

# SYLVAN TOWNSHIP NEWS



## Chairman's Notes

### **Help keep our recycling recyclable!**

One of the benefits of Sylvan Township and Cass County is our recycling center. Located just west of the Corner Store on MN 210, the recycling bins are provided by a contractor and funded by our county taxes.

Lately, the recycling area has been a mess. Residents have reported plastic bags blown out of the bin area and into ditches and ponds. On my last visit, there was a discarded tire, a car seat, a vacuum cleaner, a mattress and a pile of plastic sheeting – all things that can't be recycled at our location. This kind of waste can be taken care of at the County Highway 34 solid waste facility, and construction materials can be disposed of at the Hengel landfill.

If we abuse it, we may lose it. The contractor can't keep up with the mess. The recycling facilities won't take contaminated bins – they just end up dumping the contents into a landfill, which defeats the whole purpose and costs us even more. If the misuse continues, we may lose the service.

Please follow the instructions on the bins for cardboard, paper products, glass and plastic. If you have to take things in plastic bags, take the bags home or put them in the trash can provided by the contractor. If you see someone misusing the bins, a friendly reminder might help prevent trashing an entire load of recycling material.

If you would like to help keep the area neater and help pick up stray plastic bags, contact Sylvan Town Hall and we will make a list of volunteers.

Greg Booth  
Chairman of the Board

## **Important Dates**

**July 20, 2023**  
Public Hearing Short-Term Rental Ordinance

**July 29, 2023**  
Annual Community Outreach Day 10-2

## **MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULES**

Town Board Meets:  
1st & 3rd Thursdays  
Except December

Planning Commission Meets:  
2nd Thursdays

Unless otherwise noted all Town Board and PC meetings begin at 7:00 PM at Sylvan Town Hall

Pillager Lake Park Advisory Board Meets:  
As needed—monthly in summer

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

Pillager & Surrounding Area Lions Club Meets:  
Second Thursday of month—call ahead if coming 651-216-2400

**Sylvan Town Hall**  
(218) 746-3652

Hours: Mon.-Fri.  
8:00 am - 2:30 pm

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[info@sylvantwp.com](mailto:info@sylvantwp.com)

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

## **Town Board:**

**Greg Booth:** Chair, Weeds  
**Greg Bennett:** Vice Chair, Co-Road & Driveway, PC Liaison  
**Bob Johnson:** Co-Road & Driveway, Fire Liaison, CC Emergency Mgmt.  
**Arlene Schmit:** Co-Road & Driveway, Pillager Park Board  
**Keith Card:** MAT - District 1 Board, CC Emergency Mgmt.

### Sylvan Park - Dave Johnson

While progress has been slow this year, we have accomplished several things. Early this spring we had a group of young ladies help with the cleanup on the trails. With the heavy winter snow there were a lot of sticks on the trail. Coach, Greg Bennett arranged to have the team help us out. The ladies were split into 3 teams, and they attacked the trails. Thanks to all the girls and coaches (Kent Janicke, Aaron Klein, & Donovan Daiker). It was fun and helped a great deal.

We planted another 75 trees in the pit area. The goal is to eventually cover approximately half of the pit in various species of trees. Vickie Kettlewell helped with the planting. The trees have been watered 3 times since the planting due to the ongoing drought. To date we have only lost 4 of the new trees. We hired Cal Disterhaupt with his skid steer to clean up some trails, to cut brush and small trees downed by heavy snow, and till some areas that need to be seeded or re-seeded. Weather permitting, we will be seeding in late summer. The final grading of the areas to be seeded will require significant hand raking so we will be needing volunteers. **If you would like to help, call the town hall and have your name placed on a contact list.**

Near the end of the school year a class from Pillager High School came out to do an assessment of the water quality in the largest wetland in the park. We hope to get results next fall.

When you visit the park, you will see that the gate has been moved to a new location and hopefully our new sign will be in place at the gate. **Thanks to those that have helped, and Thanks to those of you who will be helping.**



### Pillager Lake Park - Arlene Schmit

Pillager Lake Park Board is made up of 4 government entities. Each entity appoints a representative for the Board. City of Pillager—Wade Mortenson, May Township—Bianca Wyffels, Fairview Township—Walt Richmond, and Sylvan Township—Arlene Schmit.



