

Silver Lake

JUNE 2012

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Caring for the future of the lake



INDEPENDENCE DAY

Regatta

1:30 p.m. Public Boat Launch

Display a boat number on the right front of your boat so we can identify you for judging & pictures. (Foam board with zip ties works great!)

Your Choice —

Choose your theme & Decorate, Decorate!

Don't Decorate — Come as you Are!

Display the Flag —

Remember the occasion we are celebrating...

Most of all — Enjoy yourselves, sharing with your Silver Lake Community!

Questions, call 943-9487



Here Comes The Parade...

with the military in the lead! It was a big hit last year & we've received requests to make it an annual event.

Would you be the Volunteer Family to lead this year? We have the uniforms & flags - we need "you" - just call 943-9187 today!

WE ADOPTED A ROAD

On April 21, 2012 the SLIA participated in the Adopt-a-Highway trash cleanup program. We have adopted four miles on East Silver Lake Road, from US 31 and East Silver Lake Road to the traffic light at Silver Lake Road and Zimmerman (aka Green Hill). Thirteen volunteers came out and in a couple of hours we had collected 29 bags of trash!!

YOU CAN BE A VOLUNTEER TOO!

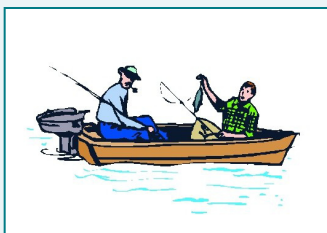
Our next scheduled clean up is on Saturday July 21st. We will meet at the Silver Lake Recreation Park on East Silver Lake Road at 10:00AM. Vests and equipment will be provided. If possible, please watch the video "Adopt a Highway for Michigan" on YouTube before joining us. After the cleanup, we'll meet back at the park for a picnic. Hot dogs will be furnished, but please bring a dish to pass as well as your own table service and beverage. It's an opportunity to keep the area around our lake clean and socialize with fellow lake property owners.



See you there! Ron Grin 943-0293

It's BAAACK!

The kids fishing tournament is back and will be held on Sunday, June 10, 2012. That's Michigan's free fishing weekend so no one will need a license to take the kids out on the lake or fish from the dock.



Directors Gordy Sigren and Dan Erickson will be on the lake along with additional volunteers from 9:00AM until 1:00PM taking pictures, weighing and measuring fish, and handing out participation patches. There is no registration and no "big" prizes. Gordy and Dan will get the names of all the fishermen (including the ones fishing off docks). They will also tell anyone who asks where the HOT fishing spots are.

Hope to see you out there!
Gordy 943-3655 Dan 943-3794

The Really Big Beach Ball!!

Happy Spring to all! I hope you Snow Birds had a great winter. It is time to start thinking about being on your beach and out on your boat. We have something new and hopefully fun to try this year. Starting Saturday, June 23rd, I am going to launch an 8 foot beach ball from my dock and let it float around the lake until Tuesday, July 3rd. If it blows up on your beach, or you intercept it on the water, grab a Sharpie! Please add your name, address and if you wish, a special message. Then send it back out on the lake, it may need some help relocating if the wind keeps coming from one

direction.

I am hoping this will be a unique and fun way to bring the lake community together. It will be exciting to see how well traveled the ball will be in 12 days! If all goes well, the signed beach ball will be part of the annual 4th of July Boat Regatta.

See You on the Lake, Chuck Hathaway

Environment and Invasive Species

With the departure of Russ Adams, comes the challenge of filling his spot on the SLIA board of directors. Russ was such an asset to our lake and did us all a *huge* favor, getting our Special Assessment District in place as well as setting us up with a lake management company who will do so many of the things that Russ tackled himself.

We have new people on our board of directors who will be taking over this huge responsibility, making sure that all continues the way it should for the ongoing betterment of our lake. We look forward to a report of their progress for the next newsletter.

