



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 so, you need 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.

Snow Reminders



Residents are required to keep sidewalks free of snow and ice. If you have a fire hydrant in front of your house, clear the snow away so firefighters can locate it in an emergency.

Parking bans go into effect when snow fall reaches two inches or more in a 24-hour period.

Village ordinances prohibit blowing snow into the streets when cleaning driveways and sidewalks.

Always pile snow to the right of your driveway when shoveling. This will minimize the amount of snow pushed back in by the plow trucks as they clear the streets.



News from Mayor Dunphy



While still in my first weeks as Mayor, I have to say how impressed I am by our staff. Their dedication and commitment to the Village and customer service for its residents is top notch. They are easing the transition between administrations and laying a strong foundation for the work ahead. I am proud to work alongside such a talented team.

I'm also gaining a new appreciation for the many, many community members who enhance our experience as Silver Lake residents. From the Park Board and the Shade Tree Commission to the Watershed Committee to the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals to the Citizens Housing Committee, many residents generously volunteer their time to improve the quality of life for us all. Thank you!

Residents have certainly given me a warm welcome. I've enjoyed the phone calls, texts, emails, and visits. To follow up on last month's letter, I encourage you to take this opportunity to share your perspective on what makes our Village special, as well as your ideas on areas that could be improved. Please email me at tdunphy@villageofsilverlake.com. Your feedback will help guide decision-making as we work to reflect those needs and desires. Thanks to those who have already reached out.

Finally, please join me in welcoming the newest member of Village Council: Kevin Rozsa. Council members selected him from a pool of well-qualified candidates. He fills the remainder of my unexpired term in Ward B, and I'm confident he will be an excellent addition to the Village's legislative team.

Thank you for entrusting me with the responsibility of leading Silver Lake.

News from SLPD

Jamie Norris, Chief of Police



We receive periodic notifications of vehicles running through red lights at the intersection of Graham and Dover/N. Dover Rd. The Police Department routinely patrols and enforces violations associated with the intersection. There were 196 traffic stops in 2023 for red-light violations for the Graham and Dover area. We recorded two traffic accidents for the year at the intersection and neither of them were the result of a red-light violation. We continue to strive to make improvements and have most recently adjusted the timing of the lights in an attempt to address some of the safety issues in the area. We still maintain that every motor vehicle operator and pedestrian should approach every intersection with extreme caution.

Important Note from the Shade Tree Commission

Prune your oak trees now before winter ends! Oak wilt is most active from April to July, so please avoid pruning oak trees between April 1 and November 15. Only work with TCIA accredited tree companies or ISA Certified Arborists.



Village offices will be closed on Monday, February 19th for Presidents Day.

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Meeting Times

Council ~ 1st and 3rd Monday of the month @ 7 pm
Planning Commission ~ 2nd and 4th Monday of the month @ 6 pm
Park Board ~ 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 6 pm
Shade Tree Commission ~ 1st Thursday of the month @ 4:00 pm
Water Shed Committee ~ March 27th @ 6 pm
Board of Zoning Appeals ~ As needed



Silver Lake Utility Bill Direct Payment Program (ACH) ~ No check writing ~ No postage ~ No late fees ~ No hassles

- Your water/sewer utility bill will be automatically deducted directly from your bank account in cooperation with your bank.
- Automated Clearing House (ACH) is a safe, reliable, and no cost way to pay your bill.
- The utility bill amount is withdrawn from your account on the 20th of each month or the next business day if it falls on a weekend/holiday.
- Utility customers will continue to receive a copy of their utility bill each month.
- You may stop ACH at any time by submitting written notice to the Silver Lake Utility Department.

If you are interested in the direct payment plan for your Silver Lake water and sewer bill, the application can be obtained online at villageofsilverlake.com and then returned to Village Hall.

If you are already enrolled in ACH, you do NOT need to fill this application out again.

Sensible Salting

To protect our watershed, consider the following salting practices:

- Shovel snow.** Remove snow and ice quickly. This reduces the amount of salt needed and increases efficiency.
- Follow application instructions.** More is not always better. It does not correspond to quicker melting, and excess salt is carried into waterways.
- Reduce chemical application.** Only apply salt where it is needed. For example, not every door in your house needs to be accessible. You can also create a path instead of removing all snow.
- Consider temperatures.** Most road salts are ineffective below 15 degrees F. Sand can be coupled with salt for better traction but must be swept up after use as sediment is another major stormwater pollutant.
- Sweep up excess road salt.** If salt remains after ice is gone, sweep it up.
- Pet safety.** Sodium chloride, calcium chloride, and magnesium chloride can burn paws. Potassium acetate is safer. Be sure to wash their paws after walking your pets.

Source: Summit Soil & Water Conservation District.
Courtesy of the Silver Lake Watershed Committee

Where Does a Dollar in Property Taxes Go?

Date: 01/12/2024. Prepared by: Sean M. Housley, Clerk-Treasurer.

Where Does a Dollar in Property Taxes Go?			
Location	Millage	%	\$ 1.00
CUYAHOGA FALLS CSD 0306	47.374326	61.86%	\$ 0.62
CUYAHOGA FALLS LIBRARY 0607	1.553959	2.03%	\$ 0.02
SILVER LAKE VILLAGE 0418	13.750000	17.95%	\$ 0.18
SUMMIT COUNTY 0101	12.157359	15.87%	\$ 0.16
SUMMIT METRO PARKS 0802	1.749060	2.28%	\$ 0.02
Total:	76.584704	100.00%	\$ 1.00
			Cents
Here's how your 18 cents was used in 2023:			\$ 0.18
Police, FIRE, EMS, Health & Safety	47.90%	\$	0.09
Streets	23.39%	\$	0.04
Storm Water	6.35%	\$	0.01
Mayor, Council, Administration	14.58%	\$	0.03
Parks, Lands, Buildings, Equip, Other	7.78%	\$	0.01
Subtotal:	100.00%	\$	0.18



Silver Lake Garden Club

Silver Lake Garden Club kicks off the 2024 season with an organizing session at Village Hall. Check the website calendar for the date. Beverages and snacks will be served.

We look forward to seeing you and sharing the 2024 program topics and speakers. You will meet with your fellow section members to plan menus, decor and hospitality for the 2024 meetings hosted by your section.