



# Sanford Lake Association



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Sanford Lake Association Member Picnic -**  
Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011 6:00 PM

**Founder's Day Parade** – Saturday, September 10, 2011,  
12:00 Noon

**Parkapalooza** - Sunday, September 11, 2011, Midland  
County's Sanford Park

**Friday, Sept. 30, 2011** - Last day for membership  
dues including [Riparian Magazine](#)

## Boyce Hydro Power LLC Update

By Lee Walko

At a recent Jerome Township meeting, Lee Mueller from Boyce Hydro Power LLC gave an update on the Sanford Lake Dam. The repairs were completed ahead of schedule this spring and Sanford Lake has returned to normal lake level operations. Mr. Mueller stated that the events of last year are behind us and thanked the Sanford Lake Preservation Association for the financial support needed for the repairs. Lake levels are expected to remain normal (unless an emergency situation arises like last fall) as ongoing Dam work begins (FERC mandated upgrades) this summer and next summer.

## Fireworks Extravaganza!

By Ellen Peden, Director of Fireworks

Thank you so very much for opening your wallets and your community spirit to create such an incredible event as the SLA 2011 fireworks display this year. This year we were able to fill the sky with the largest, most innovative launch ever.

We pounded the sky with \$11,000 worth of the highest quality and brightest, breathtakingly beautiful fireworks. Thanks to a \$3,000 donation from the profits of "Where did the dam water go?" T shirt sale by the Palmieri family, with promotional help from the **Sanford Lake Bar and Grill** and **Pineview** grocery store, the display went over the top.

We extend our gratitude to the ever vigilant Lincoln and Jerome Township Fire Departments for their contributions in ensuring a safe launch. Thanks as well to the Community of Christ campground that opened their grounds not only to the Wolverine Fireworks Company but welcomed hundreds of people to view the display from their shores. If you missed the fireworks, you can still see them on Youtube.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Gh3HQKJq8c>

## Sanford Lake Association Annual Picnic 2011

By Ellen Peden

This is annual opportunity to discuss issues that impact all of us on the lake. Please mark your calendars for **Tuesday night, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00**. It will be at the Sanford Village Park pavilion (behind the ballparks on Saginaw Road by the dam).

**Please bring a dish to pass.** The SLA will once again provide the renowned pulled pork sandwiches, made by our favorite chef and SLA VP, Joe Manelis! A featured panel of SLA directors will present information about the dam and upcoming concerns. Bring your neighbors with the intent to join the SLA. **WE ARE THE VOICE OF SANFORD LAKE.** Our membership has doubled in the last year; we get thousands of hits on our web site monthly. Come and meet your fellow lake front owners. Be in the know and show!



## Sanford Lake Association Bylaws Changes

By William Gebro

Last fall, the board of directors decided that the Association By-Laws needed to be updated and modified. The board considered the existing by-laws to be out of date and inconsistent with the way current activities were being managed. As a result, the board named a three person team to revise the document to more effectively reflect the reality of today's SLA. Following the drafting by the team, the board voted to accept the new document and present it for a vote of the membership at the upcoming annual meeting (August 16).

Many items in the current by-laws are too specific and outdated. The team has attempted to clarify ambiguities, change some specifics to match current conditions, and make certain specified items into board decisions.

Below is a short summary of the major changes:

### SECTION 1.0--PURPOSE

As a result of SLA's existing and future involvement in the issues of Boyce Hydro, wording was added defining SLA as having a role as advocates for lake residents and users with regard to the dam and the dam operators.

### SECTION 3.0--BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Two additional board members may be added, increasing from 9 to 11.
- The role of membership director has been established.
- The current by-laws require elections every year with half the board being elected each year for two year terms. The new by-laws require elections every two years with half the board being elected each time for four year terms.
- A provision has been added to allow removal of a board member for cause. The process for doing so is spelled out.

### SECTION 4.0--DUTIES OF BOARD MEMBERS

- Duties of the membership director are defined.
- The date of the annual meeting is to be determined by the board and not defined in the by-laws.

### SECTION 6.0--MEMBERSHIP DUES

- Dues are to be set by the board and not defined in the by-laws.
- The fiscal year is changed to Oct 1-Sept 30, and multi-year memberships are eliminated.



