

Sylvia Lake Breeze

Sylvia Lake Association - 1968-2018
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50 YEARS of SYLVIA LAKE STEWARDSHIP

The Sylvia Lake Association Celebrates 50 years in 2018

Save the date! July 21, 2018 4:00PM will be the birthday party for the Sylvia Lake Association. The event will be held at the Casablanca Restaurant. They are closing for our private party. We will have lots of Sylvia Lake themed items for our raffle. Reservations will be required. Details to follow.



SHOOTING THE BREEZE

Next Phase 911 Road Signage by Bill deLorraine, SLA President



We've come a very long way since our initial beginnings with the 911 address and first responder safety system. Years ago, when I was tasked with updating the "Sylvia Lake Map, I thought, "How hard could that be?" The logical choice seemed to be adoption of the 911 system. Doing so eliminated any address ambiguities and afforded Police Fire and rescue, medical, first responders -- unequivocal reference to all residences on the lake.

The Sylvia Lake map is now in digital form and first responders are provided multiple copies so as to facilitate reaching any of us in time of need. There is regular coordination with the Real Properties tax office so as to keep the map up to date.

More recently the Association provided reflective signs and address numbers for all the residences on the lake to make it even easier for first responder personnel to locate specific addresses. Thanks to all who brought this to fruition because it was a lot of work, affixing the reflective numbers to the green signs, putting components of the packets together, distributing the packets to neighborhoods and residences – the list goes on; kudos to all involved in this important community effort!

Now where to from here? It can be a daunting scene in some places upon first responders' first arrival. Just look at the hodgepodge of signage at a few road heads. Imagine trying to pick your way through that! Especially when time is of the essence, perhaps at night, no time for errors. Signage has to be laid out clearly for first responders who may be unfamiliar with the territory.

Enter the next phase of "road signage". A reasonable approach might look something like this: Located in some distance along the road from road heads and specifically at forks in roads, rustic style racks could be erected. (continued next page)

These could hold horizontal, removable, slats having the 911 camp number followed by the camper's name in reflective letters affixed to the slats. Actual design details would need to be hammered out but that's one idea anyway. We need more input and ideas but here's one to start with.

THE MILFOIL BATTLE

Sylvia Lake's Invasive Species by Alex Carpenter



Our fight against the milfoil menace has been ongoing for close to 14 years. While we have seen success in areas where there are sporadic patches, there is a large patch off the south shore in grass bay that persists. Our volunteers have worked diligently and exclusively there for the past several years, but we are losing the fight. The patch continues to grow.

We are at a point where volunteer efforts are not able to contain the spread of milfoil in our lake. The SLA has engaged several organizations; the DEC, Cornell University, lake management practitioners, and aquatic abatement companies. We will be partnering with scientists from Cornell next summer to conduct a study on the naturally occurring weevil levels in our lake (free of charge), as well as procuring estimates to contract a company to conduct larger scale abatement activities.

Updates will be provided at the spring meeting and a fund-raising drive may be necessary to facilitate the abatement activities. As always we welcome your feedback and would be happy to discuss any issues you may have. Please contact alex.carpenter@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

Check the website for more resources and information about Eurasian Milfoil. www.sylvialake.org

3RD NORI GROUT MEMORIAL REGATTA



We had another Great Race this year! It was fun indeed! The weather even cooperated for the race. Sandy Kraker won in his Hobie Cat. Greg Force was second. Emily Grout Sprague captained the third place winner, with her sister Andrea Grout as crew. Tricia Grout Garrett, with Margie Grout Gallagher as Crew was fourth. And the Robles were fifth. The Pistolessi boat and Peter Henry sailed along with us, though they didn't race.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Sylvia Lake Association celebrates 50 years in 2018. Would like to thank all SLA members for your past and current support. We anticipate significant expenditures as we enter the next phase of our 911 signage project. In addition, we have the continuing problem of the aquatic invasives, specifically, milfoil. The mat solution has proven dangerous, but effective. Volunteers can no longer risk life and limb to turn the mats. It is looking more likely that we will need to step up our efforts, which will cost us, regardless of the best method selected. The Board is exploring all options.

35th Charlie Ferguson Fishing Derby

Organized and Managed by the Ferguson Family.
Trophies courtesy of the Force Family

922 Rock Bass entered.

Most Rock Bass - Peck Camp
(251)

Sylvia French (222)

Finn Force (164)

Jerricka Walton (135)

Sylvia French: largest Rainbow Trout

Kyle Peck: largest Largemouth Bass

Finn Force: largest Smallmouth Bass

Youngest fisherman: Nolan Manahan

Sylvia French: Most Dedicated fisher

Brayden Kirby: largest Rock bass.

Jerricka Walton: smallest Rock Bass.



