

June 2022

# Sylvan Lake Shoreline

## Carp-O-Rama

It was a tough year for the Carp-O-Rama but Gary Love managed to catch an 8.8 pounder and took the prize for the most carp with 23. In the kids division, Finn Rollinger caught the largest at 7.27 pounds. The record for the most carp was a four-way tie with one each: Blake Washburn, Ian Crow, Finn Rollinger and Lucy Rollinger. The total number of carp caught this year was 29.



Photos by John Rollinger

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## Sylvan Lake Website

[www.slja.net](http://www.slja.net)

The Sylvan Lake website provides up-to-date information on events and activity around the lake. You can also download the latest Shoreline, participate on a message board, and learn about the history of Sylvan Lake.

The updated website is ready for your use. The only place that requires a password is for the Sylvan Lake Phone Directory under the **Association, Contacts** tab.

If you don't have the password, send an email message to [Sylvanlakers@gmail.com](mailto:Sylvanlakers@gmail.com) and request it.



## Eco-Chics

Ravinia Bay area received lots of TLC from Glen Maksinski and Al Grandt. Both are residents in that area. Thanks to all who tidy up these beautiful spaces!

The Eco-Chics main focus is to always remove invasive non-native vegetation and install only native vegetation. For example: European Buckthorn was brought here by immigrants over 100 years ago to define farm areas and frame it off from erosion/predators. Here in the USA it is out of control as no native animals eat its berries or greenery. This is why it is rampant. It also changes the ph make up of the soil. Bad news all the way around. Please remove it and check the next year as those berries will produce more. It's easily found on the internet for leaf ID or ask any Eco-Chics to ID it.



Currently the active Eco-Chics are: Renee Delmissier, Sandy Washburn, Linda Mihel, Sarah Owen, Jennifer Cameron, Fran Pacheco, Natalie O'Brien and myself. Natalie is new to Sylvan Lake. She and her husband Connor bought Trauscht's house on South Sylvan.

In early may Linda, Renee and Sarah removed invasives and installed more native species in Wildflower.

Guys are welcome! We will even alter the name if some of you care to join us. We focus on removing invasives, seed collecting, distributing seed and transplanting natives for erosion control and beauty!

One last thing: dandelions are herbs and very beneficial to our pollinators. Just had to throw that out there.

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**Jeri Swanson**



## Beach Rules

We wanted to remind everyone of a few beach rules that pertain to safety and health. Please review the below rules and understand there's a good reason for all of them.

- 1) No boats going through or docking on the swimming pier. This is a safety issue for all swimmers, especially kids. Dock on the paddle boat pier or beach your boat near the boat ramp.
- 2) No glass on the beach. This is a safety issue for everyone walking or swimming with bare feet. If glass breaks on the grass, sand, or water, all the glass pieces may never be found and there's been cut feet and stitches over years that can be avoided by simply following this rule.
- 3) No fishing from the beach, beach pier, raft, or anywhere near the swimming area. Synonymous with glass, lost or snagged hooks become a hazard for swimmers. Not to mention snagging a swimmer underwater! Keep your fishing to the area between the boat ramp and dam.
- 4) No animals on the beach. This is a health issue. Our lake is tested every two weeks for bacteria and can be shut down if levels are too high. Additionally, pet waste has no place near the beach area where kids play and swim.

We appreciate all of you following these rules. Enjoy your summer and our beach!

Sincerely,  
**SLIA Board**

# ECO-CORNER #23

by Jenn Cameron

## What's in Your Ear?

Yes, reading the Eco-Corner in the Sylvan Lake Shoreline newsletter is a cool thing to do ~ very cool, if you ask me ~ and so is listening to podcasts! Podcasts can be listened to in many settings as we go about our daily lives, and there is an incredible variety to choose from. Podcasts are yet another way of learning about ecology topics and environmental issues and solutions. Check out the following, if you're so inclined.



### [SUSTAINABLE WORLD RADIO Podcast:](#)

Since 2004, Sustainable World Radio has produced podcasts and videos about the natural world and solutions that benefit both people and planet.

For example:

Ep.158: A longtime organic farmer believes that when we create a better habitat for beneficial insects, we create a better habitat for ourselves.

Ep.163: What if you could replace your mono-crop grass lawn with a “solar powered regenerative system that stores carbon while creating habitats”?

Ep.164: Are you a fan of Raptors or birds of prey?

[A SUSTAINABLE MIND Podcast:](#) Where the green minds of today discuss the most impactful environmental campaigns, organizations and startups.



