



VILLAGE OF  
**SILVER LAKE**  
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# Residents' Review

A Quarterly Newsletter for the Families of the Village of Silver Lake

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## State of the Village

by Mayor Bernie Hovey

Another winter has passed, another spring is here. As do you, I look forward to the more moderate weather, to walks around the lake, to again riding my bike, and to seeing my friends and neighbors outside working and playing in their yards. Enough already of being holed up in our homes waiting for the most recent snowstorm to subside. Welcome spring and summer! Good-bye winter!

During this past year, the State of the Village has remained good. I can sum up our present condition in three sentences:

1. We remain fiscally stable.
2. We remain financially prudent.
3. We remain cautiously optimistic about our future.

I remain committed to continuing to provide, for as long as possible, all the services which we in Silver Lake have been fortunate to have for many, many years. I also remain committed to fairly compensating our employees and to honoring our already-in-place promises to them. Doing both requires prudent financial planning, careful review of all present financial commitments, and a willingness and commitment to enact change where necessary. Following are some of the things Council and/or I have done during this past year:

1. Mileage reimbursement has been reduced from \$.55/mile to \$.35/mile for employees who use their own vehicles while on Village business.
2. Opportunities for overtime pay have been reduced.
3. In-service training has been eliminated for all but the most vital reasons.
4. Employee severance packages, as regards to sick time, have been reduced.
5. Wages have been frozen since January, 2009. (A final decision has yet to be made as to whether there will be pay raises given in 2010.)
6. Employee vacation time and sick time has been restructured.
7. Employees have been asked to pay increasingly more for their health insurance coverage.
8. The part-time police secretary position has been eliminated.
9. Part-time employees hours worked have been greatly reduced, with further reductions during the summer imminent.
10. Contracts with both Vectren (natural gas) and First Energy Solutions (electricity) have been negotiated and signed. These contracts should help residents save on their energy costs.

Please see "State of the Village" on page 2.

## Coming Events

### April 5 Monday

- Spring Cleanup Begins
- Village Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

### April 15 Thursday

Deadline to file Federal, State & Village Income Tax

### April 19 Monday

- Hydrant Flushing Begins
- Village Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

### April 26 Monday

Spring Cleanup Ends

### May 3 Monday

Village Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

### May 4 Tuesday

Household Hazardous Waste Center Re-Opens

### May 17 Monday

Village Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

### June 5 Saturday

Trash Pickup delayed due to Memorial Day



### Severe Weather Early Warning Tests

Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month (April 1, May 6, and June 3).



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# State of the Village

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- 11. Increases have been made in both sewer and water rates, but these rates have been held as minimal as possible, and were necessary to preserve the integrity of our water and sewer funds.
- 12. All capital expenditures have been thoroughly reviewed and prioritized. No expenditure will be authorized unless we either have cash on hand, or an affordable means of financing the expenditure.

We cannot always do what we want; we cannot always please everybody. But all of us connected with Village government, and all of the employees

who work for the Village, are committed to doing the best we possibly can, everyday, as we work for you. Silver Lake remains a beautiful, well cared for community, one where families know both comfort and security. We remain the "Jewel" of Summit County. I remain both honored and humbled to serve as its Mayor.

Kathleen and I look forward to seeing you at Crystal Lake or at Silver Lake, or on one of our daily walks around the lake, or at the Festival, or at the Ice Cream Social, this year to be held on August 12.

Have a great and safe summer! 🐾

## Free Tennis Lessons



The Silver Lake Park and Recreation Board is offering free tennis lessons for all residents. The tennis lessons will be offered on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays beginning Monday, June 14th through Friday, August 13th at the tennis courts behind Village Hall.

The schedule is as follows:

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Adults
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Beginner (ages 4-9)
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Intermediate (ages 10 - teens) 🐾

## Basketball Camp

Currently, the Village is looking for a basketball instructor. If you know of a high school student, or an adult, who would like to instruct beginner's level basketball, ages 5 through 10, and intermediate level, ages 11 through teens, basketball, please contact the Administrative Office or Mayor Bernie Hovey at 330.923.5233 for details.



Provided we have an instructor, Basketball Camp begins Tuesday, June 15 and ends Thursday, August 12. As we have more information, we will post it on Cable Channel 15 and the Village website, [www.villageofsilverlake.com](http://www.villageofsilverlake.com)

The schedule would be as follows:

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Beginners (ages 5-10)
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Intermediate (ages 11- teens) 🐾

## Orphaned Wildlife

by Cathy Schultz, Animal Control

Spring is just around the corner which means that wildlife babies will be everywhere. I receive many calls each year about orphaned or injured baby wildlife. The Division of Wildlife suggests that the best thing to do is leave the baby animal alone. We humans have our hearts in the right place but at times we do not use our heads when we see what may appear to be an orphaned baby animal. Many times the baby is not orphaned and the parents are around and caring for it and we disturb the balance of nature by getting involved. The best "rule of thumb" is to leave the animal alone and let nature take its course. 🐾



## New Rates for J&J Refuse Inc.

The Village has renewed the solid waste contract for J&J Refuse Inc. for the term 4/1/2010 through 3/31/2013. The following are a list of the new rates.

