



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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Coming Events

April 4 Monday

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

April 18 Monday

- Deadline to file Federal, State & Village Income Tax
- Hydrant Flushing Begins
- Village Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

April 22 Friday

Good Friday, Village Offices Closed

April 25 Monday

Spring Cleanup Ends

May 2 Monday

Village Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

May 3 Tuesday

Household Hazardous Waste Center Re-Opens

May 16 Monday

Village Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

May 30 Monday

Memorial Day Holiday

Village Offices Closed

June 4 Saturday

Trash Pickup delayed due to

Memorial Day Holiday

June 6 Monday

Village Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

June 6-June 10

Service Department will read inside water meters

June 20 Monday

Village Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

July 4 Monday

Independence Day Holiday

Village Offices Closed

July 5 Tuesday

Village Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

July 9 Saturday

Trash Pickup delayed due to

Independence Day Holiday

July 16 Saturday

Silver Lake Garden Club Festival

July 18 Monday

Village Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

State of the Village, March 2011

by Mayor Bernie Hovey

The State of the Village of Silver Lake can be described as cautiously stable. By exercising prudent and conservative money management policies, we are keeping our heads above water. In the past year, the following actions have taken place, all of which have immediate or future positive effects on Village cash positions:

1. Vacation time accrual has been adjusted.
2. Sick leave accrual and pay-out has been modified.
3. One central office position has been eliminated.
4. Overtime pay-out has been reduced, police overtime has gone from \$22,500 in 2008 to \$15,500 in 2009 to \$11,900 in 2010, while Service Department overtime, a much less predictable item, went from \$49,600 in 2008 to \$30,500 in 2009, though there was a slight increase to \$33,800 in 2010.
5. No pay raises have been granted since 2009.
6. Capital projects have been delayed.
7. On a grass roots level, individual residents were able to save some money on their natural gas bills when we secured an aggregate gas rate of \$5.83/Mcf.
8. Legislation was enacted that allowed the Village to participate in on-line auctions in order to dispose of no longer needed equipment.

Additionally, I am happy to report on several other things that have happened which make life in the Village easier for many people, or things which caused us to beam with pride, or things that caused us to demonstrate our commitment to others:

1. The snow removal program was continued to help serve the needs of our of our elderly citizens.
2. The movie "25 Hill" used Silver Lake for many of its scenes. Council President, Karen Fuller, even played a role in the movie.
3. We participated in the Good Neighbors program during the Christmas holidays.
4. The Red Cross is utilizing Village Hall as a location for blood drives.
5. The Garden Club continued to do its magic this past year, beautifying our islands with flowers, sponsoring the spectacular Festival, even buying a new stove for our kitchen.
6. The Village participated in a Jobs Creation program with Summit County.

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For Your Safety

by Chief John Conley

Severe Weather Early Warning Tests

Severe Weather Early Warning Tests are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month. Upcoming dates include April 7, May 5, June 2, and July 7.

Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness-Calendar of Events

- ☛ National Lightning Safety Awareness Week
June 19-25, 2011
- ☛ Ohio's Winter Safety Awareness Week
November 13-19, 2011

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 suggestions and answers to frequently asked questions on their website under the Weather-Related Power Outages: A PUCO Guide to Being Prepared, www.PUCO.ohio.gov.

Prepare Your Family for an Emergency

Americans live in the most severe weather-prone country on Earth. Every year, Americans cope with an average of 10,000 thunderstorms, 2,500 floods, 1,000 tornadoes, and an average of six deadly hurricanes. Being prepared can be as simple as taking a few steps and making a few changes.

- ☛ Make a Disaster Plan for your household and review it with all household members and anyone else who may be involved in the plan.
- ☛ Prepare an Emergency Kit (see website below for a suggestion of items to include) for each member of your family.

Visit www.weathersafety.ohio.gov for more information on Emergency Preparedness. While you're there, don't forget to involve your children by taking advantage of the "Just for Kids" section.

A Family is the Spice of Life

April is Child and Family Awareness Month. In its 24th year, Summit County Children Services is dedicated to building a solid foundation of community support for children and their families. The Silver Lake Police Department is a proud sponsor of the Child and Family Awareness Month

and encourages parents to take an active role in the lives of their children. Pick up a Family Activity Calendar for April 2011 at the Silver Lake Police Department or at Silver Lake Village Hall. An online schedule is available at www.summitkids.org.

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 Margaret at the Silver Lake Police Department, 330-928-7573 (SLPD).

Overnight Parking Prohibited

Overnight parking is prohibited during the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. on any day of the week. Homeowners should advise their guests that overnight parking is prohibited.☛

Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Center to Reopen for 2011

The Summit/Akron Solid Waste Management Authority Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Center will reopen on Tuesday, May 3 and close on Wednesday, September 28. Hours of operation are Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

For a complete list of acceptable items, visit www.saswma.org or call SASWMA at 330.374.0383.☛

State of the Village

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7. The Police Department again participated in the "Shop with a Cop" program.
8. Our Service Department received many accolades from both residents and non-residents for their outstanding efforts in removing the massive snow with which we were hit this past winter.
9. A dangerous animal ordinance was enacted by Council, an ordinance that helps ensure the safety and welfare of our residents.
10. Many residents continue to show their pride and involvement in Village affairs by continuing to volunteer their time and expertise on our many necessary and important boards and commissions.