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### SECTION 7.0--MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

The use of proxies by members at the annual meeting has been eliminated. Members must attend the meeting to participate in voting.

### SECTION 8.0--FINANCE

- Two signatures will now be required only on checks larger than \$500.
- The procedure for dealing with special or unusual expenditures has been simplified and better defined.

This is the fifth time the by-laws have been revised since they were first drawn up in 1998. The acceptance of the revised by-laws will be voted on at the upcoming annual meeting (annual picnic August 16). Assuming the membership votes to accept the revised by-laws, the new by-laws will be implemented immediately. Both the current and proposed by-laws are now posted on the SLA website, allowing members to review the changes prior to the annual meeting.

## Volunteers Needed!

By Ellen Peden

Once again the SLA will be looking for people who are willing to provide pontoon/boat rides for the Community of Christ Campground special needs camp on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Unfortunately, last year's boat rides were cancelled due to the lake draw down. Volunteering your service to the community has great personal reward. You can volunteer for a morning or afternoon slot on both or either days. Call or email Ellen at [ellenpeden@charter.net](mailto:ellenpeden@charter.net) or 687-2840 for more information. You can see camper's smiles from across the lake; they will be waiting on the dock for you!

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## Parkapalooza Music Festival 7 is almost here!

By Colette Urian

Par-ka-pa what? It's the Parkapalooza! Join the SLA at this end of summer Rock, Blues, Country and Jazz Festival, held at the Sanford Lake County Park. By boat or by car load, your family will enjoy music, sand sculpting, kid's games, and a silent auction, with all proceeds going to a number of worthwhile charities. Sponsorship is by the D Street Entertainment Foundation. Food vendors will be available.

Visit the Sanford Lake Association's booth at the Parkapalooza Sunday, September 11, 2011. Music, the splendor of nature, and community are all part of this festival which takes place at the Sanford Lake Park. Local bands featuring Rock, Blues, Country and Jazz take the stage on the beach entertaining audiences of all ages. We will provide brochures from the Department of Natural Resources and other information for those who live on and near the lake. The younger set will enjoy creating a craft!



**THE SANFORD LAKE ASSOCIATION WANTS YOU!**

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 the Sanford residents together 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 lake and its property owners.

**We need you to join SLA.** We have been given a "wake-up-call" to maintain a greater interest and involvement in the activities which affect our lake and we need your help. With over 1,100 property owners around the lake, the SLA currently has only 164 active members.

**We need a stronger voice to advocate for Sanford Lake.** With more members the SLA will have a bigger voice, and a greater influence on our lake's future. The vision and future of the SLA is determined by its members. We are continuing our plans for the future including: newsletters, the website, speakers of interest, lake improvement activities, a spring "boater's swap", a BBQ, and of course, the continuation of the 4th of July fireworks. The direction and continuation of the SLA is determined by its members. We need your input to keep the SLA fresh and active. We are also in need of directors to help plot our course for the future.

Annual dues have been maintained at \$20 for several years, and the cost of the Riparian magazine has been included in those membership dues for the past two years. Due to higher administrative costs, the Board of Directors has reluctantly increased the annual membership. Here are the details concerning SLA membership:

- Annual membership fee is \$30.
- Only 1 year memberships are available.
- Receiving the Michigan Riparian magazine for an additional \$10 is optional during the enrollment period.
- Enrollment period is August 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011.
- Annual membership period is October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.
- When dues are paid between August 1 and September 30, membership will commence on October 1.
- When dues are paid after September 30, membership will commence immediately and will apply to the remaining current annual membership period; therefore, resulting in a membership lasting less than 1 full year. Also, these members will not receive the Michigan Riparian.

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**JOIN THE SANFORD LAKE ASSOCIATION (SLA)!!**

**Become a member of the SLA today** by completing this application form, include dues and Bring to the picnic or mail to: SLA PO Box 212 Sanford, MI 48657-0212

Name/Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, Township, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Mailing Address (ONLY if different than above):Street\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**DUES MUST BE ENCLOSED - \$30.00 per household per year/\$40.00 if you wish to receive an Annual Subscription to THE MICHIGAN RIPARIAN Magazine (applications received after September 30 not eligible to receive the magazine).**

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