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*SLA Newsletter – May 2016*

### Message from the SLA President

As the new president of the Sanford Lake Association I have some pretty big shoes to fill. Over the past several years we've been lucky enough to have Steve Tuttle serving as our president. Under his leadership and with the hard work of our members we've seen some pretty impressive accomplishments. Our membership has swelled to record numbers, we've completed an economic impact study, successfully completed an erosion control pilot project on the Lewis farm and of course had some pretty awesome fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July—just to name a few.

Under Steve's leadership we have grown into a true champion for Sanford Lake with the community commitment and financial resources we need to make a real impact. It is my goal to have the Sanford Lake Association continue to follow the plan Steve started and with your help build on our past successes. I want to thank Steve Tuttle, the Board of Directors and our members for their hard work and look forward to our continued success in future.



**Adam Beebe**  
*SLA President*

## Spring



### Upcoming Lake Events

July 4, 2016	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade ~starts 1p.m. in front of Sanford Lake Bar & Grill
July 4, 2016	Fireworks Display ~ 10p.m.

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## Check It Out!

The SLA would like to thank Kyle Raymond for using his drone to video our lake erosion project. Click here to see the video: [Sanford Lake Erosion Project](#)



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## SLA next board meeting:

Monday, June 20, 2016 at 7 p.m.  
106 Lincoln St.  
Sanford, MI 48657

## Please contact us:

We would like to hear your comments/concerns and how you think we are doing as an association.  
[www.SanfordLakeAssociation.org/contact-us](http://www.SanfordLakeAssociation.org/contact-us)

*We have Sanford Lake Gear for sale all the time, just contact us and let us know if you would like to purchase a t-shirt or a map of the lake. Only \$10 each item for members! Maps of the lake are drastically discounted for members.*

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## SLA Membership Drive Update

Membership in the Sanford Lake Association for 2016 is critical to continuing these great projects and activities you see in this newsletter. Thanks so much for your support! We've had our best year yet, as membership is up to 304. New members are welcome to join year round, and application forms are available on the SLA website: [www.sanfordlakeassociation.org/membership](http://www.sanfordlakeassociation.org/membership).



Enrollment for 2017 begins at our Annual Picnic and Members Meeting August 16, 2016 at the park by the dam. Please forward this newsletter to your friends and neighbors who may not have signed up yet. Thanks again!



## Sanford Lake Fireworks, Best Yet!



The Sanford Lake Association is proud to present the 2016 ~ 4th of July fireworks, launched by The Wolverine Fireworks company from the banks of the Community of Christ Campground at 3500 West River Road. Charlie Holmes, the professional shooter from Wolverine, will record and simulcast an exciting repertoire of fun and patriotic music on 107.5 FM, the combination of fireworks and music will be awesome. We are planning another spectacular \$10,000 launch. Last year the community donated more than \$9,000 and the fundraiser from Sanford Lake Bar and Grill rose over \$1,000 with their "bang for a buck" campaign! Plan your family 4th of July celebrations to include this fabulous display. You can view the fireworks from your boat in the cove or from the banks of the campground. We will need **your** generosity to recreate the thunder and color in the sky that contributes to the "magic of living on Sanford Lake".

Please return your donation envelope, or send one of your own to SLA P.O. Box 212 Sanford, MI 48657. The SLA also has PayPal set up on our website for you to utilize. Any contribution over \$250 will automatically receive a receipt for tax purposes. Please help support this community effort. We appreciate your participation! Check our web site for fireworks information, [sanfordlakeassociation.org](http://sanfordlakeassociation.org).

**Thank you!!**

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## West River Road Bridge Project



Patti and Dave Kepler and SLA were able to contribute monetarily to the bridge project for bank enhancements for the boaters, fishermen and wildlife. Thanks to Patti & Dave for your generous contribution in helping the SLA to accomplish this for our community. The bridge went in quick, and looks great. Our many thanks also, to the Road Commission and the crews that accomplished this. Kayakers are already enjoying being able to travel under the bridge. You should take pride in knowing that you took part in making the banks around this bridge better for our community and for the wildlife.

