



Sylvan Lake Shoreline

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Santa's Visit

Hey Kids, Don't Miss Santa's Visit

Santa will be making his stop at Sylvan Lake and bringing lots of Holiday Cheer!

Bring the kids and grandkids to share with Santa what they want for the Holidays and get a Holiday picture with him.

Saturday, December 7th,

*He will arrive at
4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.*



***Please bring treats to share and the
Garden Club will provide hot chocolate!***

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Ladies' Holiday Party -

**Ladies Holiday Party,
Friday December 13
at 6:30 pm at
Shelby Sharp's home
(21406 W. Crescent)**

Silent night?...Not tonight!

Join the Girls for the Annual Holiday Party. There will be an optional White Elephant Gift Exchange. Bring your wrapped gift item (taken from your home, not purchased!) Also, please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

Please! NO Leaves In the Lake

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

With this crazy fall, early snow late leaves falling and the high winds our lake has been given a huge deposit of leaves from mother nature.

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.



Turkey Trot Run/Walk 5K

Starting at Schwerman Park on a cool Thanksgiving morning Sylvan Lake residence celebrated with a little physical activity, treats at the finish line and great bonding time with neighbors and friends!

A special big thank you to the Turkey Trot organizers that had the course set, great signage to guide everyone along and made it fun for everyone that participated, runners, walkers and strollers.



Parks and Easements

I just submitted the original engineering info from the IEPA grant done in Ravinia 12 yrs ago to ILM for their review with regard to repairing erosion along the creek bed as well as the mouth of the bay. After their review is complete they will be in a better position to see what can be repaired vs new construction as this plays a big part in whether we will need permitting to proceed .

If all goes well and we could split up some of the work over a 2 year period, due to budgeting, perhaps some work could start this winter.

The Eco-chics will be making seed balls to be distributed in Maple Park and along the fence line of North Sylvan. All native seed to be used , most collected right here from Sylvan Lake !

We will keep you posted on all.

Jeri Swanson

TAKE A BOOK, LEAVE A BOOK

Take a Book....Leave a Book.

Have you looked at the book selection in our Sylvan Lake Book Boxes? Have you traded any books in and out?

There is a nice selection of books and authors for all ages. If there is a book or author that you have discovered let us know and we will share that recommendation with the community.

Keep in mind that there are several Book Boxes around the lake and a great stop and visit as you walk around the lake.



State of the Lake

By Gary Goldblatt. SLIA President

Greetings fellow Sylvan Lakers!
The Holidays are here, Boy did this year fly by. Soon there will be snow and the Lake will be frozen and ready for some winter activities. Every Season is great at Sylvan Lake.

Updates:

*A revision to the Boat policy

section of the Rules and regulations is being worked on which includes verbiage around an owner of a watercraft who sells or gives their boat away. Notification to the Boat director is necessary as well as the transfer of ownership per the registration documents. More to follow

*2020 assessments will be in mail around 1/4/20

*Dam project continues to be delayed due to some engineering re-work. Will e-blast any updates as we get them over the winter.

* Dog Poop - There has been a lot of chatter lately about dog poop that is not being picked up by members. Reminder, if you own a dog and you walk the dog throughout the neighborhood, you must pick up the dog poop. There are poop bags provided and garbage cans in every park for disposal convenience. Please don't get tagged with a violation for not picking up dog poop.

*ILM has been out to survey erosion plans for Ravinia Park. More to come with that project in 2020.

*A Fremont Township request - Reminder...Please don't park on the street when it snows. The Fremont Hwy dept will not be able to adequately plow our streets which is a great service to us at no cost to us.

SLIA current YTD. Financial highlights:

Balance sheet:

Total Liabilities and Assets TY
\$171.0 vs LY \$150.6

Profit and Loss:

YTD: \$20.7 vs LY (\$24.9)
(trending better than budget)
Expenses: YTD \$68.8 vs LY \$66.7
Oktoberfest (\$457 loss) not bad for a rainy day.

Legal and professional fees YTD:
\$7.0 vs LY \$8.8

(Reimbursable TY: \$3.9 LY: \$1.3)

*We are in good shape to keep making improvements

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 2020 SLIA board:

President: Gary Goldblatt
Vice President: Jeanne Peterson
Treasurer: Ed Meltzer
Secretary: Dan Trahan
Parks & Easements: Jeri Swanson
Lake: Tom Truffer
Beach: Cliff Gartner
Boat Director: Brian Wawrzyniak
Recreation: Dave Kruse

*First Board meeting of 2020 will be - 1/15/20

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 (except December) from 7:30-9:00 pm 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.

