

City of Keego Harbor

Keego Harbor, Michigan

Fall 2015 Newsletter

A Message from Mayor Rob Kalman



Your Keego Harbor City Council has been actively working to ensure that our local tax dollars are spent as efficiently and effectively as possible. We aim to provide you with quality public services.

We have made significant investments and improvements to our City over the past year,

including constructing a new seawall at the Willow Beach swim site and purchasing new equipment for our City parks, DPW and police department. We have contracted with a new City planning firm, signed up a new IT service provider to support our computer systems and revamp our web site, and also started a detailed review of our codes and ordinances. We've continued with our road reconstruction project, painted all of our street poles and also replaced our street signs.

I, along with Gino Santia, Linda Voll and Tom Berman, attended a series of seminars put on by Oakland County Economic Development to help us become more attractive to investors. Councilman Tom Berman describes the One Stop Ready program in more detail in this newsletter. Note that we are starting to observe increased attention from residential and commercial builders - and construction of the Magnolia project along Cass Lake Rd will transform the northern entrance to our City. The project will be completed in 2016.

There have been several well attended community events - The Taste of Keego Harbor, Skate Night, a family holiday tree lighting - just to name a few. They've been organized by community volunteers and supported heavily by our Mayor Pro Tem, John Newberry. Our next community event is December 4th.

Please take a few moments to read this newsletter. We have published it to update you on important

issues and events, and to let you know more about the community we all live in.

- Councilman Sid Rubin provides an overview for you of life in Keego Harbor
- Councilman Joel Yoder reports on our local road improvement program
- Mayor Pro Tem John Newberry introduces a new neighborhood watch initiative
- Fire Chief Gregg Flynn, from West Bloomfield Twp., provides us with helpful fire safety tips
- Keego Harbor Police Chief Ken Hurst gives us useful information about his department
- Linda Voll, our City Manager and Clerk, informs us about the November 3, 2015 General Election
- State Rep Tim Greimel updates us on events in Lansing and how it impacts us here in Keego
- Oakland County Commissioner John Scott offers some insight into County government
- Learn about our new City Planners - James Sabo and Gordon Bowdell - from Wade Trim
- Doug Waldon, our DPW foreman, lets you know about all the work he conducts around town
- Roosevelt Principal Dennis Rapal highlights our local K-5 elementary school
- Parks and Recreation information is provided - highlighting their activities over the past year

We are dedicated to our City and innovative in our approach to meeting our future public safety and infrastructure needs.

We encourage you to become involved in helping our City - in whatever way you find meaningful. We are always looking for volunteers to help with events - and have many opportunities on committees and boards.

Our City web site has relevant information for you to review. We are making efforts to ensure all of our codes and ordinances are readily available online, along with transparency documents (via Munetrix) required by the State of Michigan as part of the revenue sharing program.

Contact me with any of your questions or concerns at 248-505-4377, or email me at KHCouncil@gmail.com. Have a good holiday season.

2015-2016 Mark Your Calendars!

October 24, 2015 Pumpkin Carving at Roosevelt Elementary School -10 a.m. - Noon

October 31, 2015 Halloween, Trick or Treat hours 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

November 3, 2015 General Election, City Hall Polls open 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

November 11, 2015 Veterans Day, City Offices Closed to observe Veterans Day

November 26, 2015 Thanksgiving Day

November 26-27, 2015 City Offices Closed to observe Thanksgiving

December 4, 2015 Tree Lighting Ceremony & Family Activities

December 14, 2015 Last day for Yard Waste Pickup

December 15, 2015 Board of Review

December 2015 Holiday Light Judging – Date TBD

December 24, 2015 Christmas Eve – City Offices Open until 3 p.m.

December 25, 2015 Christmas Day, City Offices Closed to observe Christmas

December 31, 2015 New Year's Eve - City Offices Open until 5 p.m.

January 2016 Christmas Trees will be picked up December 26 – January 12, 2015
January 1, 2016 New Year's Day, City Offices Closed to observe New Year's Day

January 18, 2016 Martin Luther King Day, City Offices Closed to observe Martin Luther King Day

February 14, 2016 Valentine's Day and taxes due without penalty

February 15, 2016 President's Day, City Office Closed to observe President's Day

March 8, 2016 Keego Harbor Jacket Club Wild Game Dinner

March 2016 Board of Review – Dates TBD

March 25, 2016 Good Friday, City Offices Open 8 a.m. until Noon

March 26, 2016 Easter Egg Hunt

March 27, 2016 Easter Sunday

April 6, 2016 Yard Waste Pickup begins

May 14, 2016 Boater Safety Class, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

May 30, 2016 Memorial Day Parade and City Offices Closed to observe Memorial Day

June 2016 Neighborhood Beautification Awards. Visit Parks & Recreation Facebook site for info

July 4, 2016 City Offices Closed to observe Independence Day

July 2016 Board of Review – Dates TBD

July 2016 Neighborhood Beautification Awards visit Parks & Recreation Facebook site

August 2016 Neighborhood Beautification Awards visit Parks & Recreation Facebook site

September 5, 2016 Labor Day, City Offices Closed to observe Labor Day

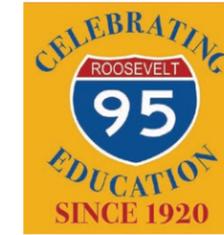
September 14, 2016 Taxes due without penalty

September 2016 Skate Night - Date TBD

September 16, 2016 4th Annual Taste of Keego

Full STEAM ahead!

by Mr. Denny Rapal, Principal,
Roosevelt Elementary School



As we march toward 100 years in operation, Roosevelt Elementary School is heading in a new direction. We will continue to build upon the foundation of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) that Mr. Arthur Ebert, West Bloomfield's newest

Executive Director of Human Resources, laid out for us last year. Our intent on rolling out Project Based Learning (PBL) is one of the ways we will continue to move toward making our students STEAM ready. Project Based Learning is a discovery based approach to education, with the intent being a development in a student's ability to formulate meaningful questions, designing ways to investigate those questions, and learning to work collaboratively to find the answers they seek. It is those skills, the same ones that will prepare them for a future beyond education, that are at the base of what we do at Roosevelt.

