



Village of Silver Lake



News from the Service Department

Mark W. Lipan, Director of Public Service

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 27th will be picked up by the Village Service Department.

Hydrant Flushing

Fire Hydrant flushing will begin May 5th and run approximately four weeks until all hydrants are flushed and inspected.

High water pressure?

The Village's water pressure comes from the 100-foot water tower on East Edgerton Road. The farther you live from the tower, the higher your water pressure will be. Conversely, the closer you live, the lower your pressure will be. The Village has no way of regulating the pressure. We have noticed that some areas of the Village experience water pressure of 95psi. The normal range is 60 to 80psi. The Village recommends contacting your plumber and installing a pressure-reducing valve to prevent any damage to your home's plumbing.

News from Mayor Dunphy

Recently, the Cuyahoga Falls Board of Education began discussing future plans for its elementary buildings as part of a broader facility plan and detailed the savings to be had from closing an unnamed elementary building.

Given that Silver Lake Elementary served as the poster child in a recent *Akron Beacon Journal* [article](#) about the cost of aging school buildings, it's no wonder that residents are concerned about the future of this beloved school.

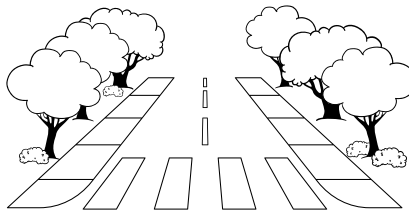
The fate of the elementary building, which serves as our link to the district, remains undecided. Council members Suzanne Garrett (at Large) and Kevin Rozsa (Ward B) joined me and several Home and School League officers at the Feb. 26 meeting. There, board members talked about their decision-making process and hosting a series of fall meetings to discuss a potential closure.

For those who wonder who owns the property, **please know that the school district does.** That said, Village zoning ordinances do apply. It is currently zoned institutional, with the main permitted uses being "churches, childcare in a church as licensed by the state, a public neighborhood school operated by the Cuyahoga Falls Local School District, and governmental buildings and structures."

I've asked the Planning Commission to review a 2018 proposal for rezoning the property if the school were to close. As we learn more about the building's future, residents will be invited and encouraged to participate in the discussions. Together, we can ensure that our voices are heard and that the future of Silver Lake Elementary reflects the needs and values of our Village.

News from the Police Department

Steve Justice, Chief of Police



Reminder to Use Sidewalks when Available

As we have more residents enjoying the warmer springtime weather, please remember to utilize the sidewalks whenever possible, while out on your morning or evening stroll. Walking in the roadway when a sidewalk is available can create a safety hazard and is against Village Ordinance 371.05.

News from the Office of the Clerk-Treasurer

Sean M. Housley, CPA

The Village of Silver Lake reminds taxpayers the deadline to file a 2024 tax return and pay any tax owed is Tuesday, 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 ~ May 1st @ 4pm

Water Shed Committee ~ April 9th @ 6:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals ~ As needed.

Silver Lake Garden Club ~ Monday April 21st @ 12:30 pm

Shade Tree Commission

The Shade Tree Commission reminds all villagers that, with spring just around the corner, it's time to think about proper mulching for your gardens and trees. Properly mulched trees are healthier, and more resistant to stress, disease, and root damage. For best results, apply mulch no more than 2 inches deep, never touching the trunk or covering the root flare. A little care goes a long way to keeping our trees healthy and thriving!

Home and School League Used Book Sale

The Silver Lake Elementary Home and School League is having a Used Book Sale on Saturday, April 26, from 9am-12pm in the school gym. Donations of books, including children's and adult fiction and non-fiction, are being sought. Please drop off donations in the tote at the front entrance of the school by April 25 or contact Courtney at 304-685-7410 or cpfint@gmail.com to arrange pick up. We invite the community to visit the Used Book Sale on April 26 to pick up some bargain books, shop our students' handmade goods at the Makers' Fair, buy a ticket for our Book Lover's Raffle Basket, or get your limited edition print of Silver Lake Elementary painted by local artist Denny Stoiber. All proceeds support various Home and School League initiatives. Profits from the Makers' Fair go straight to the student artisans themselves. Hope to see you there!



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 email photos to tdunphy@villageofsilverlake.com to report potential violations. These reports are then referred to the Citizens Housing Committee for review and follow up, when necessary.



Join us for the next meeting of Garden Club on Monday, April 21 at 12:30 pm at Village Hall for dessert and social time at 12:30 pm followed by our program The Flying Jewels in Our Gardens. Judy Semroc will share information about the beauty and unique behaviors of dragonflies, damselflies and hummingbirds and the actions you can take to attract them to your home garden.

