

# City of Keego Harbor

### **New Resident Welcome Packet**





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City of Keego Harbor
"Heart of the Lakes"

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### Welcome

Welcome 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 <u>keegoharbor.org</u> 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. Go to the website to sign up for text an email alerts under Stay Notified on the homepage.

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 Hall

2025 Beechmont Monday - Thursday

Keego Harbor, MI 48320 8:00am – 5:00pm

Phone: (248) 682 – 1930 keegoharbor.org

**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 Tammy Neeb, and she 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. On election day, polls are open from 7:00am – 8:00pm.

**CITY TREASURER** – The City Treasurer is Denise Hanley, and she can be reached at: treasurer@keegoharbor.org

• Tax bills 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 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 - The Code Enforcement Officer can be reached at code@keegoharbor.org

- Please take note that there is **NO PARKING** on any street in Keego Harbor. Front lawn parking is also **prohibited.** 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 and only for 24 hours, but require prior approval from the Chief of Police.
- 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

# Police Department

For Emergencies Dial: 9-1-1

For Non-Emergencies Dial: (248) 975-9200

Chief of Police: John Fitzgerald

Email: chieffitz@khpd.org

Phone: (248) 515-9304

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Phone: (248) 682 - 3030

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

8:00am - 4:00pm and by appointment

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.

Your eyes and ears are invaluable in helping us prevent or stop criminal activity, if you see something, say something!

If you are leaving town and would like officers to pay special attention to your residence, fill out a House Check form and bring it to the police station.



Help prevent theft by locking your vehicle doors and removing all valuables such as cell phones, wallets, laptops, etc. Most property crime is a crime of opportunity, don't give a thief an opportunity. If you need an officer to your location, call 9-1-1 in an emergency or 248-975-9200 in a non-emergency situation.

# Fire Department

**Tri-City Fire Department** 

3300 Orchard Lake Road Orchard Lake Village, MI 48324

Phone: (248) 409 - 1505

Fire Department Administration

West Bloomfield Fire Department

5425 West Maple Road

West Bloomfield Township, MI 48322

Phone: (248) 409 – 1505

Tri-City Fire Department 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 Phone 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

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

Oakland County Animal Shelter, 248-391-4100, 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

Road Commission for Oakland County 877-585-4804, 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.

#### **Schools**

Roosevelt School Elementary School

248-865-6620; wbsd.org/rooseveltes

Abbott Middle School

248-865-3670; wbsd.org/abbottms

West Bloomfield High School

248-865-6720; wbsd.org/westbloomfieldhs

#### **Utilities**

DTE

800-477-4747, General Information,

Report Power Outages, Emergency situations; dteenergy.com

Consumers Energy

800-477-5050

General Info & Emergency situations; consumersenergy.com

#### 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; wblib.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



### **Nonprofit Organizations**

Keego Harbor Jacket Club: 248-736-7520 facebook.com/JacketClubofKeegoHarbor

Keego Harbor Optimist Club: contact@keegoharboroptimist.org

Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society: gwbhs.org

## Council, Boards and Commissions

### **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. The Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem change each November

Our current CITY COUNCIL members are:

Mayor: Robert Kalman

Mayor Pro Tem: Ashley Attisha

Council Members: Brian Lampl, Michael Karson 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!

