

# Sylvia Lake Breeze



## Reminders to our Neighbors

We all share this beautiful space, and each of us chooses different ways to relax, recreate, and enjoy.

Be considerate. Campfire smoke and loud music can drift through neighbors' windows. Voices carry really well over water! Please remind your guests or renters of our "quiet time." Traditional Quiet Hours on Sylvia: 10:00 p.m.- 10:00 a.m.

Remember that Fowler has a leash law. Please keep dogs under your control.

The town has a bottle/can collection program – you can drop empties at the Town Barn to help support the playground & pavilion.

Join us for Lake activities, and please consider joining the SLA Board or committees!

Sylvia Lake Association Dues: \$25 per camp, helps support committee work, newsletters, water testing, 911 & road signs, event awards, and social gatherings. You can pay dues in person at the Spring Social or Annual Meeting or visit [www.sylvialakeny.com](http://www.sylvialakeny.com)

## Emergency at Sylvia Lake? CALL 911

Other questions or problems?

Town of Fowler — [www.fowlerny.com](http://www.fowlerny.com)

Town of Fowler— 315-287-0045

Dog Warden— 315-528-7988

NYS DEC— 315-785-2231

Sheriff Dispatch— 315-379-2222

State Troopers— 315-287-2311

Fort Drum— 315-772-5461

Empire St.Mines— 800-632-9709

## Play by the Rules

NY law: everyone born after 1996 must complete a boating course & obtain a license before operating a motor boat or Personal Water Craft (PWC) (jet ski).

Boats or PWC may not operate within 500' of marked swim areas except to launch or dock at ten mph.

Motor boats & PWC must carry one lifesaving device per passenger and have access to a boater license.

No one is permitted to operate jet skis/ PWC between sunset and sunrise or in times of restricted visibility. Please watch for loons.

PWC jumping wakes, splashing others, or interfering with traffic is dangerous and illegal.

When pulling skiers or tubers, watercraft must carry a spotter in addition to the driver.

Our roads are challenging ~ to preserve their integrity, please drive slowly. 15 mpg suggested.

Thank you for not discarding trash in the woods or in the lake! Remember that the Town of Fowler allows residents to dispose of yard waste at the Sullivan Road drop-off. This may be the last year for this service if it is not used. Check the website for information & map.

### Have you paid your Association Dues?

For your convenience, you can pay your \$25.00 dues securely on our website:

[sylvialakeny.com](http://sylvialakeny.com)

### Visit the Website to learn about Ice Out '23 which was April 7, 2023

Congratulations to our winners this year

Joseph Laurenza & Terri Metzger.

And thank you to our judges

Barb Langevin & Randy Todd.

## Shooting the Breeze May 2023

by Sandy Kraker, Sylvia Lake Association President

Last year in *Shooting the Breeze*, I described the urgency in educating residents on the steps that had been taken and \$\$\$ spent on eradicating Eurasian Milfoil. Last July, an Informational Meeting with guest speakers was held to educate and maintain a transparent dialogue between our Milfoil Task Force and the community. Following thereafter, a survey of residents was taken in which folks were asked to respond and rate the options as they pertained to utilizing an Integrated Lake Mgt. Program - hand harvesting with an herbicide application. Please refer to SL website "Lake Stories and News" – Association Survey – Follow up."

Since 76% of respondents voted to utilize the herbicide ProCellaCor, the SLA Board was optimistic we could apply for a DEC permit for this year ONLY for the South side of the lake near the rock shoal and Milfoil buoys. Unfortunately, circumstances did not allow us to meet the time frame for the DEC application process, which I am hopeful will proceed next year. I want to thank my fellow board members for their tireless efforts on this very comprehensive project and the volunteers who have battled this milfoil problem for the past 17 years.

With many residents undertaking construction projects, we hope you take the time to review the social calendar included in this newsletter. The legacy of the Ferguson Fishing Derby and other planned fun events continues. Also, note on the calendar that there is an informal lake resident social gathering at the Casablanca on 6/17 at 4:00 pm - Everyone is Welcome!

Growing up on the lake, I remember my dad and some of his peers going around the lake and distributing red dye tablets to lake residents. The purpose was to have each resident flush the tab down their toilet with a follow-up the next day to inspect their shoreline for any septic leakage. As I step down as president of the SLA, I realize how we took for granted the tasks undertaken by Dr. Dodds, Dr. VanSlyke, Mr. Grout, Mr. Dickson, my father, and other past presidents and board members. Those tasks included educating lake

residents with facts rather than hearsay, the difficulty in finding younger members for the SLA Board, publicizing preventive measures for the welfare of the Lake, and promoting courtesy with respect to others as we share this special place.

There will be vacancies on the SLA Board. Please consider joining our Board next year and giving back to the lake you cherish. The health of Sylvia is our responsibility just as it was for our forefathers...

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Kraker, SLA President



## Sylvia Lake Association Summer Events

- **June 17:** Spring Social, 4-6 at Casablanca, hors d'oeuvres served, cash bar, pay your dues, see your lake friends.
- **July 3-4:** 41st Annual Charlie Ferguson Fishing Derby- Theme: "The Last Cast."
- **July 7:** Concert on the Shore of Parker Bay, at Laurie and Dave Harter's *Stairway to Heaven Camp* (6:-9:PM) with Mella-Morphosis.
- **July 22:** Boat Parade 2:PM @ Indian Head (conditions permitting, alt. date 07/29)
- **August 6:** Nori Grout Memorial Regatta, 2 PM \* (conditions permitting, alt. date 08/13)
- **August 12:** SLA Annual Picnic, Meeting. & Election of Officers, Fowler Town Hall Pavilion, 4:PM.
- **August 19:** Paddlepalooza, 10:00 AM \* (conditions permitting, alt. date 08/26)
- **September 2:** Light Up the Lake, boats & docks (after sunset)

\* Please no motorized watercraft during the event.