



# Sanford Lake Association NEWSLETTER

P.O. Box 212, SANFORD, MI 48657-0212

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## New SLA Website

The Sanford Lake Association has a new website located at [www.sanfordlakeassociation.org](http://www.sanfordlakeassociation.org). The new website will serve as one of the communication devices for the SLA. Dates, locations, and notes from the SLA Board of Directors meetings will be posted. All newsletters will be made available from the website. SLA Membership forms can be downloaded.

The home page will offer a section on upcoming events, such as the **August 17<sup>th</sup> Picnic** and Board of Directors meeting and election. There are sections for photos, comments and general information about Sanford Lake, Sanford Dam, Zebra mussels, fishing, boating, and key reference links including: Sanford Lake Improvement Board, Sanford Lake Park, and the Sanford Area Chamber of Commerce.

So far the response has been tremendous as we are averaging 5 hits a day and 1200 visits in total since it was launched in late June. We had 151 visitors on July 3<sup>rd</sup> (the day of our annual fireworks). The SLA would like to thank SLA board member Lee Walko for his time and effort in building and maintaining the new website.

## Sanford Lake Association Annual Picnic

This year's association picnic will be held at the pavilion at the **Sanford Village Park**. That is the ball-park next to the senior citizen center off Center Street in downtown Sanford, near the Ice Cream Downs. The Pot Luck will begin at 5:30; SLA will provide plates, plastic ware and Joe Manelis' famous **pulled pork sandwiches**. The program will include two experts: Don Barnard (a Fisheries Biologist/Technician from the DNRE who will share information about the recent carp die off, fish planting and the overall health of the lake) and Rebecca McMenamin from Enviro Science (who will be speaking about the benefits of using Milfoil Beetles to control the Eurasian Milfoil that has plagued Sanford Lake). Time will be allotted for Q and A after each speaker.

We will also conduct a short meeting and enjoy the fellowship of our community of lakefront owners. **Bring a dish to pass**, your drink of choice and your neighbor. We're looking forward to seeing you so mark your calendar for **Tuesday night August 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 –7:30**. Come and find out what is happening on Sanford Lake!

## Pontoon Drivers Needed!

Each year the Sanford Lake Association needs boat/pontoon drivers for a wonderful volunteer opportunity. In August the Community of Christ Campground hosts a special needs camp for campers who are either developmentally challenged or in wheelchairs. The highlight of their camping experience is the weekend ride on the lake. Taking the time to give of yourself warms your heart and raises your spirits. You can see the camper's smiles and expectant faces from across the lake. Do something for yourself and give to others. It's easy - just call Ellen (687-2840) to schedule your time on Saturday or Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. They will be waiting on the dock for you.

## The Mission Statement of the Sanford Lake Association

*"Mission: The Sanford Lake Association provides a collective voice for the common good of the property owners."*

If you think this is a worthy cause, please join us, by being a member and actively participating in the SLA. Your voice CAN make a difference.

## Synopsis of SLA Board Meeting: May 2010

Officers Present: Gebo, Manelis, Menz, Such, Urian, Walko.

Officers Absent: Peden, Streeter, Terwilliger.

Others Present: None.

- April 20, 2010 minutes were approved.
- The Treasurer' report was approved. The current balance is \$5,550.40.
- The ad hoc committee reported on Boyce Hydro.
- Menz will contact a speaker for the August picnic to discuss using weevils for milfoil control.
- Walko volunteered to create a website for the SLA.
- The Boater Swap will by May 22 at Twin Lakes Market.

## Synopsis of SLA Board Meeting: July 2010

Officers Present: Gebo, Menz, Streeter, Such, Terwilliger.

Officers Absent: Manelis, Peden, Urian, Walko.

Others Present: None.

- The June minutes were not available for approval.
- The Treasurer' report was approved. The current balance is \$12,429.55
- The fireworks final update will be given at the August picnic.
- The August 17<sup>th</sup> picnic details were discussed.
- The Special Needs Pontoon Ride event was discussed.
- Gebo will organize a tour of the lake to view the erosion sites.
- The newsletter details were discussed.
- The ad hoc committee reported on Boyce Hydro.
- The advantages and disadvantages of lake dredging were discussed.

- Alice "Sharron" Such, Secretary

### *Peden's Peach Sangria: A Light and Delicious Summer Drink*

In a large glass mix 2 shots of Sutter Home Zinfandel wine

1 shot of peach schnapps

1 shot of pineapple juice

1 shot of orange juice (or squeeze a quarter orange)

Fill glass with ice and 7-up (garnish with lime or orange)

Enjoy!



