



Village of Silver Lake



News from the Service Department

Mark W. Lipan, Service Director

Coming Soon: Spring Clean Up April 1st through April 28th

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 Service Department.

Leaves and limbs placed at the curb through Sunday, April 28th will be picked up by the Village Service Department.

Solar Eclipse Glasses



Safely view the solar eclipse on April 8, 2024. Glasses available at Village Hall. Limit four per household while supplies last. For more information on the solar eclipse visit eclipse.aas.org/eye-safety.



News from Mayor Dunphy

Over recent weeks, I'm sure you've received - and likely already paid - your revised property tax bills. I want to delve a bit more into this topic. In last month's report, Village Clerk-Treasurer Sean Housley explained the Village receives 18 cents of each property tax dollar, with nearly half being spent on police, fire, EMS, health and safety. This spending, with its focus on safety, reflects feedback from residents who very much value the exemplary services offered by the Silver Lake Police Department, as well as our other valued safety partner, the Cuyahoga Falls Fire Department.

This year's higher property taxes are due to new property appraisals from Summit County, not an increase in local millage. In addition to home valuations, other factors that can increase your property taxes include school levies and bond issues, as well as levies for metroparks, library, and other services. Our millage has not increased since 1989. Much has changed in the last 35 years: big hair and shoulder pads are no longer trendy, cell phones feel essential, but millage on your home assessed by the Village remains constant.

Total Eclipse of the Arboretum

Join us at the Fauser Arboretum on April 8 between 1 and 4 pm. As the eclipse passes through Northeast Ohio, residents are invited to gather at the arboretum to watch. The Silver Lake Police Association will have protective glasses so we can safely view the eclipse. Pack a picnic and some lawn chairs and join us for this once-in-lifetime event, weather permitting.

News from the Police Department

Jamie Norris, Chief of Police



Severe Weather Awareness Week: March 17 - 23

There will be a statewide tornado drill at 9:50 am on March 20, 2024.

Know where to go. When severe weather threatens remember to **DUCK!**



D- Go **down** to the lowest level.

U- Get **under** something sturdy (like a basement staircase or heavy table or desk).

C- **Cover** your head.

K- **Keep** in shelter until the storm has passed.

Info from weathersafety.ohio.gov

Easter Egg Hunt

The Silver Lake Police Association will be hosting their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23 at the Church in Silver Lake from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. This event is for Silver Lake children ages zero to 10 years of age. Please bring your Easter baskets.





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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 Commission ~ March 28 @ 6 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals ~ As needed

Silver Lake Garden Club ~ Monday March 18th @ 12:30 pm



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.*

LEAD AND COPPER LINE PROJECT

Mark W. Lipan, Director of Public Service

The EPA has mandated the Village locate and identify what the water service lines are made of at each residence. Due to the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions coming up in October 2024, this project must be completed by October 16, 2024.

Service lines are classified as lead or non-lead. The non-lead lines are made of copper, plastic, or galvanized. Any lines that are found to be lead will eventually have to be replaced. The cost of the replacement will fall on both the Village and the homeowner. The Village will pay for the replacement of the service line from the watermain to the curb stop, and the homeowner will be responsible from the curb stop to the home. As of now, we have dug up over five hundred services and found zero lead lines on the homeowner's side. The ones we found were on the Village's side of the curb stop.

The hole we dig will be about two feet wide. Afterwards, the hole will be filled with sand. Once the weather breaks, we will return to topsoil and seed the area. If we find any problems with the curb stop valve, we will repair it at that time.

Notices will be handed out when we are in your area. This process should not interfere with your water supply. You will only notice a two-foot area of sand in the right-of-way.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



Garden Club Festival

Save the date for **Saturday, July 20**, for the Silver Lake Garden Club Festival, a tradition since 1935. This is a fun-filled community event with great food, games, prizes, and entertainment.

New this year at the Village Store will be original watercolor prints of the Garden Club Gazebo by our very own Village artist Denny Stoiber. Denny is an accomplished watercolorist and a member of the Whiskey Painters of America. He has created four beautiful gazebo scenes – one for each season. Each fine art print is 5" x 7" and will be signed and numbered by Denny, so quantities will be limited. The original 8" x 10" prints will be framed as a set and sold at silent auction.

Start with Soil

As spring approaches and you begin to work toward your summer lawn goals, start by understanding your soil. To ensure a hearty, disease resistant landscape, cultivate healthy soil including micro-organisms, organic matter and nutrients such as nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium.

To maximize growth, save money and reduce the potential for nutrients to run off into the watershed, consider doing a soil test before applying fertilizer this spring. DIY home kits for nutrients and pH are available in most hardware stores. For a more comprehensive analysis, including fertilizing recommendations, consider sending a sample to the Penn State Extension lab; details are available at SSWCD (<https://sswcd.summitoh.net>).