Spring 2024 Newsletter

# SLIC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Terry Murphy......248-789-5042

OPEN BOARD SEAT

# IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR 2024 DUES

There are 3 ways to conveniently pay your annual \$100 dues:

- 1. Check payable to SLIC to: SLIC 9342 Silverside, South Lyon, Mi. 48178
- Venmo: SLIC Assoc. Green Oak Township (phone #7361)
- 3. PayPal: SLIC Treasurer@yahoo.com

Please Include your lake address on your check along with your e-mail address.

The 2024 budget will be presented at the annual meeting. It is because of membership dues that we can continue to be pro-active to keep Silver Lake safe, healthy, and a great place to live! We encourage all Silver Lake Residents to attend our Annual Meeting

IMPROVEMENT CORP.

Date: Thursday, May 16,2024

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*Time:* Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

Location: Green Oak Old Township Hall on Silver Lake Road

# **Topics for Review**

- 1. Welcome New Members
- 2. Elections
- 3. Approval of 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes
- 4. Reports of Officers:
  - Boat Launch- Andy
  - Weed Control-Dale
  - Black Algae-Chris
  - Lake Water Purity Report-Greg
  - CWCB Grant-Greg
  - Muskrat Update-Dale
  - Fish Stocking/Habitat-Chris
- 6. Boater Safety-Mary
- 7. Social Committee-need volunteers
- 8. Sumpter Lot-Greg
- 9. Unfinished Business-Website
- 10. Report of Treasurer: Review/Approval of Budget
- 11. New Business



# PONTOON TRAILER AVAILABLE FOR USE BY MEMBERS

If you are new to the area, you may not know that SLIC has a pontoon trailer available for use (at no cost) to paid members. You must be a paid-up member of SLIC for the current year (2024) to use this trailer. The trailer is for local use on our lake only, as it has no license plate. The trailer is stored at 9185 Silverside Dr. (Chris & Jo Ann Williams' House). A key is also available from Dale French. Since the trailer is often in high demand, we ask that you return it within an hour. Each user must sign the trailer out; please do not pass it on to your neighbors since you are responsible for the trailer and its condition when you sign for its use.

**NEED KEY TO SUMPTER LOT GATE?** Contact Dale French, Andy Eisenberg or Chris Williams

# **ARE YOU A GOOD NEIGHBOR?**

- 1. Personal Watercraft (PWC) are powerboats under Michigan law. They must be registered and carry a fire extinguisher if compartments could contain fumes. You must wear a flotation device (life jacket) while operating a PWC. Operation is only legal in the daylight.
- 2. Michigan Law requires a PWC to stay at least 150 ft. away from any boat and at least 100 ft. from any dock, raft, or swimming area. Only another PWC can operate closer.
- 3. Make sure you know how to operate your watercraft before going out. Proceed slowly until you learn how to handle your craft. Boater Safety classes are available and recommended.
- 4. Always wear your life jacket while under power, it could save your life or the life of a loved one.
- 5. Always watch for others on the water boaters, skiers, a dropped skier, swimmers and hazards, such as rafts or a slalom ski, etc.
- 6. Never operate your PWC while under the influence of drugs or alcohol, nor smoke where there is the possibility of gas fumes. Remember that a long day on the water can affect judgment and reaction time much like drugs and alcohol. Take breaks and slow down.
- 7. Please do not alter your PWC or boat to make it louder. The noise could cover up a call for help.
- 8. After dusk, do you use the proper lights on your boat and refrain from SPEEDING?
- 9. When driving your jet ski or speedboat, remember to go in a counterclockwise direction and operate in a safe manner.
- 10. Do you respect your fellow neighbors who are fishermen and give them a wide berth? You are responsible for any damage or injury your wake may cause, so please be aware of the other boats on the lake!
- 11. When water skiing, knee boarding or tubing, have at least two people in the boat: one to drive and one as a spotter. Water sports are a lot of fun if you have an extra pair of eyes to watch for other boats, swimmers, or obstructions and to keep an eye on the people you are pulling.
- 12. Remember, NO WAKE between 8:30 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday, and 8:30 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, starting June 1st through September 15th.
- 13. Never do long distance swimming or diving without a boat escort or without proper flotation markers. Stay close to shore whenever possible.
- 14. Michigan State Law prohibits anyone under the age of 12 to operate a boat or personal watercraft (PWC). Children between the ages of 12 and 16 may legally operate a boat or PWC if they have a boater's safety certificate or are accompanied by an adult.
- 15. To keep Silver Lake clean, please:
  - DO NOT fertilize near the lake.
    - DO NOT burn near the lake.
    - DO NOT allow grass clippings to enter the lake.
- 16. Please do not play music with profane or vulgar lyrics on or near the lake.
- 17. A Sept. 2022 Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources report recommends the following: Boats operating in wake-surfing or wake-boarding modes should operate in water at least 15 feet deep Boats operating in wake-surfing mode or wake-boarding mode,during which boat speed, wave shapers, and /or ballast are used to increase wave height, should operate at least 500 feet from docks or the shoreline, regardless of water depth.

