

# The Spirit of Sylvan Shores



Summer 2018

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SYLVAN SHORES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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## WELCOME NEW OWNERS!!

Sylvan Shores would like to welcome all of our new owners. There is a lot to do in the area and in the Sylvan Shores community. You may want to take the time out of your busy day to stop in for coffee at 10:00am Monday-Friday, a great way to meet neighbors!

We also hope this summer you have enjoyed the wildlife in the area. Sylvan Shores has become a safe home for several doe's with twin fawns this year. There is a bear with two cubs, and a family with 2 baby loons in Pine Island Lake. We have so many birds, ducks, turkeys, osprey to eagles; which we hope are leaving the loon families alone. I hope you can spot some wildlife for yourself, make a family adventure out of it.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

## END OF SUMMER FLING !

**Come one, Come all** to a gathering of neighbors & friends !

**What: Sylvan Shores Picnic/Pig Roast**

When: August 25, 2018

Where: North lawn of the Clubhouse ( please bring your own lawnchairs)

Games for all ages beginning about 2pm.

Roasted Pig with Baked Potatoes & Bread provided by SSPOA.

Serving time: 3pm to 4pm depending on when the PIG is ready !

Please bring a vegetable or salad to share.

A special cake welcoming our new neighbors will be our dessert !

Free will donations will be accepted to help pay for the PIG!

Your Board members will be present for all to meet & greet.

PLEASE plan on attending and help us eat that PIG down to the bones!!

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope you all have been enjoying the summer so far, Spring did come late and it felt like we jumped from winter to summer. Let's hope that the nice weather sticks around now well into the fall months.

It was great to see the large turnout for the Annual Meeting in May and to welcome several members attending the meeting for the first time. Thank you to the Entertainment Committee for putting together the excellent pasta lunch following the meeting.

Also at the Annual meeting the association brought on newly elected board members Scott Anderson, Shirley Pierce, and Bret Bussman along with re-elected Ed Haberman. This group has come together as a great team and all are putting forth great effort to provide excellent service to our Sylvan Shores community. There are many action items on our plate that will keep us very busy.

I want to thank the members of our community who volunteer to be part of the various committees, helping out in the office, assisting with maintenance tasks, planning and carrying out events and providing assistance in vote tallying and big and small activities. Your time and hard work is very much appreciated.

Warm Regards,  
Larry Jones

## WELCOME TO SYLVAN SHORES, KAYLA BENSON!



Kayla has accepted the position of being the Sylvan Shores Office Administrator . The Staples, Motley area has been her home all her life. She and Josh have two girls, Natalie six and Emma four. They all like to fish and swim during the summer. She enjoys cooking and all that goes with raising a family. Kayla says she has already learned a lot about Sylvan Shores and wants to do her best for the owners and Board!

Welcome to Sylvan Shores!! Kayla!

Come and meet Kayla and her family at the Pig Roast!

## DOG POLICY

Dogs must be kenneled or leashed at all times in Sylvan Shores. Underground fencing is also a viable option, however, please let the office know if you put in that fencing. The Board of Directors voted at a September 11, 2010 meeting to send out 3 notices to owners that have dogs running free; and if the dogs are still running loose, to add them to the non-compliant fee list at \$100.00 per instance.

Sylvan Shores has a great number of adults and children that walk at various times of the day on a regular basis in all parts of our community. Please be considerate of your neighbors and kennel or leash your dogs.

## HAS THE OFFICE CALLED YOU?

Have you left the office a phone message and we did not call back? Here's why....Your message was not complete. The message left did not record a 10 digit phone number and/ or the message did not have a full name, thus we could not look you up in our database. We would appreciate it if you state your first and last name, and repeat the phone number slowly.

## SHOW-SHARE-SELL EVENT

We apologize for having to postpone this event until next spring. We encourage you to contact the SSPOA office if you are planning on being a part of this event. This event needs several people to plan, work and participate in to make it a success.

## GOOD NEWS FOR SYLVAN SHORES!

Last fall the board looked at the Todd County " Valuation statements" for the properties owned by the Association for Real Estate taxes to be paid in 2019. It appeared that several were too high and should be appealed. When Ed Habermann came on the board this spring, he volunteered to contact Todd County and begin the process of appeal. Todd County agreed that they should personally visit all the boat landings, the campground & community center. Ed spent many hours working with county personnel and took them around when the county toured all properties in question.

We have received tentative adjustments to the valuation on 10 property locations. The total reduction adds up to approximately \$31,300.00. At this time we don't know the \$\$ amounts for this reduction, but whatever it works out to be, will reduce our expenses for the Association. That is great news!

Thanks Ed for pursuing this important task.

