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Sylvan Lake Shoreline

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Garden Club News

Conservation@home

Mary Fortmann explained the Conservation@home program at the annual association meeting held on Sept. 26. In summary:

Non-profit Openlands offers a free, one hour, eco-friendly landscape consultation to help property owners identify projects that fit homeowner goals, budget and lifestyle. This award-winning program helps Lake County residents create landscapes that support song birds, butterflies, clean water, and healthy communities-while retaining beautiful aesthetics. You will get practical advice on:

- Conservation-friendly actions that enhance your property
- Ecological treasures that might exist on your property
- Ways to address mosquitoes, poison ivy, dying trees, and invasive species
- Healthy approaches to lawn care

For a free consultation: conservationathome.openlands.org, lakecounty@openlands.org or 847-548-5989

Native plants are good for Sylvan Lake!

Wild Ones is a national organization that promotes environmentally sound landscaping practices to preserve biodiversity through the preservation, restoration and establishment of native plant communities. Native plants are good for Sylvan Lake water quality, erosion prevention, birds, butterflies and pollinators. To learn more, consider attending the Lake-to-Prairie Wild Ones 2018 Conference : **POLLINATORS IN CRISIS: AN INTERVENTION USING NATIVE LANDSCAPING**, Saturday, November 10, 2018 from 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM at Round Lake Beach Cultural and Civic Center, Round Lake Beach, IL.

For more information and registration: <https://laketoprairie.wildones.org/2018-native-landscaping-conference/>

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Referendum for Single Waste Hauler

Neighbors – the November 6, 2018 ballot includes this referendum:

Single Garbage Hauler Referendum for Unincorporated Fremont Township

This referendum may allow one garbage hauler to serve Sylvan Lake. An immediate and big benefit would be to have TWO huge, garbage/recycling trucks come through our streets every week instead of the current SIX!

It also may allow us to reduce our costs for garbage and recycling, and possibly add leaf pick up to our service.

This may be a worthwhile change for our Sylvan Lake Community.

UNINCORPORATED FREMONT TOWNSHIP MUNICIPIO DE FREMONT NO INCORPORADO
Proposition To Authorize The Township To Exercise The Powers Of The Township Refuse Collection And Disposal Act Shall the Township Board of Fremont Township, Lake County Illinois, be authorized to exercise the powers of the "Township Refuse Collection and Disposal Act" as provided in Article 210 of the Township Code, 60 ILCS 1/210-5, et. seq., to enter into a contract for the collection, disposal, composting or recycling of garbage, refuse and ashes within the unincorporated area of the Township?
Proposición Para Autorizar Al Municipio A Ejercer Los Poderes De La Ley De Recolección Y Disposición De Residuos Del Municipio ¿Debería la Junta de Municipio del Municipio de Fremont, del Condado de Lake en Illinois, ser autorizada para ejercer el mandato de la "Ley Municipal de Recolección y Eliminación de Desechos" según lo dispuesto en el artículo 210 del Código del Municipio, 60 ILCS 1/210-5, et. seq., para celebrar un contrato para la recolección, disposición, compostaje o reciclaje de basura, desechos y cenizas dentro del área no incorporada del Municipio?
<input type="radio"/> YES/SÍ
<input type="radio"/> NO



Watercraft on the beach must be removed by November 15th

At the annual meeting members made a motion and approved a revision to our boat policy regarding boats at the beach. Effective this year, all watercraft stored at the beach that are to the left of the boat storage rack and on the beach must be removed by November 15th and may be returned on March 15, 2019. This will be a yearly requirement. No watercraft on the beach from 11/15-3/15 on a yearly basis. This will not change the \$25 storage fee as that fee includes in season storage.

The reason for the change is that there is no room for winter beach and lake activity with all those boats on the sand. We want the beach to be safely shared by all in the winter. A dozen or so boats scattered across the beach is also unsightly! It is the boat owner's responsibility to remove the watercraft by November 15th every year.

