

Silver Lake

SPRING 2020

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Caring for the future of the lake

It's time for the Independence Day Regatta on Silver Lake with the Red, White, and Blue proudly displayed!!!

Looking for an event where you can be "Social" AND "Distance" at the same time? Check out the **ANNUAL SILVER LAKE INDEPENDENCE DAY REGATTA!** YES, the event at present is still a go, although we will have some changes regarding registration ...

So, get creative, decorate your boat and come join us! Not decorating? Join the parade anyway - just remember the occasion and display the flag! Judges will be stationed around the lake and winners will be awarded prizes at Annual Meeting.

REGISTRATION - HERE'S HOW:

Fill out the enclosed registration form in advance and send to website, www.silverlakeimprovement.com, or mail to SLIA at PO Box 2133, Traverse City, Mi 49685, to be received by 5-1-20. This will eliminate our "pre-parade" registration on parade day for everyone's safety!

JULY 4TH REGATTA PARADE DAY:

Meet at the DNR boat launch promptly at 1:30 to get in line for the big event! Display the number you have chosen on your registration form on the "Shoreside Facing" side of your boat, large enough to be easily identified by the judges and cameras. (Poster board works great!)



PARADE BEGINS SHARPLY AT 2:00. Please be on time! Along the route, allow space between boats to "perform" in front of judges, while not lagging too far apart - tricky!

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! *Please do not fire on shoreside docks or spectators unless they are looking for a skirmish! ... Let's all enjoy the day together!*

SHORELINE SPECTATORS - Cheer the boats on - Remember they love the scorecards! (If you get some really great pics, let us know!)

NEW TO THE LAKE? Visit the "Newsletters" tab on the website and view some recent fall newsletters for pictures of past Regattas - then come join the fun!

JUDGES - If you are interested in being judges or if you have any questions,

Contact Mike Reed at mreed980@hotmail.com

CHAIRMAN'S COVE

This Spring season on Silver Lake is starting out differently than any of us can recall and we will be talking about it for years. The pandemic lock down seems to be all about what we "can't do" instead of figuring out what we "can do". For example, the county cancelled our Spring Adopt-a-Road cleanup which is done by volunteers from the SLIA. We can turn that "can't do" into a "can do" by bringing a bag to collect litter while out on a walk at Silver Lake Park, or when we see litter wash up on our beaches.

There are other examples of people in this community stepping up with a can-do attitude. Whether they are making face masks for those in need, delivering food, or making calls to those that are isolated, it is special to see their positive contributions. We also appreciate and thank everyone working to keep our food supply chain stocked and open, along with first responders, and health care workers.

One thing is certain, these trying times will soon be over and in the mean time you can count on the SLIA board and other volunteers to continue working to improve and preserve our beautiful lake.

Ken Kaufman, President

FISHERIES

Fishing Contest

The fishing contest we were looking forward to was unfortunately cancelled due to Covid-19. We will plan on 2021, for free fishing weekend in June and will keep you posted with details - we are so sorry, it was going to be a great time together, sharing our love of the sport!

Report from DNR

The scheduled planting of 30,000 Walleye Fingerlings this spring also didn't happen due to Covid-19. We were advised that Silver Lake is still quite well stocked and that they are planning on conducting a fish survey on the lake this summer, looking forward to next spring. The good news is - we have Walleye, as well as other great species - so happy fishing this summer!

Tom Thompson, Fisheries Committee
tthompson@tcfire.org or 231-944-2953



SILVER LAKE LOONS



Our lake was graced again this year with a pair of Loons, arriving around the 4th of April. One of the Loons looked different to me and when they

chose to nest on Raspberry Island, I decided this wasn't the same pair we have had in the past.

This pair initially had to stand their ground to keep the island as theirs when the Canada Geese tried to come near, but they made it known that they were there to stay!

After the nest was built, Denny Bogard and Jon LeJeune placed the "loon nesting" buoys around the island on May 9th. Hopefully, the buoys will keep people away and allow the loons some privacy during their nesting season. *If they were to get scared off the nest, they could abandon it, so it is critical to give them space!* With this warning the chick or chicks (they never have more than two) will hatch between mid May to early June for us to enjoy! If you see anyone harassing - remember "If you see something, Say something."

Sherry McNamara, SLIA Loon Ranger



It's the 9th Annual Silver Lake Beach Ball!

What a year 2020 has been so far! We started out with a light winter and moved right into an early spring. Things were looking Good! Then in early March when Covid-19 hit the U.S. our country came to a screeching halt. None of us have been through anything like this before, and I hope we never have to again. With that being said, the people of this Great Country that we live in have adapted well and I hope that things get back to normal soon.

We will be launching the Great Big Beach Ball for the ninth year on Sunday, June 28th, and it will be on the lake until Saturday, July 4th, anchored in a different spot each day. **Please sign, leave your message, take selfies!** (No political or advertising, please) Remember this ball belongs to the whole Silver Lake community so be gentle with it so every can enjoy! If you see that it needs help, please notify me at 231-313-0177.

Hoping that it brings some joy to everyone in these rough times that we are living in!

See you on the lake, Chuck Hathaway, Beachball Committee Chair



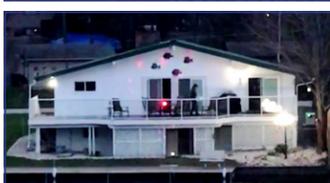
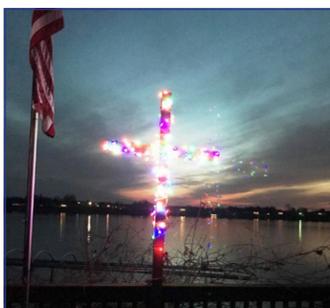
WE LIT UP SILVER LAKE!

