Keego Harbor
Michigan

New Resident Welcome Packet

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"Heart of the Lakes"
Welcome

We would like to welcome you to the City of Keego Harbor! We look forward to helping you become acquainted with city services and with all that Keego Harbor has to offer.

Here in Keego Harbor, you’ll find small-town charm and a friendly community. We have flourishing businesses, safe neighborhoods, reputable schools, great services and lots of city pride. The city’s motto, “Heart of the Lakes” is attributed to its proximity to several area lakes. Cass, Dollar and Sylvan Lake are within or partially within the City’s boundaries.

We know you’ll quickly discover why so many folks choose to call Keego Harbor home.

To keep you connected at the touch of a screen or click of a mouse.

- Our City website at keegoharbor.org provides updated information, city calendar, ordinances, City Council and Commission meeting agendas and minutes, permit applications, service request forms, and even a way to pay taxes online.
- Connect with the City of Keego Harbor and follow us on Facebook at Keego Harbor, Michigan – Residents and Friends and Keego Harbor Police Department.

Thank you for choosing Keego Harbor, we look forward to getting to know you!
History

The first non-native residents came to the area around 1825 – 1830. These brave settlers were farmers, tradesmen, fishermen, domestic workers, and merchants. Prominent people bought large parcels of land along Cass Lake to use for vacation homes.

In the 1890’s, the Detroit Urban Railway built a trolley line that ran from the City of Detroit to the City of Pontiac, by way of Keego Harbor. With its own trolley stop, many opportunities opened for Keego Harbor. The trolley operated for many years, with Keego Harbor benefiting from its newfound accessibility, local commercial businesses and the residential community began to proliferate.

Joseph E. Sawyer, a Pontiac lawyer and real estate investor, bought and platted property from Dollar Lake to Cass Lake. He bought and platted property on both sides of Orchard Lake and, by 1912, had dredged a canal from Dollar Lake to Cass Lake and declared that Dollar Lake was the harbor. Sawyer used the “keego,” (meaning “fish” in Ojibwa) from the Longfellow Poem, The Song of Hiawatha, and named the area, Keego Harbor.

Before the community now known as Keego Harbor became a city, it was part of West Bloomfield Township. On March 25, 1955, a Charter was approved by Governor G. Mennen Williams, which established Keego Harbor as a city governed by a five-member City Council and removed it from the jurisdiction of West Bloomfield Township.
CITY MANAGER – The City Manager is appointed by the City Council and carries out the day-to-day operations of the city. The City Manager is Jered Ottenwess, and he can be reached at: manager@keegoharbor.org

• Voting records, registration of new voters, and absentee ballots are available at City Hall. City Hall is the official location to vote, polls are open from 7:00am – 8:00pm.

• Tax bills for the City of Keego Harbor are mailed twice a year. Summer Tax is sent out end of June and payable at City Hall without penalty until September 14. There is an ongoing trash removal fee included on each Summer Tax bill. The Winter Tax, is sent out the end of November and payable at City Hall without penalty through February 14th. There is an ongoing lake leveling fee included on each Winter Tax Bill.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – The City Department of Public Works (DPW), provides the following: road and sidewalk repair and snow removal, brush and leaf removal, cleaning and maintenance of municipal roads, parks and buildings and much more.

CODE ENFORCEMENT -

• Please take note that there is **NO PARKING** on any street in Keego Harbor. Lawn parking is also **not allowed**. Violators will be ticketed, and if the situation calls for it, a violator’s vehicle may end up being towed at the owner’s expense. Such rules are necessary so that emergency vehicles and snow removal vehicles can get through without obstruction. Some exceptions may be permitted in limited situations, but require approval in advance from the Police Department.

• The objective of the City of Keego Harbor is maintain compliance with all Zoning Ordinances and Blight Ordinances. Ordinances are enforced by the Code Enforcement Officer. Code violators may be penalized, with the penalty depending on the severity of the violation. If you have any questions regarding this Ordinance please call City Hall. Ordinances are available for review during regular business hours at City Hall and may also be reviewed online by visiting the City website, keegoharbor.org

The Code Enforcement Officer can be reached via email at code@keegoharbor.org
The City of Keego Harbor Police Department serves and protects the community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with a professional police staff of full time and part time state certified, sworn officers.

For all emergencies and in-progress suspicious situations please call 9-1-1.

Your eyes and ears are invaluable in helping us prevent or stop criminal activity. For other police inquires please contact the numbers listed above. When leaving your home for an extended period of time, visit the police department. On-duty officers will pay special attention to your property while you are away.

Help prevent theft, remove all valuables from your vehicle (cell phones, laptops, cameras, purses, etc.) and lock your doors. Most property crime is a crime of opportunity, don't give a thief the opportunity. The Chief of Police is John Fitzgerald, and can be reached at chieffitz@khpd.org.

