



Sylvan Lake Newsletter

Sylvan Lake Association – May 2023

A Letter from the SLA President May 2023

Greetings Sylvan Lake Association,

As we approach the halfway point of the year, I wanted to express my deepest gratitude to all our hardworking volunteers and dedicated Board members. Your tireless efforts are what make our community so special, and it is an honor to work alongside each and every one of you.

I am thrilled to report that we have made significant progress in our fight to raise awareness against aquatic invasive species and zebra mussel infestation. Through our collective efforts, we can prevent the spread of these harmful species and maintain the ecological balance of our beautiful lake. Your ongoing support and commitment to this cause is truly inspiring.

As we continue to work towards preserving the natural beauty of Sylvan Lake, I want to invite all Sylvan Lake cabin owners, home owners and property owners to become members of our Association. Your support is crucial to ensuring the continued success of our organization, and we would be honored to have you as a part of the Sylvan Lake Association.

The 4th of July holiday will soon be here. I wanted to remind everyone of the boat parade scheduled for noon that day. This is a fun tradition in our community, and I encourage all boat owners to participate. There will be prizes awarded for the most patriotic boat, as well as the most creative design. So let your imagination run wild, and get ready to show off your boats in style! We are excited to see the creativity and enthusiasm of our community members in the parade. The prizes for the winning boats will be awarded at the family fun day event on July 8th. One thing that we ask is not to use water balloons in fun to bombard the boats. They are not healthy for the lake.

I also wanted to remind everyone of our upcoming **Annual Meeting on Saturday, July 8th from 9am - noon**. This is an opportunity for all members to come together, review the progress we have made, and discuss plans for the future. In addition to the meeting, we will also be hosting a family fun day, complete with a petting zoo, food truck, and live band at Camp Confidence. This is sure to be a fantastic day for all, and we hope to see you there!

I am excited for a fantastic summer ahead and to seeing all of you at our upcoming events. Once again, thank you for your continued support and dedication to the Sylvan Lake Association. I look forward to working alongside you as we continue to preserve and protect our beloved lake.

Paul Carlyon
President/Sylvan Lake Association

2023 Sylvan Lake Association Annual Meeting
Saturday July 8th
Confidence Learning Center
1620 Mary Fawcett Memorial Drive East Gull Lake

Meeting 9 am
Meet your neighbors, query the Board on Lake issues
Prizes for the 4th of July boat parade winners

Food, Music, and Wildlife Sanctuary Tours from 10 am – Noon

Dine with the Skol food truck
Music by Blue Red Roses
GREAT FOR KIDS – Confidence Wildlife Sanctuary Tours,

Sylvan 4th of July Boat Parade

For years, the 4th of July boat parade has been a time-honored tradition on Sylvan. This year the SLA is trying to bring a bit more structure to the proceedings. The start time is at noon at the Confidence Learning Center. The procession will be clockwise on the upper lake, through the channel to the lower lake; then will return to Kavanaugh's. There will be three judging stations. **PLEASE TEXT YOUR BOAT REGISTRATION TO (612)384-4800. We will see you there!**

AIS UPDATE

Now that the snow and ice are finally leaving the lake and it will be time to put in the docks and lifts, it is a good time to check those items for any zebra mussels still attached from last year, including the tire treads if applicable. If you find any, it is best to remove them so you can be watching for any new zebra mussels that appear during the rest of the year. If you notice any, pick them off, dry them on land for a few days far from the lake, and dump them in the garbage. Also check during the summer for zebras on rocks, logs and plants around your shoreline and remove the zebras to dispose of. The less zebras in the lake, the less they can multiply. We will again put out some monitoring plates, especially in areas where we don't have any infestations that we know of.

If you notice any potential aquatic invasive species, please contact me so I can check it out, at 651-592-4017 or nhaugdahl@comcast.net.

Nancy Haugdahl, AIS Detector

CONFIDENCE LEARNING CENTER NEWS

The Confidence Learning Center's Camp Classic Events are the largest fundraising events put on each year in-house by the staff (and many volunteers) of Confidence Learning Center! **This year the event is June 15-17th.**

Events include:

- 50th Annual Golf Classic: Friday, June 16th
(Shotgun start at 1:15pm)
- Sertoman Mariucci Fest with LIVE & Silent Auction: Thursday, June 15th
- 40th Annual Fishing Classic: Saturday, June 17th
The Fishing Classic boats take off Saturday morning at 8am from Zorbaz on Gull Lake!

For more information, see: <https://camconfidence.com/event/the-classic-golf-fishing/>

TREASURER'S REPORT

SLA Financial Report as of 12/31/2022

Bank Balances

Operations	\$11,449.05
Aquatic Invasive Species Fund	\$10,195.07
Board Discretion Fund	\$12,341.39
2023 Fish Fund	\$ 2,853.00
Total	\$36,838.51

The Operations balance is to cover expenses such as insurance, annual meeting, dues to other organizations such as MN Lakes and Rivers, office supplies, annual newsletter printing, postage, etc.

The AIS fund is to cover any AIS related costs such as the zebra mussel monitoring plates, AIS education and training and to stockpile funds in case of an invasion such as starry stonewort that has treatment options (currently there are no viable treatments for zebra mussels).

The Board Discretion Fund is to be used for unplanned expenses that are approved by the Board. At present, it is being saved for any AIS treatments that may come up.

The Fish Fund is used to stock walleyes every other year according to what the DNR will allow. Projected amount for the fall 2023 stocking is \$7500.00. Only donations toward that fund will be used for that purpose.

Questions? sylvanlakeassociation@gmail.com

MLR NEWS

The House Omnibuzz package recently passed the Minnesota House and seeks to address Watercraft Operator training and certification programs and AIS abatement. For more information, see: mnlakesandrivers.org

Sylvan Lake Association Membership Renewal

Serving the needs and concerns of Lake Sylvan area property owners.

We are very concerned about AIS on the lake and we would like you to consider donating extra to the AIS fund (tax deductible).

Last name _____ First name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State/Zip _____

Lake Address _____

City _____ State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email* _____

*Please help us save on mailing costs by providing your email address. We occasionally email notices and developments as they arise. Thank you!

2023 Membership Year Dues:

Membership dues (not tax deductible): \$ 25.00

Additional contribution** : \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

**We are a 501(c)(3) organization. Your additional contribution may be tax deductible.

My additional contribution should be applied as follows:

Aquatic Invasive Species Fund _____ %

Fish Fund _____ %

Board Discretion _____ %

Please make your check payable to the Sylvan Lake Association and mail to:
Sylvan Lake Association Treasurer, Nancy Haugdahl, 12535 Lower Sylvan Road, Pillager, MN. 56473

You can also drop off a check at this address after May 25th. To pay via card, contact Nancy at (651) 592-4017.

Or pay on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/SylvanLakeAssociation/>