

Silver Lake

SPRING 2018

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Caring for the future of the lake

It's the 7th Annual Silver Lake Beach Ball

The Beach Ball is scheduled to be launched onto the lake on June 29th/30th, weather permitting, through the July 4th Holiday. It will be anchored at various points for easy access.

Please take the opportunity to sign it, leave comments, take selfies ... enjoy!

Please do not tow it, or try to jump it! If you see someone misusing it, take a moment to educate them, it belongs to the whole lake community! If you see that it needs help, please notify me at 231-943-3912.



Chuck Hathaway, Beachball Committee



It's the Independence Day Regatta on Silver Lake!

Back by popular demand, with balloons, banners, costumes, boundless creativity and... *the Red, White, and Blue proudly displayed!!!* Decorate your boat and come join in! Not decorating? Join the parade anyway - it's so much fun!



Parade begins sharply at 2:00 - so please be on time and get the "parade" on the "water"! Please allow space for boats to "do their magic" in front of judges, while not lagging too far apart - tricky!!

All boats will receive some snazzy Silver Lake can koozies when you register. Judges will be stationed around the lake and prizes will be awarded to the winners at Annual Meeting August 4th!

REGISTRATION - HERE'S HOW:

Meet in front of the DNR boat launch promptly at 1:30. Please display a large number prior to registration on the "Shoreside Facing" side of your boat, to be identified by the judges & cameras.

NEW THIS YEAR: Visit the SLIA website at www.silverlakeimprovement.com to print off and fill out a registration form in advance to bring with you to the boat launch. **This will reduce our "pre-parade" organizational time immensely!**

TO WATER FIGHT OR NOT? MIND THE "X'S"!

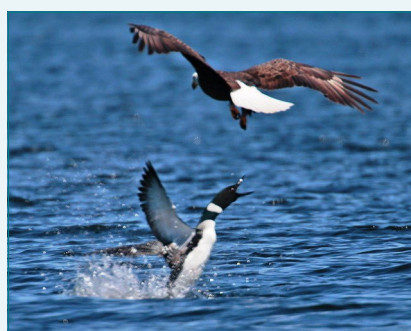
Place a large "X" on the shoreside of your boat to be given safe passage from land or sea water blasters, balloons, etc! If you enjoy participating in these "shenanigans" - *be mindful of the "X's" and HOLD YOUR FIRE* while they pass - remember we are a community and there may be small children on board. *Let's also not fire on shoreside docks or spectators unless they are looking for a skirmish!* Let's all enjoy the day together!

SHORELINE SPECTATORS - Let's cheer the boats on and remember they love the scorecards! Interested in being a judge? Contact me at the email address below.

If you have any questions, contact Mike Reed at mreed980@hotmail.com

Loons and the Threat of Eagles

Three Loons arrived on the lake on April 22nd, our resident pair of Bald Eagles stay, with summer and winter nests between Silver and Bass Lakes. There have been reported concerns about these two beautiful birds sharing our lake space? An Eagle can carry appx 4-5#, depending on if gliding down to catch a small bird in mid-air, or lifting off from a low position, as in fishing from the lake. Aerodynamics play a huge part in flight - the weight of the Eagle, the prey, and wind direction, must be factored in to obtain speed and lift. Very unlikely an Eagle could carry off an adult Loon.



frequent flyers here for a long time, but fortunately have not had much success capturing the chicks. I have observed Loon parents spotting Eagles from a *very long* distance, amazing to me! *I've watched them calling and gathering their chicks near to them very*

quickly for no obvious reason. As I watched, the threat of an Eagle was headed their way! From the far distance, it could not approach fast enough to get near the encircled chicks - they were safe!

These birds live together in harmony with their instincts and abilities. Humans on watercraft are a larger threat - Please report any harassment to wildlife - Loons or Eagles! Submitted by Sherry McNamara, Loon Ranger

The Loon chicks are another matter! Eagles prefer fish, but will prey on small birds, including Loon chicks. Eagles have been

CHAIRMAN'S COVE

There are many reasons for wanting to live on a lake. For my wife and myself, it is the peace and tranquility that we experience here on our Silver Lake. Though we are both retired, we are still very busy people with several different endeavors. We look forward to coming home in the evening to enjoy our quiet time together. I am sure that many of you come to the lake to unwind from your busy schedules at work as well. Young people enjoy the water skiing, wake boarding, or jet skiing during their summer recess from school.

No matter your reason, we are all here sharing our lake with neighbors, friends, and even the wild life. Please take the time to meet someone new on the lake this year. Who knows, it might be the start of a new and lasting friendship.

B. Scot Ogden, SLIA President

FISHERIES REPORT

Walleye Fingerlings are scheduled to be planted in Silver Lake in Mid-June per DNR contact. If you have any great fish stories or pics to share, please contact Ken Kleinrichert, Fisheries Committee.