Other easements may be used to store your watercraft through the winter. The piers are usually taken in by Fall clean up day every year and watercraft owners will have some extra time to launch boats from the beach until 11/15.

No Leaf Burning On the Street

Lake County Regulations



Unincorporated Lake County- Burning of leaves and small branches is permitted during daylight hours. Open Burning must be 25' from any structure and 50' from schools & roads. **Absolutely no burning on roads.** The burning of landscape waste must be generated on the property. Maximum size of any burn pile is 5' in diameter and 3' high.

*** You MUST follow the Do's and Don'ts in ALL areas ***

Do's and Don'ts

- *Burning must take place during the day light hours only.* Best time of the day to burn is the mid-morning to mid-afternoon as smoke should disperse quicker.
- Open burning must be attended by an adult at all times.
- A water source of some sort must be provided. (hose or a fire extinguisher)
- Open burning must be 25' from any structures.
- Maximum size of any burn pile is 5' in diameter and 3' high.
- Materials being burned are limited to landscape waste generated on the property of the burn site.
- Burning trash or construction debris is strictly prohibited.
- DO NOT use gasoline as a fire starter. It is explosively dangerous!
- Wind velocity must exceed 5 MPH and must not exceed 15 MPH.
- Smoke from open burning shall not obstruct visibility on roadways, etc.
- Fire or smoke must not create a hazard or nuisance situation. Be courteous and respectful to your neighbors especially those with breathing problems.
- Dispose of ashes, don't let them wash into the lake.

State of the Lake

By Gary Goldblatt. SLIA President

Greetings fellow Sylvan Lakers! Fall is here. The cooler weather is refreshing but not looking forward to colder weather...oh well...We have Beautiful Sylvan Lake no matter the weather.

Annual Meeting update:

It was great to see so many homes and members represented in the Sylvan Lake Improvement Association annual meeting on September 26th. Unofficial count of some 42 members and some 30+ homes represented and included some of our new members that just moved in. As of September, there have been about 8 homes sold with another 4 that are currently up for sale. Turnover continues at Sylvan Lake as change is the only constant in life. But with change, brings progress, improvements, and volunteers.

The Guest speakers spoke about shoreline restoration, Maple Park shoreline and members ability to improve their gardens via native plantings.

Here are some of the "High Level Highlights" from the meeting.

- * Minutes approved from 2017 annual meeting.
- * Members made a motion and approved a \$100.00 a year increase to our assessments. Effective 1/1/19 the SLIA assessments will be \$400.00 a year per property. Last assessment increase was over 12 years ago. This increase will help to provide for necessary improvements.
- * The 2019 budget was approved contingent on the assessment increase being included in the budget
- * Reviewed the Rules and Regulations violation process.

- * Members made a motion and approved a revision to our boat policy regarding boats at the beach. Effective this year, all watercraft stored at the beach that are to the left of the boat storage rack and on the beach must be removed by November 15th and may be returned on March 15, 2019. This will be a yearly requirement. No watercraft on the beach from 11/15-3/15 on a yearly basis. This will not change the \$25 storage fee as that fee includes in season storage. The reason for the change is that there is no room for winter beach and lake activity with all those boats on the sand. We want the beach to be safely shared by all in the winter. A dozen or so boats scattered across the beach is also unsightly! It is the boat owner's responsibility to remove the watercraft by November 15th every year. Other easements may be used to store your watercraft through the winter. The piers are usually taken in by Fall clean up day every year and watercraft owners will have some extra time to launch boats from the beach until 11/15.
- * Members approved the installation of 3 book exchange bins to be located adjacent to each of our message boards. You may have seen such book-exchange bins in Mundelein and Lake Zurich. This value added addition to Sylvan Lake was the creation of Mary Harroun whom will captain the program. There is no cost to Sylvan Lake. The book bins are a way for members to exchange books within the community; i.e., drop off a book, take one. Thank you Mary!
- * For information regarding Native Buffer zones and conservation @ home, you can contact a different

Mary at 847-548-5989 x37.