Our children begin learning about community, interdependence and working as a team during these first few weeks of school, with a focus on the 4 C's of PBL: Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking and Creativity. This will help to build relationships in our classrooms that allow students to feel comfortable having their voices heard, will teach them to value others' opinions, and provide them the opportunity to take risks without fear of failure. In doing so together, we will lay the foundation for our year of learning STEAM principles through PBL.

Through a united partnership with you, we can be even more successful in preparing our students to be a productive member of a global society. Our message of working together not only holds true for the classroom and building, but with the families and community. The reason Roosevelt is the longest continually operating school building in Oakland County is due to the commitment of the community and school district to see it continue to change and affect lives in this area. That is what we will continue to do as we jump head first into our newest initiative; but we will do so slowly, methodically and purposefully, as to provide our students with the best place in which they can learn. If you are ever interested in seeing this in action, please call 248-865-6620 to set up a tour of our building and check out all the great things happening right in your own backyard. Thank you for joining us for what holds to be yet another great year at Roosevelt!

Planning Department News



The Keego Harbor City Council recently entered into an agreement with Wade Trim for planning services. Wade Trim is a national, multi-discipline consulting firm and employs nearly 400 people in 19 offices, in nine states. The following Wade Trim professionals provide Planning Consulting services to the City of Keego Harbor:

C. James Sabo, AICP, serves as Principal Planner in providing planning and zoning services for the community. James is a Professional Planner with 19 years of experience in community development services. He brings extensive experience in planning and zoning administration including site plan review, historic preservation review, sign review, capital project management, project bidding, budget administration, tax increment financing, economic development, and support staff supervision. He works with the Interim City Manager, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and the City Council in providing professional planning and zoning services. In his role as Principal Planner, James is primarily responsible for coordinating and facilitating plan review, meeting with prospective applicants on code and zoning requirements, and providing various professional planning services requested by the City. James is assisted by Gordon Bowdell.

Gordon Bowdell has four years of experience. Gordon brings experience in planning and zoning administration, site plan review, sign review, variance requests, and historic preservation review. He also has experience in Zoning Map amendments, street/alley vacations, land combinations and splits, and zoning text amendments. Gordon is proficient with BSA software including Building Department, Purchase Order, Business Licensing, Citizen Request for Action, and General Ledger. He also has experience with ArcMAP and other computer software programs.

Gordon has dedicated office hours at City Hall. He will be available for plan review, permit review, and questions on **Thursdays from 9am-1pm**. Residents or property owners with questions regarding zoning and code requirements, land use, fences, sheds, or development activity, may contact the City Hall to make an appointment. Or, please feel free to contact the Planning Department directly at 248-682-1930.



City of Keego Harbor

Messages from your City Council



Left to Right: Sidney Rubin, John Newberry, Joel Yoder, Robert Kalman, and Tom Berman

More New Roads and More Road Maintenance!

by Councilman Joel Yoder

New Roads! By the time you read this, the City will have completed new asphalt on both Stout Street and the west side of Glenbroke Street, contracted through Asphalt Specialists Inc. (ASI). Pridham, Cordell, and Hensman Streets were completed last year. This is the **seventh year** of major investment in our City streets, at no incremental cost to our residents. Did you know?

- Over 50 % of our roads have been resurfaced over the past seven years.
- The Asset Management Plan for Streets developed by the City and one of our engineering firms is now used as a model for communities across the State.
- Our goal is to stagger the program to cover every street over a period of years while putting into place an annual maintenance program.
- We utilize an industry expert to rate the roads, and we resurface the roads identified as in the worst condition first.
- Carr's Inc. performed road maintenance this past summer and crack filled and sealed our roads that have been resurfaced.
- Our continued goal to our residents is to stagger the program to cover every street over the coming years. Early estimates indicate that the Act 51 Funds issued by the State of Michigan will be slightly larger in 2016 than the funds we have received in the past.

We LOVE resident input on the process, and look forward to doing more next year!

Small Community, Big Vision, and Big Success

by Councilman Sid Rubin

Municipalities are a lot like people. They come in all shapes and sizes. Keego Harbor is just one of the smaller City success stories in Michigan.

Kudos to the many volunteers that devote their time, effort and personal resources to say **"THIS PLACE MATTERS"**. Because of them, our community has developed to be known as the small city with a big heart.

All communities are struggling to provide the best affordable services it can offer. Keego Harbor is not immune from the ills of the state and its budget issues. We have chosen to partner with all those who are in a position to help us build a great community.

Keego Harbor, through its partnerships, continues to direct its focus on all types of programs and services that enhance the quality of life in our community. Our motto is, if we build a great neighborhood, we will earn a reputation of contributing to a great community.

Keego Harbor through its recent planned expansion will see a strong prospect for increased home values and new home and business opportunities. The City is seeing a high demand for permits as a result of programs initiated to spur a desire to make Keego Harbor a wonderful place to live and enjoy all of the community events it can offer.

