



Village of Silver Lake



News from the Service Department

Mark W. Lipan, Service Director

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 30th will be picked up by the Village Service Department.

Hydrant Flushing



Fire Hydrant flushing will begin May 6th and run approximately four weeks until all hydrants are flushed and inspected. This program is conducted once a year and serves to remove sediment and iron deposits from the water mains. The working condition of the hydrants are also inspected to ensure the best possible fire protection for the Village. The flushing process may temporarily discolor your water. While it is safe for drinking, the discoloration may affect laundry. Please check your water before using.

What to do with Storm Debris

Storm debris is not picked up by Silver Lake after a storm. If you experience downed trees and limbs on your property, please contact a private tree service or call your trash hauler for options. Do not place these items on the tree lawn.

News from Mayor Dunphy

Over the last six months, there has been robust conversation within the Village and at Council meetings regarding a potential leash law for Village dogs. This discussion included feedback from residents via email and phone calls, comments at Council meetings, a public hearing, and a review of dog-related complaints made to the Silver Lake Police Department during the last two years.

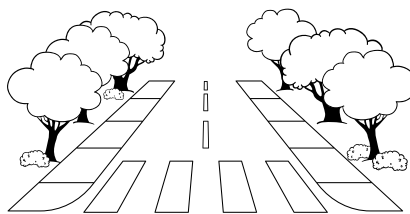
Following this input, Council determined that the current Village ordinance, 505.02 *Dogs and Other Animals Running at Large*, is sufficient. That ordinance, which can be found in full through the Village Website, notes that the “owner or person having charge of every animal shall at all times keep such animal either confined upon the premises of the owner or keeper, or under reasonable control of some person.” It also states that “no person being the owner of or having charge of any dog, whether wearing a registration tag or not, shall permit it to run at large upon any public place or upon the premises of another.”

What this ordinance does not do is prohibit dog “play dates.” Private property owners have the right to allow dog friends to play at their homes - with their permission. **What this ordinance does do** is outline the expectation that dogs not on a leash be under the control of their owners and establish penalties for failure to maintain control.

There are a lot of strong feelings on both sides of this debate. As you walk your dog through the Village, please be considerate of those who may be uncomfortable encountering an unleashed animal. If you encounter an unleashed animal, know that owner is within their rights, as long as the dog is under control and respect the fact that dog owner is abiding by the law. Let’s all treat each other as good neighbors.

News from the Police Department

Jamie Norris, Chief of Police



On Street Parking Reminders

Cones and or flashers are required on trailers and any other equipment parked on the street.

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.

News from the Office of the Clerk-Treasurer

Sean M. Housley, CPA

The Village of Silver Lake reminds taxpayers the deadline to file a 2023 tax return and pay any tax owed is Monday, April 15, 2024.

The Taxpayers that must file a RITA tax return or a RITA Tax Exemption Form are as follows:

- Resident individuals, 18 years of age and older who have earned income even if no tax is due.
- Non-resident individuals who conduct business in the Village of Silver Lake, even if no tax is due.
- Non-resident individuals who own rental property in the Village, even if no tax is due.

For additional information and/or questions, please contact the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA): PH: 1-800-860-RITA or Sean M. Housley, CPA, Clerk-Treasurer.

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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 ~ Wednesday June 12th @ 6:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals ~ As needed.

Silver Lake Garden Club ~ Monday April 15th @ 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.*



Citizens Housing Committee

As spring approaches, home and lawn maintenance will once again be underway throughout the Village. The care that residents put into their properties is one of many charming aspects of life in Silver Lake. Occasionally, however, some of the maintenance required in our ordinances (Section 1357.03) is deferred. When that happens, residents can call Village Hall at 330-923-5233 to report potential violations. These reports are then referred to the Citizens Housing Committee for review and follow up, when necessary.



Lawn Care Practices

A major contributor to water quality problems in our lakes is nutrient-laden runoff from individual properties. Steps we can take to reduce this contamination include:

- Mulch grass clippings and fallen leaves with your lawn mower to return nutrients to the soil.
- Substitute organic lawn care practices in place of chemical fertilizers/herbicides.
- Apply fertilizers (if necessary) responsibly:
 - Not before April 1 or after October 1 (growing season);
 - Not on impervious surfaces;
 - Not when heavy rain or wind is imminent or when soils are saturated or frozen; and
 - Not within the buffer of any water body.

Information courtesy of the Silver Lake Watershed Commission

Silver Lake Garden Club

You are invited to attend Silver Lake Garden Club on April 15th at 12:30 pm at Village Hall for dessert and a program by Danielle Dieterich to learn more about The Cuyahoga Valley Art Center in Cuyahoga Falls which is dedicated to the promotion of visual art education, exhibition and community engagement. The center offers many classes and hosts art exhibits throughout the year.