## Sanford Lake Association's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Fireworks Display

By Ellen Peden

This year's display was fabulous! With the great response to our fundraiser, we were able to match last year's display by adding \$800 of glorious sky-pounding fireworks. The Wolverine Fireworks Company and their staff created an awesome program of color and magic. We were all spell-bound and impressed with the incredible show. Our

gratitude goes to all of the contributors, with special thanks to the Sanford Lake Bar and Grill, Pine View grocery store, David and Patricia Kepler, Dean and Jane Palmieri, Mike and Shelli Wood, Dave and Annette Rogers, Jeffrey Styers, Stuart and Barb Bloomfield and all of **YOU** who contributed so

generously! The Community of Christ campground reported that 400 people enjoyed the show from their shore. A big thank you to Fire Chief Bob McNett who arranged to have both the Lincoln and Jerome township fire trucks available to ensure the safety of the people at the campground. We are a community of generous, caring individuals who enjoy working together to celebrate our lake and our nation's birth. If you are lucky enough to live on Sanford Lake, you are *lucky enough!*

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## Why Become A Member of the Sanford Lake Association?

By Chris Streeter

The Sanford Lake Association (SLA) was first organized in 1998 to provide a forum for concerns about the stewardship of our lake and to bring together the citizens of Sanford in an effort to promote camaraderie and friendship among the neighbors in our town. Its continuing mission is to provide a collective voice for the common good of the property owners.

Its purpose is to encourage communication, cooperation, and understanding between all law abiding users of the lake; provide community awareness through safety and educational programs; help explore opportunities to improve, maintain, and protect our waterways; provide and/or promote community activities; and provide a liaison to work with law enforcement agencies and local government.

Following a two year period of relative inactivity (except for the annual fireworks display) and thoughts of dissolving the SLA, the acting board has revitalized the organization, and added four new directors. We have several ideas for the future including: speakers of interest, lake improvement activities, an annual BBQ, and of course the continuation of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks.

We need your input to keep the SLA fresh and active. The vision and future of the SLA is determined by its members! Annual dues are \$20.00 and that now includes a one year subscription to the Riparian; a monthly magazine for and about lakes and streams.

**OUR MEMBERSHIP PERIOD HAS BEEN MODIFIED.** The current membership period is from August 2010 through August 2011, with only one year memberships available. **If you have already paid membership dues during 2010, there is no need to resubmit your dues; you will be an active member until August 2011.**

### WON'T YOU JOIN US?

To become a member, complete the enclosed application form and return to: SLA; P.O. Box 212; Sanford, MI; 48657-0212.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Township: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS (If different)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

DUES MUST BE ENCLOSED (One per household)

**\$20.00 for one year**

Which INCLUDES AN ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION TO THE RIPARIAN MAGAZINE.

The Sanford Lake Association meets at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Sanford Village Offices. All members are encouraged to attend. Call Jeff Menz or Joe Manelis just before coming to confirm the time/date.

August 17 - Picnic

September 21

October 19

November 16

# Erosion on our Lake

By Bill Gebo

Would you be surprised to learn that a couple of erosion sites on the lake are discharging the equivalent of 20 dumptruck loads of dirt into the lake each year ?? That is over two hundred tons of dirt, along with its accompanying phosphorous and nitrogen loads. This contributes silt, murkiness, and fertilizer to the water, stimulating weed growth.

In keeping with SLA's goal of seeking ways to improve our lake, we invited Jim Hergott to visit the lake on July 21. Jim is an employee of the US Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service who specializes in evaluating and correcting erosion problems that affect rivers and lakes. Jim looked at a couple of erosion sites on the lake. Both of these erosion sites could be rehabilitated with a process known as "tree revetment". It is a relatively inexpensive (especially with volunteer labor) and natural way to repair erosion damage. It involves anchoring rows of cut trees with cables at the waterline. Over a three to five year period, the trees both collect sediment to stabilize the shoreline, and prevent the water from further undercutting the bank.

The cost for these projects (with volunteer labor) is a few thousand dollars each, and matching grants from regional watershed and conservation organizations are often available.

The SLA plans to attempt to open dialogue with the property owners involved. While the property owners will clearly be central to any solution, the SLA will, hopefully, be able to act as a liaison and facilitator in solving the problem of large, unwanted quantities of silt pouring into the lake.

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