

Silver Lake

FALL 2017

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Caring for the future of the lake

The 6th Annual Silver Lake Beach Ball

The ball was successfully launched June 26 through the July 4th Independence Day Celebration.

New this year, the ball was anchored in place at 5 different locations throughout the week. As it was so much more accessible, this season saw more signatures than ever before – not to mention all the selfies taken! The ball did not suffer any damage and only had to have air once, thanks to Jerry Niezgoda and his grandson, Cameron, for the clever harness and anchor system they designed.

... the beachball finished its tour on display



at Annual Meeting on August 5th. Already looking forward to year seven, see you in the spring

Chuck Hathaway, Social Committee

EDITOR'S NOTE: A well-deserved tribute to Chuck who has served on the SLIA board for many years, contributing to the Regatta all of that time. He also came up with the Beachball project which has been the highlight of the summer for the 6th year now.

Chuck is taking a break from the board for a time, but has agreed to stay on as the chair of the Beachball Committee – *Thank you, Chuck!*



It was Independence Day on Silver Lake – and we Regattaed!

It was a beautiful day and Silver Lake was on Display! 18 Boats joined the Regatta, some were decorated, some were not – they all proudly bore the colors which is what it was all about...

The shoreline was crowded with onlookers - families, kids and pets waiting for the show. Skirmishes abounded for those who wished to join in, X's marked the boats who didn't and the X's were honored – thank you!

The day was capped off with huge fireworks displays on the north and south ends. With many boats offshore to watch the spectacle, the consensus was "Why drive to TC when we have it all here on Silver Lake!"

Please enjoy the pics in this newsletter, look closely, you'll probably see yourself! The winners were presented with flags and certificates at the annual meeting, visit the website under events for pics.

Thank you one and all for making this a special day!

Mike Reed, Social Committee



... Ready for the Show ...



Future Regatta Winners? Next Generation's Engineers?



Whatever the story, these ingenious young fellows have certainly created a very successful diving platform to launch themselves from for an afternoon of fun – much to their delight, as well as to the audience watching from shore.

Congratulations on a job well done!

Welcoming Committee

If you have a new neighbor, please let us know so we may call on them to welcome them to our community! Contact Dan Brady at 231-620-7346 or e-mail us at info@silverlakeimprovement.com.

Fall Cleanup Reminder - Please Recycle - Love Your Lake!

Grand Traverse County Recycle Center
2471 N Keystone Rd, 231-941-5555
Tuesday 12-7, Thursday & Saturday 9-3
April – November *It's only \$1.00 for a large bag!*

(Garfield Twp, Call 231-941-1620 for a Free Pass for the Recycle Center)

... Please advise your lawn service provider!

CHAIRMAN'S COVE

Summer is once again coming to a close here on Silver Lake. It has been a busy one and with Labor Day closing out the season, many of you will be preparing to leave our beautiful lake for warmer climates where you will sit out the cold winter months.

We have seen some of our friends leave the lake, to be replaced by new residents. We have also seen new homes popping up in different locations, bringing more new neighbors. For those who have left our lake – we will miss you.

For those who are new to our lake – we welcome you! We hope you will find your new life on Silver Lake as wonderful and rewarding as it is for us.

We look forward to getting to know you, so please visit our website and drop us a line so we can welcome you properly.

B. Scot Ogden, SLIA President

ADOPT-A-ROAD FALL CLEANUP

**Sept. 23, 2017 10 a.m. Sharp!
Silver Lake Park**

A well deserved tribute to Ron Grin, who came to the board many years ago with the Adopt-A-Road project proposal. It has proven to be a very popular and valuable contribution to the Silver Lake community.

Although Ron is no longer an active member of the board, he continues to chair this event.

Let's all show up on the 23rd to lend a hand! Questions, call Ron, 231-943-0293.

The story goes that Gordy Sigrin, a close neighbor and friend of Ron's, actually came up with the idea. Gordy lived on the lake for over 30 years.

He passed on 9-5-17 – a great loss to the Silver Lake community. He will be missed!



MEMBERSHIP FORM

We are enclosing the 2017-18 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!

