

FALL 2018 Silver Lake

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION *Caring for the future of the lake*

The Great Big Silver Lake Beach Ball, Year 7

Year seven was a great year for the beach ball! There were more signatures and messages on it than any year in the past with many taking "selfies" to remember.

The ball was out on the lake for a full six days, from June 28th - July 4th. Most of those days and nights the wind was stronger than normal, so anchoring of the ball was a little more challenging.

Each year there seems to be some type



of setback - this year "someone" cut the anchor rope, and the ball was set free! Thanks to the quick action of the "Beach Ball First Responders Team", the ball was re-anchored in record time! The ball also made its yearly appearance at Annual Meeting to collect more signatures and selfies.

I am honored to be a part of this wonderful lake activity.

Chuck Hathaway, Beach Ball Committee Chair

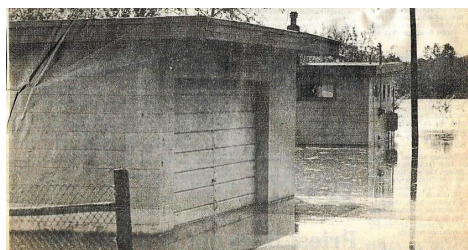
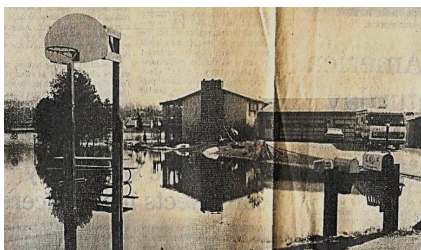
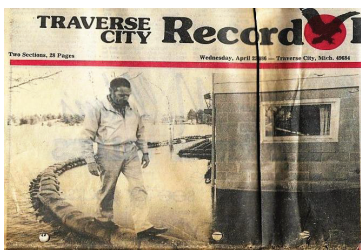


Silver Lake Celebrates Independence Day!

It was a beautiful day and the whole community turned out! There were 25 boats and a young lad on a jetski parading in the Regatta, joined by a flock of geese on the north end. Youngsters on rafts, floats and tubes, armed with water blasters, balloons, or just waving as we passed, with

families joining them in the water, on docks or on shore, many with score cards - it was truly grand! See the following 2 page layout of pics of the occasion - you may see yourself there, and thank you for your participation!

Mike Reed, Regatta Committee Chair



Silver Lake Drain Update

It was 1986 and Silver Lake was in its 3rd year of rising waters, with residents pumping water from flooded basements, experiencing flooded septic tanks, some even having to abandon their homes.

The SLIA stepped up to address the problem, resulting in our current overflow drain being approved by the court and in operation in early 1987.

The cost was approved by 65% of residents and shared through a special assessment, which has also covered the maintenance over this last 32 years.

G.T. County Drain Commissioner Steve Largent graciously presented an update on the current standing of the drain at the SLIA annual meeting in August. As we reported in our spring newsletter, Steve, along with volunteer lake residents cleaned the screen and kept the drain open throughout the winter and spring. Steve also has plans to lift the screen this fall and explore the outlet structure for any obstructions, including using a camera

to look at the drain running under US-31. If there are any obstructions, they will be removed. The drain field will be reinforced with filter fabric under an appropriate rock layer around the structure. While it has been functioning for these 32 years, it is advisable to take steps to keep it that way! There are also future plans for a camera to be installed to further facilitate monitoring of the flow. Steve is available for questions at slargent@grandtraverse.org or 231-409-9314. For more information about the drain, visit www.silverlakeimprovement.com.

The county has advanced funds to cover these maintenance costs while the previous assessment is updated, this assessment is relatively small compared to the benefit! If you have questions, please send them to the website. Note - the established level is 862', at this time it is 861.5' after recent rains, though it seems quite high, it doesn't compare to the 3 feet higher in 1986 when this initiative was started!

Silver Lake group makes progress

CHAIRMAN'S COVE

It has been my privilege to serve as president of the SLIA for the past several years. With the end of my term this year, I am resigning as president and turning over my duties to Ken Kaufman. I will remain on the board leading the Environmental Committee. It has been my honor to work with many board members, past and present, over the years. We have come together from different paths in our walk through life with one common goal, the health and wellbeing of our beautiful lake.

B. Scot Ogden, Retiring President

As incoming president, I want to express my appreciation to Scot for his leadership of the SLIA board. I joined the board in 2017 to get to know people and to support the SLIA's activities. When I was nominated for the president's role, I didn't have to think long about it because of the dedication of Scot and other board members. I, along with the other members will continue working to preserve and improve Silver Lake.

Ken Kaufman, President

FISHERIES REPORT

Silver Lake was very fortunate this last spring - as the result of an early thaw, we received 1,916,667 Walleye Fry in May from the DNR that were scheduled for another lake location that was still frozen!

