will be publishing more about insecticides, herbicides with relation to humans and plants.

Last winter the Eco-Chicks as we're

known, cleared out buckthorn along the fenceline of No. Sylvan and then came back and planted native flowering seed. A few areas we roped off and put signs on, not to mow or disturb. It wasn't long after all this hard work that "someone" removed the roping and signage. WHY ? This is NOT cool folks. Neither is not picking dog poop up or picking it up and leaving full poop bags all over the neighborhood.

On Earth Day, April 22 these people did our section of Adopt-A-Hwy on Gilmer Road: Jean Gartner, Chris & Cliff Seidner, Ann Trauscht, Donn Hamm, Bill Pohl, myself and family friend Desi Elliott. We worked for about 2 hours and collected 13 large bags of garbage and 9 large bags of recycled items. Anyone can pick up trash on any street, just take it home to dispose.

My sincere thanks to so many who volunteer, you will also notice that many worked at multiple sites during clean up day ! Very cool.

Jeri Swanson
Parks/Easements



ECO-CORNER #3 - NOXIOUS WEED or INVASIVE?



Such ugly words for attractive plants!

Planting and maintaining vegetable or flower gardens can be a very satisfying hobby. When plants are fully mature, they flower, fruit, and fulfill their reproduction cycle by ripening the next generation of seeds in order to propagate. While this germination-to-maturity cycle seems to take forever when we are tending to intentional plantings, we should also recognize how quickly some plants have a tendency to mature, reseed, and spread ... and become noxious invaders.

INVASIVE PLANTS inhibit, block, and restrict native plants from surviving and thriving and ultimately upset the ecological balance critical to a healthy, sustainable natural environment. **NOXIOUS WEEDS** are damaging in some way to public health, crops, livestock, land or other property. Just because pollinators are seen on the plants, colorful flowers are noticed, or berries provide food for wildlife doesn't mean those types of plants should be allowed to grow unchecked. Prolific reseeding, few natural pests to control growth, and an adaptability to grow in less-than-desirable ground are some common characteristics that give clues that a plant is likely or potentially a **NOXIOUS** or **INVASIVE SPECIES**.

*** Quick reminder: do NOT compost invasive plants or noxious weeds!

Purple Loosestrife (photo on left): Pretty purple flowering plants occasionally pop up in the marshy areas around Sylvan Lake, and each plant can produce up to 2.5 million seeds per year! The seeds are easily distributed by both wind, water, and even mud tracked to other areas by humans and animals, and because the plants form dense colonies, Purple Loosestrife crowds out native vegetation above and below the water line and provides little benefit to wildlife. **INVASIVE**.

Bush Honeysuckle (second from left photo): These are very common around our Sylvan Lake neighborhood areas. The honeysuckle plant that is native to Illinois is a vine - not a woody bush. Yes, those overgrown honeysuckle bushes that do flower white, pink, or yellow can screen an undesirable view, and yes, birds and other wildlife do eat the berries produced in the summer. However, the Bush Honeysuckle greatly interferes with the understory in a healthy native Illinois woodland ecosystem. **INVASIVE**.

Canada Thistle (middle photo): This prickly perennial plant is visited by many pollinators, and birds are also attracted to the purple flower heads and seeds. It is very difficult to eradicate once established. A mature plant has roots which can extend 15 feet or more horizontally and vertical roots may grow 6 to 15 feet deep! Canada Thistle is classified in Illinois as a **NOXIOUS WEED** and control of this plant is required by Illinois law.

Dame's Rocket (second from right): No, this is not the Phlox we want in our gardens! Currently this plant only poses a potential threat to our Illinois ecosystems, but Wisconsin already classifies Dame's Rocket as **INVASIVE**. The flowers have four petals, and the plants produce an over-abundance of seeds that enables new Dame's Rocket colonies to grow in all kinds of dry and wet, shady and sunny environments. It is also related to another plant that Illinois has been battling for years ...

Garlic Mustard (far right photo): Related to Dame's Rocket and definitely on the Illinois list of **INVASIVE** plant species. This plant has aggressively invaded many Illinois woodland areas and out-competes native vegetation - including newly sprouted trees! Salamanders, butterflies, and other beneficial soil organisms are disrupted by colonies of garlic mustard and the different chemicals it secretes. Ew. Pull it.

Happy weeding, Everybody! :-)
Jennifer Cameron

<https://www.invasive.org/illinois/SpeciesofConcern.html>

<http://www.inhs.illinois.edu/research/vmg/ploosestrife/>

http://web.extension.illinois.edu/fmpt/eb322/entry_10085/

<http://hyg.ipm.illinois.edu/article.php?id=73>

<http://learningstore.uwex.edu/Assets/pdfs/A3924-06.pdf>

http://www.ipm.msu.edu/invasive_species/garlic_mustard/about_garlic_mustard