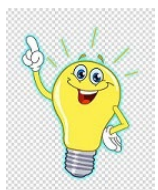




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**CITY OF SYLVAN LAKE**



**DO YOU HAVE A  
 COMMUNITY EVENT IDEA?**

We encourage all residents to propose and follow through with an idea to bring Sylvan Lake residents together for activity, social acceptance, comradery, individual well-being, reflection, laughter, community, or any other type of enjoyment. This doesn't go through a committee or group. Contact City Hall to discuss, apply for, and see through, any possible activity without fear of intimidation or social rebuttal.

**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
- 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

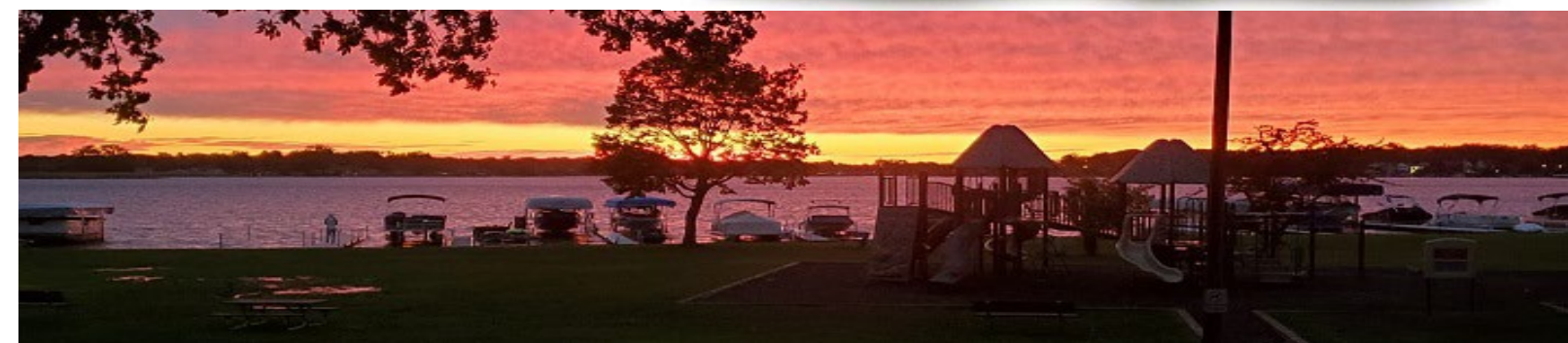


Sylvan Lake is a unique community with many volunteers that make it a great community. There are a number of opportunities for residents and students to get involved.

- **Board, Commissions or Committees**
- **Elections**
- **Memorial Day Parade/Fireworks**
- **Parks & Rec**
- **Community Events**

Want to volunteer? Fill out the application and submit to City Hall.

[https://sylvanlake.org/residents/citizen\\_involvement/board\\_and\\_commissions.php](https://sylvanlake.org/residents/citizen_involvement/board_and_commissions.php) If you have questions call City Hall.



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## Just Moved to the City?

If you are a new resident in Sylvan Lake, City Hall is here to help you. **Sign up for newsbytes to get the last information. Use our website**

**[www.sylvanlake.org](http://www.sylvanlake.org)**, to find what you are looking for. We can assist with many things, including:

- new homeowner packet
- parks, boat dock info, sports tags
- voter registration
- request to place your name on our permanent absentee voter list.
- yard waste stickers
- maps
- Updated information can be found on our website [www.sylvanlake.org](http://www.sylvanlake.org)
- **How would you like to receive this newsletter? Electronic or paper? Let City Hall know by calling 248.682.1440 or emailing [cityhall@sylvanlake.org](mailto:cityhall@sylvanlake.org). Provide your address and email if electronic.**

### Property Transfer Affidavit

This form must be filed whenever real estate is transferred to a new owner (even if you are filing a deed). It must be filed with us within 45 days of the transfer to avoid penalties.

### Trash Collection

Trash day is Thursday. Trash, recycling, and yard waste may not be placed at the curb before 5 p.m. Wednesday. Cans/bins must be brought in by 7 p.m. Thursday. Recycling bins are available at City Hall.

### Overnight Parking is prohibited from 2 am – 6 am on any street

### Water/Sewer Bills

Bills are mailed quarterly and due Feb 20, May 20, Aug 20, and Nov 20

**The due date for all City business is the actual due date - no extension due to weekends or holidays. Postmarks are not accepted.**

Access to the **boat ramp** on Ferndale is from Pontiac Drive

Access to the **Ferndale Park** is from Oakwood.

