

MAYOR'S MESSAGE
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"SYLVANIA WELCOMES DANA OPEN LPGA"

On behalf of the City of Sylvania, I welcome the participants, families and fans of the Ladies Professional Golf Association back to Highland Meadows Golf Club for the 40th Anniversary Dana Open LPGA Tournament. We look forward once again to the excitement and national attention the Dana Open brings to our community.

This year's tournament is being held July 15th through 21st with pro-am events scheduled earlier in the week. The LPGA brings thousands of fans and media representatives into Sylvania. Our local restaurants, shops, and hotel benefit from the many visitors to our community.

Since 1984, the Dana Open has been committed to raising national awareness and support for the charities committed to improving the lives of children in our region. The tournament greatly benefits local charities serving Sylvania and the Greater NW Ohio area. This LPGA tournament has raised \$13.9 million for more than 250 northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan children's charities.

The tournament has become a highlighted stop on the LPGA tour, attracting well over 100 of the best women golfers in the world with the purse being \$1.75 million. The Tournament has been voted one of the favorites on the LPGA Tour.

The tournament has become a huge event in Northwest Ohio/Southeast Michigan attracting over 30,000 spectators. The Dana Open will once again provide free admittance to retired & active military personnel, fire, police, EMS, frontline healthcare workers, and first responders. Each spectator that falls into these groups can also bring one guest free of charge. Valid I.D must be shown at the main entrance. Kids under the age of 17 will need a ticket, but can be add-on to the ticket for an adult they attend with.

Highland Meadows Golf Club, the sponsors and the over 1,000 volunteers that make the LPGA tournament a success every year deserve our thanks. The members of Highland Meadows have hosted the LPGA since 1990 and the course and facilities are always in great shape. Local residents and golf fans donate thousands of hours for hole marshalling and the many jobs that must be done well for a successful tournament.

Sylvania prides itself on being a great place to live, work and raise a family, and the LPGA Tournament helps enrich the lives of our residents every year. The tournament brings the excitement of national attention to our community. Our residents are treated to competitive golf at the highest level. Our young people see first hand from world class athletes that hard work and practice can lead to success.

A great big Thank You goes out to Judd Silverman, his staff, and all the volunteers who each year bring an exciting LPGA golf tournament to our Sylvania community for all to enjoy!

