

# CITY OF SYLVAN LAKE

*August 2007*

City Hall 1820 Inverness, Sylvan Lake MI 48320 Hours: 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.  
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**Planning Commission** will be holding a Public Hearing at the Sylvan Lutheran Church on August 7, at 7:00 p.m. to receive public input for proposed zoning text amendments. The proposed changes are for defining "setback" describing the location of air conditioning units and generators; and Nonconforming Structures, to provide for the improvement, and/or modification and/or maintenance of certain existing single-family residential non-conforming structures with certain limitations.

The regular meeting will immediately follow the public hearing. On the regular agenda will be continued discussion on the Orchard Lake Road Corridor.

**City Council** will be meeting August 8, at the Sylvan Lake Lutheran Church. Tentatively on the agenda will be discussion on the road right-of-way policy, park gates and the boat dock policy.

**The Annual Ice Cream Social** will be a three part celebration this year! Set aside Thursday, August 16, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for a grand time at the Community Center. In addition to the Sylvan Lake Garden Club Ice Cream Social, the city will celebrate its sixtieth anniversary as a city, and will say farewell to the Community Center.

Bring your family and friends and enjoy ice cream and cake for \$1.00 a plate. Beverages are available for 50 cents to \$1.00. Anyone who can donate a cake or dip ice cream should call Lisa Brownlee at 248 681-3875.

The City of Sylvan Lake is 60 years old this year and we are taking this time to celebrate its birthday. The city will honor those who have lived in Sylvan Lake for 60 years or more. Please contact Helen Jane Peters if you have lived in Sylvan Lake for 60 years or more. Also please call her if you have pictures or stories about Sylvan Lake from the "early days" until the present. Her phone number is 248 681-9568.

We will also have a short program to say good bye to the Community Center. This is the last event to be held at the Community Center before it is razed for the new community center.

The Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society will be present with pictures and historical articles about Sylvan Lake. Last year this was a very popular display.

There are other activities being planned that should be fun for everyone. At this time, plans are incomplete.

Seating is limited, so you might want to bring folding chairs and blankets.

**Community Center** will be demolished soon. Residents have expressed a desire to get certain mementos out of the Community Center. If you want anything you must submit a written request to City Hall, with the name of the item or items, along with your name and phone number. Items will be given on a first come first serve basis. All letters must be submitted by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Petitions for City Council Seat** There will be two City Council seats open in November. If you are interested in serving on City Council for a three-year term, have your petition signed and returned to the City Hall by August 14, 2007 (date corrected from last month), no later than 4:00 p.m. You must be a registered voter to be eligible. Please call City Hall for more information.

**Trail Meeting** Anyone interested in getting and giving feedback about the trail, there will be a meeting at the trail, by City Hall, on Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**Water Bills** have been sent out. During the summer billing periods we discount your sewage usage based on what you used over the winter. This allows you to water your lawn and/or flowers. So if you used 5,000 gallons during the winter (average) and now you are using 25,000 gallons for this period, you will be charged for the 25,000 gallons of water used, but only for 5,000 gallons of sewer.

**No Open Burning Allowed** The fire code and our ordinance do not allow open burning. This includes outdoor above ground fire pits and "chimineas." The only outdoor fires allowed are barbeque grills. You can be ticketed if you are found using anything else.

**Home and Garden Tour** The 2007 Home and Garden Tour was such a huge success, it will be repeated in 2008. Some big plans are in the works, a new chairperson (to be announced later), will take over, and we need all of the help we can get. There will be Home & Garden committee members at the Ice Cream Social/ 60th Anniversary event on August 16th to answer any questions and sign up new volunteers. It is a lot of fun and a great way to actively participate in the community. We welcome your comments and suggestions. Look for more updates in future newsletters.

**Bicycle Safety Day** The Sylvan Lake Police Department held a bicycle safety program June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It was held at City Hall with a bicycle safety course set up. Thirty children 2-12 yrs old showed up to learn the rules for safe bicycling. The kids also took a ride in the police car and on the new four-wheeler. Two bikes were raffled off at the event and the winners were Meredith Parker and Kelton Lovell. The Police Department was pleased with the turnout they had for Bicycle Safety Day.

**Rocks in the Road Right-of-Way** Rocks, Boulders, wood chips, logs, and reflectors are not allowed in the road right-of-way. Violation notice will be issued, followed by a ticket if necessary.

**Bikers and Walkers** Please remember when walking to walk on the left side of the street-facing traffic and bikers should ride on the right side of the street-with traffic. If you plan to be riding your bike or walk at night please wear reflective clothing so that drivers can see you better. Parent make your children are aware of the laws. Everyone should stop at all stop signs, including on the trail.

**The Oakland County Boat Club** hopes everyone enjoyed the fireworks! Many thanks to the "proud supporters" which allowed them to present this event. Anyone that still has a sign and wishes to return it may do so at the Boat Club.

**Trash Pickup** If you have large items to be picked up, please call Richfield Management at 1-877-609-6753. There is no extra charge.

## August Calendar of Events

7<sup>th</sup> - Public Hearing and Planning Commission meeting at Sylvan Lutheran Church beginning at 7:00 p.m.

8<sup>th</sup> - Council Meeting at the Sylvan Lutheran Church beginning at 7:30 p.m.

14<sup>th</sup> - Last day to file petitions for City Council Seat, 4:00 p.m.

16<sup>th</sup> - Annual Ice Cream Social at the Community Center from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

20<sup>th</sup> - Water bills due

23<sup>rd</sup> - Trail Meeting, 6:00 p.m. at trail by City Hall

26<sup>st</sup> - City Council Study Session at 7:00 p.m. at the Church

