The Spirit of Sylvan Shores

The Newsletter of the Sylvan Shores Property Owners Association

Fall & Winter 2018

You are invited to the
Sylvan Shores Annual Christmas Party!

It will be held at the Clubhouse
Saturday December 1, 2018. Make sure you bring your children/ grandchildren to see and receive gifts from Santa and play games at 4:30pm. Dinner following after Games and Santa.

RSVP by Nov. 27 to the office for Dinner Entree
at 218-894-1065 or email at sylvanshores@outlook.com
Parents please call or email the office, since Santa will have gifts for all children under 12yrs.
Provide your child’s Name, Gender & Age.
Bring a wrapped gift, approx $1.00 value for Crazy Bingo, per person!
We will again be collecting donations for the Local Food Shelf!
Your participation will be appreciated!

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Clubhouse Hours

Office Hours 10AM—4PM (weekdays)

November 22 – November 25, 2018
10AM – 9PM

November 26 – Dec 31, 2018
Monday – Thursday 10AM – 4PM
Friday – Sunday 10AM – 9PM

December 24 – CLOSED
December 25 – CLOSED
January – March
Monday – Thursday 10AM – 4PM
Friday – Sunday 10AM – 7PM

Social Hour

Everyone is welcome to come to coffee Monday – Friday at 10am. It is a time of good fellowship and time to solve world problems along with lots of laughs. We also share treats when available. We’ve had a maximum of 26 people.

There is also exercise class every Monday, Wednesday and Friday starting at 9am. During the summer there is Water Aerobics. During the winter the Aerobics class is downstairs. Call the office for information.

Clubhouse Issues

We have had incidents where children under the age of 14 have been in the Clubhouse unsupervised by an adult. When the office is closed, there is no one to keep an eye out on these children which opens up Sylvan Shores to liability. In several instances, the pool table was jammed with ping pong balls, foosballs and kid’s toys plus garbage was left around requiring extra labor to unjam the table and extra cleaning around the Clubhouse. If this behavior continues, we may be forced to close the Clubhouse when the office closes.

Painting the Clubhouse

The Clubhouse had a “Touch Up” upstairs and downstairs by Tom and Gail Honek. They did a wonderful job and helped brighten Clubhouse up. They painted the Clubhouse windows outside and stained the inside and touched up doors and railings. The kitchen area was repainted, the sills inside have been given 2 coats of Poly, to preserve the wood. The Campground Bathhouse will be getting a ‘Touch Up” this Spring!

Thank you Tom and Gail for your hard work!
Last year there were 4 children present to receive a gift and meet Santa. Please consider attending our party. Children Infant–12 years will receive a gift. Grandparents may bring your grandkids, we will have a gift for them. Please call Kayla at the office by November 21, 2018. Let’s make Santa happy by having lots of kiddo’s present for him to visit!

We will again be providing a delicious meal at our Annual Christmas Party. Our menu will be:
- Beef Stroganoff or Chicken Marnay
- Parsley Red Potatoes/ Green Beans
- Christmas Salad
- Cranberries & Rolls
- Ice Cream Dessert
Please RSVP by November 27, 2018 and choose which Meal Entree each guest would like. Chef Matt Urspringer (a new owner) will be our Chef for the meal.

Help is needed for the Christmas Party!
- Decorating the Clubhouse
- Helping with the Entertainment
- Helping serve the meal
- Help with clean up
Please call the office, your help will be greatly appreciated!

We have many neighbors who have never attended the Christmas Party. Please consider inviting them to attend with you. As you all know going with somebody you know always is more fun! A special invite to ALL New Owners!
Property Owners when buying or selling property in Sylvan Shores would you please provide a copy of the deed and transfer of the property to the Sylvan Shores office immediately after transfer. We need to know in order to update our records.

Sylvan Shores Neighborhood Watch

We are looking for a few people who would be willing to participate in a “Neighborhood Watch” Program. We are asking those who are willing, to watch their local areas and report any suspicious activities they see. Things to watch for may include suspicious or Unknowns Persons or Vehicles, Damaging Fires, Reckless Operations of Vehicles or Boats, or any other “Out of place” activity. We do not want watchers to confront problem situations just report them!

Those assisting need to be able to spend a few minutes each week checking out the area they live in. This may mean walking or driving the local area just to see if there are any noticeable problems. It may mean just talking to neighbors about anything they have observed. In rare situations, it may involve closely watching a specific area.