See something,
Say something, Do something!

Until the next time...A Happy, Healthy Holiday season to you and your families. ENJOY!!!



Boat Registration Transfer

Based upon homeowner's feedback, the rules and regulations regarding boat ownership will be revised in the spring of 2020.

The revision will impact boat owners with registered boats that want to dispose of them, sell them or give them away. It is the registered boat owner's responsibility to notify the Boat Director of the disposal or transfer of ownership.

This shall be accomplished by either a written letter or completing a boat registration form identifying the boat registration number and the new status of the boat in order to keep the boat registration database current. If this notification is not followed, the current owner of the boat may be responsible for any fees or fines associated with their boat.

In addition, the Boat Director must communicate to the treasurer the new status so that the boat storage accounting database can be updated.

Thanks and be safe!
Brian Wawrzyniak



ECO-CORNER # 12

As the 2019 year winds down, the memories of a snowy Halloween remained trapped in our smart phones even as holiday lights were strung up outside before the pumpkin pie was baked. One season sure seems to overlap the next both outside and in stores as New Years Eve party favors are likely stocked one aisle away from Valentine's Day and Easter decorations.

In October I visited Western Michigan to take in the autumn colors, and I toured the Grand Rapids Public Museum that featured an exhibit focused on the ecosystems of Western Michigan and the wider impact humans are having on the natural environment. *Some human actions can result in environmental effects that ripple across time, habitats, and the population health of other living things.*

Borrowing ideas and words from the museum's exhibit, please keep in mind the following as we (hopefully) plan for next year in a more eco-sensitive way:

- * It's important for humans to learn how natural systems work, because we need the food, water, and air they provide for today ... *and tomorrow.*
- * Our choices about how we live have consequences. Human disturbances to the environment can affect future generations of plants, animals, ... *and humans.*
- * What kind of Earth should we leave for future generations ... *even for next year?*

Thank you for reading the Eco-Corner articles this year. While the Shoreline is also taking a break during the next few months, there are still future environmental and ecological ideas and projects being thoughtfully researched for possible implementation to improve the land and water environments around Sylvan Lake!

Happy upcoming New Year 2020 to All!

Jennifer Cameron

<https://www.grpm.org/exhibits/west-michigan-habitats/>

<https://www.fieldmuseum.org/exhibitions/nature-walk-messages-wilderness>

*** <https://santatracker.google.com/village.html>
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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.**



Time To Clean ~ Dryer Vent/Furnace Filter

“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

General Ice Thickness Guidelines When is ice safe?

There really is no sure answer.
You can't judge the strength of ice just by its appearance, age, thickness, temperature, or whether or not the ice is covered with snow. Strength is based on all these factors -- plus the depth of water under the ice, size of the water body, water chemistry and currents, the distribution of the load on the ice, and local climatic conditions.

As a general rule for new, clear ice only:

- * 2" or less - STAY OFF
- * 4" - Ice fishing or other activities on foot

Enjoy the lake this winter, hope for a smooth freeze and BE SAFE!

Online Scams Things You Should Know About...

ONLINE SCAMS

The Internet and commercial online services provide a valuable new information source for consumers. However, the information super-highway is still relatively new and largely unregulated. For this reason, it provides con artists with the latest medium for scamming consumers. Don't let these scam artists take advantage of you! **Many of the email scams seem to be coming from your own email provider, Amazon, Ebay, and many other providers that you regularly use. BEWARE, they are not.**

Tips for Avoiding Online Scams

Never Judge a Book by its Cover- A web site may look professional and be aesthetically pleasing, but that doesn't ensure that the company is legitimate or operating lawfully.

Always Investigate A Company's Reputation- Ask a company for a verifiable street address and telephone number before doing business with them. To further verify the company's legitimacy, check with your local business bureau or the Attorney General's Consumer Fraud Hotline.

Always Use a Secure Browser- Most legitimate businesses use encryption technology to enable you to safely send personal data such as credit card numbers and banking information online. Encryption technology scrambles your personal information for transmission and decodes it only once it has safely reached the intended vendor. To ensure you are using a secure browser, look for a web address that begins with "https" instead of "http:" on

the page that asks for your personal information and look for an icon of a locked padlock on the status bar at the bottom of your page.

Remember- when making online transactions, use as many sources as possible to verify the company's legitimacy and quality of the products or services offered. Always be wary of offers marketed as "too good to be true," "inside information," or "hot opportunities."

Information for these tips from the FTC Web site.

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