

SUMMER 2002 Silver Lake

Don't forget!
Annual Meeting
Aug. 10 @ 8:30am

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION *Caring for the future of the lake*

CHAIRMAN'S COVE

"When you love something you want to take care of it" (NALMS)

This is how most of us feel about Silver Lake. We "love" Silver Lake and treasure every experience related to the lake. Whether boating, fishing, skiing, swimming or just relaxing while looking at the calming water or breathtaking sunsets, it all results in a "love" of the lake. The Silver Lake Improvement Association exists to maintain this wonderful resource and hopes to do it with the cooperation of all of the Silver Lake property owners. We all need to do our part in caring for the future of the lake. Please read the newsletters; follow the tips on safety, fertilizing, and overall lake preservation; and contact your Silver Lake Improvement Association Board with any questions or concerns you may have. Show your love by caring for OUR lake.

See you at the Annual meeting on August 10th! - Jim Lievense

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Breneman, Brian & Rosa	Hamilton, Jon & Marlene
Brown, Douglas & Edith	Kay, Ralph & Virginia
Burritt, Kenneth & Teresa	Kinney, Lon & Diane
Carefoot, Leonard & Beverly	Kreiser, Craig & Joelyn
Chappel, Dennis & Mary	Lapointe, David & Jeannine
Clark, Russell & Karen	Larimer, Melvin & Joan
Corbin, Yvan & Kristin	Lyberg, Matt & Maryanne
Denoyer, Bill & Terri	Peterman, Gail
Dudek, James & Cynthia	Raetz, Robert
Egelus, Rick & Peggy	Vance, Blake & Susan
Farron, Guy & Janel	Vozza, Giorgio & Laurie
Fedorinchik, Greg & Strahl, Hilary	Wallon, Bill & Jean
Frazier, Peter & Betty	Zitewitz, Paul & Barbara
Grin, Ron & Nancy	

COOKIN' CORNER

Fresh Summer Salsa

- 8 medium tomatoes (I use Roma)
- 1 medium sweet onion
- 1 green pepper
- 1 jalapeno pepper
- 1 clove garlic (minced)
- juice of 1 large lemon (more if desired)
- fresh cilantro (to your taste)
- salt and pepper

Chop tomatoes, onion, green pepper, and jalapeno pepper and mix together. Add the rest of the ingredients and refrigerate at least an hour before serving. Serve with your favorite tortilla chips. YUMMY!

The more you make this the better it gets. Adjust the amount of garlic lemon juice and cilantro to your taste. It will last in the refrigerator for several days. Enjoy!!

Submitted by Pat Adams

WHATTA REGATTA IT WAS!

Our second annual July 4 regatta was a smashing success! This year we had 40 (at last count) boats of all decorations and sizes participate in the parade.

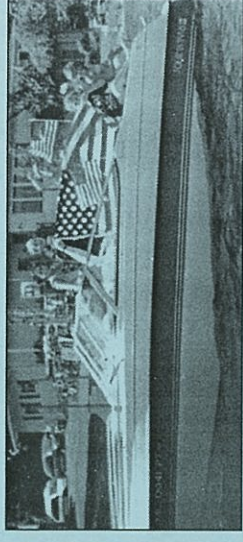


This was almost double the number of last year's parade! And again, we had great cheerleaders on shore who added to the fun had by all.

Terry and Rae Berden led the regatta around the lake with patriotic songs on board that kept the spirit of things really going. Don Crewes followed on his boat dressed as Captain America, doing a muscle show for all onlookers....very funneeeeee!

Ed and Sherry McNamara helped keep the regatta organized and moving along in fine fashion. It's great to see all the individual contributions made for this fun event. Keep your ideas coming!

Next year, I'm wondering, if we shouldn't have a few horns on board or on shore for even more celebration sounds! Thank you to everyone for a great all around holiday performance! *Submitted by Barb Vanderzouwen*



GET YOUR SLIA NAUTICAL FLAGS

Silver Lake residents can now display their very own, custom printed SLIA Flag. The new aqua and white flag is available at the August 10th Annual Meeting. The requested donation for a flag is \$10.

FISHING CONTEST A BIG CATCH!

