

SYLVAN TOWN NEWS



General Election - November 8, 2022



Fall 2022 Important Dates

September 23:
Absentee Ballot Voting began

October 18:
Pre-registration for voting ends 5:00 PM

October 25:
History Series 6:30 PM
CLC Center

November 7:
Absentee Ballot Voting ends 5:00 PM

November 8:
General Election
7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULES

Town Board Meets:
1st & 3rd Thursdays

Planning Commission Meets:
2nd Thursdays

Pillager Lake Park Advisory Board Meets:
As required

Fire Association Meeting
First Monday of each month 7:00pm at Pillager Fire Hall

Board and PC Meetings:
November 1st - March 31st starts at 6:30 pm.
April 1st- October 31st starts at 7:00 pm held at Sylvan Town Hall.

Sylvan Town Hall

(218) 746-3652
Hours: Mon.-Fri.
8:00 am - 2:30 pm

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info@sylvantwp.com
Website:
<http://www.sylvantwp.com>

For address changes, contact Cass County at 218-547-7260

Town Board

Greg Booth: Chair, Weeds Supervisor

Greg Bennett: Vice Chair, PC Liaison

Bob Johnson
Road & Driveway, Fire Supervisor

Arlene Schmit: Road & Driveway, Park Supervisor

Keith Card: Road & Driveway Supervisor

Election 2022

We are currently handling the absentee voting for Sylvan Township which started on Friday, Sept. 23, 2022 and runs until November 7, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

The general election will be held on November 8 2022 from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM and will be held here at the Town Hall.

The following Sylvan Township offices will be voted on for at the state general election:

Township Supervisor Seat 3 - Incumbent, Keith Card and Patrick Cox

Township Supervisor Seat 5 - Incumbent, Arlene Schmit and Swede Arneson.

(See candidate bios on following page)

History Series

Last one of 2022!

Please join us at CLC Center at 6:30 PM for the "Oldest Local Resorts"

ATV Operation

At our ATV Visioning session the Cass County Deputies updated us regarding legal and prohibited operation of ATV's. These are just a few of the basics that many operators are unaware of:

- If you were born after July 1, 1987, Minnesota law requires you to complete an approved ATV safety course.
- Class 1 ATVs have a total width of 50 inches or less from outside of tire rim to outside of tire rim.
- Class 2 ATVs have a total width greater than 50 inches, but not more than 65 inches from outside of tire rim to outside of tire rim.
- A valid driver's license is required to operate an ATV on a road right-of-way.
- Class 2 ATVs must be operated on the far righthand side of a County or Township road, unless prohibited by local regulations.
- Class 1 ATV operation – Class 1 must be operated off the roadway in the ditch area of a public roadway.
- Class 2 ATVs may not be operated on the shoulder of a state trunk highway.

For more information go to www.sylvantwp.com

Bios for Candidates Filing for Township Seats

Keith Card

My name is Keith Card. I'm running for the Supervisor Seat 3 in Sylvan Township. I am a retired machinist and have lived in Minnesota most of my life. I have served in the Marine Corp and am a Viet Nam veteran. Although my public office experience is somewhat limited, I have served for the past 10 months as Supervisor 3 in Sylvan Township to fill the position that was vacated due to illness. I have gained a lot of experience in that time and have become acquainted with many Sylvan citizens. As an outdoorsman, a hunter and fisherman, my goal is to keep our roads and waterways in the best shape possible for public use along with serving the resident's needs. I would appreciate your vote.