S.L. Association Financial Report

January 1 / August 11, 2017

INCOME

Dues 2016	25.00
Dues 2017	1,375.00
Dues 2018	25.00
Dues 2019	25.00
Dues 2020	25.00
Donations Received.....	110.00
Interest Income	6.00

Total Income..... 1,591.00

EXPENSE

Concert on the Lake	0.00
Spring Party/Meeting	617.82
Newsletter	18.52
Trash Removal.....	10.80
Water Testing.....	180.00
Misc. Expenses.....	18.99

Total Expense..... 846.13

8/11/17 Bank Balance 9,673.60

55 Paid Properties

SYLVIA LAKE NEEDS YOU!

by Ralph Undercoffler

SYLVIA LAKE NEEDS YOU!!! In addition to the remarkably clear water, the many rocks to leap from, and the call of the loons, another beauty of Sylvia Lake is the sense of neighborhood that wraps around the shoreline like a really good friend.



The feeling of community is everywhere thanks to the intergenerational relationships, the laughter heard across the water, and the friendly waves you get when you cruise around the lake. It truly is a special place because of that sense of community, that sense of neighborhood. That's what the Sylvia Lake Association has been trying to promote for the past 50 years and would like to continue to support in the years ahead. And that's where you can help.

Some of the longstanding traditions sponsored by the Sylvia Lake Association need volunteers to make them happen in the future. The events, like the boat parade, the picnic, and the Ice Out contest , as well as any new ideas lake residents might consider, need lake residents to make it all happen. (continued next page)

The events can be as they have been in the past or an entirely new concept-your choice!. All we need from some enthusiastic volunteers is a little creativity, a few good friends to help, and there you go! It happens!

It doesn't take much to create a lasting summer memory for so many lake residents, but it can't happen without your help. Please consider volunteering to coordinate the Ice Out contest, the boat parade, the picnic, or any new event you think would be fun for so many. Once again, it doesn't take much. If you are willing to lend a hand, please send an email to Ralph Undercoffler (SLA Board Member) at: rundercoffler@gmail.com. Thank you for considering this request. Like we said in the beginning-SYLVIA LAKE NEEDS YOU!!!

The Flip Flopping Ice Out of 2017



March 24, 2017, while most of us were missing the warm breezes of Sylvia Lake, the ice at Sylvia went out. A few cold days later, the Ice went In again... and days later, it was out. Alicia Porter, our judge was in a quandary. The date, although early, was declared the "first Ice Out" and the official Ice Out day for 2017. --- Cindy Shaw was declared the winner of the 2017 Ice Out mug.

Sylvia Lake Association Fall Meeting Speaker, Cindy Shaw, Assessor

Cindy Shaw, Old Beach, is the Assessor for the towns of Ellisburg, Antwerp, and Pickney. She agreed to speak to the Annual meeting on August 11 and she provided a great deal of insight into the assessment and grievance process.

Cindy summarized her message like this: "The Assessment Department is responsible for data collection and appraisal of commercial, industrial, agricultural, and residential and vacant properties within the given Town.

We also administer all exemptions, review and analyze sales data, manage the equalization rate, defend the Town in assessment and related court cases. Most Assessors' are available by appointment throughout the year to discuss assessment related topics. I do as an Assessor recognize that the issues property taxes and its congruence with assessments is a complicated and emotional issue. The Assessor's office would like property owners to be aware that WE DO NOT set budgets or levy taxes. The tax rates seen on your tax bill are the results of expenditures and levy of the taxing jurisdictions in which you reside. The Assessor should or will accept requests to your review your assessment at any time during the year before Taxable Status Day."

Important dates for property owners

March 1: Taxable Status Date
All exemptions filing deadline
May 1: Tentative Roll Filed
4th Tuesday/May: Grievance Day
July 1: Final Roll Filed

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A Year of Losses

The Association would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of those we lost this past year. We apologize in advance for anyone we omitted.

Anne Dievendorf Ashley

Clyde W. Butz

Patricia Patton (McAdam)

Betty Leonard Bell

Alan C. Lehigh

Helen Neuroth Richardson



Photo: Gary Scott

Town Hall

Sylvia Lake Association Meeting and Election of Officers: August 17, 2018, 7PM, Fowler

Nori Grot Memorial Regatta: Sunday, August 5, 2018

50th Anniversary Sylvia Lake Association Party, Sat., July 21, 2018 4PM, the Casablanca

Summer Board Meeting: Saturday, July 14, 2018, 10AM Location TBD

Charlie Ferguson Memorial Fishing Derby:TBD

Concert: July 7, 2018 Tentative

5K Trail Run: July 7, 2018

Fowler Town Hall.

Sylvia Lake Association Meeting, Friday, June, 15 7PM,

Location TBD

Spring Board Meeting: Saturday, May 12, 2018, 10AM,

SAVE THE DATES



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