Of course, we still have many problems with which we must contend, and which need to be addressed:

1. We must find a way to pay for our many needed sewer improvements.
2. We need to determine how we can adequately and fairly compensate our employees for the jobs they do—including both wages and benefits—and still not jeopardize present and future Village cash positions.
3. We need to determine how we will be able to pay for needed capital equipment, equipment that cannot forever be delayed.
4. We must continue to seek and entertain ways to reduce or alleviate the flooding problems that occur all too often in that part of Silver Lake known as the Colony Allotments.

I think one of the highlights of the year was the hiring of our new Police Chief, John Conley. In just a few short months, Chief Conley has demonstrated high knowledge and outstanding leadership in his position. He has already made changes which have greatly improved the morale, standing and efficiency of our Police Department, and, at the same time, has demonstrated a great understanding of our economic condition.

The Village faces many challenges. We are unsure of what our State legislature will do regarding items that will affect our financial resources. Specifically, we are very concerned about recent proposed cuts in the local government funds allotted us by the State; cuts that, if enacted as proposed, may reduce our local government funds by a little less

than \$40,000 in the second half of this year, and as much as \$50,000 during the first half of next year. We are also concerned about discussions regarding changes in inheritance tax collections, though nothing has yet been done in this area. Obviously, reductions in either or both of these areas have a negative financial impact upon us.

Finally, as residents of the Village of Silver Lake, we are afforded many services. We are committed to continuing to provide these services to our residents. Yet, we are very concerned about how much longer we can continue to provide all of these services in their present forms, given budgetary concerns.

All that said, I believe in the residents of our Village. I know they recognize these same concerns, and I know they trust us to resolve them. I am confident that, working with Council, we will find reasonable and acceptable ways to keep Silver Lake a great place in which to live. We will maintain our high levels of service and satisfaction. We will remain the jewel of Summit County.

I look forward to working with our residents, and especially working with this Council, to meet the challenges facing us. As I've said many times, I am both proud to serve in this office, as well as humbled by doing so. I truly feel I am not a politician, rather a public servant, one who genuinely believes in the idea of "giving" back to a community that has given me a fine place in which to raise my family. I will always feel this way, and, on behalf of Kathleen and myself, I thank the residents of the Village for their trust in me, for their frequent advice, and for their support and encouragement.

As Mayor, and on behalf of the members of Council, we will continue to exercise both wisdom and restraint as we perform our duties, may God bless and guide our every action, and may He continue to bless the good people of Silver Lake.

Thank you for your time and attention.



Important Notice Regarding Building Permits

As of January 3, 2011, the Summit County Division of Building Standards will provide building review and inspection services to the Village of Silver Lake. These services were previously provided by the City of Cuyahoga Falls.

Plans must be reviewed by the Silver Lake Planning and Zoning Commission prior to obtaining a building permit from Summit County.

The Planning and Zoning Commission meetings are scheduled at 6:00 p.m. the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. Plans need to be submitted to the Village no later than Thursday at noon prior to the scheduled Planning and Zoning meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Lipan at 330.923.5233 or if you have any questions for the Summit County Division of Building Standards, contact them at 330.630.7280 or visit their website, www.co.summit.oh.us/executive/bldgstds.htm.



Soil Test Kits Available

by Heather Reiheld,
Stormwater Coordinator

The Summit Soil & Water Conservation District is selling soil test kits for \$12.

Agency staffers will explain how to use the kits to test lawns and gardens before fertilizing.

The test provides information on phosphorus, potassium, calcium, magnesium, pH, cation exchange capacity, lime requirements and base saturation.

Additional tests are available for iron, zinc, manganese, soluble salts and nitrates.

For more information, call 330.929.2871 or visit their website at www.summitswcd.org.

Refuse & Solid Waste Reminders

Due to the Memorial Day Holiday and the 4th of July Holiday, solid waste will be picked up on Saturday, June 4, and July 9, respectively.

DO NOT place refuse containers out until 6:00 p.m. the day before pickup. If containers are out prior to 6:00 p.m., you will be asked to remove them until the appropriate time.

All refuse containers must be removed from the public way by 10:00 p.m. on the day of pickup and returned behind the setback line out of view from the street.

Smoke Detectors Still Available

The Village is offering First Alert dual ionization photoelectric smoke detectors with a 10-year lithium battery at a discounted price of \$21 each (SMRP \$27.99 plus tax). The smoke detectors also come with a remote control mute.

Report Street Light Problems

To report a street light problem or outage, log on to First Energy's website, www.firstenergycorp.com, select Ohio Edison and click on "Report an Outage."

Mark your calendars now
for the Silver Lake Garden Club's
Annual Festival on
Saturday, July 16, 2011.

Notes from the Service Department

by Richard Fenwick, Service Director
Service Department will be reading inside water meters

In June, the Service Department will be reading the inside water meters. The Service Workers will be knocking on the 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 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 4 and continue through Monday, April 25. 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 six 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 18th, 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.

Assistant-Service Director to Retire

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you Kevin Salmon, Assistant-Service Director, has decided to retire at the end of April. Kevin has dedicated 28 years of service to the residents of Silver Lake and will be greatly missed by all.





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 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
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 Time Warner Cable Government Access Channel 15

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 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)

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 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)
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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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