

Silver Lake

SPRING 2017

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Caring for the future of the lake

IT'S THE GREAT BIG SILVER LAKE BEACHBALL Season 6



It's that time of year again! The lake is starting to come alive with activity, ready for another great summer of fun on our beautiful lake.

... It's time to talk about the now famous beach ball!

For the 6th year, we will have the ball on the lake from June 30th – July 4th, if all goes well with the weather.

... New this year, we will be anchoring the ball in several different locations on the lake for all to enjoy and sign.

A special thanks again to Jerry Niezgoda and his grandson

Cameron for designing the net system that makes this possible.

Please do not move the ball! If you see the ball needing help – such as someone hitting it with their boat or jet ski, trying to jump over it with their wakeboard, or trying to move it, please request that they stop. If they are unwilling to listen, please contact myself or any board member. After all, it is your membership dues that pay for the ball every year.

Chuck Hathway, Social Committee



It's the Independence Day Regatta on Silver Lake!

Pirates, Super Heroes, and of course... 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!



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 5th!

REGISTRATION – 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.

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!

TO WATER FIGHT OR NOT? MIND THE “X”!

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!

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

Why should I join SLIA? What are the benefits? Where do my dues go?

We manage the Eurasian Water Milfoil and other invasive species, monitor the water quality, work with the drain commissioner on the water level and drain, the DNR fisheries department to ensure that our lake is a healthy habitat for fish, and is well stocked.

Activities such as the Giant Beach Ball and Fourth of July Regatta help draw us together as a community. Boaters are kept informed of boater safety rules and we do our best to protect the wildlife on the lake. We communicate and educate property owners and friends of the lake through our newsletters, and at annual meeting.

****You may have noticed the red stars in some of the current articles, referring to our**

email alerts – these alerts inform of important issues affecting the lake, such as treatment dates for invasive species, safety issues and much more. This spring we were able to reconnect people with their property through lost & found notices. It is also an easy way for you to contact us regarding issues you are concerned about. This service is only provided to members who provide us with their email addresses, which are not shared. Click on membership on our website, download the form and send it in today to start receiving these valuable emails.

The dues are only \$25.00 per year, a pretty good deal, and will help your board continue their valuable service!

CHAIRMAN'S COVE

For those of you who are returning to Silver Lake for another summer – welcome back. Hopefully you have put in your docks, your boats, got out your lawn furniture, planted your gardens, and are ready to relax and enjoy!

Even as I look forward to seeing everyone enjoying our lake, I also worry about the potential for accidents and mishaps! Silver Lake is an all sports lake so we have people skiing, wake boarding, kayaking, tubing, pedalboating, sailing, pontooning – even swimming.

Remember to be courteous of others as you enjoy these activities. Please give the wildlife who share our lake a wide berth as you travel around and “Always” be vigilant of objects or swimmer's in the water.

Let's have a safe and fun summer!

B. Scot Ogden, SLIA President

**... ARE YOU A
“MUCKER-UPPER”?
...LEAVES IN THE LAKE =
MUCK!**

No one likes muck, but in spite of our best efforts to educate about raking your leaves, clippings, etc., into the lake, we are still getting reports of this happening!



Please – love your lake & refrain from this practice! If you see someone doing this, be a good neighbor and educate them...

...Please advise your lawn service provider, too!

Grand Traverse County Recycle Center
2471 N. Keystone Road
231-941-5555

Tuesday 12-7 & Thursday & Saturday 9-3
April – Nov. - It's only \$1.00 for a large bag!

SAVE THE DATE

SLIA Adopt-A-Road 2017

Next cleanup dates are
JULY 15TH & SEPTEMBER 23RD

(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 2017

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

Garfield Twp Hall

Meet & Greet, Refreshments, 8:30 a.m.

MEETING 9:00 a.m.

SPRING DRAIN REPORT

The drain remained open throughout the winter. This spring the snow melt and spring rains have barely brought the lake level above the 862' high water mark for a couple of days. The high winds and waves we've experienced have resulted in a number of items being involuntary relocated to other parts of the lake. Hopefully the **emails**** announcing lost and found items have resulted in joyful reunions with their owners!



