

City of Orchard Lake Village Newsletter

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Announcements

- The DPW will be trimming trees within the City road's right-of-way (10 feet on the side of most roads) during the upcoming months. Feel free to stop and say "Hi" to Mike and Roger if you see them out there working but please understand that they only trim City trees.
- **City Hall will be closed November 22nd & 23rd for Thanksgiving.**
- **Financial Information** for the City is available on the City's Website CityofOrchardLake.com and at the City Hall between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. weekdays. Click the Tab on the left side of the City's website home page Citizens Guide & Dashboard to find data on: City Revenues, Expenditures and Fund Balances; Pension Liabilities and Funding Status; Public Safety Statistics; Trends in Population, Taxable Values, Building Permits, How the City Compares with Others Financially and in Performance; and more.

Questions on the City's financial position can be directed to the City Treasurer at Treasurer@CityofOrchardLake.com the Director of City Services at DCS@CityofOrchardLake.com or the City Clerk at CityClerk@CityofOrchardLake.com

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR BRUCE McINTYRE

The Nov. 6th election promises to be a busy one, with long lines possible. There are several reasons:

Straight-ticket voting, where you could vote in one place for all candidates of a single political party, will not be possible in this election due to a change in the law. Each candidate must be voted for separately.

Turnout is expected to be high, based on the experience of the August Primary. The two previous Primaries had a voter turnout averaging 22%. This year the turnout was 35%, historically very high.

Also, there are three State Proposals on the ballot, each of which requires study by the voter.

Altogether, it means there are likely to be more voters than usual and that it will take longer for each one to vote.

Here's some advice:

If you can use an absentee ballot, do so. Most absentee voters have already received a ballot. If you are eligible, but have not gotten one, you still have time. They are available right up to the election. City Clerk Rhonda McClellan will have the office open the Saturday before the election from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Otherwise, vote early rather than late. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m., although anyone in line at 8 p.m. can still vote. The busiest times are 7-9 a.m. and 6-8 p.m., so if you have the opportunity, vote in the middle of the day.

Most important of all, VOTE! While Orchard Lake has a history of high voter turnout, about 20-25% of our roughly 2,000 registered voters typically have not voted even in the biggest elections. Also, nearly two-thirds of all votes cast are from voters 60 or older, with turnout much lower among younger groups.

Don't skip the chance to make your voice heard in the direction of our government.



Mark Hoffman

Gayle and I have been Orchard Lake residents for 37 years and raised our two boys here.

I'm currently an Orchard Lake Councilmember and Mayor Pro Tem – first elected for the 2011-2013 term, appointed/re-elected for the 2014-2015 term, and re-elected for the 2016-2018 term. Prior to City Council, I was a 15 year member of the City's Planning Commission. Additionally, I'm currently on the Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary Advisory Board (board member since 1992 - the last 24 years as Chairman).

I feel that my current/past involvement with the City provides a broad prospective of the City's operation, activities and needs. In addition, having retired from General Motors in 2011, I have adequate time to devote to the City's operation.

My top three priorities are:

- **City Operation** – The City has an outstanding staff and provides great City services. Council needs to ensure that the Council and City staff is always looking for new and innovative ways to efficiently manage the city's short term and long-term needs/costs.
- **City Ordinances** – The Zoning Board of Appeals (a City Council function) needs to ensure that a resident's variance request not only considers the desires of the applicant, but also the impact on our residents, ordinances, and the City's Master Plan.
- **Public Safety** – Maintaining/Improving our "top notch" Police Department, and our operational agreement with the West Bloomfield Fire Department.

Ted Wade

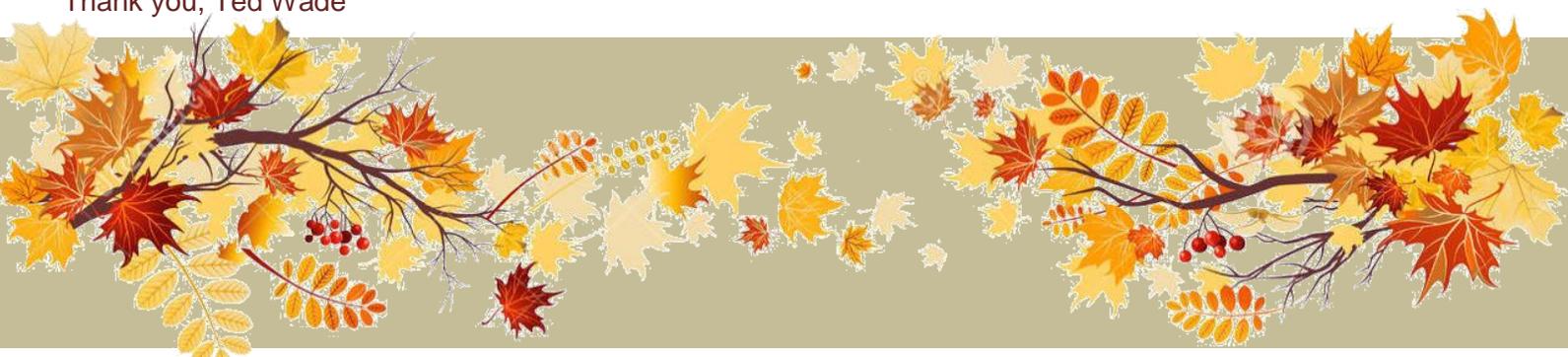
My family moved to Orchard Lake full time in 1945. I graduated from WBHS and attended Olivet College; a proud husband (Judy), father (Kim and Heather) and grandfather. My daughters both graduated from West Bloomfield Schools and Judy was at the Orchard Lake School of Music. I worked in the marine industry from 1959-2016 (Chairman: MBIA). Current Activities: The Pine Lake Cemetery Association (Treasurer), Member Pine Hill Congregational Church, Orchard Lake City Council.