We are still scheduled for our normal 3 year Fingerling planting of 30,000 for spring, 2019. If you have any great fish stories or pics to share for our website or newsletter, please contact ...

Ken Kleinrichert, Fisheries Committee



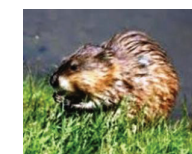
WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Many properties have changed hands in 2017-18, our committee has had the privilege to call on many of you and welcome you to Silver Lake. If you are new and we haven't met you yet, or if you have a new neighbor we aren't aware of, please contact me so that we may remedy this and get acquainted!

Dan Brady, Welcoming Comm Chair

MUSKRATS AND MOTHBALLS

Remember with winter approaching -



Musk rats love to make their winter home in the area near the motor on your pontoon - they especially love the wiring lubricated with peanut oil (yes, it's so!)

Musk rats **do not** love mothballs! A handful of mothballs in this cavity when you are storing your boat this fall may save a lot of grief!

... and the Winners Are ...



1st Place – DeBruyn Family – “Ice Cream Truck”



2nd Place – Lange Family – “Lady Liberty”



3rd Place – Brethauer Family – “Aloha Luau”



4th Place – Conklin Family – “American Heroes”

REGATTA ENTHUSIASTS ON PARADE



5th – Kleinrichert Family – “The Adorables”



4th of July



Uncle Sam



America



Americal



America, Red White & Brody



America Water Explosion



Bob's Dynasty



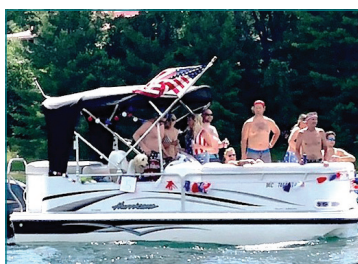
Christmas in July



George Washington



Happy Birthday America



Merica



Hawaiian



Patriotic



Party in Slow Motion



Patriotism



U.S. Flags



Flags & Bows



Displaying Flag



Family Fun



Joining the Parade



Joining the Parade – yes, they did!



Silver Lake Lead Boat

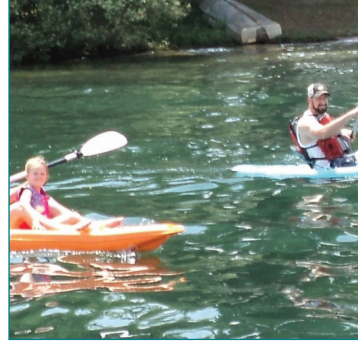
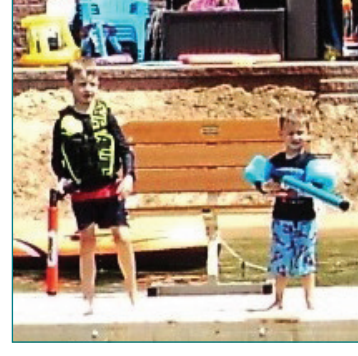
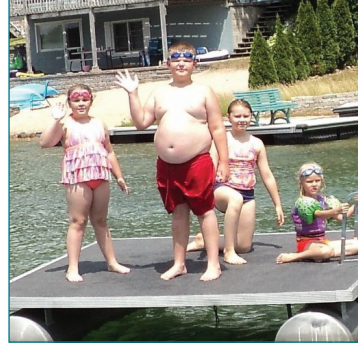
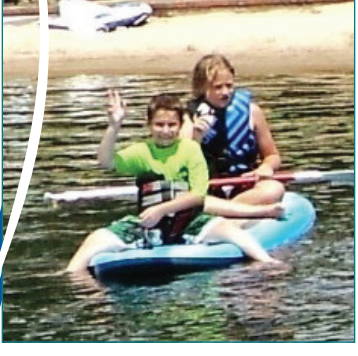
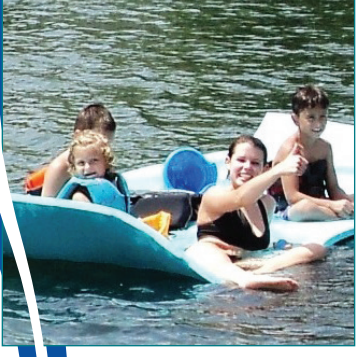


Signing Up...



Should've Joined the Parade

SHORELINE PARTICIPATION IS THE BEST!



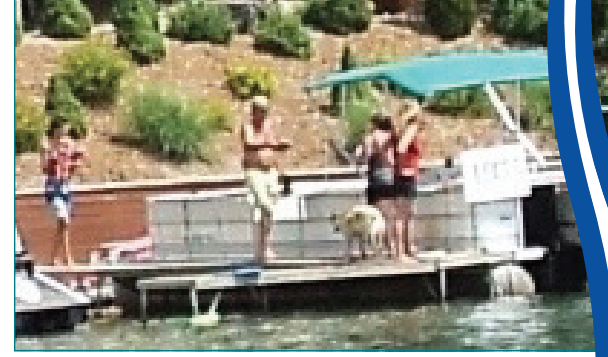
... THANK YOU TO OUR JUDGES, A BIG JOB!