## INTERNET USAGE

Internet hookup at the clubhouse is provided free to all property owners in "good standing."

SSPOA wants you to be able to email family & friends and receive emails in return.

We have a specific amount of internet service each month, with that being said, please refrain from downloading Netflix movies, Music, Youtube, Hulu & games that use up data. In the future, if usage reaches our limit, we will be forced to "block property owner" use.

## WATCH WHERE YOU DRIVE YOUR MOTORIZED VEHICLE

Sylvan Shores has a policy that there be NO motorized vehicles on the lawns of the Clubhouse. This includes ATV's, Motorcycles (2 or 3 wheel), Golf Carts and in winter, snowmobiles.

There are signs on the fence as you drive off Paradise towards the Clubhouse and again on the fence on the south side of the parking lot stating "No motorized vehicles on the lawn".

We are observing numerous motorized vehicles that are driving from the parking lot to the beach and back - on both the north and south side of the lawn. In addition, some are driving from the parking lot to nearby homes. This is not permitted.

Violators will be notified they are non-compliant and warned that further violations will create a fine of \$100.00 per incident assessed to their property; and in addition they will lose their right to use all amenities.

The only "Property Owner Vehicles" allowed on the Sylvan Shores lawns are " Baby Strollers" and "Johnny's Little Red Wagon"!

## PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

At the annual meeting in May, we had the Photo Contest. All photos entered must be taken within Sylvan Shores community. There were 13 entries comprised of a variety of unique pictures. Voting for # 1 was a difficult job.

1st place winner was Sheryl Chenoweth of a winter scene of an A-frame home.

2nd place was a winter scene of the Fawn Lake Landing.

We have a "Wall of Winners" in the upper level of the Clubhouse (16 pictures). With a limit of 16 photos, each year, we have to retire some photo's into a book that is on the shelf. When you stop in the clubhouse, take a moment to look over the photos, you will find a lot of "special beauty" in our Sylvan Shores community.

We also had a drawing for a 1yr Assessment credit of \$120.00.

Deb Becker was the lucky winner. Congratulations Deb!

## A NEW PROPERTY OWNERS PERSPECTIVE...

### The Beauty of “the Swamp” • by Gordon Stewart

Quite serendipitously, you might say, The Pea Pod — the-small A-frame cabin by the wetland — became ours last August. It came into view in an internet search for an affordable lake or river-front property within easy driving distance from the metro area. Until we visited the property we thought it was on a small lake, not a swamp on the edge of the Sylvan Shores Association. We immediately fell in love with its peacefulness.

Every morning at ten o'clock a group of Sylvan Shores folks gathers for conversation over coffee and danish at the clubhouse. Although we come here to retreat from all things civilized, we want to be good neighbors, and we wonder who else lives in Sylvan Shores. We go to our first coffee hour. We introduce ourselves by name and by the property's location next to 'the wetland' just north of Turtle Lake.

“Oh, you mean ‘the swamp’!” Everyone has a good laugh.

Call it what you will, swamp, wetland, or marsh — remember the ode to “The Marshes of Glynn”? — the little cat-tailed not-quite pond with the trumpeter swans, great blue herons, mallards, loons, and beavers next to the equally unenviable cabin is its own sacred place for two peas in a pod.

Months after the first coffee hour at the clubhouse, I wake with the morning sun and see the beauty of the wetland other folks don't get to see. Oh, they too might have a fat robin making her nest in the oak tree outside their patio doors, but they don't experience dawn next to the beaver lodge and the loons paddling by in plain sight while the mallards, wood ducks, and the buffleheads greet the day with play near the far side.

We prefer the swamp to the five lakes of the association. There are no boats here. No motors to disturb the silence. No waters-skiers. No anglers. No noisy humans. Within days the Trumpeter Swans will break the silence. The only oars on the water belong to the waterfowl and the flat tail of the beavers. It's an uncivilized place that reminds us of the incivility of civilization and the beauty of nature's frailty and glory.

## WE'RE ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Several SSPOA board members completed a recent road tour. We want to thank all the property owners that are so diligent in keeping their property looking inviting. You can be proud of yourselves. We did identify other properties that are non-compliant. The office will be sending out letters shortly to those property owners giving them 30 days to resolve their issues.

## VOLUNTEERS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Thank you to all of you who have been a part of our events this summer. Events cannot happen without, **YOU** the volunteers!

May 24th we held a bake sale and lunch. 10 people baked and donated to our sale. 7 people worked the day of the sale. We earned 275 dollars

Sundaes on Saturday/ Pool Grand Opening: June 9th. Favors were given to the children. A good time was had by all 27 people who attended. Three people gave their time to work this event. The ice cream was donated by an owner.