Silver Lake was indeed a "Community United" as we lit up the lake to give thanks & recognize the doctors, nurses, and community responders for risking their health and safety for us during this Covid-19 pandemic!

THIS IS HOW WE PARTICIPATED!

What: We Lit Up the Lake at 9:00 pm Friday & Saturday nights for the month of April for 2-3 minutes each night.

How: We flashed lakeside indoor/outdoor lights and made noise! We whooped, Whistled and Air Horned!



Why: To recognize the amazing people in our community who work so hard to keep us safe and healthy.

Also: To connect and say hello and share with fellow residents around the lake we have been distancing from.

A special thanks to resident/neighbor, Mandy Ford, who came up with this great suggestion!

We received great feedback! Thank you to all ... We are the Silver Lake Community in Action!

SILVER LAKE DRAIN UPDATE ... SPRING 2020



As reported to you in 2019, much needed maintenance was performed on the drain. At that time it was discovered that a joint near the end of the pipe emptying into Cox Pond needed to be repaired as well, which was scheduled for this year.

This spring, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) needed to extend the drain culvert approximately 17 feet to add a third lane to US-31. (This to be done at no cost to Silver Lake residents.) MDOT contracted Team Elmer's to conduct the work, requiring the outlet valve on the drain to be closed for one day. Assisted by Steve Largent, Drain Commissioner

and Al Strange, lake resident, they monitored the lake level, which with careful attention, in 4 hours rose only one/quarter inch.

Because the pipe needed to be extended, this was the logical time to repair it. Team Elmer's crew used heavy equipment to expose the joint, wrap it in filter fabric and encase in concrete to complete the repair. They requested that we not fully open the valve until the next morning to allow the concrete to harden, although we were allowed to crack open the valve just enough to allow for some outlet flow. The entire operation took less than 8 hours and the level rose less than one/half inch. Al Strange fully opened the valve the next morning and reported that the lake level had maintained the less than half-inch rise. On 5/1, in spite of recent rains, the gauge read only 862.48, with the regulated lake level at 862.00.

Because this work was able to be completed at the time of the culvert extension, it cost only \$1270.00 - much less than it would have as a normally scheduled repair. This cost to be absorbed into the maintenance budget already

allocated for the drain, a win-win for all!

Many thanks to Steve Largent for his continuing efforts on our behalf with this very important outlet drain - especially in these times of higher water levels. A thank you also to fellow lake resident, Al Strange who takes it upon himself to check on and clean the outlet area to keep it flowing! Kudos also to Team Elmer's for their conscientious efforts on our behalf.

To review the previous article on drain repair, visit www.silverlakeimprovement.com, sidebar newsletters, Spring 2019.

Gary Borucki, Drain Committee Chair



A TRIBUTE TO JANET ...

Janet vacationed with her family as a child on Arbutus Lake, always dreaming of someday having a place of her own on a Northern lake.

She and husband Jerry Wheeler raised their family in Lansing, still visiting Arbutus Lake with her family. Then in 1998, they realized her dream, purchasing a home on Brakel Point on Silver Lake! In 2006 when they retired, they moved there permanently.

They came to SLIA annual meeting that year and volunteered to get involved .. and involved they became! Jerry with the annual fishing contest, and Janet joining the SLIA board. Janet served in many capacities over the years. As treasurer, you will remember her lovely smile as she welcomed you at the door at Annual Meeting to accept your dues and sign you up for another year! She also published the newsletter, hosting memorable "stick'n'sip" parties to get it stamped and posted to lake residents! This picture is of Janet participating in an annual Regatta!

Janet left us this spring after a long battle with cancer, but her contribution to Silver Lake will live on. Thank you Janet - you are missed, you are remembered!



WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Our committee wishes to welcome all new residents to the lake. I really feel a personal meeting with every new family after they get settled in is the best way to get acquainted. We share a welcoming packet with information to help acclimate to lake living! If you are a new resident on Silver Lake, or have a new neighbor we should know about please contact me. Obtaining current contact information can be difficult at times, so your help is sincerely appreciated.

*Jim Bock, Welcoming Committee,
231-883-1140 or e-mail, jimbotc1@aol.com*

SLIA WEBSITE

Many lake websites are commercially focused, with advertisements for property, rentals, etc.

The Silver Lake website is there to serve the residents of the community with features such as Lost & Found, Calendar of Events, Informational & Historical Articles, Newsletters from previous years and as a means to communicate with the SLIA Board.

Visit us at www.silverlakeimprovement.com

SAVE THE DATES

SLIA Adopt-A-Road, 2020

"Many hands make light work!"

The spring cleanup was cancelled by the GT County Road Commission due to Covid-19.

A g-mail notice will be sent to members to confirm July & September cleanup dates. If you are not on this list, please check the SLIA website to confirm dates.

*Questions - contact Ron Grin at
231-715-0920*

SLIA Annual Meeting, 2020

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, Garfield Twp Hall
Meet & Greet, Refreshments, 8:30 a.m.
MEETING 9:00 a.m.

You will receive a notification letter with agenda and membership form for year 2020-2021 in the mail one week prior to the meeting and it will be posted on the website as well.

"Please be advised this may change as well due to the virus status at that time, we will update."

WHO DO YOU CALL?

Life threatening or dangerous
Violations..... 911

Boating violations, Wildlife harassment
(MC number required), Launch site violations
Central Dispatch.....231-922-4550

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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