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Village of Silver Lake



Silver Lake, Ohio

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News from the Service Department

Mark W. Lipan, Director of Public Service



Rain Gardens Slow Down Stormwater Runoff

Rain gardens are designed to retain runoff to allow more time for the rainwater to soak into the ground where the soil can help filter out pollutants. By planting your rain garden with water-loving native plants, you can increase the ecological benefits that rain gardens provide.

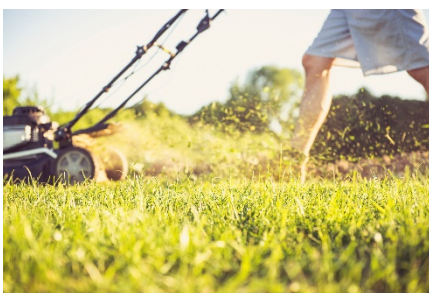
Many beneficial insects, including pollinators, require native plants to complete their cycle.

With a little bit of planning and care, a rain garden can provide both stormwater benefits and a pollinator/wildlife habitat for most of the year.

Courtesy of SSWCD

Grass Clipping Reminder

Please keep grass clippings off of the street. Grass clippings that make their way to the street, go into the catch basins and clog up the storm sewers. If hiring a landscape company, please remind them of this.



News from Mayor Dunphy

There's an old adage about seasons in Northeast Ohio: there is winter and there is construction season. For the Village, construction season is well under way.

From paving on Kent Road, to the ongoing lead line replacement project throughout the Village, public works improvements – and the corresponding inconveniences that accompany them – are part of our everyday life.

The good news is that construction does not last forever, but the improvements should be meaningful. On Kent Road, a final layer of fresh asphalt should be in place by Aug. 1.

For several months, the Service Department has been digging holes throughout the Village to fulfill an Environmental Protection Agency requirement to identify lead water lines. Residents whose water lines have been dug up received a notice from the Service Department. Remaining properties will be checked throughout the summer and early fall.

To date, the Village has identified approximately 135 lead water lines. At its May 6 meeting, Village Council approved a contract with Fabrizi Trucking & Paving Co. We secured a 0-interest loan through the EPA to complete this work, which will continue throughout the summer and into the early fall.

If you'd like to know the status of your water line, visit the Village website (villageofsilverlake.com) and click on the "Current Lead Service Line Inventory" button at the top right of the page.

News from the Police Department

Jamie Norris, Chief of Police

The Cuyahoga Falls and Silver Lake Police Departments honored Police Officers who lost their lives in the line of duty during the week of May 12 which was National Police Week. A memorial ceremony was held on May 15 at the Cuyahoga Falls & Silver Lake Police Memorial in Cuyahoga Falls.

This Police Memorial honors fallen officers killed in the line of duty, those killed while serving in the military, as well as deceased, retired officers of our community.



Important Reminder

351.18 Junk Motor Vehicles

Individuals that have unused/non-running motor vehicles should not have them stored or parked in their driveways. Those types of vehicles should be placed inside a garage. For more information, see Chapter 351.18 of the Village Code. This can be found on our website, villageofsilverlake.com under Government, Codified Ordinances.





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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 pm

Water Shed Committee Wednesday June 12th @ 6:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals As needed.

Silver Lake Garden Club Monday June 17th @ 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.

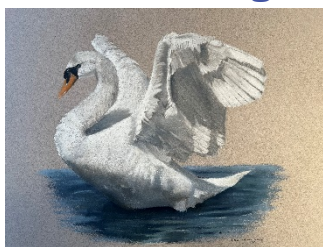
If you are interested in the direct payment plan for your Silver Lake water and sewer bill, the application can be obtained online at villageofsilverlake.com and then returned to Village Hall.

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

Silver Lake Garden Club

You are invited to attend the Silver Lake Garden Club meeting on June 17, 2024, at 12:30 pm at Village Hall for dessert and the program, A Beautiful Summer Bouquet. Akron Garden Club member Marguerite Tremelin will share her experience and knowledge of creating lovely arrangements with fresh summer flowers. Save the Date for Saturday, July 20, for the Annual Silver Lake Garden Club Festival.

Support Shade Tree Commission's Pay the Shade Forward Program



Help to revive our fading canopy and make sure Silver Lake stays green for our children and grandchildren! STC advisor and local artist Marcia Mandala has donated a framed pastel painting of a swan titled "Lift Off" to be raffled at \$10 per entry. Raffle tickets for the painting will be available at Village Hall now through July 19. Proceeds will be used to fund the Free Tree Raffle for residents, which will be held at the SLGC Festival. Visit the Shade Tree Commission's table to sign up! One shade tree will be raffled, and the lucky resident winner will receive help from STC volunteers on where and how to plant it properly. The tree will be delivered in April 2025.

Silver Lake Watershed Committee

Small Construction Management Practices

Manage your small yard projects to protect water quality and quantity:

Small (<1ac) construction projects like rototilling, trenching or landscaping require no stormwater permit. However, homeowners should still consider implementing construction management practices required on larger projects to protect our lakes.

Pre-planning: Consider slopes, permeability of soils and existing drainage. (1)

During construction: use straw or other erosion control practices to keep your soil. Cover piles. Divert water from entering exposed soil. (2)

Post construction: final stabilizing vegetation. Use of rain gardens or other flow stabilizing practices. Consider final controls appropriate to your situation. (3)

Considering these practices will preserve your yard and water quality in the Village.

(1)https://dam.assets.ohio.gov/image/upload/epa.ohio.gov/Portals/35/storm/technical_assistance/1.0-Planning-SW-Mgmt-Development-Projects-Oct-21.pdf

(2)https://epa.ohio.gov/static/Portals/35/storm/technical_assistance/6-24-09RLDCh7.pdf

(3)<https://extension.psu.edu/how-can-i-control-stormwater-on-my-property>