A post card morning greeted 28 enthusiastic anglers on July 4th to compete in the 1st Annual SLIA Fishing Contest. Ten boats left the public launch at 7am in search of that monster Silver Lake walleye, bass and pan fish. The catching was great early, as nearly every boat had a fish or two by 8am to be entered in the contest. As the morning sun climbed higher, the fishing got tougher. Back at the launch at 11am, a thirsty group enjoyed beverages generously donated by Pepsi-Cola. Amid the fish stories, 3 winners emerged. Peter Haddix netted a 22" walleye, Kevin Farron landed a 19.5" smallmouth & Lucas Bogard boated a 12" perch to claim the top prizes, rod & reel combos.

These fish were returned to the lake. Thanks again to all who participated. Special thanks to Pepsi-Cola for the beverages, gifts and prizes and to MC Sports for their help. Video (thanks to Pat Priest) of this event will be shown at the annual meeting!

Organized by Kevin Gagnon - SLIA thanks Kevin!

WATERFRONT REAL ESTATE OUTLOOK

The fast and furious real estate market of the 90's in the Grand Traverse region has, at best, plateaued and in some cases declined, depending on the type of property and it's location. Waterfront homes and cottages on Silver Lake have slowed in the past year.

This is due, in my opinion, to the high supply of property for sale, high prices and the slower demand by buyers. The 9-11 crises and a much slower economy have been the major factors in this correction. Record interest rates for home mortgages have kept the local market alive, but at a much slower rate. In this market, sellers must be competitive in their pricing to compete for fewer buyers. The best locations, best condition and best priced homes will sell in this type of market.

At this time, there are listed for sale with Realtors a total of 10 homes and cottages between \$250,000-\$500,000 directly on Silver Lake. Many of these were on the market last year at higher prices and did not sell. Only two homes have sold this year on the lake and they were in the \$320,000-\$325,000 range and were newer in construction. Therefore, if you want to sell your home this year, price it right, have it in great condition and list it with an aggressive Realtor who will market it vigorously for you.

Submitted by Randy Hawley, Mike Street & Co.



SIGN OF THE TIMES

Check out the new sign at the public boat launch. It contains some boating safety guidelines for residents and visitors on Silver Lake.

LOST & FOUND

Found - sign, says "Seeloff Beach, No Animals Allowed" call 943-8431

Lost - deck, Appx 10x12 ft, w/cutout in corner for step, grey stain. Washed away w/spring thaw. If it washed up on your beach, or if you see while diving (it may have sunk), Call 943-9487

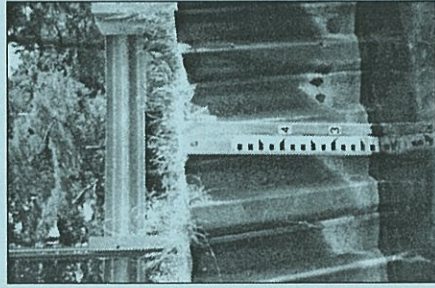
WHAT'S COMING UP!

ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, August 10 at 8:30am
Garfield Township Hall
3848 Veterans Drive

IS SILVER LAKE HIGH THIS YEAR?

A cruise around Silver Lake this spring gives the impression that some lake residents probably think the lake level is too high. The reality is, on July 8th, the level was within an inch of the court mandated "maximum normal lake level" of 862 ft above mean sea level (AMSL). On June 20th, the lake was about 3 inches above 862 ft and as a consequence was overflowing into the drain at the south end of the lake. The lake drains until the level drops to 862 ft or until water temperature reaches 68 degrees F. Drainage is stopped to avoid harm to the fishery of Beitner Creek, which flows into the Boardman River. In the fall drainage resumes when water temperature drops below 68 degrees. Drainage was stopped on July 1st this year because of the high temperature.



Since the rate of drainage is limited and there are times when it must be stopped, the level could rise well above 862 ft during periods of high precipitation. At a flow rate of 8 cubic ft per second (about the capacity of the drain system) it would take 38 days to lower the level 1 foot, with no rainfall in the interim. A lake level gauge is attached to the south retaining wall at Roman drive. The numeral two on the gauge is at 862 ft AMSL, the distance between markings is 2 tenths of a foot. When making property improvements near the shore, keep the 862 level in mind, knowing there may be times when the water will rise above that level!

