



CITY OF SYLVAN LAKE

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Relax on Sylvan



There is always that one summer that changes you!



Fired up for what's on the way!

Summer Community Events – Soak it up with concerts in parks, game night, knitting, yoga, paddleboard, pickleball, bocce, volleyball, and tennis. Give yourself a sweet treat with the annual ice cream social or watch the sky sparkle with the fireworks. Get into the food spirit with the many food trucks. Other great events: Memorial Day Parade, Blood Drive, Veterans coffee, or join a bocce and/or volleyball league. Check out the calendar on the last page for dates and times. Check the city website calendar for the most up-to-date information.

www.Sylvanlake.org/calendar.php Click on the event for more info.



Phone numbers you may need:

Police: 248.682-2104
Chief: 248.672.0602
City Hall: 248.682.1440
Fire Dept: 248.682-6161
Building Permits: 248.433.7715
Code Enforcement:
 248.682.1440 X 222
Comcast Cable: 888.266.2278
AT&T Cable: 800.288.2020
WRC Front Desk (General Inquires): 248-858-0958
After Hours Emergency:
 248-624-6366

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CITY HALL

NEW ORDINANCE - Outdoor fires are allowed with a few rules:

- Fire must be no larger than three (3) feet in diameter and two (2) feet in height.
- Materials must be seasoned firewood – **no green wood, leaves, trash, or construction materials.**
- Fire must be more than 25 away from any building that is not on your property, and more than 15 feet from any building on your property.
- Fire must be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished.
- A fire extinguisher shall be accessible and be a minimum five-pound ABC extinguisher.
- Fire must be extinguished if it becomes a nuisance to nearby properties. (i.e., excessive smoke, odor, ash).
- Outdoor open burning may also be temporarily suspended by the Fire Chief or his/her designee as warranted by weather or other conditions.



The new ordinance has specific requirements to help residents plan and construct outdoor fireplaces, fire pits, and outdoor stoves, along with requirements for bonfires, which are closely regulated. Ordinance 367 can be found at <https://www.sylvanlake.org/government/ordinancecharter.php>



Water/Sewer Rates Increase: Rates have not increased for 5 years. New rates will be on your August 2024 bill.

Water: \$6.60 per 1,000 gallons and \$61.69 base fee
Sewer : \$8.50 per 1,000 gallons and \$72.95 base fee



Garbage & Rubbish rate increase The market has changed a lot since our last contract. GFL will continue to pick up trash, recycle, and yard waste. Along with our fall leaf collection. The cost of \$311.76 per household will be levied on the winter tax bill.



Message from the Chief...

In mid-May, Officer Nora Downs will leave us to take a permanent full-time position with the Franklin Police Department. Nora has been a welcome addition to our community, and we wish her the very best in her new adventure.

I am pleased to introduce our newest police officer, Perry Edgell, who will join us on April 29th. Perry comes to us with a plethora of law enforcement experience. He began his law enforcement career with the Birmingham Police Department in 1993, and two years later, he transferred to the Royal Oak Police Department, where he distinguished himself as a detective. While with the ROPD, Perry was highly decorated and won the Officer of the Year honors twice and Detective of the Year once. Perry took advantage of an early retirement option in 2013 and started over again with the Farmington Hills Police Department. In his first year at FHPD, Perry was once again awarded the Officer of the Year.

I have personally known Perry for many decades, and I can attest that he is a man of high character and integrity. Perry has always placed a priority on community-oriented policing and treating everyone he comes in contact with respect and dignity. In addition to road patrol, Perry will also be handling all of our investigations.

We are all looking forward to the warmer months and enjoying all the unique amenities Sylvan Lake has to offer. This year, our Park Rangers will be much more proactive in ensuring everyone at our beaches, parks, and sports facilities have the proper tags. Please be patient with the Park Rangers and remember they don't make the rules; they just enforce them.

