

CITY OF SYLVAN LAKE

July 2008

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Sylvan Lake Annual Fireworks, hosted by the Oakland County Boat Club, will be held on **Thursday, July 3rd** with a rain date of **Saturday, July 5th**. Food will be available at the outdoor grill at the Boat Club. The fireworks begin at dusk (roughly 10:00 p.m.). Do not forget to donate to this wonderful event. Volunteers are needed to help put up and take down the temporary "NO PARKING" signs in the City and for cleanup in the park the day after the fireworks. Please contact City Hall if you would like to do so.

Fireworks Parking will be the same as last year. There will be no parking on or along any street from 12:00 noon to 12:00 midnight on July 3rd, 2008 as posted. This includes the pavement and shoulder/ditch areas. You may park only on private property, in driveways or on approved gravel or paved parking areas. **Violators will be ticketed and towed.**

City Council meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on July 9th. Tentative items on the agenda will be discussion of a water rate increase and possibly two millage proposals for the November election.

Petitions for City Council Seat There will be one opening for City Council this November. If you are interested in serving on the City Council for a three-year term, you must have your petition signed and returned to City Hall by 4:00 p.m. on August 12th, 2008. If you would like more information, please call City Hall.

Primary Election On August 5th, please vote for partisan candidates to be put on the November ballot. Also, the County is proposing a millage to support the Detroit Zoo. The last day to register to vote for the August 5th election is July 7th.

Polling Location Voting for the Primary Election (see above) will take place at the New Community Center. New voter registration cards are being sent to you.

Summer Tax Time is Here Keep an eye out for your tax bill. They have been mailed, so if you do not receive your bill within two weeks, please contact City Hall. Summer taxes are due and payable from July 1st through September 14th, 2008 at City Hall. **Please note:** Taxes cannot be paid by credit card.

Beach Water Sampling Season The Oakland County Health Division has begun testing for E. Coli bacteria. Samples are taken from June to August. If samples exceed the E. Coli limits, notices will be posted at the beach. You can also view posted beach closures, reopening and sample results on the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MEDQ) website at <http://www.deq.state.mi.us/beach/>.

Boat Dock Waiting List All applicants must make sure City Hall has your current cell phone number. Cell phones are being used instead of land lines and City Hall may not be able to get a hold of you.

Please Do Not Feed The Ducks and Geese Watch the waterfowl instead of feeding them. Feeding waterfowl may seem harmless, yet it can be a nuisance to neighbors and to our water. Feeding waterfowl also causes them to become dependent on humans. This, in turn, creates unnaturally high populations and further problems in our parks and lake. Keep in mind that waterfowl waste can pollute our waters with harmful bacteria.

The Park Rangers are checking for park tags, sports tags, and stickers on watercraft being launched. Please respect them and realize they are providing an important service for the safety of Sylvan Lake residents. Please remember that children under 12 years of age are not allowed in the park unattended.

Sylvan Lake Garden Club is looking for new members. If you are interested, please contact Helen McAllister at 248 682-1082.

Swimming Lessons Lessons are back by popular demand! They will run for two weeks starting on Monday, July 14th and end on Thursday, July 24th. The cost for lessons is \$58 for the first child and \$55 for each subsequent member of the same family. A registration form will be available the week of June 16th. Please see our website for further information or call Kelly Daulton at 248-682-6877.

The Annual Ice-Cream Social, sponsored by the Sylvan Lake Garden Club, is one of Sylvan Lake's most popular events. It will be held on Thursday, August 21st, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., on the Community Center lawn. You may want to bring a lawn chair or a blanket in case the tables are filled. We are in need of community volunteers this year to help dip the ice cream. If you would like to volunteer, please call Helen McAllister at 248-682-1082.

Community Center Celebration and Dedication will be in conjunction with the annual ice-cream social. You are cordially invited to join State and Local dignitaries for this very special occasion. The present and past Community Center Committees and City Staff have spent countless hours on this project dating back to the original committee comprised of the City Manager and 3 residents back in 1995. The committees have surveyed residents, determined programming for the building, worked on design, layout and materials to determine the best building that fits the needs of the residents at a reasonable cost. We can't forget the many additional residents that have donated their time individually and as groups, such as the Home and Garden Tour group that has raised several thousand dollars and is donating it to outfit the kitchen. Lastly, we want to thank all of the residents that voted for the bond issue that made this construction possible

Police Department The police department is reminding you again to keep your cars, garages, and homes locked. Do not leave your keys or valuable items in your car.

Ordinance Hotline This is a reminder for residents to call in with any ordinance violations you may see. This includes residents doing work without a permit. You do not have to identify yourself, but we need you to provide an address and description of the problem. Please call 248-682-1440, extension 6 after hours, or you can contact the police immediately by calling 248-681-1911. That will take you directly to the West Bloomfield dispatch, day or night, and they will have a Sylvan Lake police officer respond to your call.

Please be considerate when throwing out your dog waste Please throw out dog waste either in the garbage cans located throughout the parks or dispose of it in your own garbage. Do not throw it in residents' yard waste bags or lawns.

Recreational Vehicle Storage Please remember that you must keep your RV's at least 45 feet from the edge of the road and three feet from the side and rear property lines. Boats and/or boat trailers (only) may be in the driveway within 45 feet from the edge of the road for the summer (April 1st to October 31st). RV's and/or boat trailers cannot be parked in the road right-of-way at any time. Only two RV's are allowed on one property at a time.

2008 Home & Garden Tour This year's tour was a great success once again. The tour garnered more advertisement and ticket revenues than any of the previous years. Thank you to the wonderful residents whose homes and lawns were noted and we hope you enjoyed our Historical Exhibit and sugar cookies served by volunteers (Madison, Grace, Emma, Emily Devin and Aliyah). We would also like to give a special thanks to our volunteers including docents, drivers, advertisers, and committee members who together made this our best tour to date! The Community Center Kitchen is being funded by the proceeds of past tours and the committee has plans for additional City improvements or needs. To volunteer for the tour, please call the tour hotline at 248-615-6296 or send an email to mdavidson@centraldata.com.

Sylvan Lake History Sylvan Lake was incorporated into a Village in 1921 and as a City in 1947. June 20, 1928 the Village purchased an acre of land on Inverness for \$2500. March 6, 1929 Charles Fisher was authorized to design City Hall.

July Calendar of Events

- 1st - Planning Commission meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m.
- 3rd - Oakland County Boat Club Fireworks starting at dusk (Rain date of July 5th)
- 4th - Independence Day! City Hall closed
- 9th - Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- 24th - Study Session