Cook's Corner

When you get your berries home this year, prepare a mixture of one part vinegar (white or apple cider) to 10 parts water. Dump the berries into the mixture, swirl around and drain. Rinse if you want, although it's not necessary. Pop them in the fridge and enjoy raspberries for a week or more, and strawberries almost 2 weeks without getting moldy and soft. The vinegar kills any mold spores and bacteria that might be on the fruit.

CHAIRMAN'S COVE

Welcome to summer of 2012. Last year at this time we were commenting on how late the ice stayed on the lake. This year we are commenting on the opposite. The ice was gone so early we had water skiers on the lake in March! Of course the 15"+ of snow we had in one day reminded us we still live in Michigan.

The SLIA board has its first meeting behind them and we are off to a quick start for this coming year. Items of interest for this year are: Continued work against "keyholing", invasive species control, muck control (or elimination), fisheries, lake safety and more lake association social events. With several new board members we are excited about the possibility of positive changes for Silver Lake and are optimistic about its future.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the departure from the board of Russ and Pat Adams. Russ and Pat have contributed so much to the betterment of Silver Lake the list is too long to write. Russ first identified the Eurasian Milfoil problem and led the efforts to its control. Pat has been secretary and was responsible for the great newsletter you have been receiving. Pat and Russ are moving to California to be closer to family. Their presence and contributions will surely be missed. Thank you for all you have done for Silver Lake!

Please mark your calendars for the August 4th annual meeting at the Garfield Township hall.

Jim Lievense, Board President

LET'S GO BUMS!!!

Who: All Silver Lake residents

What: **SLIA 2nd Annual Beach Bums Baseball Game**

Where: Wuerful Park

When: Tuesday July 18, 2012 at 7:00PM

Why: It is a chance to meet fellow Silver Lake Residents that you usually only see when they are going by your house in their boat. We'll also be cheering on our local ball team!

Tickets are 2 for \$12.00. Ask for section 102 when purchasing your tickets.

For more information contact: Ron Grin 943-0293



KEYHOLING

It's a big issue and we are doing our best to work with the townships to keep our lake from becoming an unsafe place. The current ordinances simply allow too many new docks with unlimited boats on the vacant land around Silver Lake. Our goal is to limit how many docks may be installed and how many boats are acceptable to add to our lake. We'll keep on working.....

ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2012

9:00 a.m. (Coffee and Donuts at 8:30)

Please plan to attend, we need your input and you need us. The Silver Lake board cannot care for your lake without you.

WHICH WAY DOES YOUR BOAT GO?

It goes counterclockwise around the lake. If it goes the other way it's like driving on the wrong side of the road or the wrong way on a one way street. Just like in a car, keep to the right. Head on collisions are ugly!

HOW FAST DOES YOUR BOAT GO???

Slow if you are within 100 feet of the shore, a swimmer, dock, raft or another boat. Remember, your boat doesn't have brakes. Somebody ought to invent those.

DOES YOUR BOAT TOW???

If you're towing a skier, wake boarder or tuber, you need a "spotter." We know you'll feel it if your skier falls, but what if another boat doesn't "spot" it and it takes you a tiny bit longer to locate your fallen skier because you aren't just sure where they fell? Another ugly sight.

DOES YOUR BOAT PLAY MUSIC???

We're sure it's a shock to young people on the lake, but everybody doesn't enjoy the same music. What if all the elderly people played Lawrence Welk music with lots of volume? Think about it because it's been said that someone on the lake has that music on a CD. Enjoy your music, just keep the volume in check.

DOES YOUR BOAT DRINK GASOLINE???

What do you drink? Arrests for boating under the influence are up!!

IS YOUR BOAT A PERSONAL WATERCRAFT???

Michigan law says you must park it by one hour before sunset. Keep it at least 150 feet behind any other vessel. So, no getting too close to "jump" the wake. Reckless operation will be ticketed. Remember, cell phones take great pictures and movies of offenders.

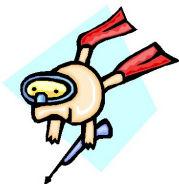
DO YOU SWIM???

