

CITY OF SYLVAN LAKE

Summer 2010

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Sylvan Lake Annual Fireworks, hosted by the Oakland County Boat Club, will be held on Sunday, **July 4th** with a rain date of *Friday, July 9th*. Food will be available at the outdoor grill at the Boat Club. The fireworks begin at dusk (roughly 10:00 p.m.). The Fireworks will be shot from a barge in the middle of the lake again this year. That means you will now be able to view the fireworks from the Community Center park area along the lake. The Community Center will not be open. Do not forget to donate to this wonderful event. *Volunteers are needed* to help put up the temporary “NO PARKING” signs in the City on Sunday morning, and to take the signs down and clean up the park the day after the fireworks. Please contact City Hall if you would like to do so. The stakes for the No Parking signs will be put up on Friday but the signs will not be put on them until Sunday morning.

Fireworks Parking After lengthy discussion by City Council, it was decided to keep the parking the same as last year. There will be no parking on or along any street from 12:00 noon to 12:00 midnight on July 4th, 2010 as posted. This includes the pavement and shoulder/ditch areas. You may park only on private property, in driveways or on approved gravel or paved parking areas. **Violators will be ticketed and towed.** Limited parking is available at the Community Center (see below).

Community Center Fireworks Parking will be available this year for \$10. The parking lot will open at **7:00 p.m.** and you must have a parking permit to enter the parking lot, including dock space holders. You may (should) purchase your parking permit at City Hall now to make sure you have a spot. Violators will be charged a \$100 fee by the City and will also have to pay any applicable towing charges.

Zoning Board of Appeals has been requested to grant a variance from the zoning ordinance to allow the construction of a pool and terrace at 2024 Garland. The request will require a lot coverage variance. The Zoning Board will meet July 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

Planning Commission Meeting The next Planning Commission meeting will be July 6th at 7:00 p.m. They will continue their discussion on the outdoor storage of vehicles, outdoor seating for restaurants and vicious dogs.

City Council Meeting The next City Council meeting will be July 14th at 7:30 p.m. One of the tentative agenda items will be the continued discussion of possibly consolidating police and DPW services with Keego Harbor.

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

Summer Tax Time is Here Tax bills have been mailed. If you do not receive your bill within two weeks, please contact City Hall. Summer taxes are due and payable from July 1st through September 14th, 2010 at City Hall.

Primary Election Vote August 3rd at the Community Center. Vote for party candidates to go on the November ballot and an Oakland County Parks Millage Renewal and Oakland Community College millage renewal proposals.

Absentee Ballots City Hall will be open Saturday, July 31st from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for *absentee ballots only*.

Petitions for City Council Seat There will be two City Council seats open in November. If you are interested in serving on City Council for a three-year term, have your petition signed and returned to City Hall by 4:00 p.m. August 3rd, 2010. You must be a registered voter to be eligible. Please call City Hall for more information.

3rd Annual Kids Day! Mark your calendars for this great annual event. The 3rd annual kids day hosted by the Sylvan Lake Police Department will be August 14th, 2010, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Community Center. Come on down and check out the police cars and fire truck and other fun things. You can have a safety inspection on your bicycle and parents you can get a DNA kit to keep at home for your kids. While you're there you can grab a hot dog, cake, ice cream and a drink while you take in a movie in the Community Center. Don't miss it!

Volleyball The Parks & Recreation Committee would like to start beach volleyball for tweens, teens, and adults this summer on the court next to the community center. Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Contact Michelle Allread with questions 248-683-5738.

The Annual Ice-Cream Social, sponsored by the Sylvan Lake Garden Club, is one of Sylvan Lake's most popular events. It will be held on Thursday, August 19th, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., on the Community Center lawn. You may want to bring a lawn chair or a blanket in case the tables are filled. We are in need of community volunteers this year to help dip the ice cream. If you would like to volunteer, please call Helen McAllister at 248-682-1082.

Volunteers needed for committee and commission vacancies. We still need volunteers to fill vacancies. The Dock Committee has one vacancy to be filled. This is a one-year term that expires December 31st. The Cable Commission has two positions open for a three-year term and they meet monthly. The Tri-City Fire Commission has one position open for a two-year term. They meet quarterly. 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.