Full report link:https://mymlsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/DNR-Wake-Boat-Report.pdf

REMINDER: NO WAKE AFTER 8:30 P.M.

SILVER LAKE IMPR Receipts and Dia From January	sburs	ements Co	ompa	rison	1			
	PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET UNAPPROVED		2024 ACTUAL		2024 VARIANCE (Under)/Over			2023 Actuals
RECEIPTS:					(0			
Dues Collected Michigan Clean Boats Grant Interest	\$ \$ \$	14,500.00 2,600.00 500.00	\$ 10 \$	),350.00 164.52	* \$ \$	(4,150.00) (335.48)	\$ \$	14,700.00 674.49
Total Receipts	\$	15,000.00		),514.52	\$	(4,485.48)	\$	15,374.49
DISBURSEMENTS:								
Boat Launch					\$	-	\$	8,200.00
Bond on Treasurer/President	\$	155.00			\$	(155.00)	\$	155.00
Corporation Fee	\$	20.00			\$	(20.00)	\$	20.00
Fish Habitat	\$	1,500.00			\$	(1,500.00)	\$	1,500.00
Fish Stocking	\$	3,000.00			\$	(3,000.00)	\$	-
GreenOaks Historical Society	\$	200.00			\$	(200.00)		
Insurance	\$	1,115.00			\$	(1,115.00)	\$	1,021.00
Michigan Clean Boats Grant	\$	2,600.00			\$	(2,600.00)	¢	050.00
Michigan Lakes & Streams Muskrat Removal	\$ \$	250.00 400.00			\$ \$	(250.00)	\$ \$	250.00 555.00
Newsletter & Communication	э \$	400.00 250.00			ъ \$	(400.00) (250.00)	э \$	555.00 113.75
Office Supplies	\$	100.00	\$	83.69	\$	(16.31)	э \$	-
PLM	\$	6,000.00	Ψ	05.05	\$	(6,000.00)	\$	4,053.17
Property Tax	\$	45.00			φ \$	(45.00)	φ \$	40.83
Social Events	\$	400.00			\$	(400.00)	\$	-
Sumpter Lot Improvement	\$	1,000.00			\$	(1,000.00)		
Trailer Maintenance	\$	200.00			\$	(200.00)	\$	-
Water Testing/Research	\$	900.00			\$	(900.00)	\$	690.00
Web site	\$	250.00			\$	(250.00)	\$	-
Welcome Committee	\$	100.00			\$	(100.00)	\$	-
Total Disbursements	\$	18,485.00	\$	83.69	\$	(18,401.31)	\$	16,598.75
Decrease) Increase in Funds	\$	(3,485.00)	\$ 10	),430.83	\$	13,915.83		(1,224.26)
Begin Balance on Jan 1	\$	36,128.35	\$ 36	6,128.35	\$		_\$	37,352.61
Ending Balance	\$	32,643.35	\$ 46	6,559.18	\$	13,915.83	\$	36,128.35

