



Summer 2013

**The 2013-2014 S.L.A.
Membership Drive is
under way!**

This year the Sanford Lake Association is once again having a membership drive. **If you are not a member, please consider joining. There are many benefits to being a member including discounts from local businesses and up-to-date information on the happenings of Sanford Lake.** The membership drive will run August through September, however; folks may become a member at any time. This year's goal is to increase membership by 50 members. We have included an membership form in this newsletter.

To become a member complete the enclosed application form, include dues and either mail to or bring to SLA membership picnic to be held on August 20, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Pavilion in the Village of Sanford below the dam. You can also find the membership form on line at the association website

www.sanfordlakeassociation.org

**Sanford Lake Association
Sponsored Events 2013**

Saturday, August 3	Pontoon Rides
Sunday, August 4	Sanford Lake
Tuesday, August 20	Picnic, 6 PM, Sanford Park
Saturday, September 7	Founders Day Parade, Sanford

Sanford Lake Association Annual Pot Luck Picnic

By: Ellen Peden

It is time again to shake hands and rub elbows with your neighbors at the annual S.L.A. picnic. Several board positions will be up for election and our speaker this year is our new county commissioner Nick Finley. He will speak about the status of our lake from the county's perspective, many interesting issues to discuss! So come and bring your questions. The picnic is on **Tuesday August 20th at 6:00p.m.** at the pavilion behind the ball park down by the dam. So, please have your pot luck dish ready to eat by that time. The S.L.A will provide pulled pork sandwiches and all the tableware. Bring your beverage of choice and a neighbor! All lake front/access owners are welcome, so mark your calendar and remember the SLA represents you and your voice. See you there!

**Sanford Lake Park
Special Events 2013**

August 10	Summer Triathlon
September 7	Mud Creek Crawl
September 8	Parkapalooza

Sanford Lake Fireworks, Best Yet!

The Sanford Lake Association was proud to present the 2013 4th of July fireworks, launched by The Wolverine Fireworks Company from the banks of the Community of Christ Campground. It was truly a sight to behold. Charlie Holmes, the professional shooter from Wolverine, recorded and simulcast an exciting repertoire of fun and patriotic music on an FM station. The combination of fireworks and music was awesome. The community contributed more than \$9,000 in donations and when paired with the 2 fundraisers, 1 from the Sanford Lake Bar and Grill for over \$1,000 and 1 from the Dean and Jane Palmieri family we reached our goal of \$11,800.00 to cover the entire cost of the presentation. Bob McNette, fire chief, for the Jerome Twp. Fire Dept., commented that everything went off beautifully; weather was great and the wind direction optimal. He, his crew and that of the Lincoln Twp. fire department are always on site with several fire trucks and EMS vehicles to insure safety at the launch site. Thank You so much for contributing not only to the incredible firework display but also to the magic of living on Sanford Lake.

By: Ellen Peden Fireworks
Coordinator

SLA Water Quality Plan Update

As the year has progressed and summer, has finally arrived in Mid-Michigan the Water Quality Plan Team has been hard at work assessing the viability of numerous projects in an effort to meet our long term goals of reducing the inflow of contaminants and to improve the overall water quality of Sanford Lake. Since the season began SLA

SLA Water Quality Plan Update (continued)

Board Directors Scott Scarpelli and Adam Beebe have been taking weekly Secchi disc readings on the lake as part of the Michigan Clean Water Corps. (MCWC) Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program. Secchi disc readings are used to monitor water transparency (clarity) and the results of the monitoring on Sanford and other participating lakes are set forth in an annual summary report published by the MCWC. Recently, Board Directors Bill Gebo and Scott Scarpelli met with a representative of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to discuss potential grant money to the SLA to address erosion control projects as well as to establish a voluntary water quality monitoring program for Sanford Lake. As a preliminary matter the team envisions erosion control programs to focus on two primary areas of bank erosion and sediment loading in the lake at the Anna Lane area and just north of the "islands" area of the lake in the river portion of the system. While most grants require matching funds which would require future fundraising efforts, should the SLA raise these funds there may be a number of grants that could be obtained to help attain our long term water quality goals. Potential grant projects the team is looking into are bank stabilization and reinforcement efforts and establishing a water quality monitoring program that would focus on levels of fecal e-coli, phosphorous and dissolved oxygen content found in the lake during the open water season. A long term goal of any such monitoring program would be to identify areas that are contributing to elevated levels of pollutants in the lake and then work toward implementing solutions addressing these issues.

