VILLAGE OF
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# Residents' Review

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

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## Coming Events

**December 6** *Sunday*
Christmas Tree Lighting, 4:30 p.m.

**December 7** *Monday*
Village Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**December 21** *Monday*
Village Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**December 24-25** *Thursday-Friday*
Christmas Holiday
Village Offices Closed

**December 31-January 1**
*Thursday-Friday*
New Year Holiday
Village Offices Closed

**January 4** *Monday*
• Council Organizational Meeting
8:00 p.m.
• Reservations Begin for Ball Field

**January 4-15**
Christmas Tree Pick-up

**January 18** *Monday*
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
Village Offices Closed

**January 19** *Tuesday*
Village Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**February 1** *Monday*
Village Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**February 15** *Monday*
Presidents' Day Holiday
Village Offices Closed

**February 16** *Tuesday*
Village Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Severe Weather Early Warning Tests
Scheduled for 10:00 a.m.
on the first Thursday of each month
(December 3, January 7
and February 4)

## From the Desk of Mayor Bernie Hovey

This is the time of the year for all of us to pause, catch our breaths, and count our blessings. There is so much happening around us that causes great concern. Yet, there remains so much for which to be thankful. We live in a free country, where we can freely voice our opinions, where we can worship as we please, where we can travel without restriction, where we can live where we choose, and where we can raise our families as we see fit. My hopes and prayers for a bright future for all of us remain undaunted. Happy Thanksgiving to all of you, and may you enjoy the most joyous of holiday seasons.

Things have been quiet, yet busy, at Village Hall. Of importance to note, are the following things:

1. I recently signed a 6 year extension of our electrical aggregation agreement with First Energy Solutions. In addition to our already agreed upon terms, we are now guaranteed a minimum yearly 6 percent reduction in electricity charges for each of the six additional years. Residents retain the right to opt out if they can find a better deal elsewhere. Also, FES has made a one-time donation to our general fund in the amount of $75,000 for extending our contract.
2. I also signed a two year extension of our contract with Vectren Source for our natural gas needs. Per the advice of our energy consultant, this is good for the Village because Vectren's pricing policy seems more beneficial to Village residents than do other possible suppliers.
3. Council and I have had several meetings working on the budget for 2010. Our revenues are down, yet our expenditures remain fixed at best. We have made as many cuts as we feel we can, without reducing essential services.
4. Sewer rates have not been changed since 2001. We currently have a deficit of $95,000 in our sewer fund. This needs to be addressed.
5. Council recently approved a two year extension of our contract for waste disposal with J&J Refuse. After a somewhat rough start three years ago, J&J has worked hard to meet the needs of our residents. While the rates will go up about 5 percent, they will remain fixed for two years, and appear to be less than many surrounding communities.

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# From the Desk of Mayor Bernie Hovey

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Congratulations to Janie Geis, Chris Scott and Carol Steiner on their recent re-elections to Village Council. All are excellent councilpersons, well deserving of their positions. Congratulations also to Jerry Budrevich on his election as councilman in District C. While we will miss Jim Richardson, who served District C with distinction, we look forward to what Mr. Budrevich, a long time resident, will bring to Council.

I remain committed to acting always in your best interests, and look forward with confidence to the challenges of 2010. With your continued input and support, I will do my best to guide this Village through these troubled economic times. My faith in God, in you, and in our ability to do the right thing remains high.

On behalf of Kathleen and myself, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.❧

# Interesting Water Facts

**by Heather Reiheld, Stormwater Coordinator**

- Water is the only mineral that can be found in all three states (solid, liquid, gas) on earth.
- A leaky faucet may drip enough water in one day to fill six bathtubs.
- If all the water in the Great Lakes was spread evenly across the continental U.S., the ground would be covered with almost 10 feet of water.
- You can refill an 8 oz. glass of water approximately 15,000 times for the same cost as a six pack of soda pop, and water has no sugar or caffeine.
- The overall amount of water on our planet has remained the same for two billion years.❧

# Note These Important Date Changes!

### Trash Collection

Due to the Christmas Day Holiday, on Friday, December 25, 2009, solid waste will be picked up on Saturday, December 26, 2009.

Also, due to the New Year's Day Holiday, on Friday, January 1, 2010, solid waste will be picked up on Saturday, January 2, 2010.

### Council Meetings Moved Due to Holidays

Martin Luther King, Jr. day will be observed on Monday, January 18, 2010, and the Village offices will be closed. Village Council will meet on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

President's Day will be observed on Monday, February 15, 2010, and the Village offices will be closed. Village Council will meet on Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.❧

# Christmas Tree Lighting

### Co-Chairmen: Katrina Honkala and Jeanne Wilson

Be a part of a Silver Lake Garden Club tradition!

On Sunday, December 6, 2009, at 4:30 p.m. all residents are invited to join the festivities at Christmas Tree Island and the Silver Lake Boathouse.

Santa and his elves plan to be there. The Village Smoothies will entertain with traditional holiday carols. Mayor Hovey will light the Christmas Tree.

After the ceremony, everyone is invited to enjoy hot chocolate and refreshments at the Silver Lake Boathouse.❧

# News and Notes for Residents

### Village Website

You may be unable to access the Village's website if you are using a browser other than Internet Explorer.

### 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).

### Snowplows and your Driveway

When shoveling your driveway apron, put all the snow to the RIGHT side when looking at the street. This will eliminate some of the snow that is put back in your driveway.

The Village plows back all the way to the curb in order to remove snow in front of the catch basins. If the Village does not keep the catch basins open, as the snow melts, the water would have no place to drain and could cause flooding.

### Snow Tips

Parking bans go into effect when snowfalls accumulate to two inches or more in a 24-hour period or less. If a vehicle is parked on the street during a snow emergency, it could be cited and towed.

Refrain from blowing snow into the street when cleaning sidewalks and driveways. Plowing snow into the street will obstruct traffic and could create a traffic hazard.

### 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.

### Holiday/Vacation Watch

The Silver Lake Police Department provides a House Watch Program to all Village residents. Officers will routinely visit your home while you are away and check the exterior security of your home.

You may download a vacation watch card at www.villageofsilverlake.com and drop it off at Village Hall or call 330.928.7573 to have a card filled out for you.

### Pet Owner Responsibility

Please be a responsible pet owner and make sure that your pets are confined to your property. This includes cats. Be considerate of your neighbors and do not let your dogs or cats run loose. All pets should wear a collar or harness with proper identification at all times.

### Christmas Tree Disposal

Christmas trees will be picked up by the Service Department starting Monday, January 4, 2010, through Friday, January 15, 2010. Remove all decorations before disposing of your tree. DO NOT place tree in a plastic bag. Please leave your tree at the curb.

### Fast-Simple-Secure-Free Online Services

R.I.T.A. E-File: A quick, easy and secure way to file your municipal income taxes online with R.I.T.A.

R.I.T.A. E-Registration: A fast and simple electronic method to establish your municipal tax account with R.I.T.A., if you have not previously filed a municipal tax return with R.I.T.A.

For more information, log on to www.ritaohio.com or call 1.800.860.7482.

### Water Rates to Increase

In July 2007, Council approved five step increases to the water rates. Water bills now reflect the fourth step increase.

The fifth step increase will reflect a 2 percent increase and will be effective with the utility bills due February 10, 2010. The fixed charge will be $15.94 per month plus $3.32 per 100 cubic feet of water used.❧

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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)
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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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