Access to the **Lakeview beach** and all of Lakeview Street is from Cheltingham at Garland

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**Kayak storage** spaces are available at the Community Center Park for \$25 for the season. Contact City Hall to be placed on the wait list.

### Parks & Gates

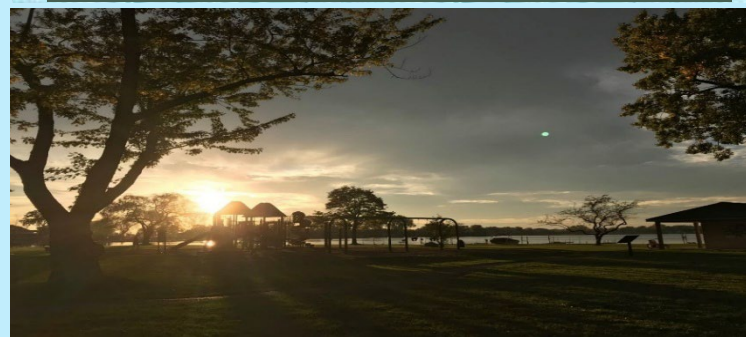
#### Do NOT open or close the gates.

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

Gates on Ferndale and Lakeview streets are 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 weather and how busy the parks are.



If our beach is chosen, Oakland County Health Division will begin bacti sampling in June. OCHD will post beach closures at the beach and re-opening information on its website. Also, sample results will be listed on the MDEQ beach monitoring website.

### What Happens When You Purchase a Property?

You should expect an increase in taxes, sometimes a significant increase. When a property or interest in a property is transferred, the following year's state equalized value (SEV) becomes that year's taxable value. You pay property taxes based on the taxable value. The SEV or Assessed Value is roughly 1/2 of the true cash value.

### What Sales Information is Used in Determining Assessments?

A 24-month sales study is performed to determine property assessments. The State Tax Commission determines the timeframe.

Example:

Last year, you purchased a new home for \$312,000. The home was valued at \$311,060 (true cash value) with Assessed Value and State Equalized Value at \$155,530 and a Taxable Value of \$124,210.

Sales in the neighborhood show that the property has increased to \$324,140 for the current year.

Current Year:	
Assessed Value is (1/2 of \$324,140)	\$162,070
Taxable Value	\$162,070

### You Added A Family Room to Your Home

Last year, your home valued at \$200,000 had a \$100,000 SEV and a Taxable Value of \$80,000. You added a family room addition valued at \$40,000 (true cash value).

Sales in the neighborhood show that the true cash value of your property (with the addition) has increased to \$240,000.

Current Year:	
Assessed Value (1/2 of \$240,000)	\$120,000 (You are not taxed on this value)
Capped Value: (\$80,000 x 1.05*) + 50% of 40,000	\$104,000
Taxable Value, the lesser of SEV or CV	\$104,000 (You are taxed on this value)

\*Calculating Inflation Rate Multiplier- The change in inflation that would have been applied in the 2023 assessment was 7.9%. However, Proposal A limits the increase to a maximum of 5%.

If you believe the assessed value is more than half the value of your property, you may appeal the assessment and taxable values at the Board of Review in March. Read your assessment notice sent in February for detailed information.

## Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Senior Program

### 2023 Season

The CDBG Program is funding provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through Oakland County to local municipalities to assist the Communities. Sylvan Lake participates in the program to provide lawn services to Seniors.

To qualify for assistance, you must be a Sylvan Lake resident, 62 years or older, with an income less than \$28,000 for one per household or \$32,000 for a two-person household. You will need to complete the application, and provide identification that indicates your age along with your 2022 Income tax return. Funding for assistance is limited, so please apply early.

**The services provided may include lawn cuts and fall yard clean-up.**

[Click here for an application or stop by City Hall.](#) **The application and your ID must be submitted to City Hall in order to be considered. All documents must be turned in together by April 15th, 2023.**

**Please feel free to contact city hall with any questions at 248-682-1440.**

### Community Center

In addition to holding City meetings, and several community events and activities, the Community Center is available to rent. The Indoor banquet facility with seating for up to 120 and a roofed patio is perfect for showers, birthdays, bar/bat mitzvahs, family reunions, for business meetings/training, and entertaining. Go to [www.sylvanlake.org/community\\_center](http://www.sylvanlake.org/community_center) for more information. Click on the Community Center calendar to see if a date is reserved. The total number of attendees is limited to 150 at a time



### Blood Drive

Midge Davidson hosts the annual American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Community Center. It will be Saturday, September 19, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Be a hero and join the lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today! The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime. Registration will be provided on Facebook closer to the event.

