

VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION
CITY OF SYLVAN LAKE

Tuesday, November 3, 2020
POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

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6 Candidates for CITY COUNCIL for TWO 4-year terms

<p>CANDIDATES for CITY COUNCIL</p> <p>TWO 4-year terms <i>Vote for no more than TWO</i></p>	<p>Question 1 (150 Words or less):</p> <p>Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for City Council, including relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.</p>	<p>Question 2 (150 Words or less):</p> <p>What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your city and what actions would you, as a city official, take regarding each of them?</p>
<p>E. CASSAR 2620 Garland Sylvan Lake, MI 48320</p>	<p>Family roots in The City of Sylvan Lake since 1944, with several family members currently residing here. Running for Re-Election. Served 2012-2016 then again 2016-2020. Being on City Council has allowed me to help. The City of Sylvan Lake moving in the right direction, contributing to the wellbeing, security and services for residents in a economical and efficient way.</p>	<p>The City of Sylvan Lake has been blessed with large parcels of public parks inclusive of lake frontage, this needs to be maintained and preserved for future generations.</p> <p>The Cities infrastructures, although not all are in clear view, are a necessity for all households. They are sometimes under much stress from years of operation resulting in ware and tear, these must always be maintained and improved not only for present but also for future years.</p>

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<p>GRAHAM COUSENS 2404 Cheltingham Sylvan Lake, MI 48320</p>	<p>My family have been proud members of our community going back nearly 70 years, having lived on Sylvan and Hammond lakes, and having owned successful businesses on Orchard Lake Road.</p> <p>My wife and I are proud graduates of Wayne State University. When my wonderful wife, Danica, and I decided to settle in Sylvan Lake to raise our son, Austin, after having spent a number of years in Chicago, Boulder and Boston, we were thrilled to be home.</p> <p>I have proudly served on the Planning Commission for 6 years, while my wife has served on the Parks & Recreation Committee for 4 years. We've worked hard to make a positive impact in our community.</p> <p>Over my career, I have built and led teams of people to accomplish difficult goals. I am a peacemaker, focused on creating highly collaborative relationships to achieve the impossible. My approach to leadership is deeply rooted in the culture & character of Sylvan Lake, and is well informed by my neighbors who I am honored to represent & serve.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	<p>Build a better partnership with the community. I am on the record as working to build bridges with my neighbors, and drive a more positive, collaborative and inclusive dialogue. I will deepen our relationships through frequent interaction, both in-person and in social media. I will be highly present, visible & available at all times.</p> <p>Revitalize the Orchard Lake Road corridor. We have too many shuttered and unkempt businesses, and many needs for goods and services going unmet. We need a plan to bring our district back to life. As current Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission, I will see our new Master Plan through. As City Council member, I will work tirelessly to bring that plan to life.</p> <p>No more speeding through our neighborhood. We must give our City officials everything they need to eradicate dangerous driving through our city. This includes an ongoing awareness campaign, additional speed warning signs, officer patrols, and additional support for our outstanding police officers.</p>
<p>JAMES L. COWPER 2347 Avondale St. W. Sylvan Lake, MI 48320</p>	<p>A 34 year resident of Sylvan Lake, I pledge to be a voice for the residents. As a 35 year private business professional my financial and business development experience will lend guidance for Sylvan Lake budgets and leadership.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New Mileage, I support the mileage, however strong management of the funds is critical, for our roads and sewer projects. 2. New Master Plan must be appropriate for Sylvan Lake, we need a MP that benefits our unique City, especially regarding the Whitfield School and Orchard Lake corridor projects. 3. Police and public safety, the new Chief of Police will be a great addition, the Police Department is almost 50% of the City Budget, it is a critical service for our City.

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ARON LORENZ 1632 Maplewood St. Sylvan Lake, MI 48320	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	
PHILIP ROSS 1814 Stratford Sylvan Lake, MI 48320	<p>I have recently been diagnosed with kidney failure and have been running a campaign to find a living donor (PapaPhilCan.com). I have been overwhelmed at the response from total strangers and as a result I have a strong need to return and give back to the community.</p> <p>I am recently retired and have the time required to dig deeply into the issues that affect the city. I have lived in Sylvan Lake for almost 3 years and it feels like I have been here all my life. I love the sense of community and the sheer beauty of the city and the lake.</p> <p>Representing the citizens of Sylvan Lake is the number one priority. The main issue for me at this time is making sure the developments planned for a "walkable" community meet the needs of both the residents and businesses. Currently, the Orchard Lake Road corridor does not put forth the best face of our community. I want to make sure the new developments do and make financial sense.</p> <p>I am a graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in Electric</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The development of a "walkable" business district. I would follow the recommendation of the planning committee and weigh that against the needs of the residents to approve the best plan possible. 2. Improve the infrastructure with the roads being the main priority. 3. Keep our lake, beaches, and park areas safe and clean. We need to come up with a better way to rid Ferndale park of geese.
SALLY SEGAL 2068 Garland St. Sylvan Lake, MI 48320	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	

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