

CITY OF SYLVAN LAKE

February 2008

City Hall 1820 Inverness, Sylvan Lake MI 48320 Hours: 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
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Boat Dock Renewal applications have already been sent out. The renewal fee is \$365. This includes your park registration, ramp key, park and sports tags. Just to refresh you on some of the requirements, they are:

- At least *one watercraft* at each dock space must be *owned by the dock space holder*.
- *Proof of PL & PD insurance* for the dock and all water craft that will be placed in the dock space. Proof must be submitted with application.
- *Deadline for submitting a dock license application* and all information is **March 1st**. If we do not receive your application by March 1st, you may lose your space.

Taxes are payable through February 14 without a penalty. You may pay your taxes at City Hall. An after-hours mail slot is located next to the front door at City Hall. Please do not leave cash. Your taxes need to be written on a check separate from your water, sewer and other City business. Please make your check payable to City of Sylvan Lake.

Residents have another option to pay their taxes by credit card (Visa or MasterCard). Via internet *only*, Oakland County will be processing these payments. Instructions will be on the back of your tax bill. A link is set up on our website under current information or visit PayLocalTaxes.com. You will need your parcel I.D. #, property address and a Code # from the front of your tax bill. You will be charged a *convenience fee* based upon the amount of your tax. For those who do not have internet access, City Hall will access it for you. Call City Hall if you have any further questions.

Water/Sewer Bills will be mailed this month and due February 20th.

Board of Review: Assessment notices will be mailed the last week of February. If you feel the *assessment* of your property is incorrect and would like to make an appointment to meet with our Board of Review to request a change please do so by contacting **Oakland County Equalization Division, toll-free 1-888-350-0900, Ext. 80768**. The board will meet: in the basement of *City Hall*:
Monday, March 10, from 9:00A.M. to 12 noon and 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Tuesday, March 11, from 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Planning Commission Meeting will be held Tuesday, February 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sylvan Lutheran Church. They will be continuing their discussion on the Orchard Lake Road Corridor, landscape structures and pedestrian lighting options.

City Council The regular City Council meeting will be February 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sylvan Lake Lutheran Church.

Trash Collection is every Wednesday. Richfield Mgt. begins picking up trash promptly at 7:00 a.m. So to be safe, make sure you have your trash and recycling at the edge of the street by 6:00 a.m. on Wednesday. Trash collection will be delayed one day only for the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

New Calendars on our Website Please take the time and look at the city website www.sylvanlake.org. We have created two calendars: Events and Community Center. When you click on an event, it will give you further details. Residents interested in renting the Community Center can see if a date is available. There is no Grand Opening date yet for the Community Center.

City-Wide Garage Sale On May 24th, 25th and 26th, the Sylvan Lake Home and Garden Tour Committee will again be holding the City wide garage sale. A permit fee of \$20.00 will cover the cost for ads in The Oakland Press and Eccentric newspaper, garage sale signs on Orchard Lake Road and list of participants' addresses at City Hall and Sylvan Market. Application deadline is May 18th. All proceeds will go toward the Community Center project.

Sylvan Shuffle The 5th Annual Sylvan Shuffle will be Saturday, April 12, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.. Anyone wanting to sponsor or help out can contact Michelle or Dan Allread at 683-5738 or email Michelle at michlegal@sbcglobal.net.

Election May 6, 2008, is the School Election. Pontiac School's has one opening for a Board Member. It is a four-year term. Nominating petitions are available at City Hall. The deadline for filing is February 13th at 4:00 p.m. Petitions must be filed with the County Clerk. A minimum of 40 signatures are required or a \$100 non-refundable fee may be filed in lieu of a petition.

Snow Shoveling When shoveling your driveway, please make sure to shovel the snow to the sides of your driveway. It is both hazardous and illegal to shovel snow into the street, so make sure this does not occur. If you have a contractor clear your driveway, please inform them of this law. Also, if you have a sidewalk in front of your house or business, it is responsibility to make sure it is clear.

From the Police Chief Please be aware that the Police officers are being very strict on enforcing the traffic laws in the City. For everyone's safety, please make sure you follow the speed limit, come to a full and *complete* stop at all stop signs and always be aware of residents of all ages walking or jogging.

This is a reminder for residents to call in with any **ordinance violations** you may see. An ordinance hotline has been created for residents to call. You do not have to identify yourself, but we need you to provide an address and description of the problem. Call 248-682-1440 extension six (6) after hours. If you have **solicitors** in your area or that come to your door, or if you see a suspicious person, contact the police immediately by calling 248-681-1911. That will go directly to the West Bloomfield dispatch, day or night, and they will have a Sylvan Lake police officer respond to your call.

Civic Center TV-15 Information On January 14th, The District Court issued a Temporary Restraining Order prohibiting Comcast from moving Civic Center TV to a digital channel assignment. Pending the outcome of this decision, the current Channel 15 on the analog basic tier could change to channel 915 on the digital basic tier. Subscribers would be required to have a digital cable box or a cable card compatible television using QAM. Get details by calling Comcast at 800 CALL COMCAST or 248-855-6971. If you have any questions regarding Civic Center TV-15 email civiccentertv15@comcast.net or call 248-683-2343. Please tune to CVTV for future information.

Michigan Week Celebrate Michigan, May 17-23, 2008. Greater West Bloomfield salutes those who have made significant volunteer contributions to their community. The Community Awards Breakfast is May 16, 2008, 7:15 a.m. at the Bay Pointe Golf Club. Tickets are \$25 at the West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation office or call 248-451-1900.

February Calendar of Events

- 2nd - Groundhog Day
- 5th - Planning Commission Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Sylvan Lake Lutheran Church
- 13th - Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Sylvan Lutheran Church
- 13th - Petitions due at Oakland County for School Election
- 14th - Taxes Due
- 14th - Happy Valentines Day
- 18th - City Hall Closed for Presidents Day
- 20th - Water/Sewer bills due
- 28st - Council Study Session at 7:00 p.m. in the Sylvan Lake Lutheran Church

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