

CITY OF ORCHARD LAKE VILLAGE



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As Mayor of the City of Orchard Lake Village I am proud to share with the residents of the city, planned improvements to the City Hall Campus. These improvements include an addition onto the Police Dept along with a new Department of Public Works Facility.

The City is moving ahead with a \$4.5 million bond issue for these improvements. At the June 2021 City Council meeting, City Council unanimously adopted a notice of intent resolution for capital improvement bonds for this project. State law permits city councils to issue bonds directly in cases like this one. They would be issued only after construction bids have been secured.

The newly-adopted budget for Fiscal year 2021-22 and future years, has accounted for the bond payment with no increase in the City's current operating millage (no city tax rate increase). The city is able to accomplish this bond payment for the upcoming fiscal year and future years due to the fact the city has no debt. The last bonds, for water and sewer, were paid off in 2008. This is an advantage to the city as well, when obtaining the best rate on new bonds. Additionally, growth in the city's tax base, fueled by an improving economy, allows the city to absorb the bonding cost without raising the millage rate.

For additional information on the planned improvements, please visit the City's website at www.cityoforchardlake.com.

Sincerely,
Mark Hoffman, Mayor



The City of Orchard Lake Village welcomes Chief Nicholson to Orchard Lake Police Department.

William Nicholson was appointed as Chief of Police on April 21, 2021 after Chief Joe George's retirement. Nicholson retired from Gross Pointe Shores Department of Public Safety in 2019 after 29 years of service as a Police Officer, Sergeant and Lieutenant. He has been married to Jacquelyn for 30 years who is also a retired Police Officer.



- Congratulations to Tony Banks for his recent promotion to Lieutenant. Tony has been working for Orchard Lake Police Department for over 21 years. With the new promotion, Lieutenant Banks will be second in charge of the Police Department in addition to the detective bureau.
- Congratulations to Jeff Gomez for his recent promotion to Sergeant. Jeff has been employed with Orchard Lake Police Department since 2011. We wish him the best of luck on his new promotion.
- Orchard Lake Police Department welcomes the new Police Officers, Kenneth Hunt and Michael Clement. Officer Hunt serviced the Keego Harbor Police Department for the last seven years. Officer Clement came to Orchard Lake Police Department from Royal Oak P.D.

- The Orchard Lake Police Dept. has a new **Facebook** page, "Orchard Lake Police Department". This page is designed to keep our residents up to date on things going on in the city that would affect them, i.e., road closures, detours etc. Please feel free to visit our page.
- Reminder to all residents that The Orchard Lake Police Dept. is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week. If you are in need of an officer, please call dispatch at 248-975-9200. In the case of an emergency, please dial 911. If any resident is going on vacation and would like our officers to drive by their house, please notify us a couple of days before leaving at 248-682-2400 ext. 2.



The City of Orchard Lake Village wants to remind you to help keep the watershed clean!



Many items found in homes, garages, and yards can cause serious stormwater pollution if they are washed into the storm drains and allowed to flow untreated into the Clinton River, its tributaries, and Lake St. Clair. Everyone can prevent stormwater pollution by taking simple steps;

1. Never dispose of paint or paint-related products into the gutters or storm drains. This is illegal dumping.
2. Do not blow, sweep, or hose fertilizer into the street, or storm drain.
3. Clean up after your pet
4. Choose earth friendly landscaping. Use non-toxic products for your garden and lawn whenever possible. Use pesticides sparingly.
5. Conserve water whenever possible.

Rental Housing Registration

The City of Orchard Lake Village has a Rental Housing Registration and Certification Ordinance, Ord. # 5.17 that requires all one (1) and two (2) family homes that are rented to be registered and inspected every two years. The ordinance is designed to promote the continued maintenance of quality and safe rental properties, enhance and maintain the value of all properties, and to reduce the causes of blight affecting neighborhoods.

For more information on how to obtain a Rental Housing Certificate, please contact Orchard Lake Building Department at (248) 682-2400.





Orchard Lake Police Department encourages all residents to be aware of the following provisions in the City Ordinance related to consumer fireworks use;

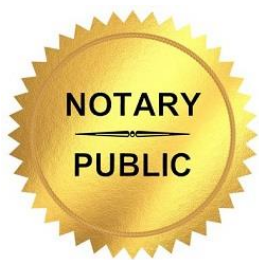
The City Code, Chapter 20 – Fire Prevention, Article IV.- Fireworks Sec. 20-74 Use of Consumer Fireworks Prohibited, shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 20-74. - Use of consumer fireworks prohibited.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to ignite, discharge or use a consumer firework, as such term is defined in section 20-73, except for the use of consumer fireworks from:
- (1) 11:00 a.m. on December 31 – 1:00 a.m. on January 1;
 - (2) 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 p.m. on the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day;
 - (3) 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 p.m. on June 29 and 30 and July 1, 2, 3 and 4;
 - (4) 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 p.m. on July 5, if that date is a Friday or Saturday; and
 - (5) 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 p.m. on the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a person that violates Sec. 20-74 is responsible for a civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine from \$500 to \$1,000. Of said fine, \$500 must be remitted to the City of Orchard Lake Village.
- (c) Consumer fireworks shall not be ignited, discharged, or used on public, school, church or private property of another person without the express written permission from the person or entity legally in possession or control of that property, to use those fireworks on that property.
- (d) Consumer fireworks shall not be ignited, discharged or used by a person under the influence of alcoholic liquor or controlled substance or a combination of both.
- (e) Low-impact fireworks shall not be ignited, discharged or used by a person under the influence of alcoholic liquor or controlled substance or a combination of both.
- (f) Unmanned free-floating devices. Any unmanned free-floating device (sky lantern) which requires fire underneath to propel it and is not moored to the ground while aloft have an uncontrolled and unpredictable flight path and descent area so as to pose a potential fire risk and are therefore prohibited.
- (g) Novelties. This article does not apply to novelties.
- (h) No consumer fireworks may be ignited, launched, or discharged within 30 feet of any house, structure, building or vehicle.
- (i) No consumer fireworks may be ignited, launched, or discharged from, onto or over the Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary.



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Notary Services are available at City Hall. Services are provided at no charge to the residents within the City during normal business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT

Orchard Lake residents will be entitled to participate in the West Bloomfield Household Hazardous Waste Disposal event on Saturday, October 2, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at West Bloomfield Civic Center off Walnut Lake Rd west of Orchard Lake Rd. Please try to organize with your neighbors as the cost to the City is \$50.00 per car. For more information on the type of waste collected, please contact the information hotline at (248) 451-4834 or Orchard Lake City Hall at (248) 682-2400.

Did you know?

City of Orchard Lake Village allows the installation of a secondary water meter for water that is used strictly outdoors that will not enter the sewage system. Water flowing through the secondary meter will only be charged for water, not for sewage treatment. Anyone drawing water from the lake or a well for lawn irrigation would not benefit from this secondary meter. For more information, please visit

http://www.cityoforchardlake.com/departments/water_and_sewer

2021 Summer Property Taxes are due September 1, 2021 without penalty. After September 1st, a 4% penalty is assessed.