



Sylvan Lake Shoreline

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Sylvan Lake Summer Swim Lessons

Learn Lake Swimming Skills!

• Ages 3-12

• June 24-July 5th (Monday-Thursday)

Fridays are Weather Make Up Days & July 4th Date Change

- 6pm-8pm (30 minute classes)
- Cost: \$30 per Child (one week)
- \$45 per Child (two weeks)
- Location: Beach

Any questions call Karen Finerty @ 847-977-1518

or Laurie MacKay @847-452-2205

Please see attached form on page 4 for more information

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Garden Club News

Here's the July 4th Picnic Schedule

- 10:30 - Bike Parade at Schwerman Park
- 11:00 - 2:00 Lunch Served
- 12:00 - Countryside
Fire Department Visit
- 1:00 - Kid Games at the Beach
- 2:00 - Adult Games at the Beach



Oktoberfest In Question? Still in need of captain.

We still need a captain or captain group to be able to hold our Oktoberfest this September or October. We have some flexibility, and as captain, we can work with you to set that date to your convenience.

We have very extensive written guidelines for every step of Oktoberfest. If you would like to see those before committing, please write to sylvanlakers@gmail.com and we will send them.

It's a lot of fun, and with a good team of workers, it makes the work go well.

Talk with your friends, and please respond to this email message if you think you and your friends can take this role.

Thank you,
The Sylvan Lake Board



The Sylvan Lake Phone Directory Has Recently Been Updated

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

- Select the **Association, 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	947-415-5846		21284 W. Crescent Dr.
Anderson	Mark and Patty	947-588-2485		21287 W. Crescent Dr.
Anderson	Doreen	947-588-7546		21272 W. Richmond Dr.
Baile	Karen			26267 W. Highland Dr.
Billy	Jennie and Maureen	947-588-7542		26255 W. Highland Dr.
Bennett	Rob and Sharon-Jane	947-588-4857	947-858-2485	21489 W. Crescent Dr.
Bennett	Bonnie			28527 W. Gilman Rd.
Belliveau	Fred and Michele	947-576-6740		28517 W. Highland Dr.
Bennett	Dave and Michele	947-588-8818		28542 W. Highland Dr.
Bess	Conrad and Sheila	947-588-1423		21135 W. Sylvan Dr.
Bess	Steve	947-445-7942		21135 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.

Recreation Sylvan Lake!



Volleyball League

Where: Schwerman Park

When: Tuesdays starting
June 11th

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.

State of the Lake

By Gary Goldblatt. SLIA President



Greetings fellow Sylvan Lakers!
Our seemingly endless winter is over....Spring/Summer in Sylvan Lake is finally here and hopefully everyone will all be out and about enjoying everything about Sylvan Lake.

Get to know your new neighbors:

Sylvan Lake has averaged 3-5 home turnovers a year over the last few years. I expect this trend to continue. Get to know your neighbors, invite them to share in all Sylvan Lake events and activities. We don't have an official welcoming committee, so please get them involved and out meeting members.

Clean-up day:

Another great turnout as neighbors joined forces to clean up various parts of our community. Mark Byke flew in from Atlanta to help cut down and cut up a huge fallen tree in Ravinia. Mark owns an empty lot here in Sylvan lake and plans to build his retirement home here some day. I estimated there were about 30-35 volunteers who worked hard for 3+ hours to clean up our community. Projected conservative cost savings to our community was \$1800.00

Maple Park:

The restoration project is still work in progress as there is more work to do with regards to grading. Lots of rain has continued to push back the completion of this project. ILM is committed to turning over a great looking Maple Park shoreline.

Member Piers & Shoreline's:

You wouldn't let your house run down and be in disrepair...neither should member shorelines and piers be run down and in disrepair. Please protect our shoreline, minimize erosion into our lake and manage your pier and shoreline.

By laws: Page 9, #8 and Rules and regulations page 5, sect 1 Part A & page 11

New piers and restored piers must

be pre-approved by the SLIA board,
C/O Lake Director

Specifics regarding piers can be found in the SLIA Rules and regulations: Page 11, section E, #1

Huge recognition

Huge recognition to the following Sylvan Lake members who have partnered to create a great amenity to our community. The Book boxes. Mary Harroun who came up with the idea of a put-and-take book bin located at our message boards, Barb Erdman pushed for the painting, Warren Young primed and sealed the book bins and made them ready for Diane Capasso's amazing artwork, and to Lee Tudor who installed the book bins. Enjoy taking and putting books in these bins. Thank you all for creating a Sylvan Lake amenity.

SLIA 2nd Qtr/YTD.

