

December 2023

# Village of Silver Lake

## News from the Service Department

Mark W. Lipan, Service Director

### Snow Reminders



Residents are required to keep sidewalks free of snow and ice. This is especially important around the school.



Parking bans go into effect when snowfall accumulates to two inches or more during a 24-hour period.



Residents are requested to refrain from blowing snow into the street when clearing sidewalks and driveways.

### Christmas Tree Recycling



Christmas trees will be picked up by the Service Department from January 3 through January 19. Please leave your tree at the curb. Please remove plastic bags and all decorations before disposing of your tree!

### Smell Gas?

If you are out walking around the Village or working in your yard and smell gas, please do not call the Mayor, a council member, or even Village Hall. Immediately call Dominion East Ohio Gas Company's hotline number **877-542-2630** to report the location of the gas smell. Your call will be answered by a dispatcher. You WILL NOT be placed on hold. Your information will be taken, and Dominion will dispatch a crew who can properly locate and correct the problem. Every minute wasted calling the wrong people delays the situation being handled.

## Silver Lake Garden Club

Please join your friends and neighbors on Monday, December 11, 2023, at Silver Lake Village Hall for the next general membership meeting of Silver Lake Garden Club. This is our very special annual Holly and Ivy High Tea—an event you want to be sure to attend. A lovely high tea luncheon will be provided at 12:30pm. A special musical guest, the Cuyahoga Falls High School Choir, will entertain us, and the 2024 Garden Club Officers and Elected Leaders will be installed. We look forward to seeing you and sharing our best wishes for festive holidays and a Happy New Year!

## News from the Clerk-Treasurer ~ Sean M. Housley, CPA

The Village of Silver Lake Council is considering modifying its current Dog-At-Large ordinance. Council members are requesting feedback regarding a possible leash law. Residents will have an opportunity to attend the Council Meeting on **Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7:00pm**. Sign in and express your opinion during the public comment portion of the meeting.

## 2024 Rain Barrel Workshop - RSVP

Following tremendous turnout at this year's event, the Watershed Committee is planning a 2024 rain barrel workshop on Saturday, April 13. After 2024, the event will be held every other year.

Sandy Barbic, Summit Soil & Water Conservation District, will conduct the seminar and demonstrate how to install the diverter kits.

The Village intends to purchase 55-gallon rain barrels and diverter kits. It will make them available to residents at cost. (Pricing is estimated to be approximately \$70-75 per rain barrel, depending on volume and shipping.)

To reserve your rain barrel kit, please call Village Hall at 330-923-5233 no later than Feb. 28, 2024.

## Cold Weather Gear for the Homeless



Now through Sunday, 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.

## News from the SLPD Jamie Norris, Chief of Police

### NO OVERNIGHT PARKING

Just a reminder that there is no overnight parking on any Village Street from 2:00 am to 7:00 am any day of the week.

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## Village Office Closures

Village Offices will be closed on Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, and Tuesday January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

## Kimble Holiday Trash Collections

Christmas week trash will be collected on Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup> and New Year's week trash will be collected on Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Meeting Times

**Council** ~ 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month @ 7 pm

**Planning Commission** ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month @ 6 pm

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

**Shade Tree Commission** ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month @ 4:00 pm

**Water Shed Committee** ~ Check the website

**Board of Zoning Appeals** ~ As needed

**Silver Lake Garden Club** ~ Monday December 11<sup>th</sup> @ 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.

Return this portion with your payment and place in the enclosed envelope.

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2961 Kent Road  
Silver Lake, OH 44224-3027

## 2023 – 2024 Senior or Disabled Driveway Snow Removal Program



The Village will once again offer a Driveway Snow Removal Program to residents who are permanently disabled or 65 years of age or older AND who meet the household income criteria established by the Department of Health and Human Services. Income is defined as including, but not limited to, pension, social security benefits, interest, and dividends, etc. The Village reserves the right to request proof of income.

Applications are available at Village Hall or on our website at [www.villageofsilverlake.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/223-2024-Snow-RemovalApplication.pdf](http://www.villageofsilverlake.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/223-2024-Snow-RemovalApplication.pdf).

If you have any questions, or if you would like a form mailed to you, please call Village Hall at 330-923-5233.

## Coming Soon – Emergency Notification System

The Village Administrative Office is in the process of installing an emergency notification system that will allow us to text, call or email during such events like water main breaks, boil alerts, storms, etc.

