

The Spirit of Sylvan Shores



Summer 2011

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SYLVAN SHORES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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CAMPGROUND RESERVATIONS

	Full Service (electric, sewer & water)	Partial Service (electric only)
Day	\$25.00	\$20.00
Week	\$150.00	\$125.00
Month	\$350.00	\$300.00
Season	\$800.00*	\$650.00*

*There is an additional \$125.00 fee for electrical usage on all seasonal campers.

A second tent is allowed on all lots for a \$10 fee for 2 extra people. Rates are for 1 or 2 people per site with a \$2 per day charge for each additional person over age 5. Please call the office to make your reservations, 218-894-1065. All reservations are on a first come basis.

A reminder that you must prepay for your first nights reservation.

To make this more convenient we now accept credit card payments. Please call the office for more details 218-894-1065.



MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER - SHARON KADLEC

Message from the Manager
Sharon Kadlec

Activities in the Clubhouse over Memorial Weekend have forced me to write about respect, responsibility and vandalism.

There were several incidents throughout the weekend with vandalism that need to be brought to the attention of all property owners. They include a broken window, our new ping pong table damaged, a broken chair, pool cues ruined, the

fence damaged, muddy and wet bathrooms, puzzle pieces scattered all over and the furniture moved. We have not had anybody come forward to apologize for the damage or claim responsibility. Two children were spotted running away from the Clubhouse after the window incident. There were people downstairs that heard the commotion but couldn't get upstairs in time. The Sheriff was out to make a report. All these things require additional money and time which comes out of the general budget.

We have a rule for the Clubhouse that children under 14 years of age are not allowed unless closely supervised. So, that leads me to believe the above damage was done by older children. Maybe we need

to look at this rule and increase the age. It has also been suggested to close the Clubhouse when there isn't a staff member present. I am opposed to closing the Clubhouse but we need help from parents and property owners to keep an eye on our Clubhouse. If you have a little extra time, please make a sweep through to see that everything is good.

We need all property owners to respect the Sylvan Shores common property for all people to enjoy. It is your responsibility to watch your children and guests while they are using the Clubhouse. We have made many improvements and need to take care of our amenities.

Sharon

NEW DOG POLICY

With summer upon us, please be mindful of our rule that -



Dogs must be kenneled or leashed at all times in Sylvan Shores.

The Board of Directors voted at our 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 per instance. Please be considerate of your neighbors and kennel or leash your dogs.

DIRECTOR'S DIALOG

Hi, my name is Mary Ann Donovan and I am the secretary on the Board of Directors at Sylvan Shores. At our last meeting we all decided to have this "Directors Report" pass between the board members each quarter. So I volunteered to be the first, and that is what I want to write about - "Volunteerism".

My husband, Roger, and I retired three years ago, moved up here and built our home on Pine Island Lake. I did not know how retirement would be for me and I was worried. I have worked my whole life and to retire, moved 250 miles away from family and friends was kind of mind boggling. It turned out that my fears were for nothing. Almost the first week up here our neighbors stopped by to welcome us. It also didn't take long to be welcomed into the daily coffee club at the club house, and there is always someone calling to go try a new restaurant.

Once we had our home finished and most of the landscaping done, I had time to volunteer, which I did at Sylvan Shores, my church and community. What great places to meet new friends and help when needed. I do lots of gardening, walking, riding my "green" 4-wheeler, visiting and it seems I never have time to clean house, wash clothes and all other chores, but I feel that can all wait - time for myself and volunteering for fun projects comes first.

Sylvan Shores is a huge organization and we always need more help with projects. This spring some of us volunteered to pull thistles and dandy lions in the rain gardens. We had lots of volunteers just recently to run the "Community Bake, Plant and Garage Sales" event, with proceeds going to Sylvan Shores. The road side clean up is always a great success, and many concerned residents volunteered to help with the neighborhood watch program.

There is always something to do up here and everyone has their own expertise, so if you find yourself up here at Sylvan Shores with time on your hands, come for coffee "10:00, Mon-Fri" or call us to see if we can put you to work as a "volunteer". Who knows you might even find a water aerobics session going on in the pool at the club house...