## Noteworthy Information

### Boat Dock Space

When you become a resident (you must live in the City) you may sign up to be added to the boat dock waitlist. This is the beginning process in leasing a City Boat Dock Space. The current wait time is approximately six years.

### Do Not Open or Close the Gates

When the gates are closed, it means the road is closed to ANY motorized traffic, including golf carts, motorcycles, or any other vehicle. With very few exceptions, only the Police, Park Rangers, and City Employees are authorized to open or close the gates. Being a resident or wanting to launch a boat does not authorize you to open any of the gates or drive

### No Construction on Sunday

City Code prohibits construction or building activity on Sundays or legal holidays. Construction hours are limited to 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Mon-Sat

**Check with City Hall before doing any work. A zoning permit is usually needed.**

### Golf Carts

State Law doesn't allow golf carts on the street. Do NOT drive your golf cart down to the beach or anywhere else in the city. The Police will be issuing tickets.

### Garage Sales

You are allowed to have two garage sales in a year, and a permit is required. There is a citywide garage sale sponsored by the Sylvan Lake Home & Garden Tour, Thursday-Saturday prior to Memorial Day. Permits are available for all sales at City Hall. No signs are allowed in the road right-of-way or on City property. Signs must be removed within 24 hours of the final day.

### The City Communicates via Electronic Newsbytes.

The city will inform residents of important information through this method. To receive the electronic newsletter, sign up on the home page at [SYLVANLAKE.ORG](http://SYLVANLAKE.ORG).

**Tags & Keys** will be issued only to persons showing proof of Sylvan Lake residency.

- Beach Tags - \$30 (\$25 for Senior Citizens 65 years of age and older). Each Park/Beach tag entitles the resident's household plus 8 guests to the use of the park and beach areas.
- Sports/Tennis Tags - \$50 Each sports tag entitles a resident to use the tennis and pickleball courts, bocce courts or volleyball court with a maximum of 3 guests.
- Boat Ramp Keys - \$50
- Watercraft Sticker - \$15
- 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.

### Police Department

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

### Boards & Commissions

**Planning Commission** works closely with the City Manager and is an advisory group to City Council. The review zoning ordinances, re-zoning requests, and site plan reviews, to help guide commercial developments to best benefit the city. Please watch the calendar for scheduled meetings.

**Zoning Board of Appeals** is a quasi-judicial board that hears appeals from property owners seeking a variance from the zoning ordinance. They meet only when necessary.

**Board of Review** hears and acts on appeals regarding property assessment. They meet in March, July & Dec

**Tri-City Fire Board** meets quarterly and discusses and acts on various issues pertaining to the Tri-City Fire Dept. which is contracted with West Bloomfield Fire Dept.

**West Bloomfield Cable Commission** meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month and makes recommendations on funds provided in the franchise agreements and maintains a line of communication in the community.

## Ice Cream Social

Sponsored by the Sylvan Lake Garden Club is one of Sylvan Lake's most popular events since 1965! Come to the Community Center and meet new neighbors August 17<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 p.m. Choose homemade desserts and ice cream for \$2.00. Beverages will be available too. You may want to bring a lawn chair or a blanket.

## Veterans' Coffees

The Vets gather monthly at 1615 Lakeview. All Lakes Area Veterans are warmly welcome! Please call Greg Miller @ 313-575-2753 to submit your contact information for future gatherings.



## Food Trucks/Concerts in the Park

Sylvan's fourth annual food truck tour is almost fully booked and features the return of your favorites as well as an introduction to several impressive new 5-star vendors. We call these events 'community suppers'—supporting small businesses, socializing with friends, and breaking bread—together and Sylvan Strong.

The 2024 Sylvan Summer Concert Series is packed with extraordinary talent. The bigger shows are at our Community Center, and solos and duos are often playin' on Lakeview. Bring a blanket or chair, help yourself to a cold beverage from the silver community cooler. Kick back and enjoy a variety of music genres that will absolutely amaze you. Many residents are sponsors of bands. Join in the fun!

The most up-to-date schedules, including changes, can be found on the Spirt of Sylvan community events calendar Facebook page.

For questions regarding food trucks contract Danielle 248-762-1149 and Kelli for concerts 248-797-6730.



The Michigan State Dog Law of 1919 requires all **dogs to have a license within 30 days of ownership.** Residents may purchase a dog license at City Hall, from many veterinary offices, or online at [oakgov.com/petadoption](http://oakgov.com/petadoption).

In June Oakland County Animal Control Census Team will begin going door to door. Residents found to be housing dogs that are not licensed will be issued courtesy citations and given a period of time to comply with the law. Sylvan Lake ordinance limits each household to two (2) dogs.