Police Department

The police department is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is located on the north (right) side of the lower level of City Hall. Call 248-682-2104. City Hall can NOT help you with Police issues.



JOIN SYLVAN LAKE'S COMMUNITY GARDEN!



The City of Sylvan Lake is excited to announce open beds in our Community Garden. We thank Jon Farms for spearheading and cultivating this wonderful initiative. While we currently have only a limited number of beds available this year, we are establishing a waitlist for interested residents. Depending on the level of community interest we receive, we may explore opportunities to expand the garden further.

Any resident interested in participating is encouraged to complete the [Share Garden Agreement](#). You can drop off your completed agreement at city hall or email it to cityhall@sylvanlake.org. Don't miss out on this chance to cultivate green spaces and community bonds!

PARKS & GATES

Just being a resident or wanting to launch a boat, does NOT authorize you to open any of the gates.



All City parks are private and for the enjoyment of registered Sylvan Lake residents and their guests only.

City Hall sells Park tags, Sports tags, and boat ramp keys to make sure those using the parks are residents.

During the summer months, we have Park Rangers patrol the park areas and will ask to see your tag. If you do not have one, you will be asked to leave the park.

We also have gates on Ferndale and Lakeview streets closed daily from around Memorial Day to Labor Day. The gates are closed around noon and

open no later than 9:00 p.m., depending on the weather and how busy the parks are.

The Police, Park Rangers, and City Employees are the only ones authorized to open or close the gates.

Access to the boat ramp is from Pontiac Drive

Access to the Ferndale Park is from Oakwood

Access to Lakeview beach and all of Lakeview street is from Cheltingham at Garland.

- Beach Tags - \$30 (\$25 for Senior Citizens 65 years of age and older)
- Sports Tags - \$50 (tennis and pickleball courts, bocce courts, or volleyball court)
- Boat Ramp Key - \$50,
Tags and keys will be issued only to persons showing proof of residency in the City of Sylvan Lake. Residents purchasing a Boat Ramp Key must purchase a watercraft sticker for each watercraft they intend to launch at the boat ramp or dock at their dock space. The watercraft must be registered to a Sylvan Lake resident with the resident's name and address on the registration.

Dogs in the Parks

1. Dogs are **only** allowed on the parking lot side of the Community Center Park (Not on the lakeside of Pontiac Drive)
2. **Dogs are strictly prohibited in any of the following park areas.**
 - (1) Ferndale Park
 - (2) Community Center Park west of Pontiac Dr
 - (3) Lakeview Park & Beach area
 - (4) Memorial Park

The police will issue tickets for unleashed dogs, unlicensed dogs, and not cleaning up after your dog. The penalty for violating this ordinance is a misdemeanor with a minimum fine of \$150. Dogs may be walked on a leash directly to your boat.

When walking a dog off private property, the dog must be under reasonable control of its walker and held securely by a leash of suitable strength, not to exceed six feet (6') in length.

- Dogs are not to be off their leash *at any time.*
- While walking your dog, you must pick up after them.
- Dogs are not allowed to be tied up in the park.

You can use the canal near the bridge or the boat ramp if you want your dog to go in the water.

Dog/Cat License Renewal Dog owners will receive a renewal form from Oakland County Animal Control. New Owners should register their dog at 4 month. The cost is:

<u>License Type</u>	<u>License Fee</u>	<u>Senior License Fee</u>
1 Yr. Spayed/neutered	\$15	\$14
1 Yr. Male/Female	\$25	\$23
3 Yr. Spayed/Neutered	\$40	\$37
3 Yr. Male/Female	\$70	\$64
1 Yr. Delinquent after June 1 st	\$40	\$40



Pickleball/tennis courts

Look at those beautiful courts! One of the tennis courts was converted into four pickleball courts. All courts have been repaired, painted, and striped, and new nets have been installed.

