

# CITY OF SYLVAN LAKE

## Spring 2010

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**2010 Census** You should have received the census questionnaire by now, if you didn't or lost it please call 866-861-2010. The city listed as your address on the Census form is where the post office is located. It does NOT mean the census information you return will be credited to Keego Harbor or Pontiac. The correct information - city code and address, is contained in the bar code. Census takers will be visiting your household if you do not fill out the questionnaire. Your personal information is protected. Please fill it out and send it in now.

**SIGN UP FOR THE ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER** by sending your name, mailing address and Email address to: [Sylvanlakeneewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:Sylvanlakeneewsletter@gmail.com) It will offer you more information on a more timely basis. We send out "newsbytes" quite often to inform you and remind you of upcoming events instead of trying to get them all into a monthly electronic newsletter. To save money, this paper newsletter is only mailed quarterly.

**Online Bill Payment** Pay your water/sewer bills, permits and park and recreation fees online. Payment can be made using Visa, Master Card, Discover or electronic check. An enhanced access fee will be added to your payment. Go to [www.sylvanlake.org](http://www.sylvanlake.org) for further details and the link.

**Spring Leaf Clean Up** Reminder - there is no spring curbside leaf collection. To dispose of your leaves, please put them out for collection as yard waste (see below). All garbage cans must be stored so they are not visible from any street.

**Yard Waste Program** starts April 7<sup>th</sup>. Yard waste will be picked up on the same day (Wednesday), as your trash but in a separate yard waste truck. Pickup is on a weekly basis. Please place your trash and yard waste a few feet away from each other for pick up so it can be easily seen. **Yard Waste** Includes - cut grass, leaves, cut weeds, shrub trimmings, brush, twigs, small branches, sod and similar items.

1. Yard waste will be accepted only in brown paper yard waste bags (from retail stores) or trash cans **clearly marked compost or yard waste**. Yard Waste stickers are available at no charge at City Hall.
2. SMALL BRANCHES 3 inches in diameter or smaller will be accepted if securely tied in manageable bundles, no more than four-feet in length.
3. Yard waste in any type of plastic bag *will not be accepted!*
4. Yard waste may not be placed at the street earlier than 5:00 p.m. the night before collection day.

**Sylvan Lake Youth Soccer** It is that time again! Please come and join the fun on Saturday mornings starting April 17<sup>th</sup> thru June 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m - noon (except Monday May 1, due to the Sylvan Shuffle), ages 3-5. Volunteer coaches would be much appreciated. Registration forms are available at City Hall.

New this year - any boys and girls that are between the ages of 6-8 will be placed into the Lakes Area Soccer League, as one Sylvan Lake team. The league runs from April 27<sup>th</sup> until mid-June. There will be approximately two practices/week and Saturday is game day. The

cost is \$75/player which includes a full uniform. You can register at <http://www.layslonline.com>, however, to be on the Sylvan Lake team (and pay the discounted fee of \$75), you must list Jack Hammons as your coach (or Sylvan Lake) and send in a check as your payment, DO NOT PAY ONLINE. You will be prompted to choose the \$100 player fee, There are voucher codes for each player that deducts \$25. Call before you register to get your code. There is a coach's meeting on March 24th, and we will have the schedule available after that. To get your code or if you have more questions about this league, call Jack or Keri Hammons at 248-672-9200.

**Planning Commission Meeting** The next Planning Commission meeting will be April 6 at 7:00 p.m. They will continue their discussion on the noise ordinance, diesel truck ordinance, outdoor storage of vehicles and outdoor seating for restaurants.

**City Council Meeting** The next City Council meeting will be April 14 at 7:30 p.m. One of the tentative agenda items will be the discussion of the community center use for the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks.

**Parks and Recreation Committee** will meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

**Sylvan Shuffle** Dust off your running shoes! The Sylvan Shuffle will take place on May 1 at 9:00 a.m. starting at the Community Center. There will be music, food, neighbors, and fun. There will be a 5-K run, a 1-K run for the kids, and a 5-K walk. Go to [www.sylvanshuffle.com](http://www.sylvanshuffle.com) for registration and more information.

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection** Sylvan Lake will again participate with West Bloomfield for household hazardous waste collection. The collection is May 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the West Bloomfield Civic Center, 4550 Walnut Lake Road. There is no cost to residents, it will be paid by the City. Have your drivers license ready upon entering the Civic Center site. This documents residents from each community. They are going to take the normal hazardous material and electronics

(including TV's). There will also be a shredder there so anyone can have documents destroyed. Again this spring will be the collection of used syringes at Beaumont Medical Center, 6900 Orchard Lake Rd. (rear loading dock) on Friday, April 30 from 11:00 a.m.to1:00 p.m.

**Park/Beach Clean-Up** Looking for volunteers to help Sunday, April 25 at 9:00 a.m. Meet at the Ferndale Beach.

**Memorial Day Parade** starts at 10:15 a.m. Sylvan Lake's Service begins when the parade ends (around 11:45 a.m.) A flower drop and lunch will be held at the Oakland County Boat Club at 12:30 p.m. To register an entry in the parade, use the registration form at City Hall or online at [www.sylvanlake.org](http://www.sylvanlake.org), or call Mel Hager, Committee Coordinator, at 248-875-9773 or e-mail him at [tascmel@comcast.net](mailto:tascmel@comcast.net).