Thanks
Mary Ann Donovan

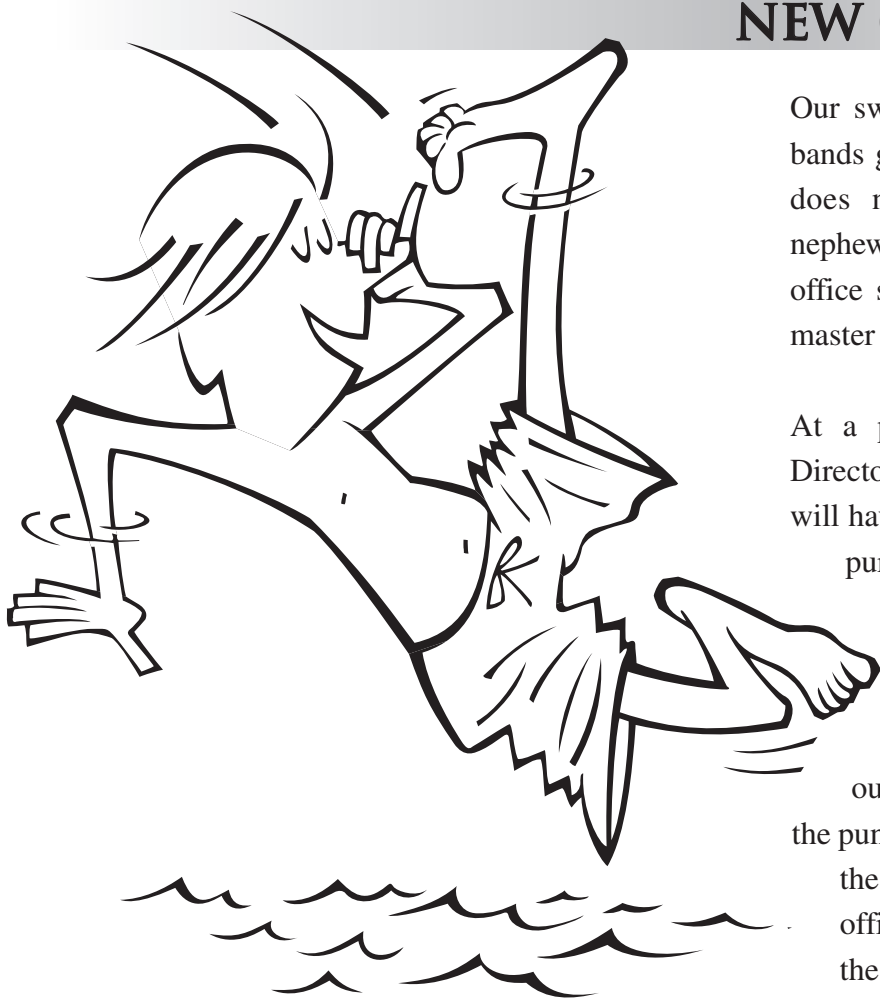
SYLVAN SHORES COMMUNITY SALES

The Sylvan Shores annual Community Garage, Plant and Bake sale was again a great success. Thanks to many volunteers the event ran smoothly. We had 10 volunteer bakers and around 15 volunteer helping with all the aspects of the sales including set up, selling, making lunch and clean up. This event was headed up by our Entertainment Committee chairperson, MaryAnn Donovan.

We had approximately \$250 profit. This will go towards funding the new Waffle/Pancake Breakfast on July 2nd, and additional pool furniture.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with this event and all the customers.

SWIMMING POOL POLICIES WITH NEW GUEST BAND OPTIONS



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

At a property owner's suggestion, the Board of Directors passed a new policy on guest swimmers. We will have punch cards available for property owners to purchase. We will have a 5 punch card for \$10 and a 20 punch card for \$35, no refunds on either card and they will expire at the end of each season. The property owner will have to purchase the guest wrist bands (different from our red or temporary bands) at \$2 each along with the punch cards. When a guest comes to use the bands, the card will be punched by the pool attendant or office staff. These cards will remain on file with the pool attendants for easy access. If you have questions, please give Sharon a call in the office, 218-894-1065. If you have questions, please feel free to give the office a call at 218-894-1065.

If you are not interested in the punch card you can still purchase a one day band for \$2.00, a 3 day band for \$5 or a 7 day band for \$10 for your guests. These fees are used to help with the cost of having a pool including chemicals, chairs, toys, etc.

