



Sunfish Lake Quarterly

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Greetings Neighbors,

We are all no doubt looking forward to any sign of Spring after what has seemed like an endless winter! As spring approaches, home improvement projects are often on the to-do list. Please remember and help your new neighbors out by informing them that most improvement projects require a building permit. Please see the SFL website for information.



Mayor Dan O'Leary

Two recent cost reductions benefiting all residents are noteworthy accomplishments for the SFL Council when the cost of all else seems to be rising. Over the last year the Council heard from both contractors and residents that SFL building permit fees for major projects were quite high. After extensive investigation and research, we have finalized an agreement with the West St. Paul building inspection team whereby they will now conduct all SFL inspection services. As a result of this change, building permit fees for major projects will be reduced to nearly half of what they were prior. Please see the SFL website for information on how to contact the West St. Paul Building Inspection Department. Also, in my last message, I indicated the Council voted to lower property taxes in December 2022. By now most residents have received notice from Dakota County indicating your property taxes have been lowered from the proposed tax statement you received in the fall.

Mark your calendars for these May events!

Tuesday, May 2nd at 6:00 PM prior to the City Council meeting at the First Calvary Baptist Church, 5495 S. Robert Trail, a lifesaving training in CPR will be presented by the Mendota Heights Fire Dept. There is no cost. All are welcome to attend to learn this critical skill that could result in a life being saved because you knew what to do in an emergency.

Saturday, May 6th our annual SFL **Arbor Day** activities will be helmed by our Forester, Jim Nayes, beginning at **9:00 AM at Musser Park**. **Please call Jim Nayes at 612-803-9033 to schedule a specific time for your family or group tree plantings.** This planting event is a fun, eco-friendly (rain or shine) activity that offers children of all ages an important nature and community service experience to beautify our community and watch their plantings grow over the years. Please see the SFL website for more information.

Additionally, on Saturday, May 6, in the later afternoon the SFL Spring social event, "The Kentucky Derby Party" will take place. This event was such fun last year that the committee is continuing the theme again this year! Roger and Shari Wilsey have graciously offered their home at 300 Salem Church Road for the event. You will soon be receiving an invitation in the mail with all of the details and deadlines. Please come and catch up with old friends and meet new neighbors.

I attended an excellent presentation given to local mayors on March 17 by Karla Peterson, P.E., Community Public Water Supply Unit Supervisor for the Minnesota Department of Health regarding safe drinking water and wells. There will be a separate article on this important topic which you will find next to the mayor's message on the SFL website once we have the article approved by Ms. Peterson. (Note: On March 17th the only liquid I was focused on was water!)

Wishing you a fun and safe summer!

Dan O'Leary

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DON'T FORGET - 2023 GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parents of High School graduates, we want to celebrate your students' achievements! Please submit their name, high school name and future plans by June 30 to City Clerk Christy Wilcox cwilcoxclerk@gmail.com to be included in the next SFL Newsletter.

SEPTIC SYSTEM PUMPING REMINDER

The City Code requires that your septic system be pumped every three (3) years. If your septic tank has not been pumped within the last three (3) years, please schedule a pumping of your system within the next 60 days and ask that your pumper provide your name, address, date pumped and the pumper's name to Michele Calvo at Michele.calvo@co.dakota.mn.us or 952-891-7110 or Emily Gable at emily.gable@co.dakota.mn.us or 952-891-7008.

LAKE ACCESS PERMITS

For lakeshore residents who wish to allow visitors lake access, visitors must carry a permission slip signed by you. Forms are available on the City website at sunfishlake.org under "permit forms" or through the West St. Paul Police Department, 651-552-4200. Periodically the WSP Police and the DNR monitor our area to make sure visitors are carrying permits. Remember NO MOTORIZED BOATS allowed.

SUNFISH LAKE KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

The Sunfish Lake Holiday Party Committee has been busy planning the second annual Sunfish Lake Kentucky Derby Party.

Please save the date for May 6, 2023, at the home of Shari and Roger Wilsey, 300 Salem Church Rd.

The party is from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. Come decked out in your favorite derby attire! The betting window opens at 4:30 and race time is 5:57.

If you are so inclined, you may take a chance on the winning horse!

Look for your invitation with the details in the mail. If you have questions please call Ginny Beckett at 651-457-6414.

BUILDING PERMITS

Some may think that obtaining a permit means extra costs, time delays, and unwarranted regulations. However, building and zoning permits ensure that proper considerations are given to safeguard life, health, property and public welfare. Permits do so by regulating the location, design, construction, and quality of materials of all buildings and structures in the community. Residents may sometimes overlook the benefits of obtaining a permit and appropriate inspections, including confidence in knowing that the work has been done in accordance with all codes.

Effective March 1st, residents or the contractor apply for a building permit with the City of West St. Paul. Below is the contact information:

For all building/mechanical/plumbing permits and inspections:
By Phone: 651-552-4116, Candi
By Email: permits@wspmn.gov
In Person: 1616 Humboldt Avenue, West St. Paul, MN 55118
Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 p.m.
Inspection Scheduling: 651-552-4116

DECLUTTER CLEANERS FOR A FRESH START

Sprucing up your home should include properly cleaning out unwanted chemical cleaning supplies. Don't wait to declutter your surplus of cleaning sprays and unused drain cleaners. Gather all your cleaning products and potentially hazardous items from under-the-sink, storage closets and garage. Keep what you would use in the next year and put everything else in a box to bring to The Recycling Zone.

The Recycling Zone is your one-stop drop-off for most products labeled caution, warning, danger or poison. Residents can bring cleaners, personal care products like nail polish and sunscreen, paint, yard and garden chemicals, bug killers and more for free.

The site is open four days a week all year. Find open hours, directions and the full list of items accepted at www.dakotacounty.us, search recycling zone.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Athletic Gear Donation Collection

April 17-28 during business hours
Drop offs at the Mendota Heights City Hall, WSP Sports Dome and SSP Doug Woog Arena

Shred Event

APRIL 22, 9 am – Noon
WSP Sports Complex
1650 Oakdale Ave WSP

Hands only CPR class taught by Mendota

Heights Fire

May 2, 6 pm
First Calvary Baptist Church
5495 S Robert Trail

Arbor Day Event

Saturday, May 6, 2023, at Musser Park starting at 9am.
Plant trees, buy baby trees and enjoy some lovely outdoor time with your neighbors!

Curbside Appliance Pickup for Recycling

May 8 - RESERVATION REQUIRED
Call J.R.'s Advanced Recycling by May 5th to schedule your pickup 651-454-9215
\$25 first appliance, \$10 each additional appliance

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