*When walking a dog* off private property, dogs must be under reasonable control of their 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.
  - Dogs are not allowed in any park areas, with two exceptions.
1. Dogs are allowed in the following park areas only:
    - (1) Lakeview from Pontiac Drive to Cheltingham (**NOT within the beach area**)
    - (2) Community Center Park east of Pontiac Drive (Not on the lake side of Pontiac Drive)
  2. Dogs are strictly prohibited and shall not be allowed in any of the following park areas.
    - (1) Ferndale Park
    - (2) Community Center Park west of Pontiac Dr
    - (3) Lakeview Beach area
    - (4) Memorial Park

If you *want your dog to go in the water* you can use the canal near the bridge, or boat launch.

**Dogs chasing geese** – Periodically, the City contracts with Goose Busters to use their trained dogs to chase the geese out of the parks in the City. They will patrol the Ferndale, Lakeview, and Community Center Park areas.



Oakland County Water Resources

Commission (WRC) has taken over the operation and maintenance of the City of Sylvan Lake's water and sewer systems as a succession plan for John Martin when he retires. John has been the City's State-Certified Water/Sewer distribution operator for more than 35 years.

For now, City Hall will continue to serve you with water and sewer billing, and you will pay your bills as you have in the past.

**ALL requests and notifications should be submitted directly to WRC (see telephone numbers on the back page).** Examples are reporting a water main break, sewer backup, water quality issue, requests for water shut-off/turn-on for maintenance, broken stop box (water shutoff to your home), water or sewer tap, etc. These are just examples. Again, all requests or reporting issues must be submitted to WRC. Final water reading requests can be scheduled on [our website](#).

**Payments can be made in person at City Hall, placed in the drop box by the front door, or paid online.**

Accepted payments are cash, check, debit, or credit cards. You may also sign up to have your account automatically deducted on the due date. Contact City Hall to have your bill emailed to you.

[https://sylvanlake.org/residents/your\\_home/utility\\_bills/index.php](https://sylvanlake.org/residents/your_home/utility_bills/index.php)

**If Your Dog Poops**



**You must scoop...**

**Even If No One Sees You!!**

## Police Chief

The Sylvan Lake Police Department is a full-service police department. Although we are small, we provide 24/7 coverage. We do, however, contract out dispatch services. That means when a resident calls for police service, the call will be answered by a West Bloomfield dispatcher and the dispatcher will route the call to a Sylvan Lake police officer. We also contract out fire and medical services to the West Bloomfield Fire Department.

Generally, we will have one officer on the road at any given time. Because many calls for service do require a two-officer response, officers from Keego Harbor and/or Orchard Lake will usually act as back up. Officers from Sylvan Lake, Keego Harbor, and Orchard Lake, the tri-cities, also regularly train together. This partnership helps reduce training costs and ensures all officers responding in Sylvan Lake are trained properly.

Generally speaking our job is to take care of our residents. We are here to protect and serve, and all our officers are strongly encouraged to take the extra step to help people, be problem solvers, and do the little things to try and make a positive and meaningful impact on the people we encounter.

Corey O'Donohue, Sylvan Lake's Chief of Police since January of 2022. He began working in law enforcement in 1993 when the Royal Oak Police Department hired him. He worked his way up through the ranks and served as Royal Oak's Chief of Police for 11 years and for the last 6 of those years he was given the additional responsibilities of Assistant City Manager. During his 30-year law enforcement career he has had the opportunity to work in patrol, training, SWAT, narcotics, investigations, and administration.

**If any resident has any questions or concerns about the police department, please feel free to call Corey any time at 248-672-0602.**

## Code Enforcement

Meet Jim Crowe our part time Code Enforcement Officer. Jim started with Sylvan Lake this past April after retiring as a police and fire dispatcher for Bloomfield Township. Jim is a very good-natured and affable person who is always smiling and upbeat, but he has the often-thankless job of enforcing our city code.

Our code enforcement officer protects our community by helping to ensure businesses and homeowners are in compliance with a variety of city ordinances that are designed to keep Sylvan Lake safe and healthy, as well as preserve property values. It is important to remember Jim doesn't make the rules, he just enforces them.

Jim will respond to complaints from residents and actively look for code violations, and he is always happy to work with any resident to help resolve the issue. The most common code violations Jim has encountered include blight, abandoned vehicles, improperly parked trailers, improperly parked vehicles, tall grass, garbage cans, animal complaints, and house numbers. Some people may think these are small issues, but small issues, if left unattended, become larger issues, sometimes very quickly.

