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# Silver Lake

Community of Family and History

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## Infrastructure Improvement Project

On June 4, a Public Meeting was held to provide more information on the proposed Infrastructure Improvement Project, answer questions from residents, and receive comments. The meeting allowed for residents to remotely view and listen to information and submit comments or questions via phone, chat, and email.

Residents and property owners are encouraged to visit the Infrastructure Improvement Page on the City website for more information. A “Frequently Asked Questions” section has been added to help with common questions.

The City will hold another Public Meeting this fall to gather more comments and feedback. Residents are highly encouraged to attend. If you have questions in the meantime, please contact City Hall via email, phone, or in-person.

Sign up for important notices from the City by filling out the form at [www.cityofsilverlake.org/contact](http://www.cityofsilverlake.org/contact).

## We’re OPEN to serve you!

Darrell Kaczmarek, MLS Manager

It’s been a unique few months at the Muni, and we have stepped up to better serve our customers safely and with a smile (even though you might not be able to see it through the mask).



We are very excited to have our bar open and offer some great food and drink options! We have a new Pizza Burger and Fireman’s Burger. Look for specials and sales promoted through our Facebook page (search Silver Lake Muni).

Our off-sale has been extremely busy! We are constantly bringing in new items and re-stocking the favorites to make sure you are able to enjoy our beverages responsibly. Pick up some Leinie’s Summer Shandy 24 pack cans, Bud Light Lemonade, or a pack of White Claws! We have some great craft spirits and beer, too! If there’s something you would like us to carry, send us a message at [silverlakemuni@gmail.com](mailto:silverlakemuni@gmail.com).

Most importantly, we would like to say **THANK YOU** all our customers for their patronage. It is greatly appreciated!

Looking for a great part-time job? Join our team by visiting [www.cityofsilverlake.org/employment-opportunities](http://www.cityofsilverlake.org/employment-opportunities) to apply!

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## PeopleService on Deck to Assure Water Quality and Flow

Greg Stang, PeopleService Region Manager

Those white trucks driving around town belong to PeopleService, Silver Lake’s water and wastewater contracted operator.

We’ve been working with communities in Minnesota for years. We keep the water coming in to your homes safe and clean.



We appreciate what the lakes and streams mean to you, so we assure the wastewater is returned to the environment in great shape. Everything we do is in line with regulations and we report everything we do for you to the City every month. Our daily management of the City plants provides assurance and it saves you money, too. When you see one of those white trucks, say “Hey” to Jeremy Anderson or Lee Ortloff, the guys making it happen.

**Did you know that many home projects require a building permit?**  
**Call or stop by City Hall to get help with any questions.**

## Public Works News

### A Goodbye to Gary

Gary Jerabek will be retiring from his Maintenance Worker position with the City after 25 years of service. Gary also served 30 years as a volunteer Firefighter for the Silver Lake Fire Department. After retirement he plans to spend more time with his family, relax, travel and do some part-time handyman work. The Mayor, Councilors and City Staff would like to wish Gary a happy and relaxing retirement.



### A Hello to Jerrod



Jerrod Weckman recently started as the new full-time Maintenance Worker for the City. Jerrod has experience in welding and heavy equipment operations. Jerrod’s family enjoys being outdoors, camping, fishing, boating, bike rides, racing/motor sports and taking walks. He is excited to work for the City and serve the residents.

## General Election

Interested in running for City Councilor or Mayor? The filing period to be on the November 3 ballot is from July 28 through 5:00pm on August 11. Email, call, or stop at City Hall for more information and the necessary forms to file. The offices up or election are Mayor (2-year term) and two Councilor (4-year terms).

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## Ambulance Department - Join the Team!

Steve Hackbarth, Chief

If you are not familiar with the Silver Lake Ambulance Service, I am delighted to introduce our service to you. My name is Steve Hackbarth, Chief of the Silver Lake Ambulance Service. I am part of a team that provides emergency medical care to our community of Silver Lake, Hale Township, and portions of Rich Valley Township. We also provide mutual aid to the surrounding area.