Garden consultations may be free and a great way to learn how to make your garden native and beautiful.

- * It was suggested that we evaluate the 25+ year old playground equipment for possible repairs. This will be added to the project list for 2019.
- * On the November Ballot, there is a referendum to vote in a one garbage carrier service in all Lake county unincorporated areas. If passed, there would be many benefits to Sylvan Lake. Just to name a few...less trucks on our streets and in our neighborhood on a weekly basis, less opportunity for trash to be blown around the neighborhood, possible leaf pick up and better rates. The SLIA board recommends voting FOR this referendum.
- * Maple Park restoration work will require some engineering evaluation and cost evaluations but the plan is to move forward with this project. May not begin until sometime in 2019.
- * Rules and Regulation violations: The process of member notifications of Rules and regulation violations was highlighted and the Board emphasized that it is everyone's responsibility to help enforce the rules and regulations.

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State of the Lake

By Gary Goldblatt, SLIA President - Continued

Fall Clean up Day:

This Year's Fall clean up day was one of the most active I have seen in years. In a few short hours, lots of volunteers spanning more than 60 years of age between older and younger volunteers completed the following...

Took in piers, moved boats and rafts to beach, set up the tent for Oktoberfest, collected and stacked wood for the bon fire, cleaned up debris and shrubbery along W Sylvan and throughout the community. Then had a cook out to celebrate. #greatcommunity

SLIA Web site:

Check out the SLIA Website. Up and running and will continue to be a useful tool for all things Sylvan Lake.

Website name : slia.net The only place that requires a password is for the Sylvan Lake Phone Directory under the control tab. If you don't have the password, send an email message to Sylvanlakers@gmail.com and request it.

Your 2018/2019 SLIA board:

President: Gary Goldblatt

Vice President: Jeanne Peterson
(re-elected)

Treasurer: Ed Meltzer (newly elected and brand new to our community)

Secretary: Lynda Throm (re-elected)

Parks & Easements: Jeri Swanson

Lake: Tom Truffer (newly elected and on the new side to our community)

Beach: Cliff Gartner

Special Projects: Brian Wawrzyniak

Recreation: Dave Kruse

I encourage everyone to attend the **monthly Board meetings**. They are held on the 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 3rd 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.

Other updates:

- * Nothing new on the Dam. Most likely a few years out and out of our control.
- * Gilmer road expansion: scheduled to begin work sometime in 2019.

Until the next time...

Happy Sylvan Lake-ing all!!!

Oktoberfest:

Huge recognition to Christine Seidner for volunteering to captain this year's Oktoberfest. It was an amazing amount of work.



Fall Clean-up Day



Fall Clean-up Day

Sylvan Lake Celebrates Fall Octoberfest 2018!



With the help of many of our community volunteers, Sylvan Lake celebrated Octoberfest. The grass was soggy from all the rain but the food, treats, beer and community fellowship made the event wonderful. *Thanks to all volunteers!*





TAKE A BOOK, LEAVE A BOOK

Sylvan Lake Improvement Association has approved new neighborhood library boxes. The boxes will be available to Take a Book....Leave a Book for the whole community. The boxes will contain books we have already read and want to share with others at the lake, both for children and adults.



Sylvan Lake Recreation!

Volleyball has finised the season and the results are in!



A big thanks to everyone who played, maintained the courts & attended the tournament. Special thanks to The Garden Club for once again providing food and water day of.