If you have any questions for Jim, please call 248-682-1440 ext. 222.

## 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 only for the summer (April 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>). 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. RV's cannot be connected to water/sewer/electric on private property.



## Sylvan Lake Parks & Recreation –

The Parks & Recreation Committee is a recommending body which reports to the City Manager on the implementation of Parks and Recreation activities, events, maintenance, and improvements.

To sign up for events, go to their Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/114646875232609>

All dates for events are on the calendar on page 8.

### Sylvan Shuffle

Parks & Rec holds this fun 5K run/walk annually in May

### Easter Egg Hunt

Held at the Community Center on the front lawn.

### Bocce Tournament

Held at the Community Center Park in August.

### Adult Field Day

Teams compete in events to take home the Sylvan Cup! This event is held in September.

### Haunted Trail

On the Clinton River Trail – Pontiac Dr. to Benvenue, annually in October

### Harvest Wine Tasting

Held annually in Fall. Bring a bottle of wine to enter the contest, or just come and taste wine and socialize

### Tree Lighting & Cookies with Santa

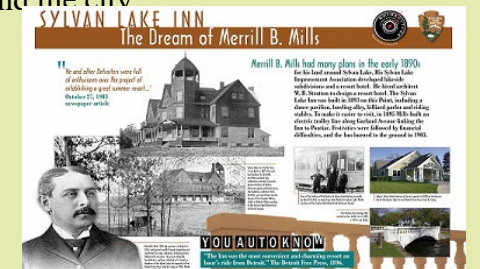
Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting – held at the Community Center front lawn.

## Sylvan Lake History

Helen Jane Peters is our Sylvan Lake Community Historian. Sylvan Lake's recorded history goes back to 1890 when Merrill B. Mills purchased all the land that is now the City of Sylvan Lake. Helen Jane explores the history of Sylvan in five recorded video presentations. To access the presentations go to <https://civiccentertv.com/category/communities/city-of-sylvan-lake/> and watch on demand.

Look for the Motor Cities National Heritage Area Wavside signs around the city

1. Sylvan Lake Inn, the Bridge
2. Detroit Free Press Fresh Air Camp
3. Tower Beach and Ferndale Beach
4. Interurban Trolley
5. Oakland County Boat Club
6. Kit Homes
7. Daniel Whitfield School
8. Four Township Corners



**Memorial Day Parade** – On Memorial Day, the Memorial Day parade marches from City Hall to Memorial Park (Garland and Pontiac Dr.). Starting around 11:30 a.m. Kids can decorate their bikes at City Hall before the parade and then join in the parade. A Veterans’ recognition ceremony follows at Memorial Park. If you would like to participate with a float or march in the parade, contact Margarita Garcia at [sylvanlakeparade@gmail.com](mailto:sylvanlakeparade@gmail.com)



Volunteers are always needed: If you’re available to help, please contact: Margarita (above). Veterans - contact Kathy Robbins at 248-681-7065 or [KathyRobbins@comcast.net](mailto:KathyRobbins@comcast.net) if you’ve not been recognized in the past.

**The Annual Fireworks** display, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, is hosted by the Oakland County Boat Club.



The fireworks will be shot from a barge in the middle of the lake. There is no parking on or along any street, July 3<sup>rd</sup> ( or rain date if necessary), except on approved gravel or paved parking areas. *No Parking signs are put out early but will only be enforced on the day of the fireworks.*

**Community Center Fireworks parking** is available for \$20 on the day of the fireworks. The parking lot will open at **7:00 p.m.** for paid permit parking. 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 starting in June to make sure you have a spot. City Hall hours are Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

**Volunteers are appreciated** to help put up the temporary "No Parking" signs in the city on the morning before July 3<sup>rd</sup> and to help take the signs down and clean up the park the day after the fireworks. Please call 248-682-1440 or email [CityHall@sylvanlake.org](mailto:CityHall@sylvanlake.org) if you would like to help.

**Consumer Fireworks** We want everybody to have a safe and enjoyable July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. With that in mind, please follow the laws pertaining to the use of consumer fireworks. According to State Law and Local Ordinance, no person shall ignite, discharge, or use fireworks within the City at any time, except that, **Consumer fireworks may be ignited, discharged, or used only between 8:00 a.m. and Midnight on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, July 4<sup>th</sup> and July 5<sup>th</sup>** (The day before, of and the day after a National Holiday).

Fireworks may *only* be used on YOUR OWN private property unless you have express *written permission* from the property owner. They may not be used on Public property, including parks, streets, road right of way, or on school, church, or the private property of another. You must be at least 18 years old and cannot be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The above regulations do not apply to low-impact fireworks such as sparklers.