The drain system is administered by the County Drain Commissioner, Maureen Templeton. She notes that since 1997 the lake has averaged 12 to 20 inches below the control level. The drain valve has been closed since 1996 except for a short time in 1997 when it was opened to drain off about the same amount of water as this year. Currently Maureen checks the drain about once a week, her office does an engineering inspection of the system every 3 years and initiates any repairs necessary to maintain it in good working order, she also contracts twice annually to test the water quality. Should the water quality become a hazard to Beitner Creek, drainage would be halted. It therefore behooves us all to work at maintaining the lake water quality.

SWIMMERS ITCH

is caused by a small organism with an unpronounceable name!

The larvae of this organism (or parasite) live in the blood vessels of waterfowl, producing eggs which are released through their feces. These eggs hatch in the water as a live swimming organism called miracidia seeking snails as their next host where they germinate, producing cercariae, then seeking waterfowl again to complete it's life cycle.

When this organism invades the human skin by mistake, it dies, causing cercarial dermatitis, which we call "swimmers itch".

Swimmers itch is most pervasive in shallow waters near shore, particularly on the eastern and southern beaches as a result of wind patterns. That's why some beaches are worse than others. Small children who play in the shallow areas are therefore most vulnerable. These organisms are sticky and attach themselves to the skin as you leave the water and burrow in as the body dries - towelling off briskly as soon as you leave the water does help.

So now that we know just how it all works -

PLEASE DON'T FEED THE DUCKS !

Submitted by Nancy Knight



FACTARAMAS!

Silver Lake is one of 5 lakes in Michigan with no natural outlet. It is called a perched lake.

Our lake is a great example of a Glacial lake.



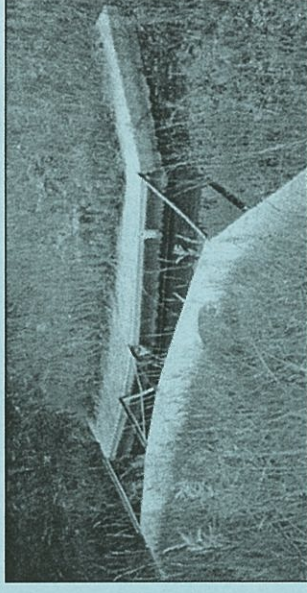
SLOW DOWN!!! Let's Keep the Roads Safe.

There are many families with children that live on or near the lake. The traffic travels the Silver Lake roads way too fast... Especially on East Silver Lake where there are no shoulders to give walkers and bikers more room to "stay alive". Thanks!

FEEDBACK

So what did you think of the Gotta Regatta and the Fishing Contest? We value your input. Please attend the SLIA meeting or write us a note.

The drain is located at the south end of the lake, near Holiday Park Campground. The inlet is a large concrete cylinder roughly 5 ft in diameter standing on end. A screen over the upper end keeps debris from the drain. A pipe from the cylinder connects to a valve operated in a



small valve house in Holiday Park appx 100 feet from the inlet. A buried pipe from the valve outlet goes south under US31 and empties into Cox Pond north of Cox Distributors warehouse. Water drains from the pond through a control structure on Sawyer Road. South of the control structure, a "partial flume" measures the rate of water flow from the lake into Beitner Creek.

The numbers on the flume can be converted to cubic ft per second with the appropriate chart.

Submitted by Russ Adams

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Saturday,

August 10, 2002 at 9:00am

Garfield Township Hall, 3848 Veterans Drive

AGENDA

- Meeting called to order & remarks
- Minutes of 8-11-01 annual meeting
- Committee Reports – What's been happening this year
- Election of Directors
- Open Forum – Your chance to voice your opinion, suggestions, concerns
- Video Presentation – "You Gotta Regatta" and "1st Annual Fishing Contest"

- you won't want to miss this!

CLOSING

Let's all get involved to make this the best year ever for SLIA!

Join the over 100 members of SLIA and show your support for the lake!

SLIA Board Members: Jim Lievense - President, David Green - Vice President, Nancy Knight - Secretary/Treasurer, Barb VanderZouwen - Assistant Secretary, Pat Adams, Donald Crewes, Jack VanderZouwen, Ruth Bloomer, Don Burrell, Raelene Collins, Peter Haddix, Chuck Fricke.

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