

CITY OF SYLVAN LAKE

January 2008

Happy New Year!



City Hall 1820 Inverness, Sylvan Lake MI 48320 Hours: 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
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Congratulations to the following Holiday Light Display Contest Winners

First Place Lights: 2506 Garland-Rauker

Religious: 1715 Beverly-Houle

Christmas Theme: 1795 Lakeland-Wright

Best Tree: 2357 Garland-Zimmerman

Most Artistic: 2375 Cheltingham-Shaheen

Best Street: Beverly Street

Multicolored Lights: 2404 Avondale-Garska

White Lights: 2214 Garland-Mierzwa

Living Christmas Card: 2144 Garland-Black

Presidential Primary Election Vote Tuesday, January 15, 2008 for your party candidate. This is a closed Primary election meaning you must select which party you will be voting for: Republican Party or Democratic Party. Only one ballot will be issued. If you do not select a ballot type, a ballot will not be issued to you.

Absentee Voters applications are available at City Hall. A copy of the application is also on our website. City Hall will be open for absentee ballots only, Saturday, January 12th, 9am-2pm.

Planning Commission will be meeting a week late due to the holidays, on January 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the Sylvan Lake Lutheran Church. On the agenda will be continued discussion of the Orchard Lake Road Corridor and landscape structures.

City Council will be holding its next City Council meeting a week later also, on January 16th at 7:30 p.m. in the Sylvan Lake Lutheran Church.

Lakeview Litigation City Council would like everyone to get a better understanding of the consent agreement that was agreed to between the Lakeview residents and the City in 1977. Also, they would like the Lakeview residents to express their thoughts on it. They are having this meeting January 22, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sylvan Lake Lutheran Church. The City Council study session will follow this meeting.

The Community Center Reminder; this is an official construction site and only authorized people (Construction crew, City Manager, Construction Manager, DPW, approved personnel) are allowed on the site. ***Under no circumstances are any residents allowed on the site.*** If you want to see the progress, you can look from outside the fence. There are signs posted for "No Trespassing"; ***violators will be ticketed!***

Shoveling Snow When shoveling your driveway please be sure to shovel the snow to the sides of the driveway. *Do not* put your snow in the street. It is a hazard and also illegal. If you have a sidewalk in front of your house or business, it is your responsibility to keep it clean.

Snowmobiler's are reminded that State law prohibits the use of City roads and road right-of-ways as well as our City parks.

Taxes are payable through February 14, 2008 without a penalty. Please pay by check, cash or sign up to have them automatically debited. Instructions to use a credit card online are on your tax bill. You can also drop your payment off at the mail slot next to the front door of City Hall.

REMINDER! Boat Dock Applications are due no later than MARCH 1. Boat dock owners will be receiving their information packets in the mail. This is simply a reminder. More detail will be in next month's newsletter.

Code Enforcement Violation notices and possibly tickets will be given to anyone violating the City's ordinances. This includes common violations such as: Dogs in the parks or unleashed, junk cars (expired plates), storage of garbage cans (cannot be visible from the street), incorrect storage of RV's, illegal parking on the road or in the front yard, rocks and reflectors in the road right-of-way, and missing addresses on your homes.

Ordinance Violations Hotline Residents can call in with any ordinance violations you may see. 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 6, after 4:30 p.m. or email Ordinancesylvanlakemi@gmail.com.

Assessment Notices will be mailed the last week of February. The Board of Review will meet at the City Hall in March. Watch next month's newsletter for further details.

Road Right of Way (ROW) Policy City Council has approved the ROW policy governing improvements in the ROW. The ROW is City right of way, the strip of land along the street, from the edge of the street to the property line. The area *generally* extends 12' to 15' from the pavement.

The ROW policy requires a permit before ANY improvement is made in the ROW. This includes digging, filling, installing sprinkler systems, planting trees, etc. Improvements that do NOT require a permit are minor things such as maintenance, planting grass or flowers.

The Policy requires that the first four feet (4') of ROW adjacent to the street be grass, low approved vegetation, or at-grade rocks for retaining (around a culvert end for example). This vegetation could be flowers (hostas) etc. If you are wondering what would be allowed, please call City Hall. Items that are absolutely not allowed within 4' of the edge of the pavement are above grade items like rocks, boulders, tall plants or bushes, landscape planters, reflectors, etc.

The entire ROW policy will be available for review on the web site and at City Hall.

January Calendar of Events

- 1^t § Happy New Year! City Hall Closed
- 8^h ‡ Planning Commission Meeting at 7:30 in the Sylvan Lake Lutheran Church
- 12th - City Hall open for Absentee Ballots
- 14^h ‡ Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 15th - Presidential Primary Election, DPW Garage, 7am-8pm
- 16th - Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Sylvan Lake Lutheran Church
- 22nd - City Council Study Session at 7:00 p.m. in the Sylvan Lake Lutheran Church

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