



Sylvan Lake Shoreline

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Santa's Visit

Hey Kids
Don't Miss Santa's Visit

Santa will be coming to
Bjorklund Park for his
annual visit.

**Saturday,
December 8th,**

*He will arrive at
4:30 p.m. SHARP!*

***Please bring treats
to share.***



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Santa's Visit and Luminary Walk

After Santa's Visit, walk around the
lake with family or friends and enjoy
the lights from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Saturday,
December 8th**



Ladies Holiday Party ~

The Sylvan Lake
'Ladies Holiday Party'
is Friday, December
14th at 6:30 p.m. at
Kara Adam's - 21086
W Sylvan Drive.



Please bring a wrapped white
elephant gift to exchange if you'd
like. Please bring an appetizer or
dessert to share.

Referendum for Single Waste Hauler Passes in Township

Proposition To Authorize The Township To Exercise The Powers Of The Township Refuse Collection And Disposal Act to enter into a contract for the collection, disposal, composting or recycling of garbage, refuse and ashes within the unincorporated area of the Township?

This proposition was passed at our November election and an advisory committee will soon be formed to work with the township board to start the mechanics of possibly selecting a single service supplier for this service.

After a committee is selected it will reach out to unincorporated Fremont Township residents to determine the different options most residents would prefer. These options would then put out to bid with the refuse collection companies available in our area. It is hoped that services with better options and fees can be contracted to a single company, instead of the three now being used in Sylvan Lake, and for the betterment of all the unincorporated township and residents.

The committee may be assembled after the holidays to start researching refuse collection options and developing bid requests from refuse collecting companies. Diana O'Kelly, Fremont Township Supervisor indicated that the goal is for better refuse collection options such as leaf pick-up, better pricing and fewer heavy trucks on the township roads.

All Watercraft removed from Beach

Success....

No water craft on the beach.

The SLIA Rules and Regulations were updated recently that all watercraft were to be removed from the beach from November 15th and March 15th of every year. This was proposed, voted on and approved as a result of our annual meeting this last September by the members of Sylvan Lake.

As a reminder, it was the responsibility of the boat owner to have their watercraft removed by the November 15th date each year.

Thanks for all your support. It has been a very successful year.

The Boat Team

Please! NO Leaves In the Lake

According to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, disposing of leaves in lakes causes more unwanted algae blooms.

Please tell your landscape service to not blow them in the lake.

Visit this website for additional info regarding this topic: www.pca.state.mn.us/ then go to the living green header and read all about it.



TAKE A BOOK, LEAVE A BOOK

Take a Book....Leave a Book coming soon to Sylvan Lake.

A little side note from Mary Haroun: the inventor of Take a Book....Leave a Book, Todd Bol, recently passed away. He invented the "Little Free Library" in 2009. He lived in Hudson, WI, and started the event as a tribute to his mother, who was a teacher and book lover.

He placed his "one room school house version" outside his home for all to borrow and read his books. The book boxes are now being used across the country and in 80 different countries around the world. (Article found in Chicago Tribune, October 30, 2018.)



State of the Lake

By Gary Goldblatt. SLIA President

Greetings fellow Sylvan Lakers!
And Happy Holidays to you all and your families. Early big snowfall has made our lake look beautiful. I'm looking forward to seeing the lake freeze up and the hockey and ice games being played by all. I'm also hoping for an equally early Spring....

The SLIA board held it's last meeting of the year on November 14th. We reflected on the improvements made this year which included Juneau Easement repair, updated Boat policy, Rules and Regulation execution, long range budgeting, Maple Park shoreline restoration plans, successful Oktoberfest that netted a savings of \$251.00 in expenses over 2017, 98% member paid assessments, one of our largest annual meeting turnouts in years that included many new neighbors and one garbage hauler contract that will be negotiated and executed by Fremont Township. One of our biggest wins was that the SLIA board is now fully staffed with 9 volunteer board members as we head into 2019. I'm excited about 2019 as our focus will remain on making improvements, remaining fiscally responsible, and conformance to the SLIA by-laws and rules and regulations.