We are a team of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) that provide Basic Life Support (BLS) to people that call 911. I like to explain it as a mobile emergency room. When a person gets injured or ill there are certain things that need to be done as soon as possible. The sooner these things are done the better the recovery and survival rate.



If you need us, we want to provide you with the best care as soon as possible. At this time, one of the most important things we need is **you**. We are currently hiring EMTs to join our great team. We will pay for your training and assist you in your learning throughout your time with us. People often say, "I could not do what you do," and I tell them, "It is not 'I', it is 'we'". You would become part of a team. We work together to serve this community. Our team is a great group of people, and you should consider joining us.

Feel free to contact me at 612-701-9529 about any questions you may have. I will be glad to visit with you.

**Make your utility payments online!** Visit [www.cityofsilverlake.org](http://www.cityofsilverlake.org) and follow the Pay Online link.

## RESIDENT RECIPES—Oven Barbecued Ribs from Dorothy Merrill

### Ingredients

4lbs pork spareribs or baby back ribs  
1 cup ketchup  
1/3 cup vinegar  
1/3 cup brown sugar  
3 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce  
1 teaspoon dry mustard  
1 teaspoon paprika  
1/2 teaspoon chili powder  
1 medium onion (thinly sliced)

### Directions

-Place ribs in shallow pan with onion. Cook 30-40 minutes in oven at 350°F or until partially done.  
-While ribs are baking, combine all remaining ingredients in medium saucepan. Simmer for 5 minutes while stirring.  
-Drain all juices off ribs and cover with sauce. Return ribs to oven and continue baking at 350°F for 30 minutes or until cooked.

**Have a great recipe?** Submit it to [silver.lake.mn@mchsi.com](mailto:silver.lake.mn@mchsi.com) or drop off at City Hall for a chance to be featured in the next newsletter. Samples do not increase your chances, but will not be turned away. 😊



## Police Department

The City Council wants your input on the future of Police Services. Please take the survey at [www.cityofsilverlake.org/police-survey](http://www.cityofsilverlake.org/police-survey) or stop at City Hall to take a written survey. Your opinion and thoughts matter!

Let's play "Know your Ordinance"!

City Code Chapter 10 Sec. 5 Sub. 1 determines it unlawful for anyone to allow the growth of weeds, grass, or other vegetation to a "height greater than six (6) inches on the average" on any property within City limits. Please do your best to keep lawns and properties looking nice!



For the complete Section on this ordinance and all other City ordinances, visit the City Government page on the City website. Follow the Police Department on Facebook! Search Silver Lake Police Department.

## Fire Department

Dale Kosek, Chief

The Fire Department wants you to stay safe! Here are some important fire prevention tips:

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas on the ceiling or high on the wall.
- Test smoke alarms monthly.
- Replace smoke alarm batteries annually, and change the batteries in your carbon monoxide detector at the same time.
- Replace smoke alarms that are 10 or more years old.
- Keep all flammables, like paper, clothing, bedding, drapes or rugs, at least 3 feet from a space heater, stove or fireplace.
- Never leave portable heaters and fireplaces unattended; turn off heaters and make sure fireplace embers are extinguished before leaving the room.
- Keep matches and lighters high and out of children's reach in a locked cabinet.
- When simmering, baking or roasting, check the food regularly, remain in the kitchen while cooking and use a timer.

*What award do you  
give a firefighter?  
Most Extinguished!*

The Fire Department is looking for recruits! Contact Chief Dale Kosek at 320-583-8725 for more information.

## Upcoming Events

7/20/20—City Council Meeting  
8/09/20—Mileka's Run (Tentative)  
8/11/20—Primary Election  
8/17/20—City Council Meeting  
9/21/20—City Council Meeting  
10/5/20—City Council Meeting

To get your organization's event added to this list, submit information on the event to City Hall.

## Compost Site Hours

April 1 – December 1\*

♦ Monday: 8am-3:30pm  
♦ Tuesday: 8am-3:30pm  
♦ Wednesday: 8am-Dusk  
♦ Thursday: 8am-3:30pm  
♦ Friday: 8am-Dusk  
♦ Saturday: 8am-Dusk  
♦ Sunday: 8am-3:30pm

\*Subject to change due to weather.