

CITY OF SYLVAN LAKE

FALL NEWSLETTER



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Paper Newsletter being reduced to Quarterly

In our continued efforts to save money and resources, we are limiting the paper newsletter to quarterly. The paper newsletter to be mailed in January, April, July and October. Please sign up for the electronic newsletter by emailing your name, address and email address to: SylvanLakeNewsletter@gmail.com We will send newsletters and newsbytes electronically to all those that are on the list.

Vote November 3. The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m. **at the Community Center, 2456 Pontiac Drive.** Bring your picture ID to the polls. Three candidates are vying for two seat on City Council – Sharon Maurina, Russell Meskin and John Shepp. Also on the ballot will be the proposed Charter Amendment.

Proposed Charter Amendment Informational Meeting There will be an Town Hall type meeting on September 30, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center. If you want information and to ask questions on the state of the City, this is the time and place. Don't just ask your neighbor out in the street. There are several facts that you need to know that they probably don't. There will also be information placed on the City's Web Site.

With the reduction in taxable values, and the millage for the fire station construction being removed from your tax bill. Most residents would see a very nominal increase in their overall tax bill from this year and some may even be lower.

Absentee Voters You can now fill out your applications for the Tuesday, November 3rd, 2009 General Election. You may pick up an *application* at City Hall. City Hall will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, 2009 for absentee ballots (*only*).

Community Center We are looking for more volunteers to spend time at the Community Center during the day so it can remain open all day. This will enable residents to use the Community Center to relax, play cards, etc. If you are interested, please contact City Hall.

Movie Night Check the dates under the calendar and bring your family to the Community Center and enjoy an evening of fun! A "G" rated movie will be showing, and a "PG" movie will be showing. Popcorn and lemonade will be served.

Home & Garden Tour Committee Thank you

very much for the donation to restore the storage building on the Community Center property and purchasing a sign for the Community Center entrance. They are two beautiful improvements that City would not have been able to do on our own.

Halloween Party On Friday, October 30th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Dress up your ghost and goblins and join your friends and neighbors for a "spooktacular" night of fun and fright. Please bring 12 treats, or small toy per child. Refreshments and snacks will be served. RSVP at semblack@sbcglobal.net by October 27th or call 248-683-8387. Sylvan Lake residents only!

Trick or Treat! This great City-wide event will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 31st. The police department will be available from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to check your treats for any metal objects. Have fun and enjoy the season!

Leaf Collection Guidelines Our waste collectors, Richfield Management, will again be collecting the leaves this year. Collection will tentatively begin the third week in October (depending on how many leaves fall) and continue through the second week of December. Please review their map, which they provided to you, for your collection day (Monday, Wednesday, or Friday). If you do not have your map, please call 1-877-609-6753. Please be sure to get all your leaves this fall because there **is no spring collection**. In the spring, all leaves must be bagged and put at the curb for collection with the yard waste.

- Please rake the leaves onto the edge of the street. Please do not leave them in the ditch or put them in the street.
- We will appreciate having all cars parked in your driveway and off the road between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. during the leaf collection program.
- Leaf collection in the city ends the first week in December, unless there is snow.

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

Yard Waste Collection will be ending for the year November 25. Make sure you put all your twigs, shrub trimmings, brush, flowers and similar items out for the last time on this date.

Please remove your boat docks, boats and all mooring posts by Sunday, November 15, 2009. *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.

Boat Trailer and Recreational Vehicle Storage *Please remember when storing your boat to keep your registration with you.* You will need to provide it to register your boat and dock space next year. We do have a recreational vehicle (RV) storage ordinance that governs where recreational vehicles may be stored after October 31st. This includes boats and boat trailers. Here are some of the requirements:

- ◆ 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 feet from the side and rear lot lines.
- ◆ You cannot store an RV on vacant property.
- ◆ You cannot hook up an 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 an RV)
- ◆ RV's may not be stored in the road right of way at any time.

Going away for the winter? Please be sure to notify City Hall. We will keep an extra close eye on your house while you are gone. Also, we

can send you your absentee ballot for the election.

Dead Trees Remember that dead trees can be dangerous for not only your household, but your neighbors as well. Dead trees allow animals to harbor within them and could fall on a house. Please take care of them properly. A permit is not required to remove the dead, diseased, or dangerous branches, trees, or shrubs. Please wait to prune back diseased trees, shrubs, and other woody-stemmed landscape plants until the frost period.

Holiday Lighting Contest The judging will be Saturday, December 12th starting at 6:00 p.m. So have all your lights and decorations out in full glory! Every year the displays get better!! The categories are: Best Christmas Tree, Artistic, Lights, Living Christmas Card, Neighborhood Group, Religious and Christmas Theme. We are in need of a few residents willing to ***judge the holiday lights this year.*** If you are interested, please contact City Hall right away.

Kudos to the *Home and Garden Tour* for the storage building upgrade and Community Center sign. *Betty Delaney* for volunteering to mow the south end of the Clinton River Trail. *Sharon Hughes* for the continued work planting and maintaining the trail at the Pontiac Drive Intersection.

A special thank you to Robin Reisig for all of the work organizing helpers and maintaining the Memorial Park for many years now.

Calendar of Events

Monthly meetings (subject to change): Planning Commission - 1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
City Council - 2nd Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

- Oct 5th** - Last day to register to vote in the November election.
- Oct 17th** - Movie Night at the Community Center, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- Oct 30th** - Halloween Party & Movie Night at the Community Center, 5:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Oct 31st** - City Hall open for Absentee Ballots Only, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Oct 31st** - Trick or Treat from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Nov 1st** - Daylight Saving Time ends. Move your clocks back one hour.
- Nov 3rd** - Election Day, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Nov 11th** - Closed for Veteran's Day
- Nov 21st** - Movie Night at the Community Center, 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Nov 26 & 27** - City Hall Closed for the holiday
- Dec 24, 25, 31** - City Hall Closed for the holiday
- Jan 1st** - City Hall Closed for the holiday

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