Tri-City Fire service is shared with Sylvan Lake and Orchard Lake. The Tri-City Fire Department contracts with West Bloomfield for Fire and EMS calls. For all EMERGENCY calls, dial 911.
**Important Numbers**

| **City Hall:** (248) 682 – 1930 |
| **Police Department:** (248) 682 – 3030; After 4:00pm & Weekends, (248) 975 - 9200 |
| **Tri-City Fire Department:** (248) 409 - 1505 |

**Oakland County**

- Oakland County, 888-350-0900 General Information, [oakgov.com](http://oakgov.com)
- Oakland County Sheriff, General Information: 248-858-5000, [oaxgov.com/sheriff](http://oaxgov.com/sheriff)
- Oakland County Animal Shelter, 248-391-4100, [oakgov.com/petadoption](http://oakgov.com/petadoption)
- Oakland County Water and Sewer (WRC), 248-858-0958.
  - Emergency after hours (248) 858-0931 [oakgov.com/water/Pages/pay bills.aspx](http://oakgov.com/water/Pages/pay bills.aspx)
- Road Commission for Oakland County 877-585-4804, [rcoc.org](http://rcoc.org)
- HAVEN - Local Crisis & Support Line, 248-334-1274, Toll Free Crisis & Support Line 877-922-1274,

**Trash Pick - Up**

- Green for Life (GFL) Trash Removal
  - 844-464-3587
- Trash Pick-Up and Recycle Pick-Up is on Monday. *In the event of a major holiday on Monday, trash pick-up will be delayed one day (Tuesday).* Recycle Bins are available for purchase at City Hall for $12.00.

**Utilities**

- **DTE**
  - 800-477-4747, General Information, Report Power Outages, Emergency situations; [dteenergy.com](http://dteenergy.com)
- **Consumers Energy**
  - 800-477-5050
  - General Info & Emergency situations; [consumersenergy.com](http://consumersenergy.com)

**Schools**

- Roosevelt School Elementary School
  - 248-865-6620; [wbsd.org/rooseveltes](http://wbsd.org/rooseveltes)
- Abbott Middle School
  - 248-865-3670; [wbsd.org/abottms](http://wbsd.org/abottms)
- West Bloomfield High School
  - 248-865-6720; [wbsd.org/westbloomfieldhs](http://wbsd.org/westbloomfieldhs)

**Miscellaneous**

- **Keego Harbor Post Office**
  - 248-681-5724
  - Hours: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Monday - Friday
- **West Bloomfield Library (For Keego Harbor Residents)**
  - 4600 Walnut Lake Rd.
  - 248-682-2120; [wplib.org](http://wplib.org)
Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering is a great way to give back to the city and meet new friends. An application for Boards and Commissions can be found on the Keego Harbor Website, keegoharbor.org

Boards and Commissions

Greater West Bloomfield Cable Communications: Ensure Comcast and AT&T are complying with Federal Law and the FCC, evaluate local cable opportunities, work with Civic Center TV

Board of Review: Evaluate applications from property owners who have hardship concerns with their tax assessment rate

Fire Board: Advisory board to the Tri-City Fire Department

Garden Club: Responsible for maintaining the gardens at all city parks and by city entrance signs

Parks and Recreation: Responsible for horticulture, park maintenance and city events; facebook.com/KHParks

Planning Commission: Reviews development projects, Master Plan and Zoning Ordinances

Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA): Encourages economic development & activity within the TIFA district

Zoning Board of Appeals: Reviews building land uses that deviate from zoning ordinances

Non Profit Organizations


Keego Harbor Optimist Club: contact@keegoharboroptimist.org

Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society: gwbhs.org
City Council Meetings:

Study Session Meetings are the Tuesday prior to City Council Meetings at 7:00pm at City Hall. Council Meetings are the third Thursday of every month at 7:00pm at City Hall. The Council Meetings are televised on Civic Center TV.

Parks and Recreation Meetings:

Second Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm at City Hall.

Planning Commission Meetings:

First Tuesday* of every month at 7:00pm at City Hall. The Planning Commission meetings are televised on Civic Center TV. *Please check keegoharbor.org for meeting date changes.

Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings:

Fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm at City Hall.

The City Council Members do not have offices at City Hall, but you may get in touch with any of them via email. Council Member emails are on the Keego Harbor website. Our CITY COUNCIL members are:

Mayor: John Fletcher

Mayor Pro-Tem: Robert Kalman

Council Members: Brian Lampl, Karen Meabrod and Theresa Shimansky

THANK YOU, for choosing to live in the City of Keego Harbor. We hope this packet will answer many of your questions. Just call City Hall (248) 682 – 1930, we are here and happy to help!
# Community Events Calendar

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For the most up to date City of Keego Harbor events please visit: [www.keegoharbor.org](http://www.keegoharbor.org)