Newsletter via E-Mail? If you prefer to receive your newsletter via e-mail, please indicate on your form.

Like having the copy in your hand?

We'll continue to send it that way. Please enjoy either way!

... and the Winners Are ...



1st Place – Anderson/Worsnick Family – “Star Wars, May the 4th Be With You”



2nd Place – Geskus Family – “Harry's Heroes, Harry Potter”



3rd Place – Bauers Family – “Patriots Of Silver Lake”



4th Place – Kleinrichert Family – “Flamingos”

REGATTA ENTHUSIASTS ON PARADE



Ogden/Knight Leading the Parade



Let's Go Hawaiian on Silver Lake



Stars, Stripes and Ready for a Swim



1776 – and Proud of It



American Pride



Elves on Vacation



Freedom, We Tried – our Engine Didn't



Proud Red, White and Blue



Happy 4th of July, USA



Proud 60 Years on Silver Lake



Hooked on Freedom



We're Here with Flags On



Red, White and Blue Balloons



Displaying the Colors



Front Row Seats

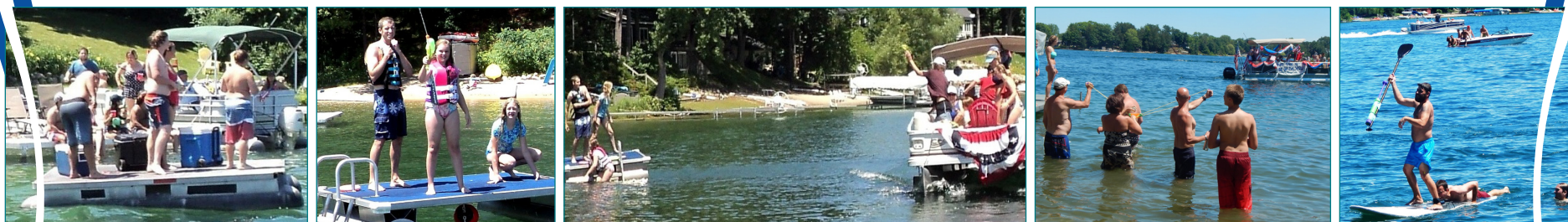


Front Row Seat with Cooler Ready

SHORELINE PARTICIPATION IS THE BEST!



... It's all about Kids ...



... Skirmishing is What We've Been Waiting for ...



... Just Hanging Out ...



... It's all About Families ...

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



LaFaive Family



Reed Family



Kreiser, Bowman, Ford Families

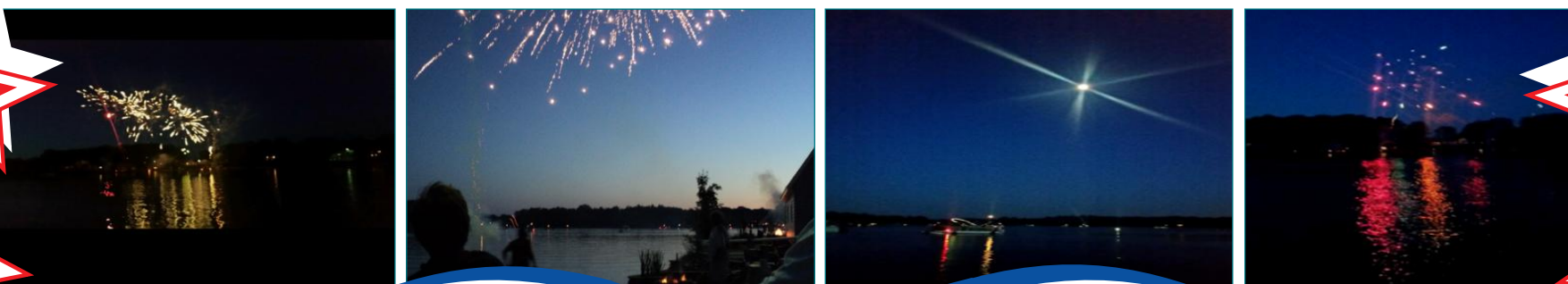


Grin Family and Friends



Bock Family

AND FIREWORKS CAPPED OFF THE EVENING ...