Our focus is not on what's going to happen in the next few months, but worry about where the city is heading long term. The stability of our community is the focus we need to be promoting with great passion.

Recently our City of Keego Harbor was the recipient of an award for being transparent with its residents and business partners. Being transparent about our plans enables us to get better feedback. Every employee and elected official in our city is committed to responding with truthful responses and helping our citizens navigate through the city's web site.

As we look into the future we remain confident in the relevance of our strategy. The strength of our City Council, Police Department, and all the employees and volunteers who continue to prove that our small community with its big vision, continues to have its eye on being a big success story. Contact me at SidRRubin@aol.com

One Stop Ready

by Councilman Tom J. Berman



In the 2014 Fall Newsletter, Rob Kalman (then Councilman and now Mayor) wrote, "Keego Harbor is eager

to partake in the new Oakland County One Stop Ready program". One year later, we're proud to announce that Keego Harbor is a graduate of that program.

OSR is a community focused economic development program built upon self-evaluation, information sharing, and a commitment to providing outstanding customer service. Oakland County partners with local communities to assist them to: i) capitalize on their respective community strengths, ii) refine economic development processes, and iii) implement a local vision. In addition, communities are challenged to think like investors, asking itself questions such as: i) how is our community perceived, ii) would a developer invest here, and finally, iii) what are the developers deadlines.

By answering these questions, initially through self-reflection, and then sharing experiences with one another, including best practices, OSR strives to ensure that communities are committed to being Reliable, Responsible, and Resourceful, or in other words, willing to meet or exceed expectations through timely and outstanding service, willing to continuously improve by developing clear and efficient processes to better serve the community, and willing to respond with urgency in a knowledgeable, creative and agile way.

Being ready for economic and community development means understanding the effects of leadership, process and time, and implementing a culture of collaboration with community stakeholders, businesses, developers and residents. The OSR program encourages communities to think of themselves in the context of a developer, a business or a resident making a decision to locate or invest, in their community.

This past fall Keego Harbor participated in three training courses titled "Economic Context, Community Vision and Management Structure", "An Investor's Perspective", and "Implementation of Best Practices". These courses allowed Keego Harbor to self-evaluate itself and share experiences and best practices with neighboring and other participating communities in an effort to ensure that Keego Harbor will ultimately have an opportunity to attract businesses and future residents by creating a community that is a viable place to live, work and play. By participating in the OSR program, Keego Harbor has made a commitment to the continued and future success of our community.

One additional perk that OSR program offers is that on Friday, October 30, 2015, Keego Harbor will participate in the 2015 Community Showcase at Oakland County's Executive Office Building. There, Keego Harbor will be among other OSR community participants given a chance to connect with, and showcase available properties to developers from not only just Oakland County, but also from the tri-county area, State and Country.

As Keego Harbor's appointed Liaison to the One Stop Ready program, I'm encouraged by our participation, and what I believe it means to the future success of our community, including how we interact with our current residents and businesses, besides the future developers we'd like to attract.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at tom@tomberman.com or 248-952-8525 for more information about the OSR program or if you have any additional questions.

Keego Harbor Neighborhood Watch

by Mayor Pro Tem John Newberry

One of the things I love most about Keego Harbor is our sense of community. Walking down the street, or riding your bike through the neighborhoods, everyone is so happy to wave or say hello – most even stop to chat. I am hoping we can take that sense of community a step further and put together a neighborhood watch! I have always felt safe living and raising my family in Keego Harbor. My hope is that, with this initiative, all of the residents will feel the same way and it will help entice more families to move here.



A neighborhood watch isn't just about keeping an eye out for criminals and reporting suspicious activity, it's about looking out for our friends and neighbors - residents helping to give each other a greater sense of security and well-being.

A meeting will be held on Monday, November 9th at 7 p.m. in City Hall to discuss the program and gain a level of interest. We need as much resident participation as possible to put this program in effect and make it successful. I encourage everyone to come and find out how they can get involved.

I hope to see you there!



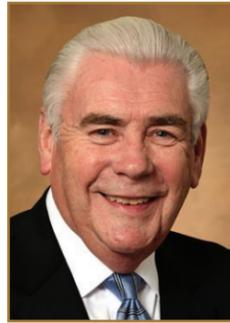
Note from Representative Tim Greimel

As your state representative, and as the leader of the Michigan House Democrats, I am working hard in the Capitol to

address your top priorities in our state. I have heard from many residents who are alarmed at the deteriorating condition of our roads and bridges — and as someone who regularly commutes between our community and Lansing, I share those concerns. I have been working hard to find a solution to pay for our badly needed road and bridge repairs, but efforts in the Republican-led Legislature have come up short so far. I am determined to only support a plan that requires everyone who uses our roads to pay their fair share. I will not support a plan that unfairly burdens hardworking Michigan families.

I am also committed to improving our local schools. School districts have been under enormous pressure lately, as per-pupil funding took a substantial hit four years ago. Properly funding our schools remains a challenge. I look forward to the results of a new study that will determine the true cost of educating our children. With that information in hand, we can make sure our schools are properly funded. I will work to make sure that each Michigan child gets a world-class education, so that they can prepare for our 21st century economy.

Many other issues are also under consideration at the Capitol, including proposals to change our state's auto no-fault insurance system, weaken worker wage protections, establish paid sick leave for our working families. I am always eager to talk with you about these issues or any other matter before our state Legislature. I can be reached at (517) 373-0475 or by email at timgreimel@house.mi.gov. You may also visit my website, Greimel.housedems.com, where you can sign up for regular updates on my work in the Legislature. I hope to hear from you soon.



