

CITY OF SYLVAN LAKE

November 2008

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The Last day to submit an absentee voter application is Saturday, November 1. City Hall will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday for that purpose (only). If you need an emergency absentee ballot after Saturday, one can be obtained *and voted* at City Hall until 4:00 p.m., Monday, November 3. All AV ballots must be returned by 8:00 p.m. on election day. Ballots can be returned to City Hall or at the polls.



Vote November 4. The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m. **at the Community Center, 2456 Pontiac Drive.** The three candidates vying for the one seat on City Council: Justin Hatch, Paul Hungerman and Mike Zubrzycki. Please watch cable Channel 15 for interviews with each of the candidates. Bring your picture ID to the polls. **Call City Hall if you have any questions on where you are registered to vote.**

Political Signs When placing political signs, remember they cannot be placed on City property, including our parks, City Hall property and the road right-of-way (at least 12 feet from the edge of the street). All election signs must be removed within seven after the election.

Ballot Millage Proposal Presentation and Information There will be one more presentation of the millage proposal on October 30, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center. City Council is trying very hard to get information to the residents on the necessity of this millage proposal so voters can make informed decisions. Please see the brief summary of information enclosed in this newsletter.

Planning Commission Meeting will be Tuesday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m. On the agenda will be the continued discussion of play structures and tree houses as accessory structures, discussion of a wireless cell tower ordinance and continued discussion on allowing fences in side and front yards. **Note:** The City does *not* currently have an ordinance that requires cell towers to be placed on City property and there is very little City property to place new cell towers. However, Planning Commission is investigating an ordinance that will require cell towers to be placed on City property first *if possible*.

City Council will be holding its regular meeting Wednesday, November 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Tentatively on the agenda will be discussion of the dock policy and RVA policy.

Home & Garden Tour Committee would like to invite you to an Open House at the Community Center, Monday, November 10 from 7-9 p.m. for anyone who is interested in joining the committee, having their home or garden on a future tour, or becoming a docent. Any questions call 248-615-62906 or email info@sylvantour.com.

Movie Night On November 15, bring your family to the Community Center and enjoy an evening of fun! From 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., a "G" rated movie will be showing, and from 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. a "PG" rated movie will be showing. Popcorn and lemonade will be served.

Sylvan Lake Garden Club Sylvia Ozga will demonstrate flower arranging at the Sylvan Lake Garden Club meeting Thursday, November 20, at 1:00 p.m. at the Sylvan Lake Community Center. Please call Helen McAllister at 248-682-1082 to arrange to attend.

Community Center Volunteers We are still looking for more volunteers to spend time at the Community Center during the day so it can remain open for others to use. Once we know how many volunteers are willing to do this, we will publish a schedule of times it will be open for residents to relax, play cards, etc. Please contact City Hall if you are interested.

Yard Waste Collection will be ending for the year November 26. Make sure you put all your twigs, shrub trimmings, brush, flowers and similar items out for the last time on this date. Richfield will not pick up your yard waste after November 26! Leaf collection in the city ends December 10, unless there is snow. Remember there will be no spring leaf collection.

Going away for the winter? If so, please be sure to notify City Hall. If nobody is going to be staying in your home while you are gone, you can save money and have peace of mind by having your water shut off.

Please remove your boat docks, boats and all mooring posts by Saturday, November 15, 2008. *Please remember when storing your boat to keep your registration with you.* If they are not removed, the City will do so at the dock space holder's expense and possible loss of your dock space. We don't want to have to do this, but will do so for safety reasons.

Water Bills are on the way and are due and payable at City Hall until November 20 without penalty.

Building Permits must be obtained if you are going to be doing any repairs, remodeling, renovating, building, plumbing, or electrical work on your home. Always check with City Hall before starting any project. Permits are also required for *any* improvements made in the road right-of-way. A zoning permit is required for fences, driveways, parking areas, etc.

Boat Trailer and Recreational Vehicle Storage We do have a recreational vehicle (RV) storage ordinance that governs where recreational vehicles may be stored. This includes boats and boat trailers. The following is a partial list of items.

After October 31 of each year:

- ◆ All RV's must be placed within a completely enclosed building or located behind the required front yard setback (appx. 45' from the street) and at least 3' from the side and rear lot lines.
- ◆ You cannot store a RV on a vacant piece of property.
- ◆ You cannot hook up a RV to water, sewer, or electricity and they must remain unoccupied.
- ◆ No more than two RV's may be stored on one piece of property at one time.
- ◆ A boat hoist is considered a RV
- ◆ RV's may not be stored in the road right of way *at any time*.

City Hall will be closed November 11 for Veterans day, and the 27 & 28 for Thanksgiving.

Blood Drive Niche Retail is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive late December or early January. The holiday season is typically a time of short supply for blood donations. Interested parties can call 248-738-6200, extension 249 for more information and to sign up and donate to save a life. Niche is located on Greer Blvd., across from Forster's Auto Wash.

Calendar of Events

October

- 30 - Millage Proposal presentation - 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center.
- 31 - Trick or Treat from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Police inspect candy at City Hall 7:00-8:30 p.m.

November

- 1 - City Hall open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for Absentee Ballots (only)
- 2 - Daylight Savings Time ends. Move your clocks back one hour
- 4 - Election Day. Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Vote at the Community Center
- 11 - City Hall closed - Veterans Day
- 12 - City Council Meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center
- 15 - All docks and moorings must be removed from the lake.
- 18 - Planning Commission meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center
- 20 - Water/Sewer bills due
- 26 - Last day for yard waste collection
- 27 & 28 - City Hall closed. Happy Thanksgiving!

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