If problems do arise, these are numbers to call:
Sylvan Shores Office  Todd Co. Sheriff’s Office
Monday-Friday  (320) 732-2157
10am—4pm  1 (800) 794-5733
(218) 894-1065

911 any time for Emergencies!

If you are interested in participating in the “Neighborhood Watch” or if have any questions please call the Sylvan Shores Office.

No Hunting

We would like to remind all members no hunting is allowed on SSPOA Common Properties.

On July 18, 1981 a motion was passed by the Board of Directors stating “There be no shooting, hunting, or discharge of Firearms or BB Guns on Sylvan Shores Association OWNED Property.”

This means No hunting of any kind; Bow or Firearm on any property owned by Sylvan Shores. The Board has purchased signs that were placed throughout Sylvan Shores at entrances. We suggest to members to help enforce the rule to put their own “No Hunting or Trespassing” signs on their properties.

If you are hunting outside of Sylvan Shores Properties,
Good Luck on that 30 pointer!
Board of Directors Candidate Process

It is coming up to that time of the year again where we are looking for good candidates to run for the Board of Directors. My goal here is to lay out the process and entice some of you to consider running for the Board. Candidates do not need to be full time residents in Sylvan Shores, only own property in Sylvan Shores.

First of all, you need to express your interest to the Office (218-894-1065) before March 1st, 2019. A packet of information will be sent to you. Each candidate must be current with their assessments.

Then submit all paperwork (Candidate Form and short Bio) to the office by the end of the day on March 15, 2019.

Meet the Candidates Forum at the March 16, 2019 Meeting. The day of the Annual Meeting, there will also be a “Meet the Candidates Forum,” where you will introduce yourself to the Association Members and tell a little bit about yourself.

The expectations of a Board Member:
- Attend Meetings – 5 times a year
- Keep all of Sylvan Shores in mind when making decisions
- Respond to emails/phone calls in timely manner
- Approve an Annual Budget

Other expectations that require only a few Board Members to participate:
- Manager Review
- Annual Property Tour
- Chair of Committee

Being on the Board of Directors is a great way to meet other Property Owners and get involved with your Association. We hope to hear from many of you that are interested in making a difference in your neighborhood at Sylvan Shores!!

Fawn Lake Boat Landing will be plowed by our Contracted Snow Plow Service. Please do not take it upon yourself to plow it.

No ATV/ Snowmobiling

It is about that time of the year again for the snow to fall, with that being said please keep in mind to drive safe and responsibly. The Sylvan Shores Office has set out signs for No ATVs/ No Snowmobile in areas that there is to be no driving. We appreciate if everyone abides by these rules. These signs are for areas that Sylvan Shores would like to keep safe, clean and untouched during the winter months. Have a fun and have a safe winter!
Don’t forget to reserve the Clubhouse for your Private Party!

The Clubhouse is available for parties to Property Owner’s in good standing. The same rules of Clubhouse comply with parties to keep the Clubhouse clean and safe. The Clubhouse would be a perfect place to sit with family and friends by the fire and enjoy each other. 
Call or stop by the office and reserve a date!

The Clubhouse will be available for parties:
10AM – 7PM Sunday through Thursday
10AM – 9PM on Friday and Saturday
Including Christmas Eve & Christmas Day
Remember to clean up and vacuum.

Fee:
Up to 25 people - $25.00
More than 25 people - $50.00

Keep Septic System safe from the Minnesota Cold!

Prevent freezing in the first place.
Insulation is a key too preventing pipes and drain fields from freezing. Allowing grass to grow an extra 6 inches over the entire system (Septic Tank, connecting Pipes and Drain Field/ Mound) in the fall can protect from frost. Another good insulator is a layer of mulch (Straw, Leaves or Hay) spread 8-12 inches deep over the system. Other good ideas include maintaining wildflowers or native grasses over your tanks and system.

Don’t be a drip, keep it hot.
Dripping faucets trickle water into the system, which can cause ice to build up and eventually freeze a pipe closed, often right where the septic pipe leaves the home. Fix all leaks and keep the system ‘energized” with regular doses of warm water during the winter-warmer the better. Spread out your laundry schedule so you run one warm/hot load a day. Use the dishwasher and take hot baths. However, do not leave water running all the time, as this will hydraulically overload the septic system.