Update from Oakland County Commissioner John A. Scott

On October 8, 2014 the Oakland County Board of Commissioners approved the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA). To be honest, this was the best of all the bad deals we were offered.

By creating the GLWA the rate payers in Keego Harbor can rest assured they are getting the best deal available for their water and sewer usage.

The GLWA protects the rate payers in Keego Harbor from having to pay for the people in the City of Detroit who do not pay their water bills. With this authority the City of Detroit becomes a wholesale customer just like Keego Harbor. No longer will the cost of supplying water and sewer service to people who do not pay their bills be passed on to the water consumers in Keego Harbor.



Flu Shots: It is Flu Season and as of September 30th the Oakland County Health Division has been offering Flu Shots. Seasonal flu shots are \$20 (high-dose for those 65 and older are \$34, covered by Medicare). Payment options include Visa & MasterCard (credit card use fees apply), Medicare, Medicaid, and health insurance. You may also choose to pay cash (no checks or money orders) at the time of your appointment. To pre-register by phone, call 248-858-7350 (Pontiac) or 248-424-7120 (Southfield). Seasonal flu shots are also available on a walk-in basis.



Farmers Market: Did you know Oakland County has a Farmers Market? Well we do. It is located at 2350 Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford. That is next to the Oakland County Executive Building. This is a perfect time to visit the market. Fresh, locally grown produce along with all of the other items you would expect to see at a Farmers Market are available. If you get a little hungry while shopping we have several food vendors available to serve you. My favorite is the Red Wagon with his slow cooked BBQ ribs, pulled pork and chicken.

City General Election

Tuesday, November 3, 2015



The General Election will be held at Keego Harbor City Hall, located at 2025 Beechmont. Polls open at 7:00am and close at 8:00pm.

Voters will decide who will become our City Council-members and also vote on two citizen initiated ballot proposals that call for amending our City Charter.

The League of Women Voters will hold a candidate forum on October 21st. The community is welcome and encouraged to attend. 7:00pm at our City Hall. The forum will be broadcast live on cable TV. It will be rebroadcast several times before the election. A link to a video of the forum will be placed on the City web site.

There will also be a community wide forum on October 28th. 7:00pm at our City Hall. All who want to learn about the two citizen initiated proposals to amend our City Charter are asked to attend.

Four people are running for two open City Council seats. The two citizen initiated proposals are:

CHARTER AMENDMENT MARIJUANA

“Shall the Charter of the City of Keego Harbor, Michigan be amended by adding a new Section 6.12 to Article 6, entitled “Marijuana,” to state that: “Nothing in the Code of Ordinances shall apply to the use, possession or transfer of 1 ounce or less of marijuana, on private property not used by the public, or transportation or 1 ounce or less of marijuana, by a person who has attained the age of 21 years”?”

YES NO

CHARTER AMENDMENT TERM LIMITS

“Shall the Charter of the City of Keego Harbor, Michigan be amended by adding a new Section 3.3A, to be entitled “Term Limits”, and to read “No person shall be eligible for election as a councilman if that person has served as a councilman for two (2) terms. Serving more than two (2) years of a term shall be considered a full term for the purpose of this charter amendment.”?”

YES NO

All election results are sent to the Oakland County Election Office that evening, where you can view the results online www.oakgov.com/clerkrod/elections.

Absentee applications are available at City Hall during regular business hours. As soon as the ballots are tested the absentee ballots are mailed. City Hall will be open on Saturday, October 31st 2015 (from 9:00am until 2:00pm) for absentee applications and ballots or for election questions.

If you are out of the country and want to vote notify City Hall via email at deputyclerk@keegoharbor.org. An absentee ballot application with specific instructions will be forwarded to you.

Sample ballots are available at City Hall during regular business hours. You can also view a sample ballot on the City website at www.KeegoHarbor.org Click Elections, then click General Election, and then click General Election Ballot. Come out and vote on November 3rd.

1 in 4 Michigan families experience domestic violence.

Live without fear



Oakland County's center for the prevention and treatment of domestic violence and sexual assault

24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Crisis Support Line (248) 334-1274
Toll-Free Crisis Line (877) 922-1274
www.haven-oakland.org





West Bloomfield Fire Department

This time of year brings changing leaf color, cooler temperatures and the opportunity to introduce your new Fire Chief. Greg Flynn was promoted to Fire Chief on April 1, 2015 as his predecessor Jay Wiseman retired after 25 years of service. Chief Flynn joined the department in 1998, was promoted to Captain in 2009, and promoted to Assistant Chief in 2014. "We are fortunate to serve such supportive communities" said Flynn. "The firefighters and paramedics take a great deal of pride in serving the community, and I plan to continue to support them and together meet the needs of those that call upon the Fire Department for service" Flynn concluded.



Every fall we get questions about leaves and what to do with them. Within Keego Harbor leaves are to be bagged for proper curbside recycling pick up. Leaves are not to be burned.

This year's fire safety theme from the National Fire Protection Agency is **Hear the BEEP where you SLEEP**. The focus is on assuring every bedroom has a working smoke alarm inside and outside each bedroom or sleeping area. Smoke alarms should be located on every level of your home including the basement. Larger homes may need more smoke alarms to adequately cover the home. The best solution is interconnected smoke alarms. When one alarm sounds in an interconnected system, they all alert throughout the home. You can get questions answered about smoke alarms, CO alarms, fire extinguishers and more by visiting your local fire station or calling 248-409-1505. Additional information, downloadable handouts and helpful tips on fire safety can be found at www.nfpa.org and www.sparky.org.

