

# CITY OF SYLVAN LAKE

## March 2008

City Hall 1820 Inverness, Sylvan Lake MI 48320 Hours: 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.  
Mayor: Paul Hungerman - 343-0737, Mayor Pro Tem: Aron Lorenz - 682-7857  
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**Planning Commission Meeting** will be held Tuesday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sylvan Lutheran Church. They will be continuing their discussion on the Orchard Lake Road Corridor, focusing on Architectural Standards, signs and lighting.

**Council Meeting** The regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sylvan Lake Lutheran Church.

**Board of Review:** Assessment notices have been sent to you. **Why did your taxable value increase, but your assessed value decreased?** Taxable Value may increase for physical additions, such as adding a garage, and decrease for physical losses such as removing a deck. Neighborhoods are now experiencing a decline in the market value. Proposal A requires that the Taxable Value increase by the Inflation Rate (1.023), however, it cannot exceed the Assessed Value. However, your assessed value may decrease due to the market value, your taxable value will continue to increase until the taxable value meets or exceeds the assessed value. Here is an example of common situations involving taxable value in a declining market: The example below shows how assessed values, capped values, and taxable values can change over a period of time.

### PURCHASED HOME IN 2003

	TRUE CASH VALUE	ASSESSED VALUE	INFLATION RATE	CAPPED VALUE	TAXABLE VALUE
2004	\$200,000 (1)	\$100,000		\$100,000	\$100,000
2005	\$210,000 (2)	\$105,000	1.023	\$102,300	\$102,300
2006	\$220,000 (3)	\$110,000	1.033	\$105,675	\$105,675
2007	\$220,000 (4)	\$110,000	1.037	\$109,584	\$109,584
2008	\$218,000 (5)	\$109,000	1.023	\$112,104	\$109,000

(1) \$100,000=\$100,000 \*Assessed Value and Taxable Value are the same in the year following a transfer of ownership

(2) \$100,000 x 1.023 = \$102,300

(3) \$102,300 x 1.033 = \$105,675

(4) \$105,675 x 1.037 = \$109,584

(5) \$109,584 x 1.023 = \$112,104 \*Assessed Value \$109,000 is lower than the mathematical formula therefore \$109,000 becomes the Taxable Value

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.

**City-Wide Garage Sale** May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. 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 19<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will go toward the Community Center project.

**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 [sylvanlakeordinance@gmail.com](mailto:sylvanlakeordinance@gmail.com). There will be violation notices and possibly tickets 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 PODS, trailers and RV's, illegal parking on the road or in the front yard, rocks in the road right-of-way, missing addresses on your homes, and blight.

**Home and Garden Tour June 21, 2008** docents are needed. Please call the tour hotline @ 248-615-6296 or email Midge Davidson: [mdavidson@centraldata.com](mailto:mdavidson@centraldata.com).

Book advertisers are needed. Sylvan Lake businesses are encouraged to participate by placing an Ad in the 2008 tour book. This is a great way to support the Community in this annual event that draws hundreds of people to Sylvan Lake. Ads are available from \$50 to full page Ads. Call the hotline or email Midge Davison.

Banner sponsors are needed. The committee has one sponsor committed to the banner that will span across Orchard Lake Road from June 2-21. Your sponsorship is welcomed and will have a 4 foot placement for you on both sides for \$800. Call the hotline or Midge Davidson.

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Sylvan Lake Shuffle** will be held Saturday, April 12, 2008. 5 K Run, 5 K Walk and 1 K Fun Run/Walk. The event starts and ends at the Oakland County Boat Club, 2350 Ferndale. Entrants receive the official Sylvan Lake Shuffle Run/Walk T-Shirt! **Entry fee: \$18.00 before race day.** Race Day Fee: \$20.00 at the Oakland County Boat Club from 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. The money raised from this event will go toward the Sylvan Lake Parks. You can pick up an entry form at city hall. Send entry and fee to: Sylvan Lake Shuffle, 1786 Woodland, Sylvan Lake, MI 48320. Anyone interested in sponsoring or for more information call Michelle or Dan Allread 248-683-5738 or email her at [michlegal@sbcglobal.net](mailto:michlegal@sbcglobal.net).

**Website** Please take the time and look at the city website [www.sylvanlake.org](http://www.sylvanlake.org). This is a great source of information, minutes from meetings, calendar of events, current events information and much more.

**E-newsletter** The "Sylvan Spotlight" is an excellent way to receive information on Sylvan Lake. The Spotlight contains more information than the paper version. It also contains photos and links to other important sites. We are trying to reduce the number of paper newsletters to save on copying and mailing costs. To sign up to receive the electronic newsletter or to submit photos or information for possible insertion, Please email your name, address and email address and any information to [sylvanlakenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:sylvanlakenewsletter@gmail.com). If you have problems with that address, email the information to [Sylvanlakecityhall@comcast.net](mailto:Sylvanlakecityhall@comcast.net) and put "newsletter info" in the subject box.

## March Calendar of Events

- 4<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Sylvan Lake Lutheran Church
- 12<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. Sylvan Lake Lutheran Church
- 10<sup>th</sup> Board of Review 9:00 a.m. - noon & 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Board of Review 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Happy St. Patrick's Day!
- 21<sup>st</sup> Good Friday, City Hall Closed
- 27<sup>th</sup> City Council Study Session - 7:00 p.m. in the Sylvan Lutheran Church

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