Red, White and Blue Pancake Breakfast: It was a huge success. We served 80 people and brought in 175 dollars after expenses. Four people gave us their time to serve us a delicious meal. Thank you SSPOA owners for your freewill donations.

On behalf of our committee a big thank you to all of you who helped make these events happen! Thank you to all who attended these events. We hope you enjoyed them! See you soon at the next event “Sundae's on Saturday” August 11!

Hospitality/Event Committee



## SWIMMING POOL

All persons using the swimming pool or the clubhouse need to be signed in. The sign in sheet is available on the tables in the lower level of the clubhouse. This helps us keep track of the usage.

You must be current with your assessments in order to use the pool. Our office staff and pool attendants will be checking the list. If you are not current with your assessments you are not allowed to be a guest of another property owner. This could result in revoking the privileges of the host property owner.

You must be 14 years of age to be in the clubhouse or pool without a parent. We do have parent permission slips available that watch over younger siblings. This form must be signed by a parent in the presence of a staff member.

Our swim band policy states that the free red wrist bands go to the property owners and their children. This does not include grandchildren, in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, grandparents, friends, etc. our offices staff and pool attendants will be checking the master log for property owners and co-owners.

We have punch cards available for property owners to purchase when bringing guests.

We will have a 5 punch card at \$10 and 20 punch cards for \$35, no refunds on either card. These cards will remain on file with the pool attendants for easy access.

If you are not interested in the punch card you can still purchase:

1 day band for \$2.00

3 day band for \$5.00

7 day band for \$10.00

The fees charged are used to help defray the cost of having a pool; including chemicals, pool techs, chairs, toys, etc.

Remember the pool and clubhouse are for families and appropriate behavior is expected. A full list of rules is posted pool side including that swimming suits are required, no cut-offs or t-shirts. These items leave fibers in the pool that are hard on the equipment.

REMINDER: Alcohol and glassware are not permitted within the pool area and clubhouse is also an Alcohol Free Zone.

The 2018 Pool Hours are:

Monday - Thursday 10:00am - 8:00pm

Friday & Saturday 10:00am – 9:00pm

Sunday 12:00pm – 8:00pm

If you have any questions, please feel free to give the office a call at 218-894-1065.

## CLUBHOUSE RENTAL

Sylvan Shores Clubhouse is available to rent for private gatherings any day of the week from Sept 15 thru Memorial weekend 2019.(Except for Dec. 1, which is the Association Christmas party.) The charge for 25 or less people is \$25.00; for 25-50 people \$50.00; plus a \$50.00 refundable deposit. Please call your reservation in early; as we have several people that want specific dates for their Christmas parties.

The Clubhouse will be decorated for Christmas right after Thanksgiving. As in the past, we post the time and date of each party in the lobby; and ask that all other property owners respect the privacy of your gathering.

## YARD WASTE SITE

A new Yard Waste site has been created off 400th St.

There are 2 separate areas:

Leaves • Small limbs (4" or less)

Please do not leave any plastic bags, cardboard or lumber items. The site is fenced and has a gate with locks. You may sign out a key from the office; or with the pool attendant. After Labor Day, with the pool closed, you will have to get the key from the office.

# Sylvan Shores

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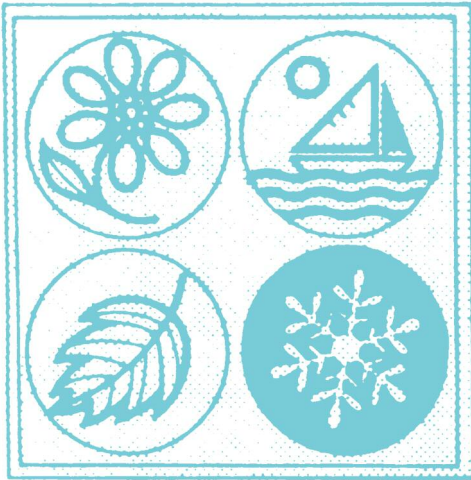
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	What	Time	Where
August 11, 2018	Sundaes on Saturday	1:30 – 3:00pm	Clubhouse
August 25, 2018	Board Meeting	10:00am	Clubhouse
August 25, 2018	Pig Roast/Picnic	3:00pm	North Lawn Clubhouse
Sept 3, 2018	Last Day TO visit the Pool	10:00am to 8:00pm	Pool
Dec 1, 2018	Board Meeting	1:00pm	Clubhouse
Dec 1, 2018	Adult/ Children Games	3:00pm	Clubhouse
Dec 1, 2018	Christmas Dinner	4:00pm	Clubhouse
Spring 2019	Show, Share & Sell	Tba	Tba

Coming soon... after many months we will be launching a new and refreshed Sylvan Shores website