The pool opening date is June 4th. The regular hours for the pool will be 10:00 am until 9:00 pm, weather permitting.

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.

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 would give a child of 14 year old or over permission to watch over younger siblings. This form must be signed by a parent in the presence of a staff member.

2011 ANNUAL MEETING



Our speaker at this year's annual meeting was Amy Piekarski with Todd Soil and Water Conservation District. They have teamed with the MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) for a Surface Water Assessment Grant for Fawn Lake and Pine Island Lake. We have four couples that have volunteered to gather the data needed for the monitoring of our two lakes. The monitoring will be done June through September for 2011 and 2012. The final report will be done by 2015 and any suggested implementation will be carried out through 2020 with the whole process being repeated in 2021.

We had about 40 people attend our pot luck lunch. The variety of dishes shared was awesome with the meat provided by Sylvan Shores from Detloff Custom Catering. This was a great opportunity to visit with our neighbors and see what's going on around Sylvan Shores.

The meeting itself was very short. There wasn't any new or old business on the agenda. Phil Miller discussed the Neighborhood Watch program that was officially started in March. The program is all about being observant, and reporting anything unusual to the office. We do have several volunteers that make periodic rounds throughout Sylvan Shores.

The results of the Board of Directors election are as follows:

Arlene Grover	163
Roger Eilers	157
Monica Chacos	150

The new board appointed Dennis Wipperling to the open position. Dennis has a home in Fawn Lake Meadows.

Next year's meeting will be on May 5th.



PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

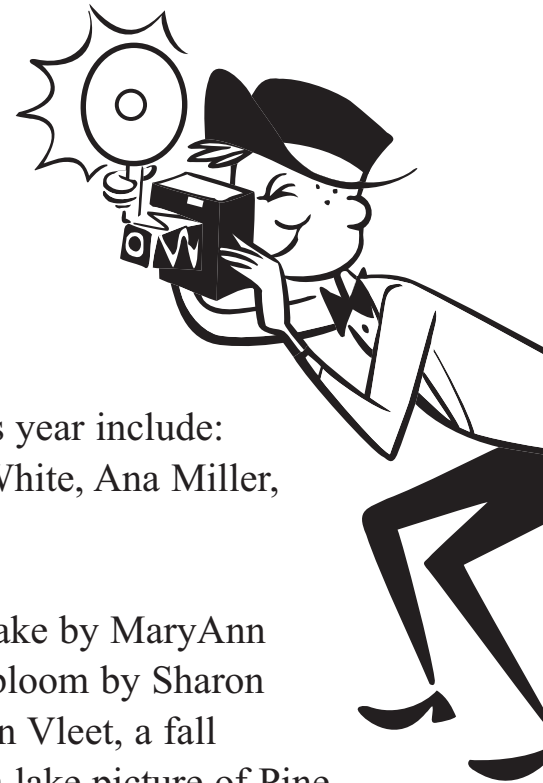


Thank you to all the participants in our first photo contest! Everybody at the annual meeting would like to see this as an annual event with photo submitted for review at each annual meeting.

We had 20 photos for this first contest. We are going to frame all twenty and display them throughout the Clubhouse. The participants this year include: Steve Gould, MaryAnn Donovan, the Steffen Family, Anna White, Ana Miller, Joanne Folkert and Sharon Kadlec.

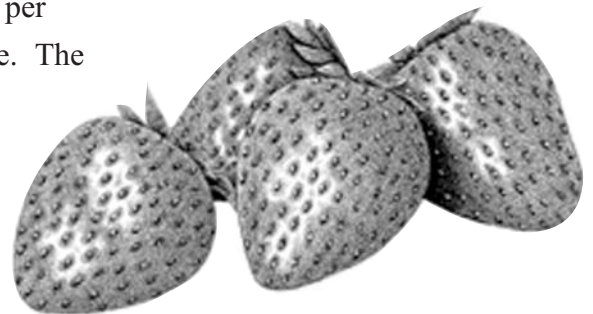
The favorites were a fall setting looking across Pine Island Lake by MaryAnn Donovan, a spring picture of the clubhouse with the trees in bloom by Sharon Kadlec, a dog jumping off a dock on Fawn Lake by Steve Van Vleet, a fall setting of a path in Fawn Lake Meadows by Ana Miller and a lake picture of Pine Island Lake with the swans by MaryAnn Donovan.

