



Sunfish Lake Quarterly

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Greetings SFL residents,

A top ten weather day was the backdrop as the Spring season kicked off in SFL with the revival of our spring social event and our annual Arbor Day activities. The Kentucky Derby themed social gathering at the home of gracious hosts, Shannon and Ozzie Nelson, was a fun opportunity to reconnect with neighbors and friends. I extend a huge 'Thank You!' on behalf of SFL to Co-chairs, Shannon Nelson and Ginny Beckett and their committee members Kristel Barber, Sally English, Cathy Iago, Kathy Kottas, Theresa Lamey and Mary Jo Meuleners for an event that was immensely enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Noteworthy was the young caterer, Olivia Landberg, a Twin Cities high school student whose amazing charcuterie boards can be viewed by Googling, Boards by Olivia.

Our SFL Forester, Jim Naves, organized and led another successful Arbor Day event, where many families and garden enthusiasts gathered to plant new trees in Musser Park. City Council members and friends planted a lovely tulip tree in memory of Joanne Wahlstrom, our longtime and beloved SFL Council member.

The cooperation, enthusiasm, and attendance at these recent events are a refreshing reminder of the collegial engagement that is in evidence in our SFL community. Regardless of your point of view, the rancor and divisiveness frequently exhibited in public discourse across the country has probably given us all a moment to pause and consider the benefits of living in a community where disagreement is respectful, and compromise is valued to resolve issues and move us all forward. I sincerely thank each member of the City Council and City Staff for their leadership in promoting civility and understanding while executing their duties with balance and integrity for the benefit of all residents. I also thank the residents of SFL who have engaged with the City about a project or issue, often with a passionate point of view but also with genuine interest in reaching win/win resolutions. It is possible to disagree, even vehemently, and not be disagreeable!

I hope you all are relishing the advent of warmer weather, which took a while in coming, and that you are looking forward to your favorite summer activities with family, friends and neighbors.

Wishing you a fun and safe summer!

Dan O'Leary



Save the Date – See City Website for More Info

Shoe/Clothing Recycling Dropoff
August 1-12, 2022

West St Paul – Sports Dome
Mendota Heights – City Hall
South St Paul – Doug Woog Arena

Sunfish Lake Candidate Filings
August 2 – August 16, 2022

Primary Election
August 9, 2022

Voting 7:00 am to 8:00 pm
First Calvary Baptist Church
5495 S Robert Trail

Mattress/Box Spring Collection
August 20 - 9:00 am to Noon
Mendakota Park – 2171 Dodd Rd

City Council

Dan O'Leary, Mayor
Ginny Beckett
Mike Hovey
Steven Bulach
Shari Hansen

Planning Commission

Tom Hendrickson, Chair
Dominick Driano
Jeannine Naves
Shannon Nelson

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2022 VOTING AND CANDIDATE FILING INFORMATION

NEW VOTING LOCATION: The new voting location for both the Primary and General elections for Sunfish Lake residents is located at First Calvary Baptist Church at 5495 So Robert Trail, Inver Grove Heights, MN.

PRIMARY ELECTION, TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2022: Voting will be held at First Calvary Baptist Church, 5495 S Robert Trail, and the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

GENERAL ELECTION, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022: Candidates for the City of Sunfish Lake will be listed on the General Election Ballot. Vote at First Calvary Baptist Church. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

CITY OF SUNFISH LAKE CANDIDATE FILINGS: The filings will open on Tuesday, August 2 and close on Tuesday, August 16 at 5:00 p.m. Offices to be elected: Mayor for a 2-year term and Two Councilmembers, each serving a 4-year term. The filing fee is \$5.00. If you are interested in filing for any of these offices, contact City Clerk Cathy Iago at 651-768-7542 or by email at cjiago@comcast.net during the filing dates. Contact the Clerk Mon-Fri 9 a.m. to 4:00 pm. The Clerk will be available until 5 pm. Tuesday, August 16. Candidates have until Thursday, August 18 at 5 p.m. to withdraw their candidacy.

ABSENTEE VOTING AVAILABLE FOR PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION

To find the online absentee ballot application and file it online, go to the mnvotes.org website, or if you would like the absentee ballot application sent to you by mail you can go to the Dakota County Elections website and click on "Absentee Ballots" and then "By Mail" then "Absentee Ballot Application" and print out the application. Once the application is completed, either mail it or fax it to 651-438-4391, or scan and email it to elections@co.dakota.mn.us

If you have any questions, please contact Dakota County Elections at 651-438-4305 or City Clerk Cathy Iago at 651-768-7542 or email cjiago@comcast.net



INVER GROVE HEIGHTS ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY

September 24th, 2022
8:00am – Noon
IGH Public Works Facility - 8168 Barbara Ave.

Check the City of Inver Grove Heights website to view the list of accepted items and prices.

Mark your calendar!

Neighbors Celebrates Milestone Anniversary

50 Years of Serving the Community

The year 2022 marks 50 years of service for Neighbors, Inc. Founded in January 1972 by volunteers from six local churches, Neighbors has grown from a small food pantry in a church storage closet to serving 1,000 families a month with food resources. Two of the original services offered by Neighbors - food and clothing assistance - are still part of the core service programming today. A variety of other programs and services have been offered throughout Neighbors' history, all in response to the changing needs of the community.

Neighbors' original philosophy of "neighbors helping neighbors" continues today through generous gifts of time, talent and treasure. Volunteers remain at the heart of Neighbors services and programming. In addition, food donations and financial support from countless individuals, groups, families, businesses, churches, schools and civic organizations have kept our shelves stocked for the past 50 years.

Anniversary activities such as weekly social media trivia questions, special presentations and community engagement opportunities will be ongoing throughout the year. A special community celebration event is planned for the weekend of September 16 & 17, 2022. For more information or if you would like to submit a memory or send well wishes to Neighbors, visit: neighborsmn.org.

DONATING AND THRIFTING JUST GOT EASIER

[Try out the Reduce & Reuse Map by Dakota County to quickly find the closest places to donate goods, shop used, rent equipment and repair your stuff. You can select custom filters based on what you need:](#)

- Rent: Search for tents, linens, tools and other equipment rental locations for your next party or home project.
- Donate/Buy Used: Find the closest location to donate and buy secondhand household goods, books and furniture.
- Repair: Get items like shoes and jewelry fixed and mended using a local repair business.
- Sell Used Items: Discover consignment shops that will pay you for your gently used sporting goods and clothing.
- Drop boxes: Drop-off clothes and shoes using a donation box near you.

You do more than save money when you make your stuff go the extra mile or score unique items at a secondhand store. By reducing and reusing instead of buying new, you'll spend less money, keep your home organized and simplify your life while helping the planet. Check out the new map at www.dakotacounty.us, search *reuse map*.