Department of Public Works

by DPW Foreman Doug Waldon

The Department of Public Works (DPW) had a very busy spring, summer, fall and winter. We embarked on a number of special projects as well as continued the general maintenance that we perform on a weekly basis. This included work on: parks, roadways, lighting, drainage, City buildings, equipment, and City functions, storm damage and blight clean-up, etc.

During a regular week, the DPW is responsible for maintaining 5 large City parks, 3 pocket parks, 2 swim sites, Fran Leaf Canal along with various other City properties. We are responsible for road repairs (which have been plentiful this year) and the installation of new park equipment. This year we installed a new aerator system in Fran Leaf Canal and a slide at Hester Park. DPW is currently working in the Parks (weather permitting) reconditioning the sand areas located in the play area. DPW will continue placing mulch around all the City trees and landscape beds. This project will take time to complete, but we know the results will be well worth the work.

Streetlight poles are complete and painted and new street signs will be installed throughout the City by the end of October.

DPW will be working on fall cleanup and preparing for the colder weather by prepping all the winter equipment and ordering material for winter. The City has a new hog brush to help keep the sidewalks along Cass Lake and Orchard Lake Roads clean when a light snow fall happens, this piece of equipment has dual purposes and can clean street debris for spring clean around the drains, which complies with Clinton River Watershed Program.

We always strive to have Keego Harbor look its best!

Are you CPR certified?

Call for class information today!

West Bloomfield Fire Department

248-409-1505



Keego Harbor Police Department

The Keego Harbor Police Department is a full service 24 hour / 7 days a week law enforcement agency providing immediate emergency response, selective traffic control, criminal investigations, and general routine patrol that has kept the citizens of our community safe in a world full of violence and crime. The security of our City is the utmost importance to ensure our citizens, our children, our businesses, and our visitors the ability to enjoy life without constantly fearing the effects of criminal and unacceptable behavior.

Our police dispatch services are currently handled by the West Bloomfield Police Department Communications Center which includes **emergency** calls (911), or **non-emergency** calls (248.975-9200). Citizens are reminded to contact the dispatch numbers whenever you see suspicious activity – or need a patrol unit to respond to a location. Our citizen's involvement in keeping the Police Department informed is a vital key to the true safety of our City.

The Keego Harbor Police Department (K.H.P.D.) provides our citizens with a Front Desk service from **8:00 am – 3:00 pm - Monday through Friday** that can be reached at **248.682-3030**. In addition to handling general questions about police and ordinance issues, the front desk provides services such as:

- Gun purchase permits & registration (call first for an appointment)
- Fingerprinting & PBT's (Preliminary Breath Tests)
- Copies of (local) police and crash reports
- Residential house checks for residents on vacation or out of the area for extended periods of time.
- "Operation Medicine Cabinet" - accepting old and unused prescriptions (Tuesdays & Thursdays only)
- Clearance letters (signed waiver required)
- Walk-in complaints (available at the front desk during operational hours)

City of Keego Harbor NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

By Linda Voll, City Clerk/Treasurer

2015 WINTER CITY OF KEEGO HARBOR REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES DUE DECEMBER 1, 2015 WILL BE PAYABLE WITHOUT PENALTY DECEMBER 1, 2015 THROUGH FEBRUARY 16, 2016.

Taxes may be paid by mail to the City of Keego Harbor, 2025 Beechmont, Keego Harbor, MI 48320; on the City of Keego Harbor website at "KeegoHarbor.org" on the Oakland County website at "PAYLOCALTAXES.COM" by credit card or electronic check, by phone at (855) 233-4030; or at the City Offices, by check, cash, or credit card, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except holidays. All winter taxes paid after February 16th will incur a four percent (4%) penalty through February 28, 2015.

The Oakland County Parks & Recreation Millage (.2410), Huron Clinton Metro Park Authority Millage (.2146), Zoo Authority Millage (.0998), and the Arts Institute Authority Millage (.1996) are levied on the Winter Tax bill.

Beginning March 1st, 2016 all taxes must be paid to the Oakland County Treasurer with additional penalties. If paid during the month of March, a revised statement from the City Office must accompany your remittance to the County Treasurer.

2016 Property Tax Assessment Notices are mailed prior to the March Board of Review which meets the second Monday in March. Protests of property valuation and exemptions for the 2016 Tax Year should be appealed at the March Board of Review. Reasons to appeal include, but are not limited to, Taxable Value, Assessed Value, Hardship, & Equity. It is necessary to provide evidence to substantiate your claim.

Residents who qualify for Summer Deferments must have an application filed at the Treasurer's office no later than September 15th. Deferments allow Summer Tax bills to be paid without interest or penalty through February 14th. To qualify you must reside in your home, and have a total household income of less than \$40,000, and be 62 years of age or paraplegic, hemiplegic, or quadriplegic, or an eligible serviceperson, eligible veteran, eligible widow or widower, or blind or totally and permanently disabled.

Help Keep Keego Harbor a Great Place to Live

Ordinances are in place to help protect our home values, and also to help promote health and public safety.