BOATER RULES/SAFETY QUIZ

- Which of these is the greatest contributor to boating accidents?
A. Operator Inattention B. Alcohol C. Speed
- What is the correct way to traverse the lake in a watercraft?
A. Counter Clockwise B. Clockwise
C. Down the Center
- How close can a towed object (Tube, Skier, Etc.) be to a dock or boat?
A. 50 Feet B. 75 Feet C. 100 Feet

Answers: 1 - A, 2 - A, 3 - C

So, how did you do? To obtain a complete booklet on boater/water safety laws & rules, free of charge, contact:

Michigan DNR, 231-922-5280
2122 M-37 South, (S of Chum's Corners)
Traverse City, MI 49685

SAVE THE DATE

SLIA Adopt-A-Road 2018

Next cleanup dates are **JULY 15 & SEPTEMBER 22** (check website for changes or rain dates). Meet at the Silver Lake Park at 10 am and remember "**many hands make light work.**" (Questions - contact Ron Grin at 943-0293)

SAVE THE DATE

SLIA Annual Meeting 2018

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4
Garfield Twp Hall
Meet & Greet, Refreshments, 8:30 a.m.
MEETING 9:00 a.m.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Restorative Lake Sciences will be on Silver Lake on June 14th to complete the spring survey to record the locations of the *Eurasian Milfoil* (EMF), which will be treated Just before the start of July. The findings will be emailed to all the people who have given us their email addresses as well as posted on the Silver Lake Web Site. *If your property is located at or adjacent to an area being treated, please refrain from swimming (humans and pets) for 24 hours after treatment, and watering lawns and gardens for 48 hours.* All properties where treatments will be taking place will be posted the day of the treatment. We will do our utmost to notify by email and on the website the day that the treatment will occur. It is important that we do our best to continue to control the spread of the EMF.

The other two types of invasive species on our lake are *Purple Loosestrife* and *Phragmites* (common reed). Even though these are not too prevalent and are located on or very near the shore, they will spread if not removed properly. If you have this *beautiful purple flower* on your shore, it must be pulled *"by the roots and bagged"*, *this invasive can take over a whole area of our lake in a short time!*



Always check your watercraft before putting it into Silver Lake to ensure that you are not bringing any invasive hitch hikers into the lake. There are many other types of invasive species that are being introduced to Michigan inland waters. Let's not have our Silver Lake be one of them.

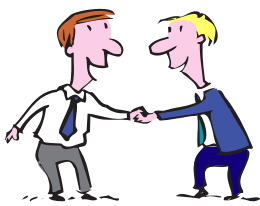
B. Scot Ogden, Environmental

A NEW "WINTER SPORT ON SILVER LAKE?"



"WELCOME TO SILVER LAKE!"

We have several new families on the lake this year, our welcoming committee has been working hard to reach all of you to get acquainted and present you with



a welcoming packet with information to acclimate you to our community. If you are new and we haven't reached you yet, or perhaps we don't have your name, I would appreciate your contacting me to arrange a visit. If you aren't a new resident but you have a new neighbor we should know about, please let me know.

231-620-7346 - Dan Brady, Welcoming Comm.

2018 SPRING DRAIN REPORT

Yes, in answer to your enquiries - the water level "is" indeed high on Silver Lake this spring!

A very late spring snow followed by heavy rains has brought the lake level to well over the 862' high water mark! Steve Largent, our County Drain Commissioner, has been very active in keeping the drain clear of obstructions and the water flowing with the help of a couple of lake residents (thank you Al Strange and Nick Agostinelli!), and yes it was open all winter. Once the water level recedes Steve also has plans to pull the screen covering the drain for reassurance that the drain is functioning as designed without any obstructions.

For more information about the drain please visit our website (silverlakeimprovement.com) and scroll down the left side of your screen to

"History - SLIA/Drain/Other Information" for a brief history on the drain as well as a few photos of various segments of the drain itself. The website also has a category "Newsletters". If you click on the [Spring 2014](#) newsletter and scroll to the third page, there are 2 articles, "Too high or too low" and "History of the Overflow Drain", very informative about the ability of the drain to lower the water level. The keyword is "overflow" - many people think of a dam, rather than a drain - they do operate differently.

Do "take heart", it will go down, as it is designed to do, we must have patience! ...*Hint, if you are landscaping or making changes to your shoreline, be aware that the water does fluctuate, leave room for it to do so.*

Barry Andrews - Drain Liaison



"DEAR BUSYBODY"

We have a problem with a mole or gopher tearing our yard up - do you have any solutions for getting rid of it naturally? We hate to use chemicals that could leach into the lake, but also because it is a living creature, however troublesome!

Sincerely, "All Dug Up"

Dear "All Dug Up",

Absolutely! Good old fashioned "Moth Balls", inexpensive and readily available. Just drop a few balls into its entrance/exit hole. This method worked magic on a skunk that took up winter residence in my crawl space one year, also good for your boat engine cavity when the muskrats are looking for a winter residence in the fall.

(Questions for "Dear Busybody," send them to info@silverlakeimprovement.com)

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WHO DO YOU CALL?

Life threatening or dangerous violations 911

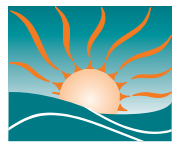
Boating violations, wildlife harassment (MC number required) or launch site violations
Central Dispatch
922-4550

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

DNR Traverse City Office
231-922-5280

Lost and Found
TC.Silver.Lake.Association@gmail.com

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