\* Does not include \$200 in 2025 Prepaid SLIC Dues

# THREE WAYS TO STAY INFORMED ON LATEST SLIC UPDATES

## JOIN SLIC E-MAIL LIST-SEND YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS TO

## LOIS.MAHONEY@EMICH.EDU

## SILVERLAKEIMPROVEMENTCORP.COM

Silverlake\*Good Neighbors on Facebook

## WECOME NEW NEIGHBORS TO SILVER LAKE

Kory Lapree 9255 Silverside Dr.Garrett Dietz 9028 Kemper Dr.Tammy Mika 9235 Silverside Dr.Theresa Kuykendall 9023 Silverside Dr.Audrey & Kevin Coxford 9657 MarshallCorrine Yergenson 9526 Silverside Dr.

## **BOATER'S SAFETY EDUCATION**

Nauti Mi on the River 9260 McGregor Pinckney, Mi 48169May 11,2024 8:00 am-4:00 pmWilson Marine/Brightonwilsonboats.comClasses Start in JuneOnline Boater Safety Classeswww.boat-ed.com

#### Fish Habitat

The Placing of Habitat in the lake went well. We had enough help to place 10 Fish Structures in the lake for Fish Habitat. We will be placing more Habitat for the fish into the lake this summer. These structures help to give the fish year-round habitat to live and thrive.

A good fish population is crucial for our lake to stay clean and give members better opportunity to catch healthy fish. Thank you everyone who voted to allow us to place these structures and to those who helped with building and placing these structures into the lake.

#### Fish Stocking Update:

2 years ago, we were able to put in around 500 small crappies from the Imlay City Fish farm. I am happy to report these crappies are doing very well in our lake and are growing like weeds. We recently went fishing for them and were catching healthy 8–14-inch crappies. Most of the fish we caught were released back into the lake to continue to spawn and grow the population. If you should happen to catch some of these crappies, we just ask you to be conservative. Keep a few but please try and release some back to the lake so we can continue to grow a healthy population again.

Last year we had planned to reintroduce Perch into the lake. We had an order into the fish farm for many months. But just before they were to deliver them, they had a pond failure and all their young perch died. So, we were unable to get those last year. This year we will try again and hope to be able to place them in our lake this fall.Over the years our Fish stocking has been very successful, we started several years ago introducing Fathead minnows and Golden shiners into the lake. Once we knew we had a good population of feeder minnows we started bringing in Red Ear Pan fish. We did 3 years of stocking them and now we have a great thriving population of Red ears. The Red Ears are great for our lake as their other common name is shell crackers. They love to eat the small white snail you see in our lake as well as the Zebra mussels. I have noticed a huge decline in Zebra muscles stuck to my dock since we introduced the Red Ears, so they are doing their job.

Chris Williams

#### SILVER LAKE'S NORTH EAST SHORE

#### A Brief History of Silver Lake's North East Shore

#### By Jo Ann Driver / Williams

#### For the Green Oak Twp Historical Society

Imagine you are driving on Silver Lake Rd. heading east from U.S. 23. You wind around a big sweeping "S" curve and come to a fork in the road, where you stay to the right. You are now looking at Silver Lake's northeast shore. Houses on the left are all tucked in close and the lake is a few yards from the road on your right. As you drive along, the road rises up giving you a beautiful vista of the lake. The land opens up and to your left, large homes sit back from the road. Then close to the road is a large gray house with white shutter and a large white deck. Next are a few more homes, set back a little, but you don't really notice because the view of the sun shining on the water captures your attention. The road drops down again as you go into a valley with houses only on the left, closer again to each other. Then, drive up a steep hill and you are at the junction of Silverside Dr. and Doane Rd.