TRIBUTE TO A SLIA HERO

The high waters of 1974 led to an unsuccessful effort to establish a lake drain. The waters went down and with no big issue to address, the SLIA fell apart.

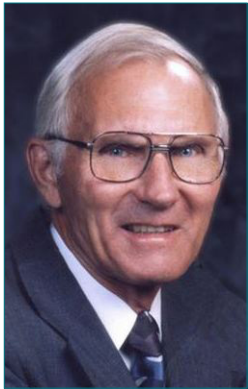
A soft spoken, quiet man named Bob Lamb was the resident agent for the association at the time.

Bob continued to file the annual corporation papers at his own expense for many years as he foresaw there might be a time it would be needed again. When the waters rose in 1986, the SLIA was intact to be resurrected to establish our current drain.

Bob passed this summer at the age of 91.

Thank you, Bob – you are remembered!

Bob's family continue to reside on the lake.



DRAIN REPORT

Steve Largent, our new Grand Traverse County Drain Commissioner graciously attended the SLIA Annual Meeting to introduce himself and hear our concerns.

Steve has checked with the County's legal authority and they have determined that we can once again keep the drain clean and flowing in the event that the water level exceeds the high water mark of 862' above sea level. As he is a part time county employee, allowing volunteers to clean the drain will be a huge benefit in making sure our drain is being maintained in a timely manner.

Steve is in the process of drafting a waiver for volunteers to sign and we will then establish a Standard Operating Procedure for cleaning. He is also working on renewing the special assessment fund for the repair and maintenance of the drain, as well as required inspections.

At the time this article was written the lake level was 861.4, approximately 7 inches below the high water level. The usual fall rains and upcoming (ugh) snowfall will hopefully keep our lake close to the high water mark next year.

Barry Andrews, Drain Liaison

DRAIN NOTE: With many new residents on the lake we have been receiving inquiries about the location and operation of the drain. Please visit our website for map, history, and pictures. Under Newsletters.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS FLAG SIGNIFIES?



This flag is called a "Diver-Down" flag, designating that divers are diving under the surface within 100' of the displayed flag. Boaters should stay

200' away from the flag.

There have been several close calls reported this summer of boats crossing above or right next to the flags when divers are in the water.

As we all share our waters, let's respect each other's choice of entertainment and obey the laws. (BTW, Divers should not dive in areas where they would impede the normal waterway traffic.)

For more info, see www.michigan.gov/dnr

... "DEAR BUSYBODY" ...

We have been inundated with bats in our neighborhood. Any suggestions where they are making their home and how to get rid of them?

Sincerely, Going Batty on Silver Lake

Dear Going Batty,

...so glad you asked! When our neighbor sealed the entrances for her attic bats, they decided to take up residence in the hollow corner channels of our siding! *First of all, please do not kill them; it is illegal in Michigan. They are protected.* They are also valuable; they



eat mosquitos voraciously! A qualified expert will trap them and relocate them for you.

Once they are removed, the few that remain will try again, they colonize so be vigilant. Seal up holes along your eaves – *we found that spray foam sprayed at the top and bottom of the siding corners really worked – no more bats!*

.... Happy Batting, Busybody

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

... WE HAVE 2 BABES THIS YEAR!



For more pics and reports from our Loon Ranger – please visit our website, www.silverlakeimprovement.com, Wildlife.

(If you have stories

or pics of the loons to share, we'd love to have them, write to website.)

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT



The lake was treated for Eurasian Milfoil on July 11th, a good calm day for treatment. It was scheduled after the holiday so it would not interfere with planned events.

The milfoil has been kept in abeyance due to the vigilance of the SLIA and support of the residents. *Rather than take more space in this newsletter, please visit the website for details about the program and pics of various invasives.*

This pretty plant, "Purple Loosestrife," is an invasive as well. It is now finishing its fall blooming and is spreading seeds to reproduce itself. *If you see it, pull it by the roots, bag it and dispose of it!*

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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
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