

CITY OF SYLVAN LAKE

June 2009

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Charter/Ordinances In a continuing effort to make important information more easily accessible to all of our residents and business owners, an electronic version of the Sylvan Lake Code of Ordinances is now available online. You may access the documents on the city's website www.sylvanlake.org via a new link labeled, "Code of Ordinances". The ordinance documents are externally hosted, so please be aware that clicking on the link will redirect your web browser to another company's website (MuniCode.com).

Opening on Planning Commission The Planning Commission and City Council reluctantly accepted Rodney Knudsen's resignation from Planning Commission because he and his family are moving. This will be the remainder of his term to February 2012. Thank you Rodney for your eight years as a Planning Commissioner. If you are interested, please submit a letter and resume by mail or email to City Hall.

Planning Commission Congratulations to Michael Menuck for being reappointed as the Planning Commission Chairperson for the coming year. Planning Commission approved the Site Plan for Tim Horton's contingent upon engineering approval. Tim Horton's will be located at 2635 Orchard Lake Road. Planning Commission will now be meeting at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be June 2, 2009.

City Council will be meeting at 7:30 p.m. on June 10th. On the agenda will be consideration to approve the fence ordinance that Planning Commission recommended, discussion of the millage ballot question and allowing outdoor seating and temporary signs for local businesses.

Plant Exchange The Sylvan Lake Garden Club plant exchange will be held Saturday, June 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Bring plants to Memorial Park and exchange them for other plants. People who want plants but have none to exchange may buy plants. Proceeds will be used to buy plants for Memorial Park. Left over plants will be planted along the trail or at Memorial Park. If you have questions, call Helen McAllister 16 248 682-1082.

5th Annual Sylvan Lake Home & Garden Tour Don't miss it June 20st from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The 2009 Tour has a wide variety of beautiful homes unique to Sylvan Lake. If you haven't experienced a Sylvan Lake Home and Garden Tour, come and see what you're missing! We hope to see more "locals" at this one. Tickets are \$12 thru June 19th and \$15 the day of the tour. Groups of 10 or more are \$10 each. Tickets are available at City Hall and online at www.sylvantour.com. ***Docents and volunteers to work on Tour Day are needed.***

Beach Water Sampling Season The Oakland County Health Division has begun testing for E. Coli bacteria. Samples are taken June - August. If test results exceed the limits, notices will be posted at the beach. You can also view posted beach closures and reopening results at http://www.oakgov.com/health/info_pub/eh_beachclosing.html. Also all sample results will be on the MEDQ's website at <http://www.deq.state.mi.us/beach/>.

Park Information The park rangers are in the parks checking for park tags, sports tags, boat ramp keys, etc. Please make sure you have your appropriate tag(s) with you while you are in the parks. We will begin **closing the gates** on Lakeview and Ferndale when school is out and on the weekends prior to school letting out. ***The gates will be closed at approximately noon during good weather. The gates will not be opened at a specific time, but no later than 9:00 p.m.*** It will depend on the weather and how busy the parks are.

Please keep these rules in mind while enjoying our parks The boat ramp chain and lock must be securely locked after each use in order to prevent unauthorized use of the boat ramp facility. ***Docking and/or Mooring of Boats Prohibited:*** There will be no docking or mooring of any water craft in those areas where signs are posted. ***Motorized Vehicles Prohibited:*** No motorized vehicles of any kind are allowed in any park area except those areas designated for parking with the exception of emergency or city vehicle use as authorized by the City Administration.

Restrooms at Ferndale Park are open. Any residents can use them from 7 am to 11 pm. You do not need a park tag to use them.

Boat launch stickers are required on all water craft launched, with the exception of the “guest ramp pass” defined below. Therefore, if you have a second boat, you must purchase an additional sticker in order to launch your water craft. They are available at city hall for a cost of \$10.00. You must be a resident and show your original boat registration showing the resident owns the watercraft in order to purchase a sticker.

Guest Ramp Pass Residents (only) can purchase a day guest pass from City Hall or the Park Ranger to allow a specific guest to use the boat ramp. The cost for the guest pass is \$25.00 for one day, for one watercraft. If a guest places their boat in the water and leaves it in the water for more than one day, another guest pass will be required to use the ramp when the watercraft is removed. The resident must fill out a very short form indicating the type of watercraft and MC# that will be using the ramp.

Fee Increases At the May meeting City Council approved the increase of some fees. The boat dock fee was increased to \$465 (effective 2010 boating season; this does not include those under the Lakeview consent agreement) and the RV lot storage increased to \$400.

Michigan Week Awards Helen Jane Peters received the Lifetime Volunteer Leadership Award at the annual Michigan Week Breakfast. Congratulations and thank you Helen Jane!

Daniel Whitfield School Reunion The reunion will take place on Sunday, August 2nd, 2009, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Sylvan Lake Community Center. If you or your children attended Whitfield School, we invite you to attend and please invite your classmates. Please bring photos from Whitfield/Sylvan Lake. Contact Helen Jane Peters for more information hjbaskets@comcast.net.

Scrapbook Volunteer Needed We are in need of a new person to be in charge of the city scrapbook. Duties involve: requesting & gathering photos from neighbors, possibly taking photos at city events and completing scrapbook pages on own or with other city volunteers. Time required is only a few hours every couple months. Please contact Carrie MacGillis to receive the current scrapbook, supplies and photos, 248-683-9118 or carriemacgillis1@comcast.net.

Consumers Power Lawn Repair If Consumers has replaced your meter and damaged the road or your yard in the process, Consumers requires that you call customer service with your name, address, and your account number. Please let them know when the damage occurred and the repairs required. They will give you a notification number for your repair. Do not lose this number. Call 1-800-477-5050, refer to customer service, lawn repair. If they still do not respond satisfactorily, please call City Hall with the same information and we will attempt to get the work completed.

Cat Trap-Neuter-Return Program Update This program is NOT intended as an animal control service. The intent is to reduce the population of stray cats in Sylvan Lake. Feral or unsociable cats are trapped, sterilized and vaccinated, then returned and maintained in the community. Sociable and adoptable cats are sterilized and vaccinated and placed in good homes with the help of neighbors. If you are interested in participating in this program contact Linda Wasche at 248-253-0300 or Lindaw@LWmarketworks.com.

Cable Issues or Complaints Residents should first attempt to resolve your issue with the company. You may contact the Michigan Public Service Commission to assist you by calling 866-552-7725. Visit their website at www.michigan.gov/mpsc and click on the video/cable button for further information.

June Calendar of Events

- 1st - Last day to get your docks, moorings and boats in water
- 2nd - Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 6th - Plant Exchange 10am-noon at Memorial Park
- 10th - Council Meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.
- 20th - Home & Garden Tour 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- 25th - Study Session at 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center

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