COURT RULES

- Courts are for residents only and up to 3 guests.
- A current, valid sports tag is required for every four people and valid ID.
- Sports tag must be hung on the hook.
- Play is restricted to one hour if others are waiting.
- The courts are for tennis/pickleball only.
- Skates, skateboards, bicycles, scooters, and dogs are strictly prohibited inside the fence.
- Children under the age of 10 must be supervised by an adult at all times.



Courts can be reserved through a group app: GroupMe, SL Pickleball 2024
Contact: Karen Berkfield, Mary Lewis, or Feather Buchanan

Petitions for City Council Seat There will be two openings on the City Council this November. If you are interested in serving a four-year term, you must have your petition signed and returned to City Hall by 4:00 p.m. on July 23, 2024. If you would like more information, please call City Hall.



Primary Election Vote: August 6th at the Community Center. You will be voting for party candidates to be placed on the November ballot.

How do I establish which party's ballot I am entitled to vote when participating in a partisan primary? You may vote the primary ballot for a single political party. If you vote in more than one partisan section of the ballot, the partisan

portion will be rejected.

Under Michigan law, you do not have to make a party choice until you have marked your ballot.

Absentee Ballots City Hall will be open Saturday, Aug 3rd, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for *absentee ballots only*. **Early voting** begins July 27, 2024, and goes through August 4, 2024. Watch for more information.

Recreational Vehicle Storage

Please remember that you must store/park 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 only for the summer (April 1st to October 31st). RVs and/or boat trailers cannot be parked on the road right-of-way at any time. Only two RVs are allowed on one property at a time, and a boat hoist is considered an RV. RVs cannot be connected to water, sewer, or electricity on private property.



NEWCOMER TO THE CITY >>>

Look to the website www.sylvanlake.org

Signup for newsbytes: Scroll to the bottom of the website home page to sign up. Newsbytes are emails sent periodically for important information and events. Newsletters are only sent twice a year. See the city's website calendar for more information. *There is also a welcome letter to help you get to know the city.*

Welcome
We're Glad You're Here!

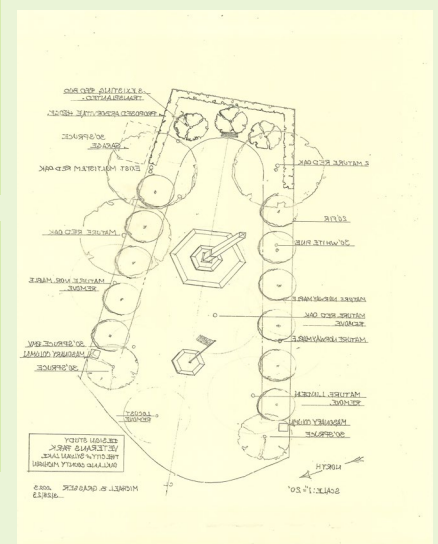
WHAT HAPPENED TO MEMORIAL PARK?



Tree trimming and removal were done at Memorial Park, and we will relocate some of the trees. City Hall has a plan drawn up that will open up the park so people can see that it is much larger than the small triangle in the front. Most people didn't know it was 150 feet deep. Here is the new plan.

Trail clean up and widening. The surface was way too

narrow, and the brush and vines were overhanging the trail, making it potentially dangerous for bikers and walkers. The terrible invasive species, especially vines that were killing everything and growing like weeds were removed.





Tree Planting. The city has once again worked with ReLeaf Michigan, planting 20 trees. The planting was completed on Saturday, May 11. It was a little dreary early but brightened up quickly. Again, a big thank you to Michigan ReLeaf, DTE, who donated the trees, and all the volunteers willing to learn about and assist in the tree planting. Thank you to Mike Weslock, who offered the service of seven of his employees. They made the work go very quickly.

The City does not cut down trees unnecessarily. The vast majority of trees removed are either invasive species choking out good trees or dangerous trees with the fear of falling and injuring people or property. A few have been necessarily removed to complete a project.