With some pretty large expenditures in 2018 related to downed trees, easement improvements, sand at the beach, etc., we managed a slight improvement in our total bank accounts over 2017. (most of which is in reserves)

TY: \$147,928 add to that a receivable of \$1610.00 in 2018 past due assessments brings our total to \$149, 838 vs: LY \$148, 517. Our P&L continued to decline as increased fixed expenses have increased over the years.

TY: - \$25.8 (\$11.5 includes some unexpected tree work and Maple park prep work for 2019) LY: -\$3.9

****Volunteering is the # 1 way to improve our bottom line while continuing to make improvements in our community. Thank you to the many, many of you of all ages that continue to volunteer. It makes a big difference and is much appreciated.**

REMINDERS FOR 2019:

*Annual assessments have been raised to \$400.00 a year. This will be reflected on the 2019 assessment statements that will be in the mail around January 4th and due by February 28. 10% Late fees will apply and are cumulative.

*Members who own rental property and renters- A copy of your rental lease must be current and on file with SLIA. (per part D, page 6 of SLIA Rules and Regulations) and updated as per renter turnover. If not, then this would be considered a violation of Part D of Rules and Regulations and action to comply would follow.

*Oktoberfest 2019- will need a captain.

SLIA Web site:

Check out the SLIA Website. IT is 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 Association Contacts Section. If you don't have the password, send an email message to Sylvanlakers@gmail.com and request it.

Your 2019 SLIA board:

President: Gary Goldblatt

Vice President: Jeanne Peterson

Treasurer: Ed Meltzer

Secretary: Lynda Throm

Parks & Easements:

Jeri Swanson

Lake: Tom Truffer

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 Countryside Fire station on Midlothian Rd. This is where great ideas, and suggestions can be shared and acted upon. Don't make the annual meeting your only meeting for participation. 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 Lakeing all!!!



Fremont Township Library Memorial Tiles

The library's intent with the memorial tiles has been to find a new, safe place for them to be moved due to the original placement becoming a safety hazard. There is a new plan in place to replace the memorial tiles with an alternate display within the vestibule of the library. We hope to unveil this new piece of art very soon!

Until then, the memorial tiles are stored safely.

If you or someone you know donated a tile, please go to: tiny.cc/memorialtiles (or go to our website -> About Us -> Memorial Tiles) to fill out our online form, letting us know if you wish to come retrieve your tile.

There will be monthly pick-up dates. If you are unable to access the online form, a library staff member will be able to fill it out for you in the library.

We're very excited for everyone to see the new display!
Thank you for continuously supporting Fremont!



Fremont Public Library Events

An Evening With Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln R F Monday, Dec. 3,
7:00pm Join us on the Bicentennial for the final event in our series. President and Mrs. Lincoln reflect on their lives together in Illinois and Washington as they prepare to leave for Ford's Theater.

History of the Cocktail Wednesday, Dec. 5, 7:00pm
Sonja Kassebaum of North Shore Distillery talks about the cocktail, from its birth in the 1800s to today. Must be 21 or older; samples will be served. 2

A Lookback Monday, Dec. 10,
7:00pm R F Join historian Barry Bradford as he speaks about the top news stories, quotes, and buzzwords of the year. See how his predictions from last year did, and what he predicts for 2019!

Random Ringers Holiday Concert Sunday, Dec. 9, 2:00pm
Join The Random Ringers handbell choir for a variety of secular, popular, and religious music to ring in the season. Arrive early for refreshments.



Time To Clean The Dryer Vent/ Furnace Filter

Clothes dryer fires account for over 15,000 structure fires, 15 deaths, and 400 injuries annually.

"Failure to clean" is the leading factor contributing to clothes dryer fires.

Please check all parts of your clothes dryer venting and inspect for an accumulation of lint, especially at the very end of the vent as it leaves the house.

This is also a good time to inspect and maybe replace your furnace filter if you have a forced air system. Your furnace will be much more efficient with a clean filter and will save you money with less dust recirculated in your home

Sylvan Lake Dam

Most current information on Sylvan Lake Dam improvement is that the our Fremont Township Road Commissioner, Bill Grinnell, has been in contact with the engineer that has been working on this project. Although this process has been dragging on for several years Grinnell said that it is not a dead project.