Financial highlights:

Balance sheet: Total Liabilities and Assets TY \$225.0 vs LY \$200.8

Accounts Receivable: TY \$5.4 VS LY \$4.9 Late payments and past dues

Profit and Loss:

Income: TY \$81.1 Vs LY \$34.7

Driven by stronger bank balance from LY, increased assessments, late fees and boat storage fees.

Expenses: TY to date \$8.1 vs LY \$10.8.

Interest income: TY \$70.60 vs. LY \$58.83

Net Income: TY \$74.3 vs LY \$25.3

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 a request email message to Sylvanlakers@gmail.com.

Your 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 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.

Save these dates:

*SLIA annual meeting is 9/18

from 7pm- 9pm

*Fall clean up day 10/5

*Octoberfest 10/12 (pending)

Other updates:

***Gilmer road expansion:** delayed until 2021.

***Dam project:** The Engineers of the project have been asked for updates...none given...leads both SLIA and Fremont Township to the conclusion that not much has changed in the last 60 Days...ie, still a strong possibility for this Fall

*See something, Say something,
Do something!*

Until the next time...

Happy Sylvan Lake-ing all!!!

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Choose Session(s)

Week 1 Only, June 24 – June 27th (\$30): _____

Week 2 Only, July 1 – July 5 (\$30): _____

Both Week 1 and 2 (\$45): _____

****No Lesson July 4th, Changed to July 5th**

First day (6/24@ 6pm) Testing for all class assignments

Payment and form due 1st day of class. Checks made payable to: Sylvan Lake Garden Club

Register

Swimmers Name(s) and Age(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Parks and Easement News

- Clean Up Day



As Mr. Roger's sang:
*"It's a Beautiful Day in the
Neighborhood"*... It sure was on
Clean Up Day, Saturday May 18th!

Thanks to all that came out and
helped. We had a few new neighbors:
Doug & Sally DeBruin of Hillside
Ln. and Mark Byk of North Sylvan
who came from out of town to help.
He currently has a vacant lot.

For the past many years Terri
& Rich Borst have put together our
lunch. Brian Wawrzyniak and Jean
Gartner helped Terri this year. Patsy
Sweeney made a nice dessert to
share with us.

Andi Dickinson took care of
Bjorklund Pk., Patsy Sweeney
tended to the Crescent Entrance, and
I think Lucia & Steve Mongelluzzo
REALLY cleaned up the Highland
Entrance. Mark Anderson received
lots of help clearing the pathway
into Maple Park of wet leaves so
water could flow there properly. Tana
& Donn Hamm cut buckthorn in
Ravnica and the Hiawatha trail.

Bill Pohl, Linda Throm, Mike
Trahan cleared the waterway in
Hiawatha Trail. Then I saw lots of
folks along North Sylvan working
hard, clearing dead wood and
invasives. Even the Washburn
grandkids !

This is the first time I have ever
seen the piers get installed, took lots
of hands to do it, but as usual, many
hands make the job easier, thanks to
all those guys for such an important
part of our summer enjoyment !

Sheri & Ken Liss walked around the
lake giving out garbage bags and
water bottles.

Gwenn & Paul Stempien
volunteered after lunch.

Since I can't be in all places at
the same time, I know I missed a lot
of names. Hopefully your neighbors
saw you out there and thanked you.

From what I can figure, maybe
30-40 people volunteered for 3 plus
hours. This equates to 90-100 hours
@ \$20.00 per= at least \$1800.00 was
saved !

Maple Park Shoreline Project:

It never stops raining here, if
it does, then it snows. In fact it's
raining as I type this.

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Parks and Easement News

- Clean Up Day - continued

The site has hay and or erosion blanketing on it now. When we get a clear shot, we will seed the area with native species and a cover crop of rye and oats. The rye & oats will germinate first, while the native species have a harder shell on the seed and will germinate as the temps rise.

Watch for eblast begging for helpers !

Ravinia & Maple Parks have seen lots of trout lilies this year as well as white trilliums, field trilliums, lots of Jack in the Pulpits and many other small natives throughout both areas. As of today, Memorial Day, not too much Dame's Rocket has been found. It is an imposter of phlox and is very invasive. If you see it: has white to pink to purple flowers, very beautiful, but a problem. Please pull it and dispose of the plant as it will soon have seed pods popping off the stems, as many as 500 seeds per stem will burst open and spread everywhere.

This is not something we want, we have been trying to get rid of it for many years, at this time we are on the right path as we are with garlic mustard.

You'll notice on the corner of Gilmer & Midlothian, the "hill" is brimming with Dame's rocket right now.