Sanford Lake Association Partners on Economic Impact Study

The Sanford Lake Association (SLA) has partnered with the Sanford Lake Preservation Association (SLPA) to commission Public Sector Consultants out of Lansing and Michigan State University to conduct an economic impact study of Sanford Dam and the resulting reservoir's monetary value to the State of Michigan, Midland County, lake residents, the general public, businesses and other stakeholders. While we can all agree that Sanford Lake is important to the community this study will cut through the guesses and put a real and unbiased value on the lake. Through multiple meetings with state, county and local officials it is our assessment that this is needed to determine a long-term sustainable plan for Sanford Lake's future.

The cost of the study is \$36,540 and we are asking any parties interested in helping fund the study to designate donations to the SLA. We are currently working on finalizing the scope and methodology of the study and hope to have the first draft of the completed study done by September and the final version by October of this year.

As a partner, the SLA will be kept informed on the progress of the study and will also be given the final presentation and findings to share with our members. If you have any further questions feel free to contact Adam Beebe at beebeaj@hotmail.com.

Here's a reminder regarding Personal Flotation Devices (Lifejackets)

When preparing to go out on a vessel, the operator must check that the legally required equipment is on board. All boats must be equipped with a personal flotation device for each person on board or being towed.

- The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) requires that all vessels have at least one Type I, II, or III personal flotation device that is USCG–approved, wearable, and of the proper size for each person on board or being towed. Sizing for PFDs is based on body weight and chest size.
- Michigan's PFD law permits a vessel that is less than 16 feet long, or is a canoe or kayak, to choose to have either a wearable PFD (Type I, II, or III) or a throwable PFD (Type IV) for each person on board.

In addition to the above requirements, one USCG–approved Type IV (throwable) PFD must be on board vessels 16 feet or longer and be readily accessible. Michigan law requires all children under 6 years of age to **wear** a USCG–approved Type I or II PFD when riding on the open deck of any boat while underway. Each person riding on a PWC (jet ski) or being towed behind a PWC or other vessel must wear a USCG–approved Type I, II, or III personal flotation device. Inflatable PFDs are not allowed on PWCs or while being towed behind PWCs or other vessels.

All PFDs must be in good and serviceable condition and must be readily accessible.

Happy and safe boating!

Sanford Lake Association Meetings 2013

Monday, February 18	7PM
Monday, April 15	7PM
Monday, June 17	7PM
Monday, August 19	7PM
Monday, October 21	7PM

Village of Sanford 325 W Center Street

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**SANFORD LAKE ASSOCIATION (SLA) MEMBERSHIP FORM
2013-2014 fiscal year**

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SLA
Attn: Membership
P.O. Box 212
Sanford, MI 48657-0212

All dues paid during the annual membership drive (Aug 1 – Sept 30, 2013) are valid until Sept. 30, 2014. Anyone may still join the SLA after the cutoff date, however their membership will be shorter than one year, as their membership will end at the same time as everyone else's the following year. SLA is a registered 501c3 non-profit organization; therefore your dues are tax deductible and do not require a receipt (< \$250.00 per IRS).

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION

Name/Spouse	
Property Address	
City	
Township	
State, Zip Code	
Telephone	
E-mail	

We are emailing many items throughout the year so if you have an email please include it.

Mailing Address (ONLY if different than above):

Address	
City	
State, Zip Code	

DUES MUST BE ENCLOSED

\$30.00 per household per year

Or

\$40.00 if you wish to receive an Annual Subscription to THE MICHIGAN RIPARIAN Magazine (applications received after Sept 30, 2013 are **not** eligible to receive the magazine).