Now stop here and turn around.... And go back in time about 100 years, say 1900, and it is now winter...... Go back down the hill. The road is dirt and gravel, and it is called Lake Side Dr. (not Silverside Dr.) Coming toward you is a team of horses pulling a wagon full of ice blocks covered with straw and a tarp, heading for South Lyon. There are two houses in this valley, both bungalow style, with big front porches and upstairs dormer windows looking out onto the lake... Maple trees, big oaks and several sycamore trees with speckled bark fill the valley. Up the next hill on your right you see open rolling fields, Down the road and on your right, about 300 feet or so, you see a large three story white barn, with a hug silo made of glazed brown tile shinning in the sunlight. To the east of the big barn sits a hip roof hog barn built with the same glazed tiles... As you drive a little

farther you see a small milk house near the road and farther back, out buildings, chicken coops, grain bins, a corn crib, and a forest of black walnut trees surrounding the back yard of a white two-story farm house. A windmill stands in the front yard. It is believed that many of these structures were built in the late 1870's... The William Squire family lives here with their three children. They were followed by the Norton family, then by the Drivers. Louie, wife Marge and daughter Jo Ann.

Just past the house is another open field and down the road by the water, just as the road starts to curve, you see a stone retaining wall with steps going down to the front door of a two story cottage, sitting not 20 feet from the road. It has a row of windows on each floor, facing the lake. Under these windows you can see large rocks put there to help protect the foundation because the cottage is so close to the lake. This is a summer cottage for relatives of the Norton family of Detroit, who own the Norton Hotel in Detroit, and the Norton Palmer in Windsor. On the right as you go around the curve in the road, you will see a beautiful white house high on the hill, this house was built in 1892 by Frank Barry, he patterned it after the Carla Villa in England. By the turn of the century Orange Peach lived there with his family.

Down by the water is a small country store, and an icehouse, owned & operated by the Peach family. Their descendants will live here for about 90 years. Orange's son Lemual & his wife Edna, and their daughter Celia, and Celia with her family, before moving to Arizona..

Next two cottages on the right, before you get to Silver Lake Rd. that are now gone.

**Today.....** The road is paved and way too much traffic, the ice house and store are gone. Now just a part of history... The farm was split up, the lake property that went with the farm was over 1,200 feet of lake frontage, allowing for 10 large lots with plenty of room for bigger homes and out buildings. The original farm house, built in the late 1870's is still there bigger and more beautiful than ever. Thanks Mike and Leslie Engles, and all the work they put into saving this beautiful home. The cottage at the curve is long gone, when the road gets close to the lake there are now 10 homes in the valley, two of them from the 1930's. A large home on the lakeside of the road, now replaces a small cottage also from the 30' before you head up the hill to Doane Rd.