I have asked the Lake Co rep to talk to Hawthorn Woods about controlling invasives so they stop making their way here.

Integrated Lakes Mgt herbicides and pulls invasives for us 3 times a year. Usually on one of those visits

they cut honeysuckle & buckthorn. But we still need to help this process. The goal is to be herbicide free at some point. With help we can do it !

THANKS AGAIN for a successful Clean up Day !

Jeri Swanson, Parks/Easements



ECO-CORNER # 9

Sylvan Lake raptors - HAWKS!

The first part of the year has been a busy time for some of our avian residents or at least those that make the time for a daily visit to our lake community. Apparently Sylvan Lake must be listed in the (*imaginary) *Hawks Guide to the Good Life* with scrumptious local eats, perfect perches, and an assortment of nice nearby nesting options available!

Red-tailed Hawk • Cooper's Hawk • Sharp-shinned Hawk

Here are a few general descriptions to help you identify which of the above-mentioned Northern Illinois raptors have you enraptured:

Red-tailed Hawk: larger body; lighter breast with brown streaking marks; head and top feathering is brownish; short tail shows rust “red” coloring when fanned out; courtship and mating pair perform aerial maneuvers high in the sky.

Cooper's Hawk: mid-size body; lighter breast with brown streaking marks; head and top feathering is brownish; longer tail with horizontal bands and rounded tip; breeds and hunts in suburban and urban habitats.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: smaller, more slender body; tan breast with white streaking marks; head and top feathering is slate grey; longer tail with horizontal bands and squared or slightly notched tip; has very long middle toes (haha!) and large eyes.

*Keep in mind that Cooper's and Sharp-shinned hawks are frequently misidentified. Although their markings change slightly from juvenile to adult they still look similar.

The active presence of Illinois raptors is a very positive indicator for the overall health of the Sylvan Lake ecosystem! Hawks are diurnal as they are active during the day vs. nocturnal like owls who are active at night. The dining habits of hawks are an important way Mother Nature provides a check-and-balance on the population of reptiles, insects, other birds, and mammals like mice, chipmunks, squirrels, and rabbits. Hawks are also a federally protected species under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. **Welcome, RAPTORS!**

<https://blog.nature.org/science/2018/12/31/why-youre-seeing-more-hawks-at-your-birdfeeder/>

<https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/education/CDIndex/RedtailedHawk.pdf>

<http://www.illinoisraptorcenter.org/cooper.html>

<https://birdsna.org/Species-Account/bna/species/shshaw/introduction>

<https://feederwatch.org/learn/tricky-bird-ids/coopers-hawk-and-sharp-shinned-hawk/>



Red Tail Hawk flying



Red Tail Hawk



Cooper's Hawk flying



Cooper's Hawk



Sharp-shinned Hawk flying



Sharp-shinned Hawk

Easter Bunny and Bake Sale

At 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 20th the Easter Bunny came to Point Comfort Park and helped our kids fill their baskets with goodies! Kids and grandkids enjoyed the fun and sampled some of the wonderful Sylvan Lake baked goods.

We thank all those great bakers for the baked goods donations that were donated. This special event was again sponsored by the Sylvan Lake Garden Club.



Considering Replacing a Pier During the Dam Project?

Sylvan Lake Neighbors -

The lake will be lowered by the Fremont Township Hwy Department during the dam rebuilding. This project is planned to start in September of this year, and run for about 9 months over the Winter and Spring of 2020. If you are considering building or replacing a pier off of your property while the lake is lowered, now is the time to start considering the work and materials.

Pier specifics are covered on Page 11, Section E-1 of the SLIA Rules and Regulations. Within this section, dimensions and requirements are set out for you to use.

Pier design and dimensions must be pre -approved by the SLIA board. Send your request for approval to SylvanLakers@gmail.com Please put "Attention: Lake Director" in the subject line. And please include your contact information including address of property and your phone number.

The SLIA Rules and Regulations are located on the Sylvan Lake website [www.slia.net] under the Association tab.

Thank you.
The Sylvan Lake Board

Use the Newly Redesigned Lake County PASSAGE App for IOS and Android

If you are driving through Lake County this weekend, make sure to use the newly updated and redesign for IOS or Android. www.lakecountypassage.com/about/smartphone.jsp

PASSAGE is an Intelligent Transportation System designed to give users real-time traffic congestion updates and important local road information.

The Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) recently launched a new version of the PASSAGE app for the iPhone and iPad, and the updated app for Android has been available since November 2018. Downloads are available on the Apple Store or Google Play Store.