

# **Village of Silver Lake**



# News from the Service Department

Mark W. Lipan, Service Director

#### Winterizing Tips



Do you have a water meter that is susceptible to freezing? Is it in an unheated part of your home, such as a garage or crawl space?

If it is, you may want to take some precautions during a cold snap, such as temporarily heating this area or letting the water run a little during the night.

This is also a good time to double check that all outside spigots have been shut off for the winter.

#### Leaks Can Add Up

Repairing a dripping faucet saves water and money, since the repair can quickly pay for itself. Leaks can account for as much as 20 percent of an average household's water use. Even the smallest drip can add up to a significant loss of water (and energy if a hot water faucet is leaking). A leaking toilet can waste up to 200 gallons a day. You can detect a toilet leak by adding a few drops of food coloring to water in the tank. If colored water shows up in the bowl, without flushing, a leak is present.



## **News from Mayor Bernie Hovey**

This year has really flown by; hard to believe it is already November.

Following are several things of importance of which you should be aware:

- 1. Council has had to raise water and sewer rates. They did so because of increased cost to us, mainly from the increased sewer charges that Summit County has imposed upon us. Effective with bills rendered on or around October 1, 2023, and payable on October 20, 2023, the fixed base water charge increases from \$14.94 to \$16.49, and the rate per hundred cubic feet of water used increases from \$4.38 to \$5.13. The fixed base sewer charge decreased from \$37.98 down to \$35.40. The sewer rate charge for residents increases from \$6.21 to \$6.37, charges based on water usage. Rates have also been increased for commercial and institutional entities.
- 2. The gas project currently going on has now added restoration work to the project. This work began on October 9, and deals mainly with sidewalk and pavement restoration.
- 3. The deer cull program will begin a day or two after Thanksgiving, and will continue through the first weekend in February 2024. Details will be posted on the Village webpage.
- 4. We have experienced an unusually high number of power outages recently. It is important that if you lose power, report it immediately to First Energy.

The holiday season is upon us, enjoy this special season with your friends and family.

Kathleen and I wish you a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

# News from the Police Department

**Jamie Norris, Chief of Police** 

#### **Beware of Phone Scams**



Never give anyone your personal information over the phone, especially to those you do not know or do not have any association with. Do not give cash or gift cards over the phone. If someone you do not know is asking you to buy gift cards, it is most likely a scam.

# Cold Weather Gear for the Homeless

November 13 through December 17, 2023

The City of Stow, Munroe Falls, Silver Lake and Cuyahoga Falls are joining forces with the Peter Maurin Center & Knights of Columbus to collect cold weather gear for the homeless.

Donation items may be dropped off at Village Hall starting November 13th.

A drive thru campaign will be held on Saturday, December 2nd from 10 am to 2 pm at Village Hall.



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### Happy Thanksgiving!

The offices at Village Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Offices will reopen on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

#### **Trash Collection**

Trash collection for the week of Thanksgiving will be on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Meeting Times**

Council ~ 1st and 3rd Monday of the month @7 pm

**Planning Commission ~**  $2^{nd}$  and  $4^{th}$  Monday of the month @ 6 pm

Park Board ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 6 pm

Shade Tree Commission ~ 1st Thursday of the month @ 4:00 pm

Water Shed Committee ~ Check the website

**Board of Zoning Appeals ~** As needed

Silver Lake Garden Club ~ Monday November 13th @ 12:30 pm

### **Utility Payments from Your Bank**

When sending payments directly to the Village from your bank, please make sure the address and account number matches the utility statement. See the yellow highlighted example to the right.



# **Consider Composting**

Want a healthier yard? Composting turns yard wastes into valuable organic fertilizer. To get started, you can build your own compost or buy one. Good composting materials include leaves, grass clippings, woody brush, vegetable and fruit scraps, coffee grounds, and paper. Avoid using diseased plants, meat scraps, and pet manure.

Composting can be as simple or involved as you like and depends on how much yard waste you have, how quickly you want results, and how much effort you want to invest.

Courtesy of the Silver Lake Watershed Committee

Source: Summit Soil & Water Conservation District



# **News from the Garden Club**



Please join your friends and neighbors on Monday, November 13, 2023, at Silver Lake Village Hall for the next general membership meeting of Silver Lake Garden Club. A luncheon will be provided with social time starting at 12:30 pm. At 1:00 pm, our speaker will be Village resident Captain Ryan Bowers of the Lorain Fire Department who will present the program "Fire Safety in and Around Your Home". Captain Bowers will give us timely fire prevention and safety reminders to use in our own homes.

# Fall Leaf and Limb Pick-up ~ Monday October 30th through Sunday December 3rd

Please keep leaves and limbs in separate piles and do not put them in the street. Limbs must be under 10 feet long and no larger than 4 inches in diameter.

The Village will **not** pick up lumber, weeds, stumps, firewood, or anything with a root system. Complete tree removal will also not be picked up by the Village's Service Department.

Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> is the <u>last day</u> to put leaves and limbs at the curb. The Service Department will pick everything up that was put out by that date.