

# SYLVAN

## NEWSLETTER

November 2014

Photo courtesy of Carolyn Johnson



## SYLVAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOC

Island News – Camp Big Island now has a trail that completely encircles the Island. Trail markers will be installed for the 2015 season. The committee headed by Malcolm Cairns will also be planning informational signage to identify plants and wildlife for visitors to the island. The boat, piers and buoys have been stored for winter. Repairs to the pavilion roof have been completed. *Our continue appreciation to Hall Schafer and Hal's Pals & Joe Costello that made this endeavor possible.*

Weeds – Weed control was less costly than in previous years! The cost for 2013 was over \$45,000. The cost for 2014 was \$20,000. According to the IDNR most lakes in Indiana enjoyed a more manageable summer. It is unknown exactly what factors cause more or less weeds in a given year.

Grants – Joe Poffenburger will begin the grant application process to improve access to areas of the lake clogged by trees and sediment. Grant is an 80/20 split with state of Indiana; a multiyear process with the first year being a survey of the lake to determine what areas need attention. The following year(s) the sediment can be removed.

Town of Rome City is designated as a "Bird Town." – An Osprey platform will be installed this winter on the "grass island" by Camp Big island. Rep. Dave Ober is providing support for this platform through the Advance Rome City Bird House Project. Dave Fox from Gene Stratton-Porter Memorial will supervise the installation.

Email alerts to inform to members. – SLIA Board will begin communicating with members using email addresses on file of members. Priority email communications will include announcements, alerts & issues concerning the lake IE, high water alerts;

Event dates and newsletters, etc. **Please provide your current email address to SLIA via our website:**

[www.sylvanlakeindiana.ORG](http://www.sylvanlakeindiana.ORG)

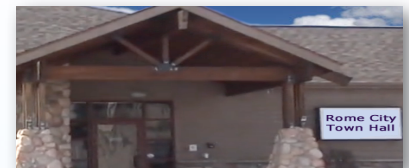


Donate



The SLIA Board of Directors is committed to our mission "to improve and conserve generally the natural beauty and facilities for recreation and advance the welfare of Sylvan Lake, to cooperate in and contribute to any program designed for the sanitation, wildlife conservation, highway improvements, utility service and any other move toward our mutual benefits..."

The SLIA Board of Directors is committed to allocate funds to support the mission and goals of the Association.



- Town of Rome City to feature Sylvan Lake on new 2015 website.
- Possible public beach locations, liability, and costs to be researched.
- Possible survey and location for "building a habitat for Walleye."

## 2014 SLIA Board:

**Carl Grove - President**

**Dan Diggins - Vice President**

**Dina Holliday - Sec./ Treas.**

Newsletter Brief by  
CLPmarketing.com