Patrick Cox

I am initially from Sauk Centre where my father was a public-school teacher, and my mother was a factory worker who ultimately worked her way to be a plant manager. I furthered my education via a football scholarship to Moorhead State University where I graduated with a bachelor's degree in Geography/Mathematics. I was recruited by the National Security Agency (NSA) and moved to Maryland soon after graduating. I spent 15 years at NSA split between personnel and industrial/chemical safety. I spent the next 3+ years as a mid-level manager of the United States Postal Service (USPS) for the Northern Virginia District. I left the USPS to join Health and Human Services (HHS) specifically working the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as an employee/labor relations specialist. In my free time while in Maryland, I was involved in my sons' and daughter's youth and high school athletics as a coach and mentor. I also was involved in our homeowner's association (HOA) where I served two terms on the board of directors, one as the president. The Russett HOA had an operating budget of \$2.5 million and a reserve budget of \$6.5 million. (Russett itself was planned community of approximately 2600+ units with an overall population of approximately 10,000+ residents.) As part of the HOA board, we instituted transparency and worked to get greater member participation (to include term limits on the BOD) while holding to the highest ethical standards. I retired from federal service in 2017 and moved back to Minnesota, specifically, Sylvan Township. I remain active in local youth sports and continue to be interested in improving the community. I thank-you in advance for your time and consideration.

Arlene Schmit

I grew up in the Pillager area and attended Pillager school. I got married in 1965 and had 3 children and later 5 grandchildren. In 1975 my family and I moved back to Pillager from St. Cloud, where we lived until moving into Sylvan Township in 1995. In 2007 I was asked to serve on the Sylvan Planning Commission, which I did until 2015, when I was elected to the Sylvan Town Board and became a co-road Supervisor. As a Sylvan Town Board member and a co-road Supervisor I believe I can help make good decisions for the people, and the Board. I would like to thank everyone who has voted for me in the past, and I hope you will vote for me again.

Swede Arneson

My name is Swede Arneson. I was born and raised in Madison MN. In 2008 we moved to Pillager. My daughters finished out their high school years here and graduated from Pillager High School. After working for Anderson Brothers, I opened my own business in 2013, Swedes Repair, and am still busy as ever. My hobbies include racing (driving and spectating) and doing things with my family. If I am elected to this seat, I will do my best to curb unnecessary spending and be accountable for all money spent. I will do my best to work for you, the people.