There are 2 park hosts staying at the park this year and the park has been busier than ever.

There have been a few disappointments already this year. There has been some vandalism. People have tried to destroy the water slide and the dock more than once. Repairs on the slide cost \$300 or more and if it continues the slide will have to be removed, which would be sad as there are many kids that like to use it.

**A Big THANKS to the Pillager softball team, coaches, and parents** who helped clean the park up last spring—it looks great! They raked and cleaned up from the winter debris to get ready for opening day.

### Resources

Sylvan Township and Cass County provide several ways for residents to stay in touch with what is going on in our Community, check them out.

- ⇒ **Township Website:** <https://sylvantwp.com>
- ⇒ **Cass County Website:** <https://www.casscountymn.gov>
- ⇒ **Pillager Area Family Center & Food Shelf:** <https://www.pillagerfamilycenter.org> 218-746-4009
- ⇒ **Sylvan Township, MN Facebook** page
- ⇒ **Nixel:** Allows residents to sign up for **Text Alerts** on severe weather, criminal activity, severe traffic warnings and more in Sylvan Township. <https://www.nixle.com>
- ⇒ **Township Meetings:** (schedule is on page 1 of this newsletter)
- ⇒ **Notices:** Always Posted at Casey's, Corner Store, Pillager Post Office, and Town Hall bulletin boards.



# Sylvan Township 2nd Annual



# Community Outreach Day

**Please Come Join Us...**

**at: Sylvan Town Hall**

**on: Saturday July 29<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**from: 10am – 2pm**

**Everyone is Welcome**



**Games &  
Handouts**

**Food  
Trucks**

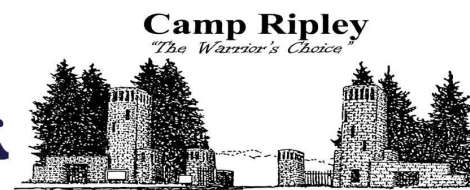
- Cass County Sheriff's Office
- Pillager Area Fire & Rescue
- Lakes Area Dive Team
- Pillager Area Lion's Club
  - Camp Ripley
- Pillager Family Center/Early Childhood Dev.
- Cass County: – Assessors Office – Election info – Environmental Services
  - Sentinel Landscape/Camp Ripley Veterans State Trail
- Baxter Snow Mobile Club
- Crisis Line & Referral
  - Faith In Action
- Family Safety Network
- First Call for Help 2-1-1
- **and MORE ...**



**Bring the kids/grandkids for WonderTrek Children's Museum**



**WonderTrek**  
CHILDREN'S MUSEUM



12956 24<sup>th</sup> Ave SW Pillager, MN 56473 | **NOTICE:** All Town Board members will be in attendance



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**for: Community Outreach Day!**

Wow, what a great group of community leaders and supporters to come meet! Please come visit with all the organizations that are here to help support you, our residents. There will be lots to do, bring the kids/grandkids to play and see all the emergency vehicles. WonderTrek Children's Museum will be here. And you will have the opportunity to get up close to the Pillager Area Fire Truck, a Sheriff's patrol vehicle, the Dive Team's Boat, the Snowmobile Club's side x side and groomer, the new Cass County Command Center trailer, and more. You will also be able to hear more about the several support options that are available to you, our residents. You can bring items to donate to the local Food Shelf. Or bring in old prescription drugs to dispose of. You will also be able to learn more about Boat Safety, ATV Safety, and Snowmobile Safety. Learn more about the Sentinel Landscape group and the Veterans State Trail. Come find out what Camp Ripley has been up to and what's coming up. Pillager Area Lion's Club will be here to answer questions about how they help support the community and how you can get involved in the community. Cass County will have some representatives here and lots of materials if you would like to save a trip to Walker. Come meet some of your election staff and find out how you can become part of your local Government. If you're interest in local government we have some openings—let us know. **See you on the 29th of July!**