Memorial Day Parade Join us for our annual Memorial Day Parade and a wonderful ceremony to follow at Memorial Park to remember those who have gave their lives so we can have our freedom. Monday May 27, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. Parade starts at City Hall and ends at Memorial Park. The Ceremony begins at approximately noon when all parade participants have arrived.

Celebrating 20 Years – Clinton River Trail



Join the 20th anniversary celebration at Goldner Walsh 559 Orchard Lake Road, Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Guest speaker Todd Scott.

Look for art on the trail this spring through fall. The DIA art inside/out project brings high-quality reproductions of the DIA's collection to outdoor venues. The 5 cities on the CRT will get to participate (Sylvan Lake, Pontiac, Auburn Hills, Rochester Hills, and Rochester).

City Manager Highlights

So much has been happening over the past few years. The City is in fantastic shape physically, financially, and socially. We have seen the construction of many homes, large additions, remodeling projects, and accessory structures. Our amenities, most of which are mentioned in this newsletter, are unmatched by cities several times our size. All of which are improved and maintained while being very frugal with our finances. Memorial Park is our next beautiful project and will likely take a couple of seasons to complete. We are very cautious to add “new” things. I’ve said for many years that we can’t do anything more until we are positive we can maintain what we have, which is not easy with our limited resources.

Socially, we have seen significant change, both positive and negative, in my opinion. The negative is simply bad behavior and not caring how others feel. The positives are our many City and Community events - music, game nights, special activities, food trucks, and the list goes on. Something for everybody. Please enjoy your summer, your family, and your friends. Treat each day like it is special. Be happy and considerate. Love Life.

DOING ANY PROJECTS THIS SUMMER?

KNOW BEFORE YOU DIG!

Property Line Everyone takes pride in their property. Be courteous to your neighbors and discuss with them anything you may be doing close to the property line. This may be planting shrubs or flowers, planting or trimming trees or installing or removing a fence.

Building & Zoning Permits Building permits must be obtained if you are going to do 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. Permits are required for a few reasons, safety being the primary reason. It is very important that work performed in your home meets the current codes and regulations. Even something as small as adding a circuit to your electrical panel or installing a water heater needs to be inspected. Both could have disastrous consequences if installed improperly. If you have a contractor do the work for you, make sure they have pulled the appropriate permits. If you have questions on how the permit process works, please call City Hall.

Ordinance Hotline This is a reminder for residents to call in with any ordinance violations you may see. This includes residents doing work without a permit. You do not have to identify yourself, but we need you to provide an address and description of the problem. Call 248-682-1440 extension 222 after hours or you can contact the police immediately by calling 248-682-2104. That will go directly to the West Bloomfield dispatch, day or night, and they will have a Sylvan Lake police officer respond to your call.

Watering/Irrigation Ordinance Just a reminder there is 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 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.

A water user may **manually irrigate** residential landscaping utilizing garden hoses and sprinklers provided the irrigation is not connected to an automatic system and 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.

All irrigation is also restricted based on your address with even address allowed to water Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday and odd address allowed to water Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