**City Council** is the legislative body comprising five members the voters elect. These elections are non-partisan, and each Council member is elected to a four-year term. The mayor is selected every two years by the vote of fellow Council members and serves as chairperson of the Council.

**City Council meets** the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each Month at 7:30 p.m. **All meetings are at the Community Center and are open to the Public.** (Check the calendar on the website for changes)

Council meetings are Broadcast Live on Ch. 15

(On Demand <https://civiccentertv.com/category/communities/city-of-sylvan-lake/>)

Watch On-Demand <https://civiccentertv.com/category/meetings/sylvan-lake-city-council/>

**City Council Study Session** – City Council generally meets at 6:00 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each Month as needed. Check the calendar on the website to see if a study session is scheduled.



**Contact Information**

Mayor Jim Cowper [CCCowperJ@sylvanlake.org](mailto:CCCowperJ@sylvanlake.org)

Mayor Pro-Tem Sally Segal [CCSegalS@sylvanlake.org](mailto:CCSegalS@sylvanlake.org)

Council Feather Buchanan [CCBuchananF@sylvanlake.org](mailto:CCBuchananF@sylvanlake.org)

Council Ben Clarke [CCClarkeB@sylvanlake.org](mailto:CCClarkeB@sylvanlake.org)

Council Mike Zubrzycki [CCZubrzyckiM@sylvanlake.org](mailto:CCZubrzyckiM@sylvanlake.org)

**The City Manager** is appointed by the City Council to carry out all duties as requested by Council, such as seeing that laws and ordinances are enforced, advising Council as to the financial conditions of the city, preparing the annual budget and submitting it to Council, supervising all employees in the City, overseeing all operations of the City, and many other duties. John Martin is our current City Manager. He was born and raised in Sylvan Lake with his parents, who built their home on Woodland in 1953. He has been a part of Sylvan Lake his entire life, spending countless hours in and around the lake, parks, and community center, boating, swimming, fishing, and bike riding. Before being hired by the city full-time, he worked for the City as a contractor with his dad doing construction, finish carpentry, electrical and plumbing work, and several other jobs as requested. That was in addition to his regular full-time job. John was hired as the DPW manager in 1984 and held that position for almost 8 years. During that time, he was the interim City Manager twice before being appointed City Manager in early 1992. John has accumulated certifications in many fields while working for Sylvan Lake and has seen significant positive change. He couldn’t pull himself away from Sylvan Lake despite many job offers.



**Paddleboarding Classes** are offered Spring to Fall on Sylvan Lake with Luna Moon. Misty is the owner and instructor for paddleboarding and paddleboard yoga. Contact Misty at 248.480.6080.



Another great amenity in Sylvan Lake is our four lakeside **boce ball courts** at the Community Center Park. Bocce Ball is a simple, fun, and easy game for 2-12 players and can be enjoyed by both men and women of virtually any athletic ability. Join a league or play with friends and family.

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@sylvanlake.org](mailto:parksandrec@sylvanlake.org)
- Wednesday night - The Sylvan Bocce Club league - 16 Teams. This is very competitive play, and all slots are full for 2023. 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.

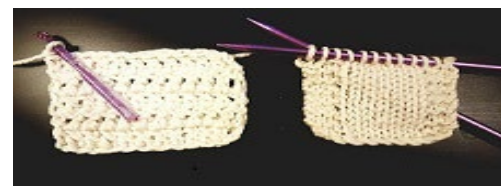
During the day, the courts are open for play except when wet, and playing on them can damage the playing surface. If people walk on them or walk their dog on them when wet, their feet sink into the surface, and then the surface needs to be repaired.

For all three leagues, bocce balls are provided. If someone wants to play other than the leagues, they will need their own bocce balls. Note that "lawn" bocce balls are different from court play.

If someone wants to learn how to play or wants initial instruction in the rules and scoring, several of the Sylvan Lake Bocce Club members would be willing to do this.

Contact Kristin for neighborhood league: [krisnicole83@yahoo.com](mailto:krisnicole83@yahoo.com).

**Sylvan Stitcher's** resident Lori Sheffield, owner of Skeins on Main in Rochester, will teach you knitting, crochet, or both and help you create whatever your dream is to make. All levels are welcome. No judgment or pressure; just work at your pace. They meet twice a month on Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Community Center (see the calendar P8). Bring your needlework, and if you need supplies, let her know. She asks only for a donation for her help. Contact Lori at [skeinonmain@gmail.com](mailto:skeinonmain@gmail.com).