Has your phone number or email address changed in recent months? If you have had a recent change and to assure that we have proper contact information for each resident, please email your current phone number and email address to:

[administration@villageofsilverlake.com](mailto:administration@villageofsilverlake.com)



My friends and fellow residents, thank you. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Mayor for the last 18 years. My years of service as Mayor will be ending in just a few short days; hence, this will be my last public communicate with you. I look back on the time I have been in office with both pride and humility; pride in the faith and trust you have placed in me and humbled by the support you have always shown.

So much has been accomplished, and there is so much for which I am truly grateful. First and foremost, I am grateful for your confidence in me. To have served as the Mayor of Silver Lake ranks as one of the highlights of my life, surpassed only by my marriage to my beautiful wife, Kathleen, the birth of our children, Scott, Brent, and Lauren, and that of our grandchildren, Addison, Emma, Chase, Annalise, Giuliana and Rocco. God has most certainly been generous with His blessings upon me and my family.

I am proud of the many accomplishments made during my administration. Just a few of them include the 2014 sidewalk project, the Fire/EMS/Dispatch agreement with Cuyahoga Falls; one that saved us \$100,000 a year for 15 years over our previous agreement, the many improvements to our streets and sewers, the centennial celebration, the construction of the patio at the gazebo, the lower than average aggregation prices for natural gas and electricity, the Englewood Drive project, the attention given to and the progress made on flooding issues in the Village, the Veterans Tribute Garden, the summer concerts — and so many more. Hard to measure, but easy to see, is the care I have for the quality of life in the Village. Cooperation, not conflict, defined my *modus operandi*. While I believe I was a good leader, I believe I was a better listener. Your opinions were always considered in any decision I made. Because of the respect we held for and the faith we had in each other, Silver Lake remains a safe, secure, serene place; it remains the jewel of Summit County.

While I seem to receive much credit for all the good that happens here, I recognize that, in many cases, I am but a minor player. The real credit belongs to our employees. The men and women who work for the Village are truly dedicated to their jobs and to servicing you to the best of their abilities. Our Service Department is the best in the area; our Police Department protects and serves with passion; our legal representation and our financial staff are extremely knowledgeable and professional, and the administrative office personnel are the friendliest, most professional, and most efficient any Mayor could ever hope for. I am truly thankful for and indebted to all of the employees of the Village.

Also important to any success we have had is due to the work of our Village Council. The men and women who serve on Council do so because they love the Village. Their goal is to do whatever they can to ensure that all is proper and well, that your needs are taken care of, and that your voices are heard. We are fortunate to have men and women serving on Council who have, at the heart of every decision they make, your best interests in mind.

It is very important to realize that our success is due also to the work and efforts of the many citizens who serve on our various boards and commissions. Members of the Planning Commission, the Park Board, the Citizens Housing Commission, the Shade Tree Commission, the Watershed Committee, and the Board of Zoning Appeals, volunteer their time and talents to help ensure the quality of life in the Village. Just as important to our success is all the good work done by the Garden Club; we would not be the same without its sponsorship of the festival, its many educational programs put on throughout the year, and its dedication to the beautification of the Village. I think, too, of the many citizens who do special things to enhance our lives, things like bringing an annual car show to the Village, or the many programs sponsored by the historical society, programs that remind us of our history, and, of course, your insistence and determination to continue the summer gazebo concerts. Also, you have demonstrated your respect for veterans by participating in the Witness Tree program, and by providing the necessary financing to build the Veterans Tribute Garden. All these things, and more, are a credit to the kind of people you are and are part of the reason Silver Lake is such a unique and wonderful place in which to live and raise a family.

I must admit that I leave the Mayor's office with a bit of melancholy. I am proud of the accomplishments made during my administration, and I love being your Mayor. And I will miss it. But it is time. It is time for me to step back, to enjoy more time with my family, and to assume the role played so well by so many of you, namely, that of a private, yet supportive and informed citizen. As to my successor, I am confident that Therese Dunphy will be an excellent Mayor. She has a great love for the Village, and the background, desire, and ability to lead. I wish her the best.

Once again, thank you for allowing me to serve as your mayor for the last 18 years. It has been a great honor.

*Bernie Hovey*

Mayor, Silver Lake