

# CITY OF SYLVAN LAKE

*September 2008*

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## **Annual Ice Cream Social and Community Center Dedication**

As usual, the annual Ice Cream Social was a great success with hundreds of Sylvan Lake residents, family and friends attending. Congratulations to the Garden Club for another successful year hosting this event! What a great way to initiate the new Community Center.

Congratulations to the City of Sylvan Lake on our beautiful new Community Center. Please watch next months newsletter for more information on the social and Community Center dedication and thank you's to all that were involved.

The previous building was built about 1912 for the Detroit Free Press Fresh Air Camp Activities building. Saturday nights at the camp found entertainers from Detroit brought out to perform for the children including such acts as Red Skelton, Gene Krupa, the Andrews Sisters, and poet Edgar A. Guest. During the weeknights, the children would take turns entertaining the villagers with songs and skits. We should be forever grateful to the Detroit Free Press for their very generous gift of this property for our new Community Center.

## **The Community Center is OPEN**

After many months of planning, meetings, site visits, and arguments (very small ones) the Community Center is open. There are still several items that need to be completed. Most of them are minor, but still need to be done. We want to once again thank the Community Center Construction Committee consisting of Jack Hunger, Aron Lorenz, John Martin, Sharon Maurina and Brian Schulz for all of the time and effort they put into this project.

For those of you that still want to contribute time or funds toward the Community Center property, we will be putting a list together of needed items so people can donate toward a specific item or items. You will also have the opportunity to contribute time. We will be looking for volunteers to help with projects like cleaning and painting the out buildings. If you think of something you would like to donate time or funds toward, please email your ideas to City Hall.

**Fund Raising Production** Saturday, September 6, 2008; 7-10 pm, at the Community Center. The Sylvan Lake Parks & Recreation Committee is raising funds to purchase an indoor/outdoor movie theater system and portable ice rink for the Community Center. Hores d'oeuvres, beer, wine and Live band are provided. Tickets are \$45 in advance or \$50 at the door. They are available at City Hall or through Sharon or Mitch Black 248-683-8387.

**Youth Soccer** It's that time again! Sylvan Lake Soccer Teams are forming. Registration forms are available at City Hall. They will be playing at the Ferndale Beach on Saturday mornings, starting Sept 13 thru Oct 18, from 10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. If you have questions or if you interested in volunteering call Sharon Black 248-683-8387.

**Community Center Rental** Many residents have already reserved dates for next year to rent the Community Center. If you would like to reserve the Community Center, you need to fill out a reservation form and provide a deposit. The application and rules and regulations are on the website under "calendar." If you do not have internet access, you can come into City Hall and receive a copy.

**Planning Commission** will be meeting September 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. On the agenda will be discussion of play structures, wireless cell phone towers, the fence ordinance, setbacks for corner lots, sidewalks and a presentation of a Neighborhood Commercial Opportunity Gap Analysis by our Planning Consultant.

**Council Meeting** will be held September 10, at the Community Center. Tentatively on the agenda will be continued discussion of the millage ballot proposal, allowing brick pavers in the road right of way and amending the grass/weed ordinance.

**24 Hour Tax Hotline** Property tax information is now available on the Oakland County 24 Hour Tax Hotline by calling 248-858-0025. To access tax information you will need to enter your 10-digit parcel ID number. There is no charge for this service.

**Election** Three candidates are vying for one seat on City Council, Paul Hungerman (Incumbent), Justin Hatch, and Mike Zubrycki. Absentee ballots should be available near the end of September.

If you are interested in working the election please stop at City Hall and fill out an application. This is a paid position and there will be training.

**Meet the Candidates Night.** The candidates forum held by the League of Women's Voters will be at 7:00 p.m., September 17, in the Roosevelt Elementary School, 2065 Cass Lake Road, West Bloomfield Twp. All residents are encouraged to attend and ask the candidates any questions you may have.

**Bicycle Safety and Fun Day** The Sylvan Lake Police Department will be putting on a bicycle safety program and fun day again this year on September 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It will be held at the Community Center with a bicycle safety course set up. Children 2-12 yrs old are welcome to attend this free event. There will be free food, refreshments and prizes! If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please call Chief Silver at 248-682-2104.

**Millage Proposal for the November Ballot** City Council approved a question to be placed on the ballot in November, seeking an increase in the Millage Rate. The City has been working diligently to make ends meet with increasing costs, increasing financial requirements and mandates with flat or declining revenue. We have cut our budget as much as we possibly can and are still seeing a shortfall. The Millage proposal will be discussed in great detail over the next couple months prior to the election. We are currently working on a presentation to answer your questions of why this millage increase is necessary. While we are working on this presentation, if you have specific questions you would like to see answered, please email them to: [SLMillageQuestions@gmail.com](mailto:SLMillageQuestions@gmail.com) We want *constructive questions* that we can be prepared to answer at future meetings.

**Tax Bills** Reminder that taxes are due September 14. Starting September 15 a 3.5% penalty will apply. If you have not received your bill please contact City Hall *immediately*. Remember you can sign up to have them auto-debited from your account on September 14. Forms are available on-line or you can come into City Hall. If paying by check please use a check separate from any other payments (water/sewer bill, etc.).

**Protect our environment: waterfront wisdom** Properly manage home, yard and animal waste. Plant and maintain a naturalized shoreline buffer.

\* **Go Native.** Stop mowing to the water's edge and allow a strip of grass to grow between the yard and shoreline or buffer it to maintain a vegetative barrier adjacent to waterway, to filter pollutants from runoff exiting your property and to prevent erosion along the shoreline.

\* **Mulch Please.** Collect or mulch leaves soon after they fall to ensure that don't get carried into the lake or storm drains. Mulch the leaves into your lawn-it's free fertilizer and adds organic matter to the soil.

\* **Bag it.** Pick up pet waste promptly and dispose of it in the trash.

\* **Compost Pile.** Keep compost piles away from the water's edge to eliminate the chance of runoff.

\* **Don't Feed Waterfowl.** They become dependent on the food from humans. This can lead to concentration of droppings which adds excess nutrients and harmful bacteria to waterways. A vegetation buffer will deter them from your property.

**Clinton River Trail Classic Ride** Friends of the Clinton River Trail present the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Classic Ride, Saturday, September 20. Your choice of riding 15 or 30 miles. Starting time is 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.. The fee is \$12 per attendee or \$33 per family. Register at [www.bikereg.com/FCRT](http://www.bikereg.com/FCRT) or pick up a form at City Hall.

### September Calendar of Events

1 <sup>st</sup> - City Hall closed for Labor Day	2 <sup>th</sup> - Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 p.m.
10 <sup>th</sup> - City Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m.	14 <sup>th</sup> - Taxes due without penalty
17 <sup>th</sup> - Meet the Candidates 7:00 p.m.	25 <sup>th</sup> - Study Session at 7:00 p.m.
27 <sup>th</sup> - Bicycle Safety Day 10:00 a.m.	

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