I began voting in Orchard Lake elections some sixty years ago. I was active on the Planning Commission over 25 plus years (Vice Chairman). I was a West Bloomfield Fire Department and a Tri-City Fire Department (1968) volunteer (Assistant Chief). I am on the Tri-City Fire Commission (Secretary-Treasurer) which hired the West Bloomfield Fire Department for Tri-City Protection. (July 2003). I am a proud City Council Member.

The City of Orchard Lake Village is in remarkable shape. Our employees are topnotch, economics sound, and the City volunteers disagree over policy, but are not disagreeable. City Council's challenge is maintaining our infrastructure, serving our citizens, and prudently protecting taxpayer dollars. We must walk a fine line to maintain the living and standards of the City that is our heritage.

I refuse to operate in a void. I (we) need to have participation (input) from our residents. Guessing is not the way to represent you. I will listen to you. I need your vote to continue as a Member of the City of Orchard Lake Village City Council to help maintain our standard of living.

Thank you, Ted Wade



Jennifer Oram

I am currently a 1st term member of the Orchard Lake City Council and a 28-year resident of the City of Orchard Lake. I graduated from Marian High School and hold a degree in Communication and minor in Psychology from Wayne State University. I am currently a sales representative at my family run business - 5 Star Outdoor in West Bloomfield.

Prior to City Council, I was involved with the Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society. As an active member of St. Thomas Chaldean Church and Our Lady of Refuge Church, I teach catechism to students.

Along with City Council serving as the Zoning Board of Appeals, my duties on the Orchard Lake Council include serving on the Transportation Committee, which includes overseeing the maintenance of the City's roads without increasing millage along with the Water and Sewer Committee. The City of Orchard Lake Village is in awesome shape and Orchard Lake has superb staff which provides great services.

I have enjoyed meeting so many new people and have learned a great deal during my first term. I love our city and look forward to continuing to serve.

Political Signs

Along with our important right to vote is another important right, free speech, which is often communicated with signs. City Ordinance regulates placement of signs including temporary signs. Election signs must be located a minimum of 10 ft. from the traveled portion of the road. The maximum size of signs is 16 sq/ft and the maximum height is 5 ft. Please make sure signs posted on your property comply with these requirements.

Sample Ballots

Sample ballots for the November 6th election are available on the City's Website www.CityofOrchardLake.com and also available at City Hall.

The Clerk's office encourages you to review the ballot before Election Day.

Absentee Ballots

Absent Voter applications are available at City Hall at 3955 Orchard Lake Road. Absentee ballots are available if you meet one of the following conditions.

- Are 60 years of age or older.
- Expect to be absent from the community in which you are registered to vote.
- Are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another.
- Cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of your religion.
- Cannot attend the polls because you are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

In addition to normal business hours (Monday-Friday 8 AM to 4 PM) the **Clerk's Office will be open from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday, November 3, 2018 for issuing absentee ballots.**

On Monday, November 5th those still wishing to vote absentee can do so by voting in person at City Hall between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM.





City of Orchard Lake Village

3955 Orchard Lake Rd
Orchard Lake, MI 48323

Mayor Bruce McIntyre
Mayor Pro Tem Mark Hoffman

Councilmember Jerry Kosmensky
Councilmember Joseph Majcher
Councilmember Jennifer Oram
Councilmember DuAnne Sonnevile
Councilmember Ted Wade

- ❖ The 2019 Dog Licenses will be available the beginning of December. Bring the current rabies vaccination record to City Hall.
- ❖ **Apple Island is now listed in the National Register of Historic Places**
- ❖ Collection of **Yard Waste** will continue through November 26, 2018. Please remember yard waste must be in separate containers or paper bags for collection.
- ❖ Notary Services are available at City Hall. Services are provided at no charge to the residents within the City during business hours.



Residential Knox Box

The Residential Knox Box is a High-security key safe that allows the Fire Department to quickly enter the home without forced entry. It is a one-time purchase that requires no monthly monitoring fee. For more information, please visit the City's Website at www.CityOfOrchardLake.com or contact City Hall.

Holiday Tips

Orchard Lake Police Department

1. Do not leave presents in your vehicle while your vehicle is unattended.
2. Be aware and alert when walking to your vehicle when leaving a mall.
3. If something or someone looks suspicious, avoid walking into that area.
4. If you are a victim of a carjacking give up the vehicle; but do not allow yourself to be taken by the carjacker.
5. Protect your identity; especially when ordering on the internet
6. Be careful of phone scams - remember if it seems too good, there is a chance it is a scam, please call the Police Department if you suspect a scam.
7. Please be the eyes for Orchard Lake and call your Police Department at 248-975-9200 when you see something suspicious and need an officer to check it out. If you observe a crime in progress please dial 911.