There are some things you should never do to try to fix a frozen system:
Do not introduce antifreeze, salt or septic system additive into the system
Do not pump sewage onto the ground surface
Do not start a fire over the system to attempt to thaw it out
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**Sylvan Shores Photo Contest**

The Photo Contest has turned into an Annual Event! We will accept up to 5 photographs per family. The content must be within Sylvan Shores Property Owners Association boundaries. 8 1/2 x 11 photo’s must be turned in by the last Friday of April each year! Remember we are an All Season Community and photos of All Seasons will be appreciated.

Get Creative and Capture Nature!

**Mothers Group**

The office has received a request to allow a Mothers group to be formed for Sylvan Shores Home Owner's which will meet in the Clubhouse during the up coming months. The idea would be to meet for conversations, sharing ideas, support, and play dates for children and to meet other families in our community. Mothers, Grandmothers and Children (Ladies you don't have to be a mother to join us) Ages may vary Names and Phone numbers will be collected by the office and a coordinator of the group will set up a meeting to determine further planning. If interested please call or email the Office (218) 894-1065

**Barn Quilt**

Make your own Barn Quilt Sign! Sizes: 2x2 Sign Can do 4x4 (cost will be more) Cost for Board, Primer, Paint & Supplies is $50.00 Clear Coat Finish will not be provided due to time frame Total Participants limited to available space Please Sign Up & Pay by January 1, 2019 Event will be on January 26, 2019 Time: 10am to 4pm If would like to Sign Up or questions please call office (218) 894-1065 If would like more information please call Mary Noska (218) 296-3677
Did You Know?

A Bear has 42 Teeth
Rabbits like Licorice
Reindeer like Bananas
Cats have 32 muscles in each Ear
The average Snowflake falls at about 3mph
Snowflakes have 6 sides
Birds need gravity to swallow
Each time you see a Full Moon you will always see the same side
Mountain Lions can whistle

Townships

If you have a road that is not plowed, a question or would like to attend a meeting please call your Township.

Fawn Lake Township:
Hall Location: 40984 Pinto Drive
Board Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00pm
Clerk: Kelly (218) 531-0287

Moran Township:
Hall Location: 23609 430th St.
Board Meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm
Clerk: Teresa Wagner (218) 894-2062

Turtle Township:
Hall Location: 34237 315th Ave.
Board Meetings: 1st Monday of each month at 7:00pm
Clerk: RoxAnne (320) 594-6088

Ward Township:
Hall Location: 35050 County 79
Board Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8:00pm
Clerk: Nikki Deyle (651) 247-5545

Snow Removal

Minnesota Statute 160.27 Subdivision 5 indicates that it is illegal to plow snow onto or across highway right-a-ways. Highway right-a-way is defined as the driving lanes Inside and Outside the Shoulders, In slope/Ditch, Bottom/Back slope, Clear Zone and Sight Corners at Intersections.

Township’s monitor road right-a-ways and a “Notice of Violation” can be issued to persons performing such activities.

Failure to comply may result in notification by the Township Attorney of possible Prosecution. Any person(s) convicted of such violations shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor, which is punishable by a maximum $1,000 fine or 90 days in jail.
Fall Departure

They are flying again...  
The air filled with the joyous sound  
of the shared dream of warmer places  
and sheltered coves that hold them safe,  
where sustenance abounds

They are flying again...  
The air filled with the silence  
of a journey well mapped  
in the heart of the leader in front of the pack,  
in the hearts of those following who never look back

And my heart yearns...  
For journeys untraveled and dreams untried  
For deserts not slept in and mountains not climbed  
For oceans not sailed and paths not walked  
For words not spoken and tears not cried

They are flying again...  
And my hand is raised in greeting  
And I quietly pray “God speed”  
as I settle in front of a warm crackling fire  
to plan and dream and make a wish  
and see where life may lead

For I have felt the rhythm of Mother Earth,  
Heard the whispers on the wind  
And know that traveling souls may go,  
beckoned by ancestors past  
but will return when the call is heard...  
The call to home at last.

Office Memo

I want to start off thanking everyone for this job opportunity and allowing me to design the website, this newsletter and much more. I love this job and that the board works with my family’s schedule. I have been very adamant with being prompt to answering emails and calls and I look forward to updating office needs, meeting and working with more of the Sylvan Shores families.

-Kayla Benson

Thank you Carol Kollodge for sharing your beautiful words with us.
# Sylvan Shores

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## Upcoming Events

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