**City-Wide Garage Sale** The Sylvan Lake Home and Garden Tour Committee is again holding the City wide garage sale on May 27, 28and 29. A permit fee of \$20.00 will cover the cost for ads in The Oakland Press and Eccentric newspapers, garage sale signs on Orchard Lake Road and a list of participants' addresses at City Hall and Sylvan Market. The deadline to purchase a permit is May 25. A box with envelopes for your application and payment is placed at City Hall.

**The Home and Garden Tour - Save the date:** Saturday, June 19 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The tour would not be successful without our wonderful volunteers. We are looking for docents and people who would like to join the committee or just help the day of the tour. Please contact Robin James at [news@sylvantour.com](mailto:news@sylvantour.com) or 248-914-5011.

**Don't Drive on the Grass!** Our parks are being destroyed by people driving across them to access their dock spaces to install their docks and/or hoists. We try very hard to maintain the beauty of our parks and need your help. Do not drive in the parks under any circumstance! Doing so may result in a ticket. In addition, you will be charged for any necessary repairs. It is the responsibility of the dock holder to inform

anyone sharing your space, or a company installing your dock, of this rule.

**Boat Ramp Keys, Park and Sports Tags** are now on sale. The **park tag** is \$20.00 (\$15.00 for seniors) and will allow your family and eight (8) guests to use our park facilities. You must have the park tag with you at all times, the Park Ranger will be checking to make sure residents have a tag. The **sports tag** is \$10.00 and will allow you and up to three (3) guests to use the bocce and volleyball courts. All guests must be accompanied by the resident. Please abide by the rules that are posted at each court. If you have more than three guests, you must borrow a sports tag from a Sylvan Lake resident to make sure you have one tag for every three guests.

**Boat ramp key** is \$20.00. You do not need to own a boat to purchase a boat ramp key. However, you must have a day pass or boat ramp sticker for the watercraft you are launching. To purchase a watercraft sticker you must apply at City Hall and supply your **original boat registration and proof of Sylvan Lake residency**. To purchase a **day pass** you must apply at City Hall and supply the information for the watercraft being launched. The day pass is good for one day only. When using the boat ramp, be sure to lock the gate when you are done. There will be no replacement ramp keys sold if you lose yours.

**Detroit Edison Customers** now can Report Street Light Outages online at **[dteenergy.com/streetlight](http://dteenergy.com/streetlight)**. To report a street light out at their home or business, customers need only to fill in the address on the online form. If they spot an outage elsewhere, customers simply type in the city location, the intersection nearest to the affected light, and their contact information.

**Prevent Littering** Pet Supplies Plus of Bloomfield Hills is encouraging pet owners to be kind to the planet and prevent littering by getting their dogs and cats spayed and neutered. Pet owners can prepay April 1-16 to have their pet spayed or neutered on April 17 for only \$50 for dogs and \$30 for cats. Pet Supplies Plus is at 2057 Telegraph Rd., north of Square Lake Rd.

**Rewards for Recycling** This program encourages curbside recycling. Residents can go online to register at [www.rewardsforrecycling.com](http://www.rewardsforrecycling.com). Your identifier tag was sent to you. If you did not receive one or lost it you can call Richfield at 877-609-6753. Participation in the program gives you access to valuable savings with local merchants. To see items which can be recycled, a recycling flyer is at [www.sylvanlake.org](http://www.sylvanlake.org), click on City Services.

**Wheeled Recycling Bins** To encourage recycling, the City is selling **green, wheeled recycling bins** at City Hall. There are three sizes: 35-gallon for \$20, 64-gallon for \$22, and \$96-gallon for \$25. Each has a 10-year warranty.

**Wheeled Garbage Cans** Richfield Equities (trash collection company) is selling large wheeled garbage cans to Sylvan Lake residents at a great price. Cans are available to purchase at City Hall. There are three sizes: 35-gallon for \$41, 64-gallon for \$46, and 96-gallon for \$52. Each has a 10-year warranty.

#### **Volunteers needed for vacancies**

We still need volunteers to fill two vacancies. The Dock Committee has one vacancy to be filled. This is a one-year term that expires December 31. The Cable Commission has one position open for a three-year term. If you are interested, please fill out the application form found on our website under "downloadable forms." Or you can pick one up at City Hall.

#### **RVA Spaces Available**

There are still some RVA Storage Spaces available but they are going fast. If you are interested, please call City Hall. The annual fee will be prorated for your first year based on the number of months rented. If you are not interested this year but would be next year, please make sure you put your name on the wait list.

**Trail Cleanup Day** Fran Hines is organizing the annual trail cleanup. It will be at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 17. We will meet at on the trail at Inverness. Please bring gloves if you want them. A second work day to trim trees and brush will be scheduled soon.

# Spring Calendar of Events

Monthly meetings at the Community Center (*subject to change*):

Planning Commission - 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Committee - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

City Council - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

City Council Study Session - 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

April 7	Yard Waste Collection begins
April 17	Soccer begins
April 17	Trail Cleanup at 11:00
April 22	Earth Day
April 25	Park/Beach Cleanup
May 1	Sylvan Shuffle, 9:00 a.m. at the Community Center
May 1	Household Hazardous Waste Collection
May 20	Water Bills Due
May 27, 28, 29	Citywide Garage Sale
May 31	Memorial Day Parade, 10:15 a.m.
June 19	Home and Garden Tour, 10 am-4 p.m.
July 4	Annual Fireworks by the Oakland County Boat Club

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