Start taking pictures for next years contest!



STRAWBERRY WAFFLE/PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sylvan Shores will be hosting a Strawberry Waffle/Pancake Breakfast July 2, 2011 from 8am-10am at the Community Center. Hercules' Strawberries will be donating the "Red, Ripe and Relicious" strawberries for our event with weather permitting. There will be a charge of \$3 per adult, \$2 per children 4-10 year of age and under 4 years old free. The profits (if any) will go towards future entertainment committee events. Following the event, there is a Board of Directors meeting and all are encouraged to stay and share their thoughts, concerns and ideas.



SYLVAN SHORES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SYLVAN SHORES COMMITTEES

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Chair: Arlene Grover218-894-2254

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Entertainment/Food/Fundraising

Co-Chair: MaryAnn Donovan218-894-0007

Co-Chair: Monica Chacos952-894-3427

BUILDING REQUIREMENTS IN SYLVAN SHORES

- All building requires a Sylvan Shores permit and a Todd County permit.
- All buildings larger than 32 square feet need a permit. The only structures not requiring a permit are fish houses and deer stands. (This is a Todd County requirement also.)
- Additions to houses and garages need a permit.
- Homes must be a minimum of 1000 square feet foundation size.
- Homes built in Sylvan Shores #1, Fawn Lake Meadows, Pine Island Heights, Sylvan Shores South, Little Pine Shores and Prairie River Heights sub-divisions must be stick built or a wood frame modular home.
- Sylvan Shores Villa and Timber Ridge sub-divisions are allowed to have mobile homes with a minimum square footage of 600 and a market value of \$20,000.
- Driveway permits are obtained through the appropriate township. Driveways must meet state standards. Minimum of 25' wide with a 3' to 1' slope off the sides.
- Septic design and well must be approved by Todd County before building can begin.
- Sheds or garages are not allowed on vacant lots.
- Sylvan Shores allows one out building (garage, shed, etc.) per lot.
- The garage floor must be a minimum of 6" below the entrance to the dwelling.
- Garage or pole barn type buildings can be a maximum of 30' X 50', with the height not to exceed 18', sidewalls not to exceed 12'.
- Permanent tent like structures need a permit.
- Temporary tent like structures must be removed in the fall of every year.
- Once a permit has been issued, you will have a year to start your project.
- Houses and garages must have the exterior completed within one year after starting.
- Sylvan Shores follows all Todd County setback requirements: side yard is 10', road side is 20' from property line and if on the lake you must be 100' from the lake.
- The fine for not getting a building permit is ten times the amount of the permit, currently the fine would be \$500.

Any questions please call
the office 218-894-1065.

Sylvan Shores

Property Owners Association

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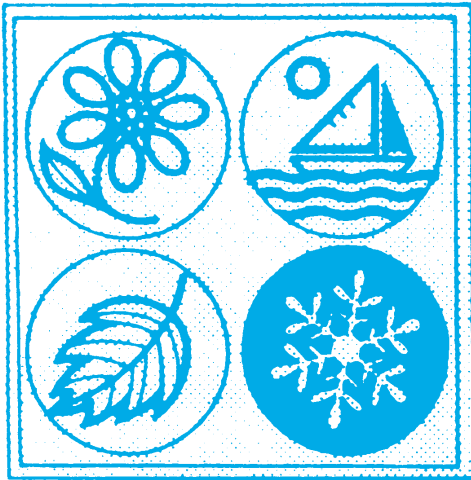
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UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	WHAT	TIME	WHERE
June 4, 2011	Pool Opens		
July 2, 2011	Strawberry Waffle/Pancake Breakfast	8:00-10:00am	Community Center
July 2, 2011	Board of Directors Meeting	10:30am	Community Center
August 27, 2011	Board of Directors Meeting	10:00 am	Clubhouse
September 5, 2011	Pool Closed for the season		
September 5, 2011	Campground Closed for the season		
September 26, 2011	Seasonal Campground Closed for the season		
October 22, 2011	Board of Directors Meeting	10:00am	Clubhouse
December 10, 2010	Board of Directors Meeting	10:00am	Clubhouse
December 10, 2010	Annual Christmas Party	4:00pm	Clubhouse