- Residents and business owners are responsible for cutting grass and weeds.
- Pet owners – please – pick up animal waste. It's an ordinance, as well as common courtesy.
- Outdoor storage of improperly licensed and/or inoperable vehicles is prohibited.
- Trash must be put at the curb for Monday morning pickup no earlier than 12:00pm on Sunday, and empty containers removed by Monday evening.
- Trash and rubbish must be removed from the premises to prevent health and safety hazards.
- Shrubbery, trees or other vegetation mustn't block a driver's view at intersections, or driveways.
- Leaves are not to be burned. Open burning is banned in Keego Harbor.
- No signs may be placed on poles or located on public property.
- Keego Harbor has narrow streets, and parking on the road is not allowed. Also; parking on your front lawn is a code violation.
- If you are a property owner and are renting your home to a tenant you must register the home as a rental unit with the City, and have it inspected.
- Looking to make alterations or improvements to your home or business? Please be sure to obtain all necessary reviews and permits from the City. Should you have any construction questions, please contact our City Staff.
- Fences and decks are required to obtain a permit prior to construction. It is best to perform a professional survey of your property prior to seeking a permit. For questions regarding fence regulations and permits, please contact the City Planner.
- All business signs (temporary and permanent) must be reviewed and approved from the City Planning Department.
- To commercial property owners: please note the City Council recently approved changes to the Zoning Ordinance regarding the storage of recreational vehicles on commercial property. The changes can be found in the City of Keego Harbor Zoning Ordinance, listed on the City website.

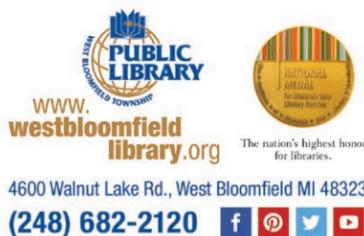
West Bloomfield Township Public Library

Keego Harbor residents: Enjoy these Library services and more!

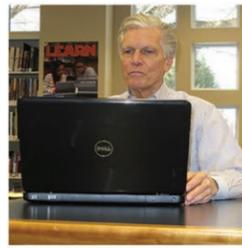
- New and popular books, DVDs, and music CDs
- A large selection of eBooks and eAudiobooks
- Music, movies and TV shows to download or stream
- Wireless Internet and computers with word processing, presentation and other software
- Computer workshops; one-on-one computer and tablet tutoring
- Early literacy materials and services to help children Grow Up Reading™
- K-12 homework resources, including online tutoring and eResources
- Services, including outreach visits, to support the academic goals of Roosevelt Elementary School
- Summer Reading for families, plus interactive reading and learning experiences to help K-12 students maintain skills over the summer

"My family enjoys all the library has to offer! I take my kids to the library throughout the summer to keep reading skills sharp. During the school year, the library is a great resource for school projects and homework assignments. The library has much more to offer than just books. My kids love to play on the iPads, in the kitchen play area and put on puppet shows."

—Tania Barash, Keego Harbor resident



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Parks & Recreation Commission

Recreation Master Plan: The commission has been working on updating the 5-Year Recreation Master Plan for Keego Harbor. This involves assessing how well the recreation needs of the residents are being met relative to state and national guidelines, proposing medium-term plans for addressing shortfalls, and, with public review and input, prioritizing the spending of available funds. Two public meetings have been held, a survey was taken at Skate Night, and an online survey will be offered to solicit additional input. It is important to have this plan in place so that money raised by Parks & Rec fundraising events or from grants can be spent as efficiently as possible.

Garden Club: The Harbor Garden Club operates as an extension of the Parks & Rec Commission, and has been busy maintaining the planting spots around town. We also welcome occasional volunteers to help at pop-up work events, scheduled twice monthly on the Parks & Rec Facebook page. There was a spring perennial exchange and plant sale, jointly hosted with the Sylvan Lake Garden Club. It was so much fun that we had another one this fall on October 3rd.

Invasive Species Management: Keego Harbor is participating with neighboring townships in attacking some of the most stubborn exotic invasive plants. This ties in with the Green Infrastructure section of the Recreation Master Plan. The Michigan DNR has identified certain species for fast action, including some that are quite at home in Keego Harbor, such as Japanese Knotweed, Common Reed (Phragmites), Swallow-wort, and Flowering Rush. Our goals for 2015 include:

- mapping and prioritizing all infestations in Keego Harbor,
- preventing further spread by removing seed heads or pods,
- treating as many patches on City property as we can using MDEQ-approved methods and volunteers
- educating and encouraging residents to do the same on their property

Eradication will likely take multiple years for these plants. Learn more about these problem plants on the Parks & Rec Facebook page or contact City Hall.

Beautification Awards: The Beautification Award program serves as a Thank You to residents who make improvements to their properties and generally contribute to the looks of the community. This year Parks & Rec had lovely new signs made and they were well-received. About 20 homes and businesses were recognized in July and August with yard signs and with a report posted on Facebook with photographs. Names were announced at the City Council meetings following each round of awards. The yard signs are collected and re-used. The Holiday Decorating Awards judging is tentatively scheduled for Monday evening, December 14th.



Trees: We will be planting a few trees this fall, paid for in part by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Urban and Community Forest program and the DTE Energy Foundation. There will be a matching cash requirement to take full advantage of this grant, and you can help. If you would like to honor someone, consider donating a few dollars to add a tree to our community forest. Contact City Hall to learn more.

Events: The City-wide Garage Sale, held Memorial Day weekend in conjunction with Sylvan Lake's garage sale, had an excellent turnout. Changes this year in the parking arrangements for St. Mary's Fair helped us out a lot. We saw some innovation this year as neighbors got together with local businesses to present their goods in mini-fleamarkets. Put it on your calendar again next year.

The third annual Taste of Keego held on September 11 at Santia Hall was again a big success and a lot of fun. There were 19 food vendors from the area. We filled both banquet rooms with 300 people and money raised at this event pays for parks infrastructure. The Recreation Master Plan will guide us in how we spend the money.