Water Bills will be mailed soon. During the summer billing periods we discount your sewage usage based on what you used over the winter. This allows you to water your lawn and/or flowers. So if you used 5,000 gallons during the winter (average) and now you are using 25,000 gallons for this period, you will be charged for the 25,000 gallons of water used, but only for 5,000 gallons of sewer.

New Watering/Irrigation Ordinance City Council recently passed an ordinance regulating automatic and manual lawn irrigation. This was done to decrease our maximum water usage at peak hours in order to achieve a better water rate from the Detroit Water Department. It will also provide for better water pressure throughout the entire system during peak water flows. There are different regulations for automatic and manual watering.

An **irrigation system** *which is connected to the municipal water system* is restricted from irrigating between May 15 and October 15 of each calendar year. Automated lawn and/or landscaping irrigation is prohibited between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time with even-numbered addresses restricted to irrigate only on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Odd addresses are restricted to irrigate only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

A water user may **manually irrigate** residential landscaping utilizing garden hoses and sprinklers provided the irrigation is not connected to an automatic system, is attended and monitored by the water user. Manual irrigation is prohibited between the hours of 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time with even-numbered addresses restricted to irrigate only on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Odd addresses are restricted to irrigate only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

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 for further details and the link.

Bikers should ride on the right side of the street, with traffic. All bicyclists are to obey all the traffic laws including speed limits and stop signs. If you plan to be riding your bike or walking at night please wear reflective clothing so that drivers can see you better. Parent make your children are aware of the laws. This is very important for everybody's safety.

The Park Rangers are checking for park tags, sports tags, and stickers on watercraft being launched. Please

respect them and realize they are providing an important service for the safety of Sylvan Lake residents.

Rack Storage for Kayaks and Canoes The rack storage for non-motorized boats at the Community Center is available for \$25 a space. A boat launch sticker will be provided for these watercraft and they may only be stored on the rack from April 1st to November 15th of each year.

Recreational Vehicle Storage Please remember that you must keep your RV's at least 45 feet from the edge of the road and three feet from the side and rear property lines. Boats and/or boat trailers (only) may be in the driveway within 45 feet from the edge of the road for the summer (April 1st to October 31st). RV's and/or boat trailers cannot be parked in the road right-of-way at any time. Only two RV's are allowed on one property at a time.

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 and Day Pass Any resident may purchase a ramp key. However, to purchase a **day pass** (\$25) for the boat ramp, you must apply at City Hall or from the Park Ranger. You must 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.

Gas Main Replacement Consumers Energy is going to replace gas main **on Garland** from Avondale to approximately 2245 Garland (between Oakwood and Benvenue). The new main will be installed in the boulevard on Garland. They will have to dig to make connections in several locations. This is not a City project. Garland residents should have gotten a letter in the mail from Consumers with phone numbers to call if you have questions or issues.

Detroit Edison Customers now can report street light outages online at 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.

Rewards for Recycling This program encourages curbside recycling. Residents can go online to register at 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, 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.

RVA Spaces Available There are still some RV 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 may be next year, please make sure you put your name on the wait list.

Sign up for the Electronic Newsletter by sending your name, mailing address and Email address to: Sylvanlakenewsletter@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.

Program to Rescue Stray Cats in Sylvan Lake Continues Please contact Sylvan Lake resident Linda Wasche if you spot stray and homeless cats in the community. Linda has been rescuing strays in Sylvan Lake for the past 5 years. The cats that are sociable and adoptable get health checked, vaccinated, spayed or neutered and put up for adoption. The few that are wild or feral have been health checked, vaccinated, spayed or neutered and returned to the community to live out their lives. This is all being done by Linda at no cost to Sylvan Lake. If you know of strays on your street, please contact Linda at Lindaw@nootersclub.org or 248-253-0300 (evenings only please). Also contact Linda if you are interested in adopting a loving cat or kitten for your family.

Website Make sure you visit our website at www.sylvanlake.org for regular and current information.

Summer Calendar of Events

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

Planning Commission - 1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Committee - 1st Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

City Council - 2nd Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

City Council Study Session - 4th Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

July 4	Annual Fireworks by the Oakland County Boat Club(rain date July 9 th)
July 31	City Hall open for Absentee Ballots Only from 9 to 2
August 3	Primary Election
August 3	Last day to file petition for City Council
August 14	Kids Day 11to 5 at the Community Center
August 19	Annual Ice Cream Social from 6 to 7:30 at the Community Center
August 20	Water Bills Due
Sept 14	Summer taxes due

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