For example:

Ep.078: Ocean-Friendly Snacks to the Rescue

Ep.081: Plastics Renewal Technology

Ep.092: Reusable cups: form and function

[EARTH 911 Podcast:](#) Podcasts that educate and inform consumers, businesses and communities to inspire thought and facilitate earth-positive consumer decisions.

For example:

Making Industrial Water Systems Sustainable: Because industrial water use accounts for about 85% of water consumed, industrial water recycling is essential to making the economy sustainable.



Creating the Nature-Positive Economy: A practical conversation about the ways businesses can (green) invest to lower carbon emissions, create jobs, and enhance profitability.

EV Battery Trends: The availability of the chemical elements cobalt and lithium needed to make batteries may be limited.

These are just a small sampling of what's out there in eco-podcast-land that you can pop into for a good listening session while at home or on the go. You can block the noise of the vacuum at home or the road noise while you're out, so either way, you win and so does the environment. Happy listening! :-)



# Parks & Easements

## Cleanup Day

Thank you so much to all the volunteers who came out and worked so hard on clean up day. The weather was perfect and we managed to get everything done before the rain started.



Bjorklund and triangle park were weeded, mulched and several bushes were replaced. At the beach, the piers were put out, mulch was turned around trees, beds were edged, flower pots were planted and more seeding was done. Wood chips were put down around the beach shed and deck and the shed was power washed.



*Photo by Sheri Liss*



Schwerman Park had two new trees planted, trees and gardens were mulched and beds were edged. The roots around the merry-go-round were cut back and the rut was filled in with clay and mulch. Leftover clay and dirt from planting the trees was used to fill in the muskrat holes down by the beach. In Ravinia, bridges and walkways were repaired, trash was picked up and honeysuckle was removed. Juneau Terrace was weeded and Maple Park was cleaned up.

Thank you to the other volunteers who purchased all the food, set up, cooked and served lunch. And thank you to the volunteers that passed out refreshments and took pictures.

Thank you to all our other volunteers who couldn't make it but help out on other days and in other ways.



*Photo by Sheri Liss*

Thank you to those who supported Eco Chics and our neighborhood's ecosystem by purchasing seedlings on clean up day. The money raised paid for professional designs for a native garden over at the Schwerman park entrance. Hopefully it will start this fall or next spring. It also paid for several more native flowers to be planted in Wildflower Terrace.

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## New Trees In Schwerman Park

This spring three trees were planted in Schwerman Park. The neighborhood purchased and planted a swamp white oak and a hackberry off Highland. The Sugar Maple near the swingset was donated and dedicated to a former resident, Brenda Barr. All the trees planted replaced trees that were removed last fall. They were carefully chosen for their high ecological value, salt resistance (for the two near the street) and are appropriate for the soil they were planted in.

Thank you to the volunteers that planted them and to those who have been watering them.



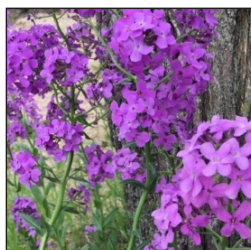
Photo by Karen Finnerty

## Tadpoles, Foxes and a Beaver!

Our neighborhood is home to so much wildlife. While they can sometimes be a nuisance, it is also amazing how much wildlife our lake, easements and even homeowners decks support. With all the natural areas around us being removed and replaced with non-native vegetation and soooooo much grass, our neighborhood has turned into a little sanctuary (at least I like to hope it is). This June the beach was covered in tadpoles, a fox is currently raising her kits under a neighbors deck, and we have a beaver that has taken up residence somewhere around our lake, hopefully just temporarily. Please remember to always treat all wildlife with respect.

## I'm Invasive, Please Remove Me

If you see these invasive species in your property, please help our neighborhood's easements and ecosystem by removing or controlling them.

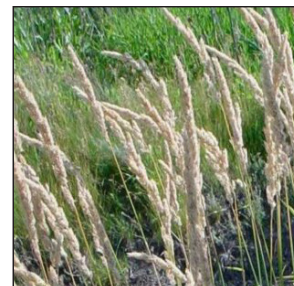


### Dames Rocket

While it is beautiful, it can be very invasive. Please control by pulling the entire plant out by the roots. It is very easy to spot when it starts to flower in May and June.

### Reed Canary Grass

Reed Canary Grass has spread all along our shorelines. It spreads through rhizomes, plant cuttings and seeds. Because our lake is a part of a watershed, the seeds that drop into the lake spread not only along our shoreline, but also other streams and marshes. If you have this grass along your shoreline please remove it, cut it back or at least clip the seed heads, so that they do not spread more.



Sarah Owen

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