## ENJOY SUMMER IN SYLVAN LAKE

### Game Night

Game night is fun for the community to come together for cards, mahjong, euchre, and games. We meet Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.-winter hours (except the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month) at the Community Center. Summer games are added outdoors from June 14 to Aug 23 from 6-8 p.m. on the front lawn at the Community Center.

We encourage more games and more neighbors. Any games may be played: Bridge, Canasta, board games, etc. Bring a friend or come by yourself. We'll teach you to play mahjong or euchre. If you would like to receive more info about the game night or have further questions, please contact Feather Buchanan at [feather.buchanan@gmail.com](mailto:feather.buchanan@gmail.com). Refreshments are always available. Anyone can bring goodies to share, but it is not mandatory.



**Euchre tournament:** Welcomes euchre enthusiasts to compete on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. A donation of \$5 is requested to compete, and hopefully, you'll win it back at the end of the night. Contact Amy Decatur at 574.514.1919 to reserve your spot or ask questions.

**Co-Ed Volleyball** games at 6:30 & 7:30 p.m. Thursday nights at the Community Center park. A sports tag is required. Look for us on FB: [www.facebook.com/groups/221974001346378/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/221974001346378/)

Parks & Rec League play Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.



### Yoga at the Community Center

Valerie, a resident of Ferndale Street, is a teacher and teacher-trainer with 30 years of experience. In March 2022, she began developing a community-centered yoga group. Classes focus on natural movement, conscious breathing, meditation, and sound healing. Each class is designed for all levels and ages – just come as you are. We meet Wednesday evenings at 6:30 (at 6:00 Council meeting nights), and the cost is still just \$5. Bring a blanket, a mat, and a cup for homemade chai. Valerie sees these classes as a unique opportunity to bring a spirit of ease and well-being into Sylvan Lake. Sign up at <http://bit.ly/3WzSLjk>



## Upcoming Events

### April

- 4/6 Knitting/Crafts 6:30 p.m.
- 4/8 P&R Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m.
- 4/11 & 4/12 Watermain Flushing
- 4/12 Euchre 6:30 RSVP with Amy 574.514.1919
- 4/17 Nosh with Noah 7 p.m.
- 4/18 Mahjong 6:30 p.m.
- 4/19 Planning Commission Meeting 5 p.m.
- 4/19 City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 4/20 Garden Club Presentation
- 4/21 Household Hazardous Waste Senior Drop Off WB Civic Center 4-6 p.m.
- 4/22 Household Hazardous Waste 9A-noon WB Civic Center
- 4/25 City Council Study Session 6 p.m.
- 4/30 SYL Summer Sale & Swap 11 a.m.
- 4/30 Rise & Grind Coffee Truck 9 a.m.
- 4/30 Baby Bear Burgers Food Truck 5 p.m.
- **Wednesday Recurring\*\*\***  
Game Night/Mahjong 6:30 & Yoga 6:30 p.m.

### May

- 5/2 West Bloomfield School Election 7A-8 p.m.
- 5/4 Knitting/Crafts 6:30 p.m.
- 5/9 Mahjong 6:30 p.m.
- 5/10 Planning Commission Meeting 5 p.m.
- 5/10 City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 5/17 Euchre 5:30 RSVP with Amy 574.514.1919
- 5/18 Knitting/Crafts 6:30 p.m.
- 5/19 Senior Drop Off Shredding WB Civic Center 4-6 p.m.
- 5/20 Sylvan Shuffle 9 a.m.
- 5/20 On-Site Shredding 9 a.m.-Noon WB Civic Center
- 5/20 Water Bills Due
- 5/21 Whoa Taco & Sugar and Honey Food Truck 5 p.m.
- 5/23 City Council Study Session 6 p.m.
- 5/29 Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony 11:30 a.m. Starts at City Hall & ends at Memorial Park
- **Wednesday Recurring\*\*\***  
Game Night/Mahjong 6:30 & Yoga 6:30 p.m.

### June

- 6/1 Impasto Food Truck 5 p.m.
- 6/2 Trash Pickup - due to the holiday
- 6/9 Thornetta Davis 8:30 p.m.
- 6/9 No Name Sliders, Meltdown Creamery & Twisted Sugar Bubble Bar Food Trucks 5 p.m.
- 6/13 Big Chief Barbershop Chorus 7 p.m.
- 6/14 City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 6/22 Motor City Brass Band 6:30 p.m.
- 6/22 Hogz BBQ & Sucree Ice Cream Food Trucks 5 p.m.
- 6/27 City Council Study Session 6 p.m.
- 6/29 Community Concert JD Lamb \* Lakeview
- 6/29 Heroes or Villains Food Truck 5 p.m.
- **Wednesday Recurring\*\*\***  
Game Night/Mahjong 6:00 & Yoga 6:30 p.m.