David Kruse



Parks and Easements

by Jeri Swanson

2018 Parks & Easements Report

- In early 2018 the “Eco-Chics” cut buckthorn and, honeysuckle along North Sylvan Drive and then spread native seed that was collected from existing plants growing throughout our parks and from private gardens. It was not as successful as hoped; since so much new buckthorn emerged this spring from the berries off mature buckthorn that overhangs the fence line. Those buckthorn trees are on private property, preventing us from eliminating the source. We will re-group about this problem, possibly a letter to those home owners requesting that they remove their buckthorn.
- Neighbor Jennifer Cameron made signs that we laminated for our kiosks addressing the smart use of fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides. They will be rotated throughout the -3- kiosks. Jennifer also writes the Eco-Corner column in our newsletter.
- In May we had Clean-Up day and further worked on buckthorn removal along No. Sylvan and into Maple Park at the corner of Shady lane. Lots of work was done around the neighborhood as usual, fixing up, collecting garbage and adding plantings at Bjorklund Park by Andi Dickinson who donated plants, THANK YOU Andi!
- Work began in Juneau Terrace off Crescent that received new steps. Work is still being done there to address a blow out from heavy rains. So far 35 hours of volunteer work by the Eco-Chics has been done at Juneau cutting invasives and hauling away to Fremont Township’s yard for recycling.
- The Eco-Chics are Sandy Washburn, Linda Mihel. Renee, Del Missier, Elizabeth Nagel, Gen Connor, Jennifer Cameron, Andi Dickinson, Jeri Swanson, Diane Capasso, Deb Wawrzyniak & Sherri Liss. New volunteers are always welcome ! . . .
- Also in May we did Adopt-A-Hwy. This year for renewal, someone beat us to it and signed up. SLIA has sponsored this section on Gilmer Road from Midlothian to Chevy Chase Road for about 10 years.
- Before the leaves came out someone noticed a large oak in the trail leading down into Maple Park on Shade Lane. It was removed and was completely hollow. A crane had to rented to remove the top section. Then a very large live oak simply laid itself down over the Ravinia trail after a big rain event. These two tree removals wiped out what we had budgeted for 2018 to remove and replace trees. However, the Washburns kindly donated 3 oaks that were planted at Schwerman Park where others were removed. Big THANKS to Sandy & Dan-Washburn!
- Our 2 most recent EPA Grant Projects in Ravinia Park and Maple Park were reviewed as required by lake County Stormwater Mgt. engineers. They reported we are in good compliance and offered suggestions to further our restorations to keep these sites in good health. They especially liked our biodiversity of native plants, trees and fruit bearing shrubs existing in both areas.
- We currently are looking to begin work on Maple Park’s shoreline rehab this winter. We are not applying for the WMB at this site. We did not get it in 2017. We do plan on applying for WMBs at two other sites in 2019. Maple Park trail off N. Sylvan & Shady Lane by removal of buckthorn and installation of larger rip rap to curb excessive run-off down that rail. The mouth of the bay in Ravinia is in need of larger boulders and a few residents in that area provided an idea to not only address the erosion happening there, but also beautify the area. I recently learned that the amount of land that drains into Ravinia Bay area comes from 174 acres. This info was obtained from Lake County Engineering. It is basically the properties of the new neighborhood at Gilmer & Midlothian and a little more west of that development. I am awaiting the amount that contributes o Maple Park Bay.
- I would like to take this time to remind all that phosphorus based lawn fertilize contribute to algae blooms. Nitrogen based does not. As residents we-need to make smart-choices about fertilizers for the benefit of the lake. This will be a point we will communicate to this new development in the future as their run off will/has been greatly impacting to amount of water and possibly algae blooms we have experienced this year.

MAPLE PARK SHORELINE STABILIZATION PROPOSAL

What can be done to stabilize the shoreline?

- Grading and native plant installation
- Rock rip-rap installation
- Treated timber
- Seawall installation

Why worry about shorelines?

- Prevent erosion
- Minimize sedimentation into the lake
- Minimize nutrients in the lake

Why native plants?

- Turf grass has 2-6" root system; native plants up to 13'
- The roots of native plants interweave; locking soil in place
- Native plants help prevent non-point source pollution from reaching the water body (filtration)
- Deter goose activity
- Lower long-term cost (than other options)

What is being done at Maple Park?