2024 Calendar

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May				1 Game Night 6:30p	2 Yoga 6:30p	3	4
	5	6	7	8 Plan Commission 5p City Council 7p	9 Yoga 6:30p Knitting 6:30p	10	11 Tree Planting
	12	13	14 Book Club 6:30p	15 Game Night 6:30p	Garden Club 12:30 p 16 Yoga 6:30p Craft Night 6:30p	17 Shredding-Senior Drop Off 4p	18 Shredding 9a
	19	20 Water Bill Due	21	Game Night 6:30p 22 20th Anniversay for the Trail at Golden Walsh 7p	23 Yoga 6:30p Knitting 6:30p City Wide Garage Sale 9a	24 City wide Garage Sale 9a	25 City wide Garage Sale 9a
	26	27 Mem orial Day Mem orial Day Parade 11:30a	28 Study Session 6p	29 Game Night 6:30p	Yoga 6:30p 30 Concert-Bonnie & The Working Girls 7p Lakeview Park, 2390 Pon	31 Trash Pickup 7a	
Jun							Sylvan Shuffle 9a Garden Club Plant 1 Exchange 10a at Mem orial Park Sylvan Shuffle 9a
	2	3	Big Chief 4 Barbershop Chorus 7p	5 Game Night 6:30p	6 Yoga 6:30p Knitting 6:30p	7	8
	9	10	11 Book Club 6:30p	12 Plan Commission 5p City Council Meet 7p Food Truck-Detroit Panzerotti 5p	13 Yoga 6:30p Concert-Charuba 7p Lakevie Park/1615 Lakeview	14	15
	16	17	18	19 Game Night 6:00p	Garden Club 12:30 p Yoga 6:30p 20 Whoa Taco 5p Concert- Kathleen Murray & Soul Commission 7p	21	22
	23	24	25 Study Session 6p	26 Game Night 6:00p	Yoga 6:30 p 27 Concert- Caleb Malooley 7p LakeviewPark/1615 Lakeview	28	29
	30 Veded Out Brunch Ferndale Park 10a						
Jul		1	2	3 Fireworks at dusk	4 Indep. Day-City Hall Closed Yoga 6:30p	5 Trash Pickup	6
	7	8	9 Book Club 6:30p	10 Planning Commission 5p City Council 7p Food Truck-The Burger Joint 5:00p	11 Yoga 6:30p Knitting 6:30p	12	13
	14	15	16	17 Game Night 6:00p	18 Garden Club 12:30p Yoga 6:30p	19	20 State Bocce Championship 8a
	21	22	Study Session 6p 23 Petitions Due for City Council 4p	24 Game Night 6:00p	Yoga 6:30p Food Truck - Veded Out 5p 25 Ferndale, Concert-Isaac Ryder, Ferndale Park/2208 Garland 7p	26	Early Voting Begins 27 and goes through Aug 4th 8:30a-4:30p
	28	29	30	Game Night 6:00p 31 Food Truck-Heros & Villians 5p			
Aug					1 Yoga 6:30p	2	City Hall Open 7a-3p 3 Absentee Ballots Only
	4 Last day for Early Voting ends 4:30p	5	6 Primary Election 7a	7 Game Night 6:00p	Yoga 6:30p Food Truck-HogzBBQ & 8 Sucree Ice Cream 5p Concert-James Taylor Tribute Band 7p	9	10
	11	12	13 Book Club 6:30p	14 Plan Commission 5p City Council 7p	15 Ice Cream Social 6p Celebrate Sylvan 6p	16	17
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Sep	1	2 Labor Day	3	4 Game Night 6:30p	5 Yoga 6:30p	6 Trash Pickup	7
	8	9	10 Book Club 6:30p	11 Planning Commission 5p City Council 7p	12 Yoga 6:30p Knitting 6:30p	13	14 Summer Property Tax Due
	15 Food Truck -Veded Out 5p	16	17	18 Game Night 6:30p	19 Garden Club 12:30 p Yoga 6:30p	20 Household Hazardous Waste- Senior Drop Off 4p	21 Household Hazardous Waste 9a
	22	23	24	25 Game Night 6:30p	26 Yoga 6:30p Knitting 6:30p	27 Shredding-Senior Drop Off 4p	28 Shredding 9a
	29	30					

Co-Ed Volleyball games at 6:30p & 7:30p Thursday nights at the Community Center Park

Bocce Leagues: There are three leagues. During league play, the courts are in use starting at 5:30 PM.

- [Tuesday night - Parks and Rec league. All slots are full, but subs are needed. Contact Patrick Runk at parksandrec@syvanlake.org.](mailto:patrick.runk@syvanlake.org)
- Wednesday night - The Sylvan Bocce Club league - 16 Teams. This is very competitive play, slots may be full for 2024. Mike Grasser is the league President.
- Thursday night which is an open league for residents only. 2 or 3-person teams, a more laid-back play.