The fall elections introduced us to Steve Largent, our new GT Co Drain Commissioner. Steve has been with the GT Conservation District since 1992 and is currently the Boardman River Program Coordinator, working with the dam removal projects. The Drain Commissioner is a part time position so Steve is juggling both jobs. SLIA President Scot Ogden and I met with him on March 15th to acquaint him with our drain, discuss its operation and our concerns. Unfortunately in the transition from old to new, much of the information regarding our drain was not forwarded to him, so our meeting was very productive and well received. Steve impressed us with his attitude, disposition, and with the questions he asked regarding the drain. I believe Steve will take a proactive approach to any issues that we may have concerning our drain. If you have the need you may contact him at slargent@grandtraverse.org.

Barry Andrews, Drain Liaison

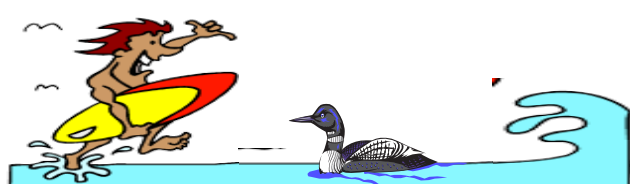
ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

We will be performing our Spring survey of Silver Lake on June 13, to map Eurasian Milfoil locations for the early summer treatment which will take place before July 4th.

Once we have the lake mapped, we will be sending out an **email to members*** stating the date of treatment as well as a map showing where the treatments will be taking place. We realize that this may cause issues with some lake residents, but we want to complete this work before the lake gets too busy with the prime summer season. As an additional precaution, please make sure that your watercraft is clean of any foreign material prior to putting it into the lake, watercraft coming from other areas could be introducing invasive species into our waters. This includes emptying bait wells and bilges. If you have friends coming who will put their crafts into the lake for the day, please convey this message to them.

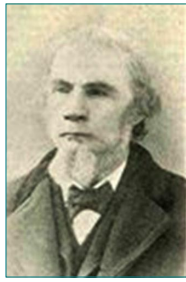
I know I have talked to you in the past about the issue of pumping your septic tanks in a timely fashion as well as making sure they are in good working order. It has been several years since our lake has been tested for e-coli due to budget constraints at all government levels. Therefore, the SLIA will be performing water quality tests around the lake at different times this summer and fall to see if there are any problem areas. We will report this to you, the lake residents, as well as to the Grand Traverse Environmental Health Dept.

Lastly, it has come to our attention that a few of the residents on the lake are still putting their leaves and yard debris into the lake. This practice leads to more muck in our lake. Please take your yard refuse and dispose of it off site.
B. Scot Ogden, Environmental Committee



**IT'S ILLEGAL TO HARASS WILDLIFE
LOOK OUT AHEAD!**

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN.... OR.... HISTORY OF THE SILVER LAKE PARK



Dominic Dunn was born on July 4th, 1820 in Dublin Ireland. As many young men of that era, he struck out to see the world. After years of sailing the seas, he landed in Chicago to work for the Hannah Lay Company, which brought him to Traverse City. He married his Irish sweetheart, Ellen, and in 1875 they bought the property which is now the Silver Lake Park with money Ellen earned selling eggs! They cleared the land, built a cabin and service buildings and commenced to be farmers. The property stayed in the Dunn family for four generations, passing finally to his namesake grandson, Dominic.

This Dominic found the terrain to be perfect for cherries and soon had a prosperous orchard



established. The blossoms in the spring were indeed beautiful to behold and some of

the teenagers of the time remember "picking cherries" for a little summer cash. Dominic II lived to the grand old age of 100 and passed in 2014, having realized his dream of the property serving the community as the "Silver Lake Park". The Dunn family descendants think it quite fitting as the first Dominic was born on the 4th of July and truly loved his adopted country! Several members of the family still make Silver Lake their home to this day..



MUSKRAT FOLLOW-UP

We hope you all survived the winter without these cute little critters feasting on your boat wiring!



Very interesting to note that car mfg's are now using peanut oil for lubrication with similar results, it tastes so good! If you are new to the lake or missed last fall's newsletter article - you can read it on our website.

"DEAR BUSYBODY"

I have a hint to pass on to our neighbors. Place beachballs in the seats when you put your cover over your Pedal Boat, it keeps the cavities from filling with water and is a great place to store your beachballs.

Sincerely, Silver Lake Pedalboater

Dear Pedalboater,

This sounds like a great idea and worthy of passing on! Happy Pedaling, Busybody

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

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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.....
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