"Excrets", from Article by Jo Ann Driver-Williams

Thank You to The 2023 Paid SLIC Members								
SLIC 2023 PAID DUES								
NAME	Lake Address	PAID	NAME	Lake Address	PAID			
George Adam	9528 Silverside	\$ 100	Brad & Laura Hamlin	9601 Marshall	\$ 100			
Gregory & Rebecca Adducci	9561 Firwood	\$ 100	Mary Helka	9237 Firwood	\$ 100			
John & Cheryl Anderson	9758 Silverside	\$ 100	Nicole & Bob Henderson	9434 Silverside	\$ 100			
Bill & Mary Bakhaus	9055 Harbour Way	\$ 100	Dale & Kelly Hibbert	9425 Firwood	\$ 100			
Jeffrey & Jennifer Bates	9757 Silverside	\$ 100	Barbara & Gregg Hight	9526 Silverside	\$ 100			
Mike & Nancy Beyer	9742 Silverside	\$ 100	G. Daniel & Barbara Hoffman	9725 Marshall	\$ 100			
John & Emelyn Bock	9316 Silverside	\$ 100	Justin & Laura Hollabaugh	9530 Silverside	\$ 100			
Bill & Denise Brandon	9326 Silverside	\$ 100	James-Gregory Holliday	9027 Hillview	\$ 100			
Greg & Catherine Burt	9406 Silverside	\$ 100	David & Manuela Hyatt	9253 Silverside	\$ 100			
Joshua & Melony Rose Burt	9334 Silverside	\$ 100	George & Jeanette Jenkins	9696 Silverside	\$ 100			
Kathy & Peggy Posa Butcher	9227 Silverside	\$ 100	Frank & Tiffany Judge	9410 Silverside	\$ 100			
David & Kim Schaffer Cappellani	9405 Firwood	\$ 100	John & Janet Kaiser	9053 Silverside	\$ 100			
Elaine Carroll	9498 Silverside	\$ 100	Jim & Nancy Kiselis	9522 Silverside	\$ 100			
Bill Ceresa	9631 Marshall	\$ 100	Rob Kuebler	9225 Firwood	\$ 100			
Greg & Ellen Christman/Zimmerman	9382 Silverside	\$ 100	Dina Kutinsky	9660 Silverside	\$ 100			
Kellie Coleman	9640 Silverside	\$ 100	Theresa Kuyendall	9023 Silverside	\$ 100			
Audrey & Kevin Coxford	9657 Marshall	\$ 100	Ann and Dave Lama	9370 Silverside	\$ 100			
Michael & Dian Cullens	9261 Silverside	\$ 100	Robert & Sandra Lemon	9365 Firwood	\$ 100			
Rob & Kim Dancer	9505 Firwood	\$ 100	Kevin & Lori Lockhart	9335 Firwood	\$ 100			
Mark & Lisa Davis	9510 Silverside	\$ 100	Brian & Katharine George Lounsberry	9239 Silverside	\$ 100			
Robert Domby	9057 Silverside	\$ 100	Tim & Claudia Lynch	9215 Firwood	\$ 100			
Tom & Joanne Duncan	9435 Firwood	\$ 100	James & Barbara Mack	9506 Silverside	\$ 100			
Rick and Joan Eccles	9305 Firwood	\$ 100	Thomas & Lois Mahoney	9342 Silverside	\$ 100			
Andrew & Kathryn Eisenberg	9398 Silverside	\$ 100	Andrew & Taylor Sarlund Martin	9628 Silverside	\$ 100			
Michael & Peggy Leiby Elasser	9761 Marshall	\$ 100	Tim & Kristi Matuszewsk	9338 Silverside	\$ 100			
Michael & Leslie Engle	9151 Silverside	\$ 100	Timothy McCollum	9555 Firwood	\$ 100			
Page Erlich	11048 Silver View Court	\$ 100	Patrick and Gretchen McKernan	9362 Silverside	\$ 100			
Ron Ferris	11610 Doane	\$ 100	Tammy Mika	9235 Silverside	\$ 100			
Dale & Gail French	9171 Silverside	\$ 100	Glenn & Michelle Miller	9030 Hillview	\$ 100			
Luis & Laura Gago	10984 Silver Lake Rd.	\$ 100	Richard & Denise Minton	9514 Silverside	\$ 100			
Adam & Katie Galloway	9063 Kemper	\$ 100	Ted & Kathy Mitchell	9288 Silverside	\$ 100			
Bruce & Judy Gamble	9470 Silverside	\$ 100	Raymond & Cindy Morianti	9746 Silverside	\$ 100			
Greg & Sandra Gessert	9585 Firwood	\$ 100	Michael & Linda Morris	9718 Silverside	\$ 250			
Bryan & Rachel Gidcomb	9753 Marshall	\$ 100	Terry & Deborah Murphy	9035 Silverside	\$ 100			
Martin & Jo Ann Goldman	9484 Silverside	\$ 100	Todd and Julie Nadeau	9287 Silverside	\$ 100			
Nikki & Anthony Greathouse	9259 Silverside	\$ 100	Jonathan & Kelsey Neundorf	9089 Hillview Dr	\$ 100			
Nancy & Martin Green	9047 Silverside	\$ 100	Gary & Jennifer Nickerson	9391 Firwood	\$ 100			
Danielle Green,	9012 Hillview	\$ 100	#VALUE!	9013 Silverside	\$ 100			
Steven and Donna Greenawalt	9127 Silverside	\$ 100	Janice & Bill Beam O Beirne	9415 Firwood	\$ 100			