- Current railroad ties and poles will be removed
- Shoreline will be regraded
- Native no mow strip installed.



ECO-CORNER # 6

With a renewed focus on evaluating and managing the eco-health of our Sylvan Lake common land and water areas, this spring an initiative by SLIA was relatively successful in setting a string line to discourage Canadian geese from nesting and generally hanging around our lake and surrounding shoreline. This was done in order to mitigate a concentration of geese and their waste that can quickly contaminate a beach area and prevent residents from being able to enjoy water recreation because of high bacteria counts.

However, geese aren't the only animals leaving waste behind that can spoil enjoyment and recreation around Sylvan Lake. Whether under cover of nighttime darkness, early mornings, or even in broad daylight, the issue of Sylvan Lake dog owners not picking up and disposing of their dog's waste and instead leaving it on the ground needs to be respectfully addressed. You-know-what left to disintegrate on the ground has eco-consequences and becomes another possible source of water and soil bacterial pollution. This is *preventable*.

Keep in mind that several Sylvan Lake storm sewers directly channel surface water into easement swales which run down into the lake, and after a heavy rain or snow melt, whatever is sitting on the ground is carried along in the runoff - fertilizer, garbage, leaves, and yes, _____. "It" is also unsightly and results in some easement parks being unusable for relaxation or play by adults and children, family and invited friends. SLIA also contracts with professional landscape and occasional tree service providers whose personnel and equipment unintentionally track and spread "it" around even more. Again, this is *preventable*.

Sylvan Lake is a gem of a neighborhood in the Chicago 'burbs. Our beautiful lake community with its natural easement areas and manicured park settings are intended to add value to the everyday lives of all residents who have chosen to make their homes here. We share the outside areas with both wildlife and family pets (again, think geese and dogs), but neither can be permitted to ruin the everyday opportunities to enjoy the common areas that residents do value. Please pick up after all dogs when "going for a walk" and this will help keep our common grounds and lake clean for residents and also for contracted service providers.

*Thank you.
by Jennifer Cameron*

<https://www.lcfpd.org/dog-parks/>
<http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/pdf/pet.pdf>
<https://www.ecolandscaping.org/03/pests-pest-management/the-scoop-on-dog-waste/>

Equestrian Connection

Would Like a Pedal Boat

Equestrian Connection is a non profit organization in Lake County that provides equine and specialty therapies for mentally, emotionally and physically challenged children and adults.



Our Re-Connect Program helps combat veterans rebuild trust. The vets are enjoying fishing in the small lake as part of their time at the barn and we have a few kayaks and a canoe but it would be so beneficial to have a pedal boat!

If anyone is considering getting rid of their boat, please consider donating it to Equestrian Connection. Check out our webs site at <http://www.equestrianconnection.org>.

Contact Lynn Simet at 847-212-8167 if you can donate a boat, or just want to learn more about EC.

Here's How to Print the Sylvan Lake Phone Directory

Go to the Sylvan Lake website: www.slia.net

- Select the Contacts tab
- Select the Sylvan Lake Phone Directory link
- Enter the password.
If you don't know the password, send an email message to SylvanLakers@gmail.com and we will send it to you.

This is a snippet of the phone directory when it opens.

Last Name	First Name	Phone Number	Mobile	Address
Alvario	Miguel	847-410-0844		21284 W Crescent Dr.
Anderson	Mark and Patty	847-588-2450		21267 W Crescent Dr.
Anderson	Donna Leigh	847-588-7148		21172 W Willowood Dr.
Bach	Karen	847-588-7148		26267 W Highland Dr.
Bely	James and Maureen	847-588-7148		26255 W Highland Dr.
Bennett	Rob and Sharon Leith	847-588-4027	847-858-2481	21485 W Crescent Dr.
Bennett	Brenda			26227 W Willow Rd.
Bellinder	Fred and Michele	847-570-4740		26117 W Highland Dr.
Bennett	Dave and Michele	847-588-8810		26143 W Highland Dr.
Berry	Conrad and Sheila	847-588-1422		21135 W Sylvan Dr.
Berry	Kevin	847-445-7040		21333 W Sylvan Dr.