Building Department

Building inspectors and city administrative staff are responsible for the building stock in Keego Harbor. This includes enforcing the State of Michigan Building Codes as adopted, upgrading property maintenance through the International Property Maintenance Code Book and the Keego Harbor Ordinance No. 417 – Landlord Registration on rental properties.

Our City inspectors work part-time. Inspection days are listed below. All inspections should be scheduled through city administrative staff. Specific times cannot be determined at the time of scheduling; inspectors will work with residents and contractors the day of an inspection to firm up a time.

Inspection Days:

Building & Mechanical Inspections:

Monday through Thursday – after 3:00 p.m.

Electrical Inspections:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
10:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m.

Plumbing Inspections:

Monday through Thursday
after 5:30/5:45pm through 7:00pm.

**No Parking
Allowed on
Streets or
Your Lawns**

Parking on any street in Keego Harbor is in violation of our ordinance. This applies to public and private roadways. Access to our neighborhoods for emergency vehicles (police and fire) is paramount for the overall safety of our citizens. Parking on any streets during the winter is especially a problem for snow removal. Even for private roads with separate snow removal agreements – parking on the roadway in the winter months only heightens the possibility of problems associated with emergency response.

If you have questions and/or requests for parking privileges for special one day events, contact our City staff.

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Contact Information for Businesses and Residents

CITY HALL

Keego Harbor City Hall - 248-682-1930,
Hours: M-F 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., www.KeegoHarbor.org

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police, Fire & Medical Services - Emergency Calls Only 9-1-1

Keego Harbor Police - 248-682-3030,
After Hours, 248-975-9200, www.keegoharbor.org

West Bloomfield Fire - 248-409-1505, <http://www.wbtownship.org/government/departments/fire/index.php>

Oakland County Sheriff - 248-858-5000 for General Information,
www.oakgov.com/sheriff

PUBLIC SERVICES

Keego Harbor Post Office - 248-681-5724,
Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Closed Sat. & Sun.

Oakland County - 888-350-0900 General Information, www.oakgov.com

Road Commission for Oakland County - 877-585-4804, www.rcoc.org

Rizzo Environmental Services (garbage pickup) - 586-772-8900,
www.rizzoservices.com

Animal Control - 248-391-4102, www.oakgov.com/petadoption

Clerk/Register of Deeds - 248-858-0605,
www.oakgov.com/clerkrod/pages/courtexplorer.aspx

Oakland County Health Division - www.oakgov.com/health
(Pontiac Office) 248-858-1280, (Southfield Office) 248-424-7000 or
(Walled Lake Office) 248-926-3300

Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority - 800-477-2757,
www.metroparks.com

Oakland County Treasurer's Office - 248-858-0611
www.oakgov.com/treasurer

Social Security General Information - 800-772-1213, www.ssa.gov

Michigan Department of Natural Resources
248-359-9040, www.michigan.gov/dnr

Internal Revenue Service - 313-628-3722, www.irs.gov

HAVEN – Local Crisis & Support Line - 248-334-1274, Toll Free
Crisis & Support Line 877-922-1274, TYY Line for hearing impaired,
248-334-1290, www.haven-oakland.org

Lighthouse of Oakland County - 248-920-6000, Pontiac Location,
or 248-620-6116, Clarkston Location, www.lighthouseoakland.org

Children's Village - 248-858-1150, <https://www.oakgov.com/village>

West Bloomfield Youth Assistance - 248-592-1278,
www.wbyouthassistance.org

Veteran's Services - 248-858-0785
<http://www.oakgov.com/veterans/Pages/default.aspx>

Oakland County Parks and Recreation
1-888-OCP-ARKS ocparks@oakgov.com

Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA)
248-209-2600 <http://www.olhsa.org/oakland-county>

Keego Harbor Jacket Club - 248-736-7520

Keego Harbor Optimist Club - contact@keegoharboroptimist.org

LIBRARY

West Bloomfield Library, Walnut Lake Road
248-682-2120, www.wbllib.org

West Bloomfield Library Westacres Branch
Commerce Road, 248-363-4022

UTILITIES

DTE - 800-477-4747 General information and Emergency situations,
www.dteenergy.com

Greater West Bloomfield Cable Communications Commission (GWBCCC) - 248-682-6532, gwbcable.org

Consumers Energy - 800-477-5050, General information and
emergency situations, www.consumersenergy.com

Oakland County Water and Sewer (WRC) - 248-858-1110,
www.oakgov.com/water/Pages/pay_bills.aspx

EDUCATION

West Bloomfield School District - 248-865-6420
www.wbsd.org

Roosevelt Elementary School - 248-865-6620,
Safe Line 248-865-6622

Abbott Middle School - 248-865-3670,
Safe Line 248-865-3672

West Bloomfield High School - 248-865-6720,
Safe Line 248-865-6722

GOVERNMENTAL CONTACTS

Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence - 202-225-5802,
248-356-2052, www.house.gov/lawrence

Governor's Office - 517-373-3400, www.michigan.gov

Secretary of State Office - 517-373-2510, www.michigan.gov/sos

Attorney General Office - 517-373-1110, www.michigan.gov/ag

State Senator's Office - 248-373-2694, www.senate.michigan.gov

State Representative's Office - 517-373-0475,
www.house.mi.gov/mhrpublic

COURT CONTACTS

Michigan Supreme Court - 517-373-0120,
www.courts.mi.gov/courts/michigansupremecourt

