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The Shoreline

Sylvan Shores Community News





SUMMER PICNIC

A Message From Our Sylvan Shores President

As the seasons change, we have so much to celebrate in our community. From gathering with neighbors at our Summer Picnic to continuing projects that improve our shared spaces, it has been wonderful to see our neighborhood come together.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time, attended events, shared ideas, and helped make our community a welcoming place. Our neighborhood is strongest when residents get involved, and every contribution makes a difference.

Looking ahead, we have exciting events and projects planned, including our annual Halloween Boo Bash! We also invite you to explore opportunities to volunteer, attend a board meeting, and share your ideas for the future of our neighborhood. As always, please reach out to the board with questions, suggestions, or ideas. We love hearing from you! Wishing everyone a happy, safe, and colorful fall season.

Rachel Kline, President



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Halloween Boo Bash - Saturday, October 31

Get ready for a fang-tastic evening of Halloween fun from **5-7 PM** at the **Sylvan Shores clubhouse**! Bring your little ghosts, goblins, superheroes, and princesses for a spooktacular community celebration filled with food, games, and neighborhood fun.

- Games & Activities: Halloween family-friendly games and activities.
- Cookout: Grab a burger or hotdog and enjoy a casual cookout with neighbors.
- Costumes: Dress up and join in the fun—kids and adults alike.

Whether you're helping out, joining the games, or simply enjoying the festivities, there's a place for everyone.

Costumes are encouraged, smiles are required, and spooky silliness is guaranteed!

Bring the kids, invite your neighbors, and join us for a Halloween evening full of food, laughter, and community spirit.

We can't wait to see you, it's going to be a *ghoul* time! Scan the QR code to RSVP and let us know you're coming.

Board Meetings – *Multiple Dates*

Board meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the clubhouse (unless otherwise specified). All residents are welcome to attend. The next few meetings of 2026/2027 are scheduled* as follows:

- November 16, 2026
- December 21, 2026
- January 18, 2027*
- February 15, 2027*

*subject to change, notification will be posted



Homestead Gardens Fall Family Weekends Sat/Sun through November 1st

Perfect for families with children 12 and under, Fall Fest offers tractor hayrides, pony rides, barnyard animals, hay mazes, pumpkin activities, bounce attractions, live music, food trucks, seasonal treats, and more each weekend.

Admission: $15 per person (online only). No on-site ticket sales.

Kids 3 and under are free • Seniors 55+ receive $5 off • Dogs welcome at no charge.

More details and tickets:
https://fallfest.homesteadgardens.com

Community Highlights

Summer Picnic Recap

Our 2nd annual ***The Shore Thing*** summer picnic was a hit! Over 100 neighbors gathered at the Sylvan Shores Ballfield on June 6 for an afternoon of music, games, food, and community fun.

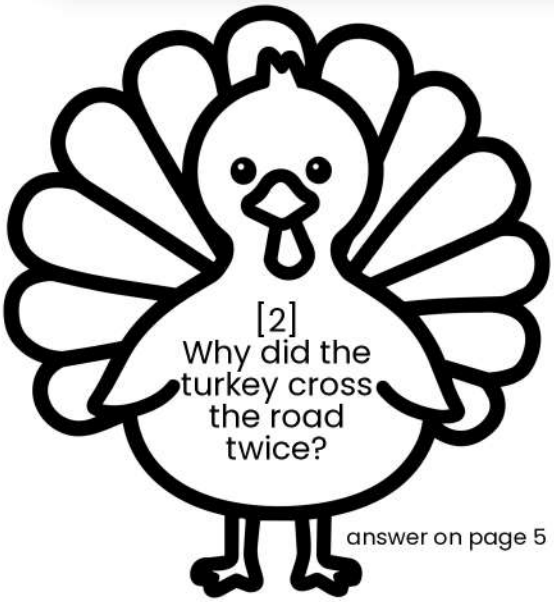
- Live Music: *The Linden Shades* set the tone with great tunes, led by Sylvan Shores resident Steve Dare.
- Games & Friendly Competition: Red vs. Blue kickball, cornhole, and plenty of kid activities like face painting, balloon animals, bubbles, and hula hoops.
- Animal Visit: The AASPCA brought cats and the PGSPCA brought dogs, and one lucky pup even found a new home during the event.
- Food & Treats: Burgers, hotdogs, cookies, refreshments, and ice cream from TT's Soft Serve.
- Community Partners: Thank you to Crossing Currents Aquatics for joining us.





A Huge Thank You to Our Volunteers!

This picnic wouldn't have happened without the neighbors who planned, set up, grilled, served, ran activities, lent equipment, and stayed to clean up. Your time and energy made the day special. Thank you to everyone who came out and helped make this year's picnic such a memorable celebration. Sylvan Shores shines because of you. We can't wait to do it again next year!



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Project Recap

Waterfront & Boat Ramp

The South River boat ramp was repaired with additional blue stone to help stabilize the ramp slats. Two jetties were built on either side of the ramp, and approximately 40 tons of sand were added to the shoreline between them.

Ballfield

Maintenance included work on the ballfield and concession-stand sheds, including new floors and ramps, and windows on the shed.

Central Park Pier

Several older boards on the Central Park Pier were replaced and the pier was painted.

Shore Walk

Shore Walk paver replacement and maintenance were completed in May.

Clubhouse

NEW TV! The benches in front of the Clubhouse were painted. A community member replaced the front planters and plants and power-washed the front deck.

What's Next?

Swim Pier Access

The board is exploring options for better access to the community swim pier.

Forest Park

Proposed enhancements include improvements to the picnic area.

Entrance Sign

Replacement planning continues.

Grounds and Landscape

Maintenance and improvement for our community space is never-ending. Let us know if you spot an area or tree that needs our attention.

Other Maintenance

The sand filter clean-out by the pumping station was completed by AA county. They will also take over maintenance of this area.



Thanksgiving Word Search

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Get Involved!

- Stay up-to-date on communications
- Volunteer
- Attend a board meeting
- Share your photos and/or ideas
- Join a project or event committee

Clubhouse Rentals

The Sylvan Shores Clubhouse is available for community rentals and includes ample parking, access to the main floor, a fully equipped kitchen, restrooms, a new smart TV, and tables and chairs. To inquire about renting the space, email SylvanShoresBOD@gmail.com or call 443-781-4453.

Community Reminders

- Please be considerate of neighbors when using exterior or floodlights that may shine into other homes.
- Please do not use private kayaks unless you own them.
- Please do not disturb the recently completed jetties at the South River boat ramp. They were funded by Sylvan Shores to help protect the shoreline.





Have a business you'd love to spotlight? We'd be happy to feature it in our next community newsletter! Send us an email to get started.

Upcoming events you'd like the neighborhood to know about? We can feature them here! Send us an email with the event information.

Have ideas for articles or pictures for future newsletters? Send us your input and suggestions via email.

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