Curbside with container	\$15.25
Special Collection Curbside with container	\$16.27 includes bulk**
Curbside without container	\$15.95
Special Collection Curbside without container	\$16.43 includes bulk**
Setback Service	\$37.52*
Special Collection Setback Service	\$39.33 includes bulk**
Senior Setback	\$24.80*
Special Collection Setback Service	\$26.32 includes bulk**

(Senior is defined as 65 years old or over or disabled.)

\*Container for setback service, if requested, is an additional \$3.00 per month.

\*\*Special Collection for large items occurs the first Friday of each month.

The phone numbers to contact J&J Refuse are listed in the "Village of Silver Lake Directory" on the last page of the *Residents' Review*. 📞

## Announcing the 2010 Seedling and Wildflower Packet Program

by Heather Reiheld

Once again, the Summit Soil & Water Conservation District will be offering the tree seedling and flower packet program. As in the past, a variety of evergreen seedlings including Colorado Blue Spruce, Norway Spruce, White Pine, Fraser Fir and Austrian Pine will be offered. In addition to the two-year old bare-root seedlings, several of these varieties will be available as older container grown stock. Prices vary from \$9.00 for a packet of 25 seedlings to \$9.00 for one container grown seedling.

Two types of wildflower packets will also be offered including the Northeast Annual and Perennial Wildflower Mix and the Showy Northeast Native Wildflower and Grass Mix. Both are 1 oz. packets that will cover approximately 250 square feet.

New additions to 2010 are two different berry plant starts. The Boyne Red Raspberry is an early-



season variety that is extremely winter hardy. It will grow where other varieties experience winter injury. The suggested number of plants for a family of four is 10-25. The second addition to the program is a newer variety, of Elderberry Bush, the Samdal Elderberry. These plants will fruit the second year after planting. The fruiting canes should be removed in the fall and every fall thereafter making this plant easy to prune and maintain a nice bush shape. The recommended number of plants for a family of four is 1-2. Both of these plant packets will cost \$7.00 for five plants.

To order your seedlings and seed packets, please call 330.929.2871 for an order form or visit the District web site at [www.summitswcd.org](http://www.summitswcd.org) and click on "2010 Seedling Sale." Please be sure to note the plant pick-up date and times. Planting instructions will be available when you pick up your plants. 📞

# For Your Safety

by Chief Gary DeMoss

## Severe Weather Early Warning Siren Tests

Severe Weather Early Warning Siren Tests are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month. Upcoming dates include April 1, May 6, and June 3. Scheduled testing will be cancelled in the event of threatening weather conditions.

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## Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness-Calendar of Events

- ✓ National Lightning Safety Awareness Week  
June 22-26, 2010
  - ✓ Ohio's Winter Safety Awareness Week  
November 14-20, 2010
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## Garage Sale Information

No more than two garage sales may be held at any one residence per calendar year. Hours of operation shall be limited to 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for no more than 3 consecutive days.

One sign (to a maximum height of 30" and width of 48") may be displayed in the yard of the property no closer than ten feet to the front property line. This sign shall be erected no earlier than 8:00 a.m. the first day of the sale and removed no later than the close of the final day of the sale. No directional signs are permitted.

All parking must be conducted in compliance with parking regulations.

Prior to the sale, notify the Silver Lake Police Department at 330-928-7573 (SLPD).

## Alarm Systems

For those who have an alarm system which autodial Silver Lake Dispatch, please note that you may need to re-program the telephone number to 330.929.8771.



## Weather-Related Power Outages

To report a power outage, call First Energy Customer Service at 1.800.633.4766 or use the Automated Reporting Line at 1.888.544.4877 (1.888.LIGHTSS).

The PUCO has some suggestions and answers to frequently asked questions on their website under "Weather-Related Power Outages: A PUCO Guide to Being Prepared." Log onto the PUCO website at [www.PUCO.ohio.gov](http://www.PUCO.ohio.gov) to view a copy, or visit Village Hall for a printed version.

## Parents Who Host Lose the Most

Graduation parties are around the corner. Parents, don't be a party to teenage drinking; it is against the law. For more information log on to: [www.DrugFreeActionAlliance.org](http://www.DrugFreeActionAlliance.org).