## More Events

### July

- 7/2 Rise & Grind 9A & Vedge Out Brunch 10 a.m.
- 7/3 Oakland County Boat Club Fireworks
- 7/7 Trash Pickup – due to holiday
- 7/11 Mahjong 6:30 p.m.
- 7/12 City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 7/13 Kathleen Murray
- 7/13 IROC it ALL Food Truck 5 p.m.
- 7/19 Euchre 6:30 p.m. RSVP with Amy 574.514.1919
- 7/19 Detroit Panzerotti & Harold's Italian Ice Food Trucks 5 p.m.
- 7/20 Alex Shier \* Lakeview 7 p.m.
- 7/24 Barbershop 7 p.m.
- 7/25 City Council Study Session 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday Recurring\*\*\***  
Game Night/Mahjong 6:00 & Yoga 6:30 p.m.

### Aug

- 8/3 Liz Thorpe \* Lakeview 7 p.m.
- 8/8 Mahjong 6:30 p.m.
- 8/9 Planning Commission Meeting 5 p.m.
- 8/9 City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 8/10 IROC it ALL Food Truck 5 p.m.
- 8/10 James Taylor Tribute Concert 7 p.m.
- 8/16 Euchre 6:30 p.m. RSVP with Amy 574.514.1919
- 8/17 Garden Club – Ice Cream Social 6 p.m.
- 8/19 P&R Bocce Tournament 9:30A to 4 p.m.
- 8/20 Water Bills Due
- 8/20 Fortune Cooking Food Truck 5 p.m.
- 8/22 City Council Study Session 6 p.m.
- 8/23 Sylvan Summer Event 6 p.m.
- 8/27 Julianne Ankley \* Lakeview 7 p.m.
- **Wednesday Recurring\*\*\***  
Game Night/Mahjong 6:00 & Yoga 6:30 p.m.

### Sept

- Knitting/Crafts 6:30 p.m.
- 9/8 Trash Pickup – due to the holiday
- 9/12 Mahjong 6:30 p.m.
- 9/13 City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 9/14 Summer Taxes Due
- 9/16 P&R Adult Field Day Noon to 5 p.m.
- 9/17 Whoa Taco Food Truck 5 p.m.
- 9/19 Blood Drive 10A
- 9/20 Euchre 6:30 p.m. RSVP with Amy 574.514.1919
- 9/21 Knitting/Crafts 6:30 p.m.
- 9/22 Household Hazardous Waste Senior Drop Off- WB Civic Center 4-6 p.m.
- 9/23 Household Hazardous Waste 9 a.m.-noon WB Civic Center
- 9/26 City Council Study Session 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday Recurring\*\*\***  
Game Night/Mahjong 6:30 & Yoga 6:30 p.m.

**Check out the Online Calendar for the MOST up to date information.**



What's all the chatter about **pickleball**? It is the fastest-growing sport. It is quick, easy to learn, very social, works for all ages, and is played on our courts in the Community Center Park.

Pickleball is played with a paddle, a cross between badminton/table tennis.

Temporary schedule:

- Beginners & novices play on Wednesday evenings, Thurs mornings & Sunday afternoons.
- More experienced players play Sunday mornings, Monday & Thurs evenings.

The sessions are all “drop-in” – come and play at no cost. Courts are for Sylvan Lake residents who have a Sylvan Lake sports tag. Extra paddles are generally available to use. Call Mary Lewis at 313.354.2114 or Karen Berkfield at 248.563.8133 for questions.

## Sylvan Lake Garden Club

Do you enjoy nature? Perhaps you're a gardener? Whether or not you're a gardener, join!

Most meetings are held on the third Friday of the month at the Community Center, starting at 12:30 p.m. and running for about two hours. There's always something tasty to enjoy. Come when you can. Annual dues are \$10

**Annual Events:** Hosting Community evening program – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in April  
Participating in Memorial Day activities  
Perennial Plant Exchange and Sale – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in June  
Member Salad Potluck – July meeting  
Ice Cream Social – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in August  
Member Holiday Potluck – December meeting  
April – Oct, they tend the garden at Memorial Park at Garland & Pontiac Dr. Participate as available.

Contact Tina Herzberg at 248.408-4858 or Sue Kohl at 248.672.2405



## Tennis

There is one tennis court that can be used on a first-come, first-served basis, but when people are waiting to use the tennis court, there shall be a maximum time of the tennis court of ninety (90) minutes. You must have a sports tag to play.