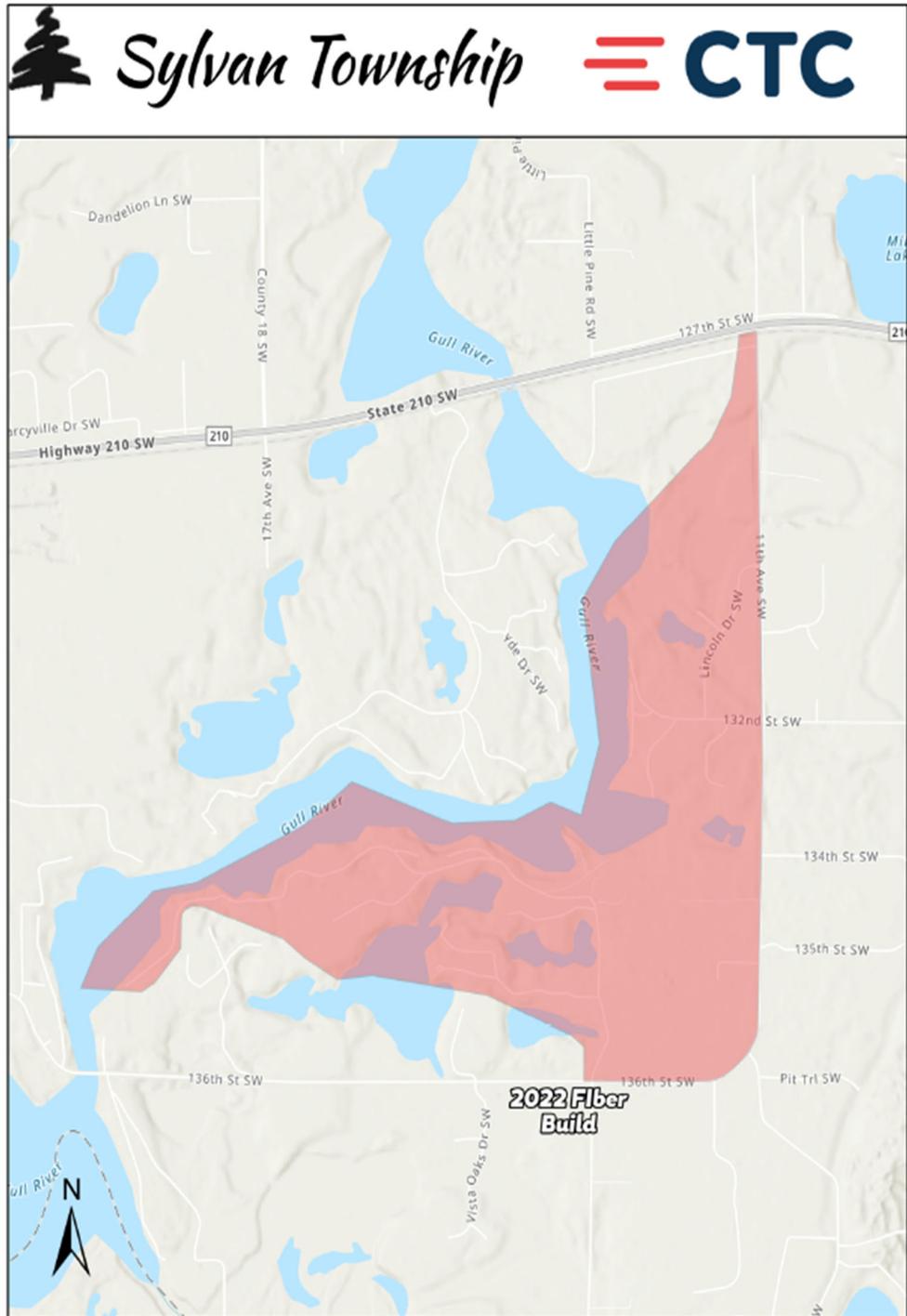
Sylvan Township Broadband Update

The Sylvan Town Board has made a commitment to help provide broadband internet service to all areas of the Township. Work is currently underway in the Cass County Highway 36 area and other proposed phases of the project will take another two to three years. Broadband infrastructure is very expensive to install but is necessary for homes, businesses, communication and education.

The main line of the project currently under construction is about 75 percent completed. This project includes homes on the east side of the Gull River, between the river and Cass County 36. Drops (the lines from road to house) will begin to be installed mid-October. Connecting all the lines together is scheduled to begin in November. Installations and service availability will start towards the end of 2022 and continue into early 2023.

Consolidated Telephone Company (CTC), which serves a large part of the Township, has been working with the Township to expand Broadband access. CTC recently applied for a large State of MN grant through the Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant Program to cover some of the costs of completing more broadband coverage. An announcement on that grant is expected this month (October). If the grant is approved, more areas will be served in the future. The project would include CTC investment and Border-to-Border funds, as well as funding from Cass Co. and Sylvan Township through federal funding.

If approved, the new project would include the West Gull River area and the Hardy Lake area between MN Highway 210, the Gull River and the south and east lines of the Township.

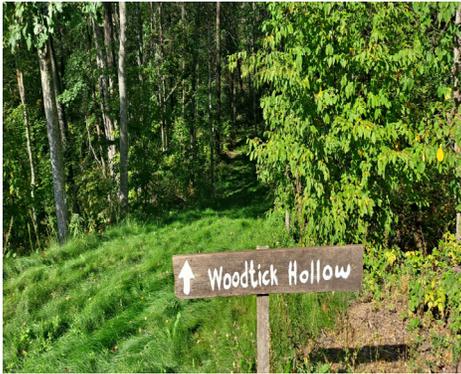




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Sylvan Lake Park Update

The park is slowly being developed with most trails seeded. The wildflowers and native grasses growing. There are now signs for the trails so you can find your way around. Trees planted this year are doing better than last year during the drought.

The progress is slow but positive. This time of the year, with all of the color, it is very beautiful from the overlook on the Sylvan Ridge Trail.

The Park Advisory Committee will be meeting, possibly in December. I am asking that everyone on the committee visit the park before snowfall to get ideas about what we need to do and what the priorities should be. If you are not on the committee, and wish to be, you should call Sylvan Township at 218-736-3652 and ask to be placed on the committee. Again, a visit to the park to view the trails and the pit area would be appreciated. The address for Sylvan Park is **12271 Lower Sylvan Road SW Pillager.**