## Vicious Animal Ordinance Revision

Recently, there have been changes to the vicious animal ordinance. The new ordinance is Ordinance No.: 13-2010, which can be viewed through the Village's website: [www.villageofsilverlake.com](http://www.villageofsilverlake.com).

# Notes from the Service Department

by **Richard Fenwick, Service Director**

## **Service Department will be reading inside water meters**

It is required that the Village obtain an inside water meter reading once a year. In June, the Service Department employees will be coming to your door to read and inspect the inside water meter. If you are not at home when they come around, a blue card will be left indicating our attempt to check the inside meter. Please read the inside meter and place the reading in the area provided on the card and return the card to the Village Hall.

## **Debris is not picked up by Silver Lake after a storm**

The Village is not responsible for debris after a storm. If you experience downed trees and limbs on your property, please contact a private tree service or call your trash hauler for options.



## **Please observe road safety signs**

Service Department employees are out in full force working on various projects throughout the Village. Please observe the signs the Service Department posts on the roads as they are working. DO NOT attempt to go through a "Road Closed" sign for your safety as well as the safety of our Service Department employees.

## **Spring Cleanup**

The Village's annual Spring Cleanup Program will begin Monday, April 5 and continue through Monday, April 26. Limbs and leaves must be in separate piles. Do not put limbs and leaves in the street or in bags.

Limbs up to 10 feet long and 4 inches in diameter will be picked up. The Village does not pick up lumber, weeds, stumps or old firewood. Leaf piles must be free of branches.

## **Please keep your yard mowed and free of weeds**

Village residents are asked to keep their lawns mowed. When the height of the grass exceeds eight inches, the Director of Public Service will send a written notice to the landowner to cut the lawn within five days of the notice. If the landowner fails to comply with the notice given, the Village will employ the necessary labor to perform such work or cause it to be done by Village employees.

The expense for the Village to mow the lawn is quite substantial. Failure to pay the expense incurred by the Village to mow the lawn will necessitate the Clerk-Treasurer certifying the amount on the landowner's tax duplicate.

## **Hydrant Flushing**

Hydrant flushing will begin on Monday, April 19th, and continue for approximately four weeks or until all lines have been flushed and hydrants inspected.

This program is conducted once a year and serves to remove sediment and iron deposits from the water mains. The working conditions of the hydrants are also inspected to ensure the best possible fire protection for the Village.

The flushing process may temporarily discolor your water. While it is safe for drinking, the discoloration may affect laundry. Please check your water before using it.

**Mark your calendars  
now for the  
Silver Lake  
Garden Club's  
Annual Festival  
on Saturday,  
July 17, 2010!**



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# Village of Silver Lake Directory

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Non-Life-Threatening Emergency Numbers  
 Silver Lake Dispatch/Fire/EMS (Voice/TTY) ..... 330.929.8771  
 Silver Lake Police Department (Non Emergency)  
   Administrative Number ..... 330.928.SLPD (7573)  
 Village Hall 2961 Kent Road ..... 330.923.5233  
 Village Hall (fax) ..... 330.923.6965  
 Web Address: [www.villageofsilverlake.com](http://www.villageofsilverlake.com)  
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 Time Warner Cable Government Access Channel 15

**FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS**

Cathy Shultz – Animal Control ..... 330.920.1221  
 Household Hazardous Waste Center ..... 330.374.0383  
 Silver Lake Elementary School ..... 330.926.3811  
 Roberts Middle School ..... 330.926.3809  
 Cuyahoga Falls School Administration ..... 330.926.3800  
   Income Tax School District # 7705  
 J & J Refuse (Dover) ..... 1.800.201.0005  
 J & J Refuse (Twinsburg) ..... 1.330.963.5493  
 Summit County Board of Elections ..... 330.643.5200  
 License Bureau, 650 Graham Rd., Cuy. Falls ..... 330.929.6469  
   Auto License Taxing District Code: **7716**  
 Vectren Source ..... 1.866.200.5567  
 RITA ..... 1.800.860.RITA (7482)

**CONTACT NUMBERS FOR LOCAL UTILITY COMPANIES**

Dominion East Ohio (gas) ..... 1.800.362.7557  
 First Energy (electric)  
   Customer Service or to report a power outage .... 1.800.633.4766  
   Automated Reporting Line ... 1.888.544.4877 (1.888.LIGHTSS)  
 Time Warner Cable ..... 1.877.772.2253  
 AT&T (telephone) ..... 1.800.727.2273

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**Comments and Suggestions**

Our goal is to provide community information about Village services and events. Your input is welcome. Please contact Suzanne Lipan, Coordinating Editor, at Village Hall (330.923.5233).

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