

# Village of Silver Lake

## News from the Service Department

Mark W. Lipan, Director of Public Service

### 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.

### Christmas Tree Recycling



Christmas trees will be picked up by the Service Department from January 6 through January 19. Please leave your tree at the curb. Please remove plastic bags and all decorations before disposing of your tree!

### News from Garden Club

Thanks to all who participated with Garden Club in 2024! We welcome new and returning members to join us in February when we resume meeting. Happy New Year!

## News from Mayor Dunphy

As 2025 begins, I'd like to thank you all for the support you've shown during my first year as your mayor. It's been a steep learning curve, but also a rewarding experience.

2024 was full of construction projects such as lead line replacements and Willow Park development; community events such as the festival, summer concerts, and Christmas tree lighting; and most importantly: learning more about the people and programs who support life in the Village.

Three groups of people keep Silver Lake thriving.

The first is our wonderful staff. As residents, we are blessed to have enjoyed tremendous stability among our staff. At the end of 2024, Silver Lake employees had logged 346 years with the Village. The amount of institutional knowledge and subject matter expertise this type of seniority brings to bear each day is amazing.

The next group is our Village Council. The legislative arm of Village government plays a pivotal role in our community's success, providing dedicated leadership and ensuring our Village thrives through thoughtful governance and collaboration.

Finally, we have literally dozens of Village residents who contribute their time and expertise as part of our various commissions.

We are fortunate to have so many working for the benefit of all. Working with these great groups of people, I look forward to the year ahead.

## News from the SLPD

Jamie Norris, Chief of Police

### No Trespassing Zones



All of the reserve area behind Village Hall, including the Mandala Trail are now posted no trespassing and are designated for authorized deer hunters and SLV personnel. Individuals will still be able to use the Metro Park trail and follow that into the park away from the hunting areas. The wooded area south of Crystal Lake Park is also posted no trespassing. The reserve area behind Village Hall will reopen to the public on January 2, 2025. The wooded area south of Crystal Lake Park will reopen to the public on February 2, 2025.

## Silver Lake Watershed Committee

If you use deicing salt, remember these five tips:

- **Shovel first** – always shovel any snow or ice away before putting salt onto a hard surface.
- **Maintain 3-inch spacing between grains of salt** – A rule of thumb is that grains of salt should be about 3 inches apart. or 1 to 1.5 cups per every two parking spaces.
- **Measure pavement temperature** – rock salt works only down to temperatures of 16F
- **Sweep up extra salt to reuse** – If you see piles of salt on the pavement following the storm, sweep up the extra salt and reuse it. Otherwise it will runoff to nearby vegetation, into the lake.
- **Ask contractors to limit salt use** – If you hire contractors to maintain your driveway and/or sidewalk, ask them if they can anti-ice with liquid. Anti-icing can reduce salt use by as much as 45%.

SENIOR SOCIAL

Silver Lake residents, 55 and over - Please join us for an afternoon of fun and getting to know your neighbors! For those who like to play games, we will have a few options to enjoy in small groups. Or just come to socialize! We welcome all looking to spend an entertaining afternoon with others who share this special Silver Lake community.

Date: Friday, January 17, 2025
Time: 3-5 pm
Where: Silver Lake Village Hall
Please RSVP (Call or text):
Marianne Raniol 330-701-0324
Laurie Johnson 330-289-0802

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 ~ Thursday January 9 @ 4:00 pm
Watershed Commission ~ Wednesday January 8, 2025
Board of Zoning Appeals ~ As needed
Silver Lake Garden Club ~ To resume in February 2025

Ways to Pay your Water Bill

- Check, Cash or Credit Card
Mail checks to 2961 Kent Road Silver Lake, OH 44224
Drop off payment in the utility box located in the parking lot or in the box located in the vestibule at Village Hall
Sign up for our ACH program (no fees apply). Your payment would automatically come out of your bank account on the 20th of every month. If you are already enrolled, there is no need to sign up again.
\*NEW\* Pay online using credit card or echeck with NexBillPay (fees will apply)



Application for Direct Payment Plan (ACH)

Complete and attach a voided check for checking accounts or a voided savings deposit slip for savings accounts. If you do not have checks, write in your routing/account number. Return form to the Village of Silver Lake, 2961 Kent Road, Silver Lake, Ohio 44224.

Utility Information: Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Customer Name (as shown on bill) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Information: Bank Name \_\_\_\_\_

Routing Number \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Account Type (please circle) Checking Savings

Customer Agreement:

I hereby authorize the Village of Silver Lake Utility Department to automatically deduct the monthly utility bill electronically for the service address using the bank account provided above. I have submitted a voided check or a voided savings deposit slip from the account to assure correct bank information. It is my responsibility to notify the utility department in writing should I wish to discontinue this service.

Important Notice: Your next utility bill will not be automatically deducted from your bank account. We must do a pre-note with your bank account in the first month. This is a procedure to determine the direct payment is set up properly. Your direct payment will begin the month following your pre-note. This pre-note is for your protection.

Signature

Date