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## Report from the SLA's Water Quality Team

At the last SLA Board Meeting the Water Quality Committee ("WQC") reported on the projects that continue to be our focus and what activities we intend to engage in during 2016 and into 2017. Below is a summary of the report given to the board:

1) Weed Control--Most of what was feasible for the WQC to do has already been achieved. Specifically, it was the WQC's goal over the last two years to advocate to the two weed control authorities (The Sanford Lake Improvement Board and Edenville Township) to hire and use the same contractor for weed applications. The thought being that having only one contractor would allow the contractor to help coordinate between the two agencies and allow for greater efficiencies in the overall weed treatment program, to the benefit of all the lake residents. Starting last year, both authorities are now using the same contractor. The ongoing tasks of the WQC will be to stay in touch with the contractor and make sure that coordination is maintained, as well as to receive treatment information in a timely manner and disseminate it to our members and other interested parties.

2) Erosion Control--The pilot project was successfully completed late last fall. Monitoring the pilot section of bank in the "islands" area of the river will be ongoing. The major efforts of the WQC over the next two years will be to focus on identifying sources of grant funding (governmental agencies and non-profit organizations focused on watershed preservation) to complete the erosion project, as well raising awareness of the project and the need for fundraising to apply to grants which will have a matching fund component. We are aiming to secure grant funding and matching funds to move forward with completion of the projects sometime in later 2017 or early 2018.

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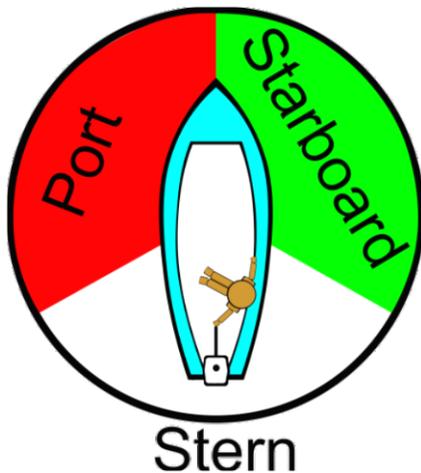
## Report from the SLA's Water Quality Team continued....

3) Phosphorus Monitoring--While some phosphorus testing has been done in the past, it has been narrowly focused and haphazard. The WQC feels that a broader testing program needs to be implemented in order to better inform our members regarding the quality of the water in Sanford Lake. Specifically, it is felt that a better understanding of phosphorus inflows into the lake and phosphorus levels at different times of the year is needed. This will help us to gain a better understanding of the extent and magnitude of any problems phosphorous is causing as it enters the lake from various sources (roadway runoff, farm land drainage, faulty residential septic, and fertilizer applications), and help us identify and mitigate any potential problematic sources. A number of specific things will need to be done including developing a testing protocol with the assistance of the MDEQ and then moving forward with sampling and data collection over the next several years. There should also be coordination with Boyce Hydro on the phosphorous testing they are required to do under their federal permit so as to allow for the sharing of results and avoidance of duplicative efforts. Once sufficient data has been collected, this should allow the WQC to seek assistance from the proper governmental authorities to limit the inflow of phosphorous into the lake as best we can. Since testing must be done in a lab, it is expected to cost up to \$2,000 per season which, at least initially, the SLA will have to fund. The WQC intends to request that the board authorize phosphorous testing expenditures for 2016 so it may move forward with preliminary testing during the 2016 open water season.

4) The SLA has participated in the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program ("CLMP") of Michigan Lakes and Streams Association for several years. The primary focus of our CLMP efforts has been on weekly water clarity testing as well as biannual (spring and summer) phosphorous testing. This testing will continue, enabling us to monitor changes in the lake over the years. It is important to note that water clarity is also impacted by phosphorus levels, so the CLMP and the WQC's phosphorous testing expansion efforts go hand in hand allowing the WQC to properly monitor the water quality of Sanford Lake and inform us so that we can make recommendations to improve water quality over time.

Bill Gebo and Scott Scarpelli on behalf of the Water Quality Committee

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