Bock Family



Grin Family



Kreiser-Bowman Family



Lamb Family



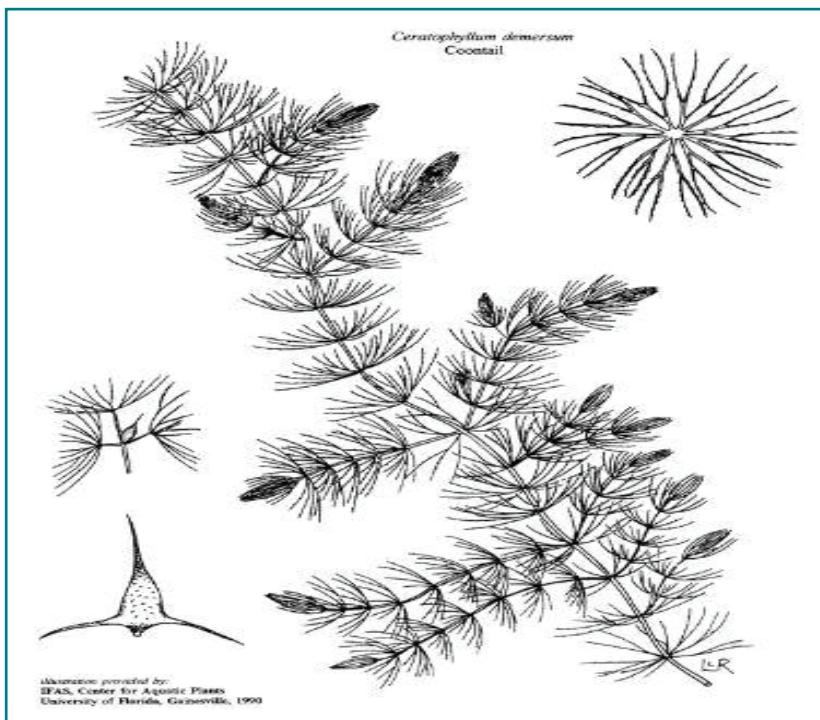
Reed Family



Snyder Family

INVASIVE SPECIES – INFO & TREATMENT!

The introduction of Invasive Species plants into the Great Lakes and ultimately into inland lakes in Michigan and surrounding states several years ago has become a large problem that has to be dealt with. Some very proactive SLIA board members at the time instituted treatment, through a special assessment supported by Silver Lake Property owners, along with help from the Townships to treat it for containment. It proved to be unrealistic to believe it could be completely eradicated, but due to continued vigilance through the years it has been considerably contained. In fact, Silver Lake proves to be one of the cleanest lakes in the region!



Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) is the largest threat, see illustration above, as well as pics to the right of lakes in Southern Michigan that have “Out of control invasions”. *If you see this plant – PLEASE DO NOT PULL IT! Any small fragment will restart another plant! Instead contact the SLIA board with the location and it will be scheduled for treatment.*

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

There are several items to talk about in this fall report. First and foremost is the treatment for Eurasian Milfoil (EM). *(See article above.)* There were 10 Acres of EM treated in late June. I have been noticing many areas where it is re-emerging recently. I will be contacting RLS to schedule the fall lake survey and possible fall treatment. If you notice an area where there is EM, please notify me at SLIA. We must continue to actively work to contain this invasion as best we can!



Purple Loosestrife

Purple Loosestrife - This is an invasive plant that can take over your waterfront in short order. If you have it, dig it up by the roots, be sure to

cover the flowering portion of the plant to contain the seeds from spreading prior to digging, then dispose of properly.

Fall clean up - please do not rake your leaves into the lake, leaves in the lake equal phosphorus equal muck! If you use a service to clean up your yard, be sure that they haul the leaves away.

Septic tanks - If you have a drain field, please make sure to drain your septic tank at least once every 3 years. If your septic drains into a dry well, please drain at least once per year.

If you see evidence of systems leaching into the lake, please contact the appropriate authorities!

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

We are enclosing the 2018-19 form. *If you have already paid your dues - “Thank you” and please disregard.* If you haven’t joined yet - today would be a good day to do so!

In reading the various articles in this newsletter regarding treatment of invasive species, importance of maintaining the drain, gmail advisements, website, and many more - please know your dues are benefitting your environment on this beautiful lake!



LOOK WHO WAS FISHING ONE EARLY MORNING?



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WHO DO YOU CALL?

Life threatening or dangerous violations
911

Boating violations, wildlife harassment
(MC number required) or launch site violations
Central Dispatch
922-4550

General Marine questions (leave msg)
Sheriff’s Marine Division
231-922-2112

DNR Traverse City Office
231-922-5280

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