- Once the phone book opens,
- Select the Printer icon at the top left of the browser screen.
- Using that printer icon, send the Phone Directory to your printer.

Missing a Boat? Boat Found Floating

Neighbors:

We have been away for a week and found a new boat floating near our shore. Here is a picture to help locate the owner.

Our address is 21321 W Crescent Dr.

Thank you, Rich Mirock



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.





6th Annual Turkey Trot!

**Sylvan Lake Garden Club is
hosting a 5K run/walk**

on Thanksgiving morning Nov. 22nd

Start time: 8:00 am

Starting at the intersection of Marion Avenue & Bittersweet Drive
and ending on Marion Avenue (Schwerman Park).

What a great way to get out and enjoy your neighbors' company
on Thanksgiving morning. Start time: 8:00 a.m.

There is NO COST for this event! Just join us at the park!

*Turkey Trot t-shirts and sweatshirts will be available for order.
(More information will be coming out soon in an email blast
to order t-shirts and sweatshirts.)*

**Keep in mind that this is a "move at your own pace" type of event.
No one should be intimidated by the physical expectations of the walk/run.**

Special Projects Summary - 2018

1. Land bridge leading to Crescent and addressed erosion control in Ravinia Park. Completed - Parks and Easements.
2. Agree with countryside Fire Department that they may perform water rescue training and practice using their sonar on our lake when they need the opportunity to perform training exercises. They will notify us in advance.
3. Replant native trees as needed to replace what we have and will continue to loose. Completed - Parks and Easements.
4. Replaced hazardous steps down Juneau easement. Completed - Parks and Easements.
5. Proposal to replace Bulletin boards West Sylvan and South Crescent by Comfort Park, cost would have been \$1590.00 for both.
Used alternate Plan - Adding Plexiglas doors with latches to keep postings from getting wet and blowing away. Total cost - \$189.00. Completed.
6. Currently to date, Sylvan lake Community Armada has 161 vessels registered. Kayaks and peddle pontoon boats represent 35% and 7% of the population respectively.
7. In 2018:
 - 23 boat registration stickers issued.
 - 10 requests for storage.
 All residents who paid for storage in 2017 also paid for storage in 2018 with the exception of one person (Beach kayak storage).
8. Quarterly review of beach and all easements regarding boat sticker and storage. Five boats not in compliance (2 kayaks and 2 paddle boats) without stickers not paying for storage. (Owners came forward and met expectations).
One paddle boat was abandoned. Township provided dumpster and boat was removed.

Respectively Brian Wawrzyniak

2018 Lake Management

We continue to use Scientific Aquatic as our source for weed and algae abatement. The normal course of treatment is six applications throughout the season. (late spring to early fall) This year we experienced record rains through May and June which caused an increase in weed and algae formation due to fertilizer run off into the lake. This required additional treatments to control the growth of algae. The fertilizer comes from throughout the entire watershed and has increased with the addition of the new homes on the north west corner for Gilmer and Midlothian roads. We have also picked up a new type of weed (curly leaf pond weed) that grows rapidly in an environment such as ours. We are working with Scientific Aquatic to eradicate the pond weed while maintaining a healthy weed base which acts as shelter for the fish population as well as a filter for runoff created silt.

Thank you to the volunteers who pulled lily pads in strategic areas of the lake. This created access to the piers in Ravinia terrace and cleared areas of shoreline for homeowner access.

The aeration system ran smoothly requiring only normal wear and tear maintenance. Purchase of a backup motor is being considered.

The lake continues to be monitored by Lake County Health Department and there were no beach closures this year. This is helped by the goose population being encouraged to move on by the use of the line system which is installed at the beach in early spring.

*Respectfully submitted
Lee Dickinson
Lake Management*