Please, please, please don't swim in the middle of the lake!!! Swim parallel to shore or with someone in a boat beside you. It can be very difficult for a fast boat to see a swimmer in a place they don't expect to see them. Talk about an ugly scene.....

HAVE FUN AND BE SAFE SO YOU CAN COME BACK NEXT YEAR!!!

Please Don't Bring Aquatic Hitchhikers to Silver Lake

As we approach another boating season on Silver Lake, we are asking for your help by making sure that your trailer and watercraft are free of invasive weeds and zebra muscles prior to launching your watercraft. With a little bit of time on all our parts, we can help save extensive time and money that will be required to clean up the damage that is caused by these parasites. Please ask your friends and renters who are visiting Silver Lake with watercraft to take the time to be sure their crafts are clean. With your help, we can all enjoy the beauty and splendor of Silver Lake for many years to come.



SUMMER 2012 EVENTS — MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Fishing contest	Sunday, June 10 9:00-1:00
Independence Day Regatta	Wednesday, July 4 1:30
SLIA at the ballgame	Tuesday, July 18 7:00
Roadside cleanup & picnic	Saturday, July 21 10:00
SLIA Annual Meeting	Saturday, August 4 9:00

YOUR MUCK ERADICATION COMMITTEE AT WORK

LAKE SHORE MUCK SUFFERERS – We are still looking for a long-term solution to our problem. In the meantime, we've found what we believe to be the best *immediate solution for individual use*. The product is made from the only material approved by the DEQ for aquatic purposes, it is 100% effective, and reasonably priced with a 5 year warrantee (Company literature says it will last a lot longer).

We are arranging for a representative to tell us about it at the SLIA annual meeting August 4th. Hopefully, he'll bring in a sample to look at, so you'll want to be there! We will be showing a video of the product and handing out brochures at that meeting.

There are plans in the works to make a video

illustrating our muck concerns. The goal is to show the many ways muck negatively affects our properties. Including preventing some owners from being able to sell their homes, others waist to armpit high in the stuff putting in their docks or shore stations, and others concerned with the safety issues of kids or grandkids playing at the water's edge or fishing off their docks and falling into it. If you have other concerns you want noted, let me know. If you are asked to be interviewed for the video, we hope you will say yes.

LAKE SHORE WEED SUFFERERS – If you have weeds instead of muck, we have some good news to share with you too!

Diane Seeloff - Muck Eradication Chairman

YOUR SLIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jim Lievens	231-943-3757	President-Rules-Welcoming
Jeana Seidelman	517-749-3895	Secretary
Barry Andrews	231-943-7005	Treasurer-Membership-Fishing-Drain Liaison
Dick Bogard	231-943-4845	Township Issues-Fishing
Vicki Bush	231-943-8533	Township Liaison
Ron Grin	231-943-0293	Adopt-A-Hwy, Social Activities
Chuck Hathaway	231-943-3912	Regatta Committee
Nancy Knight	231-943-9487	Regatta Chair-Nominating Committee
Scot Ogden	517-749-3895	Environmental Committee
David Reed	491-367-4742	Environmental Committee
Janet Wheeler	231-943-4443	Publicity, Nominating Committee

COMMITTEES

Wayne Knight	231-943-9487	SLIA Web Site
Diane Seeloff	616-481-2883	Muck Eradication-Holiday Park Liaison

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Paul and Darcy Britten
Jim and Patricia Haase
Lori Hydeck
Gary and Ann Robinson

Whether you are new to Silver Lake,
or just remembered to pay your dues,
we're glad to have you!
Thank you for investing in the future
of Silver Lake.

If you have new neighbors
on the lake, please let us know
so we can welcome them.
Call Jim Lievens at 231-943-3757.

WHO DO YOU CALL?

Life threatening or dangerous violations
911

Lake violations (Sheriff Marine Division)
Boat MC number required
922-4514

Launch site violations (local dispatch)
941-1011

DNR Traverse City Office
922-5280

Lost and Found (Jim Lievens)
943-3757

More info at
www.silverlakeimprovement.com



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