Winter Wonderland at Sylvan Lake

It has been a little unusual beginning to winter this year with the early, heavy and wet snow in November. Yes it was a mess to drive in for a few hours, and yes it was very heavy to shovel and yes it did bend many of our trees and bushes to some very acute angles and even broke a few limbs. The other side of this storm is the incredible beauty created around the lake. I hope that all were able to take a moment or two or even three to marvel at the winter transformation to Sylvan Lake. We are blessed in so many ways!



ECO-CORNER #7

The old saying, “Out with the old, in with the new” can mean many things: updating career goals, improving lifestyle habits, cleaning out the jam-packed garage, etc.. With December being the last month of the old year, many people are starting to organize a new calendar noting resolutions, travel dreams, and maybe even a few changes to regular plans and holidays. In addition to regular government, religious, and “Hallmark” holidays, there are a few eco-holidays to keep in mind during the upcoming new year:

February 2nd: World Wetlands Day has promoted global appreciation and protection of wetlands for over 40 years. Since 1971 when the international treaty was signed that commemorates this date, over half a million acres of wetlands have been advocated for and protected as environmentally important in over one hundred countries.

March 22nd: World Water Day focuses attention on the importance of freshwater and for the sustainable management of freshwater resources. March 22nd is an international observance date and an opportunity for everyone to learn more about water-related issues, conservation, and to take actions to make a positive difference.

April 22nd: Earth Day marks the jumpstart of the environmental movement that began in America in 1970 as a direct response to the observed negative environmental impacts primarily due to industrialization over the preceding decades. Earth Day is now celebrated all over the world! Is there anyone reading this who wore “Earth shoes” in the early 70s?! The Earth Day theme for 2018 was End Plastic Pollution, and the 2019 theme will be Protect Our Species.

There will be more eco-holiday dates listed when the Shoreline resumes active publication in April, 2019. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

<http://www.worldwetlandsday.org/>
<http://worldwaterday.org/>
<https://www.earthday.org/>

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
Alvares	Miguel	947-610-0844		21244 W Crescent Dr.
Anderson	Mark and Patty	947-546-2465		21247 W Crescent Dr.
Anderson	Donna Leigh	947-546-7146		21172 W Whitewater Dr.
Baile	Karen			24247 W Highland Dr.
Billy	James and Maureen	947-546-7161		26255 W Highland Dr.
Bewick	Rob and Sherona-Jane	947-546-4857	947-855-2485	21489 W Crescent Dr.
Bowman	Barbara			24027 W Silver Rd.
Bullard	Fred and Michele	947-570-6740		24117 W Highland Dr.
Burrows	Steve and Michele	947-546-8819		26142 W Highland Dr.
Burns	Conrad and Sheila	947-546-1423		21135 W Sylvan Dr.
Burns	Barb	947-445-7160		21189 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.

Don't Be Duped

Lake County Recorder of Deeds, Mary Ellen Vanderventer is warning residents there are companies contacting Lake County homeowners in an effort to provide you with a certified copy of the deed to your home for an outrageous payment of \$87.00.

You don't need to pay a company for this service. All requests for copies of deeds should be handled directly through the Recorder's office. The average deed is four pages or less, with a copy fee of only \$1 per page.

I would encourage anyone with a question, concern or need for a copy to contact the office directly at (847) 377-2575 .

They will be happy to send you whatever paperwork you need, at the statutory cost, without any handling or postage fees.

Turkey Trot 2018 News

Sylvan Lake Garden Club Hosted 5K run/walk on Thanksgiving morning

The Sylvan Lake Garden Club sponsored its now 'Traditional' 5k run/walk and it was a great way to get out and enjoy the neighbors' and the neighborhood on Thanksgiving morning.

Marco De La Cruz took first for the kids (and first overall)

Dave Kruse was the first male adult to finish

Kara Adams was the first female adult.



Snow Plowing and Parking

When Fremont Township plows your roads this winter it allows for better and safer snow removal if the plows do not have to go around vehicles that are parked on the road. **Please do not park on the street to allow the plows to get through safely.**