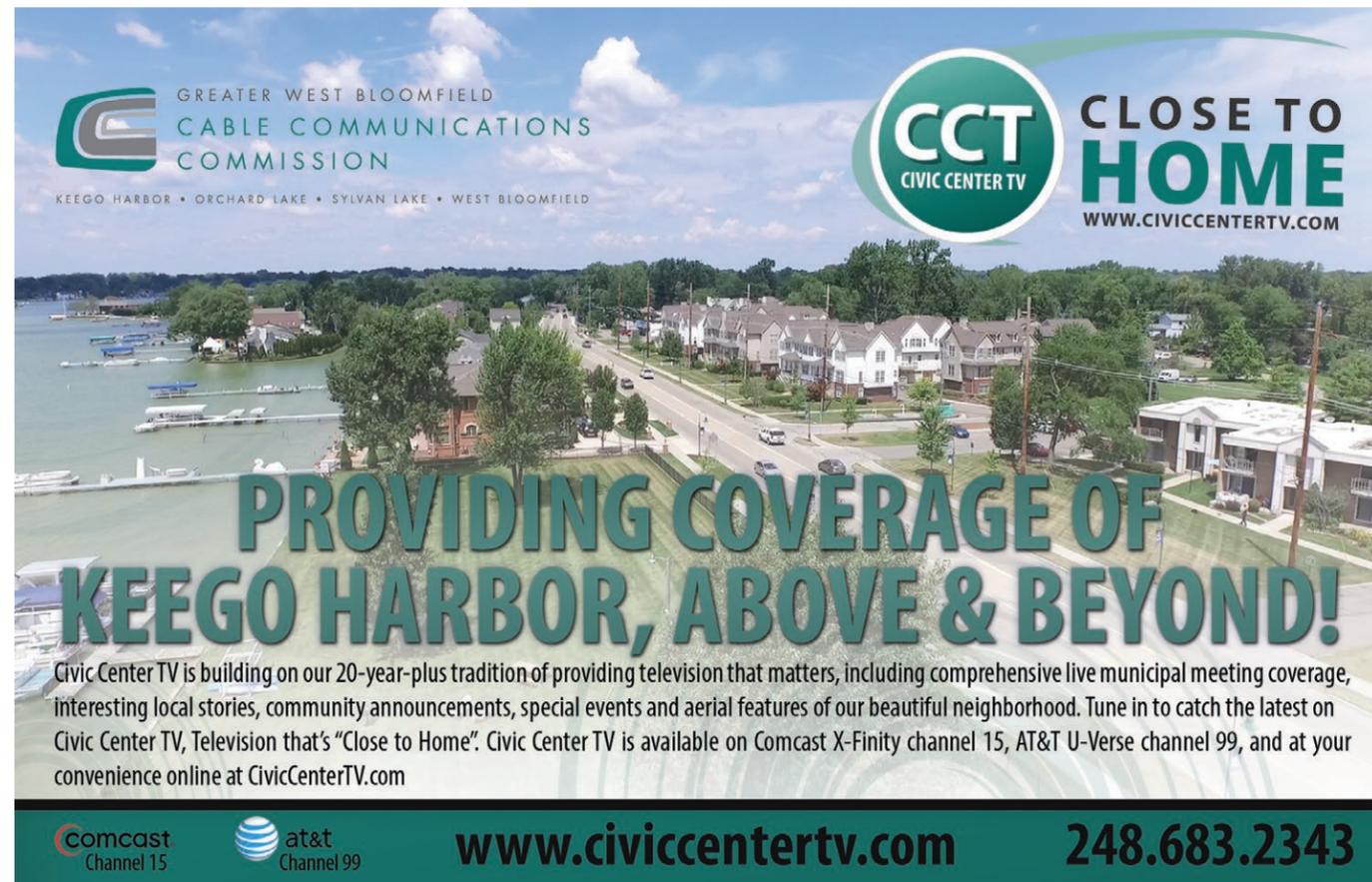
Court of Appeals - Troy 248-524-8700, Detroit 313-972-5678 and
Lansing 517-373-0786

Circuit Court - 248-858-1000, www.oakgov.com/directory

Probate Court - 248-858-0260, www.oakgov.com
Go to > Courts > Probate Court

48th District Court - 248-647-1141, 4280 Telegraph Road,
Bloomfield Hills, www.oakgov.com/courts/dc48

Oakland County Friend of the Court - 248-858-0424,
www.oakgov.com/courts/foc



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Mayor Pro-Tem: John Newberry
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Sidney Rubin, Joel Yoder

City Senior Staff

Interim City Manager: Linda Voll
City Clerk/Treasurer: Linda Voll
Police Chief: Ken Hurst

Office Hours & Contact Information

City Hall: Monday - Friday • 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Police Desk: Monday - Friday • 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

City Hall: (248) 682-1930

Police Non-Emergency: (248) 682-3030

Police After-hours: (248) 975-9200

Keego Harbor Website: www.keegoharbor.org
Send comments to: newsletter@keegoharbor.org
or contact City Hall

City Holiday Schedule

City offices will be closed on:

Thanksgiving - November 26 & 27
Christmas - December 25
New Year's Day - January 1
Martin Luther King Day - January 18

Meeting Reminders

Parks & Recreation Commission - Second Wed.
Planning Commission - First Thursday
ZBA - Fourth Wednesday (*as needed*)
City Council Study Session - Tuesday
before regular City Council Meeting
City Council Regular Meeting - Third Thursday
Tax Increment Finance Authority
(TIFA) - meets as needed

All meetings will be held at City Hall

Watch the City Council Meeting starting at
7:00 p.m. on Comcast Channel 15/915,
AT&T U-Verse Channel 99 and
online at www.civiccantertv.com.
Call in your questions: (248) 682-1310