



# Village of Silver Lake



## News from Mayor Dunphy

Following the retirement of Jamie Norris, Village Council approved my nomination of Lieutenant Andre (Steve) Justice to serve as the Village's next Chief of Police.

Chief Justice joined the SLPD in 2002 and became a lieutenant in 2013. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and serves as a hostage negotiator for Metro Swat. In recent years, he has been the Village's liaison to the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission and has overseen the implementation of the department's county radios and dash camera system in Village cruisers.

He may be best known, however, to many residents as the police officer they encounter at Silver Lake Elementary, where he has been a frequent presence, serving as an informal school resource officer. Please join me in congratulating Chief Justice on his well-deserved promotion. I am confident that Chief Justice will lead with integrity and dedication and uphold the high standards of SLPD.

I'd also like to thank the panel of council members who joined me during the interview process: Council President Matt Plesich, At-Large Council Member Suzanne Garrett, and Ward A Council Member Tom DiCaudo. Mr. Plesich has 22 years of experience as a prosecutor with Summit County, then the City of Cuyahoga Falls. Ms. Garrett served eight years as a police officer with the Stow and Hudson police departments, as well as another eight years as a partner in a human resources business. Mr. DiCaudo spent 20 years as the prosecutor for the City of Akron and is currently the prosecutor for both Boston Heights and Munroe Falls. Their familiarity with law enforcement was invaluable. The Village is fortunate to have experienced elected officials and employees who are dedicated to maintaining the safety and well-being of our community.



## Easter Egg Hunt



The Silver Lake Police Association will be hosting their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12 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.

## News from the Service Department

**Mark W. Lipan, Director of Public Service**

### Coming Soon: Spring Clean Up April 7 through April 27

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 27 will be picked up by the Village Service Department.

## News from the Police Department

**Steve Justice, Chief of Police**

Silver Lake is a beautiful place to enjoy the frigid temperatures during the winter months. However, due to the aeration process occurring to address the algae blooms, please refrain from walking on, ice skating on or stepping onto the lake water as the ice is not thick enough to support the weight of a human being. Silver Lake Boathouse staff will notify members when it is safe to resume activities.





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## Meeting Times

**Council** ~ 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month @ 7 pm

**Planning Commission** ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month @ 6 pm

**Park Board** ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 6 pm

**Shade Tree Commission** ~ March 13<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 pm

**Water Shed Commission** ~ April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm

**Board of Zoning Appeals** ~ As needed

**Silver Lake Garden Club** ~ Monday March 17<sup>th</sup> @ 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.*



## Garden Club

Did you know The Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) began a farming program in 1999 to rehabilitate 20 picturesque farms that operated in the valley from the mid-1800s to the 1900s? The program invites farmers to live and farm on park-owned properties using sustainable methods appropriate for a national park. These farms offer vegetables, fruits, meats, herbs, seedlings, wine, flowers and more for purchase throughout the growing season and offer a public partnership through a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Program.

Attendees at Garden Club's first meeting of 2025 will meet Daniel Greenfield of Greenfield Berry Farm who operates one of the CVNP farms. Daniel is also an environmental educator who hosts farm-based educational tours and field trips. The Greenfield Berry Farm, LLC features pick-your-own blueberries, aronia berries, and sunflowers. They also offer a vegetable CSA, pussy willows, tulips, and honey.

Wear something green and join us on St. Patrick's Day, Monday, March 17 at 12:30 pm at Village Hall for a light luncheon, fun and an engaging program!

## Silver Lake Watershed Committee

Don't forget best management practices for deicing chemicals:

- Spread deicer before snow and ice start to accumulate.
- Remove as much snow and ice as possible before applying the deicer.
- Apply deicer only to areas where people or vehicles will be traveling
- Follow the label directions. If only a handful of rock salt per square yard is needed, using more isn't more effective, just more expensive.
- Grains of salt should be roughly 3 inches apart from each other
- Sweep up extra salt to reuse
- Don't use rock salt within 5-10 feet of salt-sensitive plants.
- Store in a waterproof container to prevent leaks or spills

## Shade Tree Commission

Happy almost spring from the Shade Tree Commission! The STC's goal is to help maintain and grow Silver Lake Village's urban forest. Tree-planting time is right around the corner! Approximately 24 new street trees will be planted by the Village this year! If you plan to plant a new tree or have lost trees in the last several years due to age, pests, construction or weather events, consider planting a large native shade tree on your property. Please visit the Village of Silver Lake's website for recommendations and advice! Let's keep "paying the shade forward"!