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NAME	Lake Address	PAID		NAME	Lake Address		PAID				
Milan Obrenovich	9766 Silverside	\$	100	Steve Showerman	9368 Silverside	\$	100				
William & Barbara Paison	9562 Silverside	\$	100	Steve & Rachel Showerman	9615 Marshall	\$	100				
Gary & Sandra Pelchat	11040 Tillson	\$	100	#VALUE!	10987 Silver Lake Road	\$	100				
Jason & Kristen Phipps	9715 Silverside	\$	100	Jamie and Jessie Simcheck	9081 Silverside	\$	100				
Walter & Tracy Pivinski	9283 Firwood	\$	100	Steve & Crystal Sinclair	9652 Silverside	\$	100				
Emilie & Vince Porcelli	11033 Tillson	\$	100	Charles B & Rena Smith	9386 Silverside	\$	100				
David & Sue Post	9667 Marshall	\$	100	Scott Smith	9734 Silverside	\$	100				
Bob & Sally Pregitzer	9271 Silverside	\$	100	Tamara & Samanatha & Joel Hudson Smith	9440 Silverside	\$	100				
Mike & Sheri Pummill	9452 Silverside	\$	100	Greg & Mary Stamm	9265 Firwood	\$	100				
James & Erin Radley	9586 Silverside	\$	100	Videl & Andy Stewart	9358 Silverside	\$	100				
David & Leticia Randazzo	9038 Kemper	\$	100	Don & Wendy Storey	9535 Firwood	\$	100				
Judith & Kathleen & Timothy Cox Rankey	9394 Silverside	\$	100	Eric & Lori Strauss	9550 Silverside	\$	100				
Roger & Margaret Ratkowski	9345 Firwood	\$	100	Daniel & Kathryn Studer	9445 Firwood	\$	100				
Randall & Paula Rice	9762 Silverside	\$	100	Paul & Belinda Styles	9623 Marshall	\$	100				
Ross & Linda Ridenour	9455 Firwood	\$	100	David Sutherland	9165 Silverside	\$	100				
Sherry Rivard	9315 Firwood	\$	100	Victor Taylor	9502 Silverside	\$	100				
William & Joann Robinson	9422 Silverside	\$	100	Marie Theisen	9289 Firwood	\$	100				
Jim & Barbara Lamberjack Rockel	9464 Silverside	\$	100	Michael Tijan	9366 Silverside	\$	100				
Jeffery & Loralee Rupp	9458 Silverside	\$	100	Don & Mary Tobe	9490 Silverside	\$	100				
Robert & Sandra Santilli	9446 Silverside	\$	100	Lou Ann Tompkins	9488 Silverside	\$	100				
Erin & Paul Santoro	9282 Silverside	\$	100	Anne Vallie	9300 Silverside	\$	100				
Michael and A. Pisano SANTORO-MIELENTZ,	9795 Silverside	\$	100	John Wanat	9350 Silverside	\$	100				
Joseph & Ronda Savalle	11011 Silver Lake R	\$	100	Rex & Denise Weir	9305 Silverside	\$	100				
James & Ashley Schmehl	9684 Silverside	\$	100	William & Christine Welland	9508 Silverside	\$	100				
Roger and Heide Schmidt	9575 Firwood	\$	100	Robert Werner	9015 Silverside	\$	100				
William & Kathleen Schooley	9479 Firwood	\$	100	Terry Whittaker	9494 Silverside	\$	100				
Bill & Diane Schrock	9676 Silverside	\$	100	Bill & Cheryl Williams	9375 Firwood	\$	150				
Jim & Julia Frye-Sechler Sechler	9465 Firwood	\$	100	Chris & JoAnn Williams	9185 Silverside	\$	100				
Gene & Sandy Sersen	9545 Firwood	\$	100	Norman & Ellen Willsie	9041 Hillview	\$	100				
Dave & Catherine Shadley	9346 Silverside	\$	100	Kristina & Paulette Toutant Wines	9538 Silverside	\$	100				
Joe & Vicky Shigley	9518 Silverside	\$	100	Robert & Linda Wink	9030 Harbour Way	\$	100				
Ellen & Allen Shnerpunas	9516 Silverside	\$	100	William & Kimberly Withers	9656 Silverside	\$	100				
Bill & Therese Shortt	9179 Silverside		100	John and Kathleen Wyeth	9175 Silverside	\$	100				
Mike & Susan Showerman	9714 Silverside	-	100								
					<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$</u>	14 <u>,700</u>				