

# 2018 Annual Newsletter

## Silver Lake Improvement Association

To enhance the water quality, recreational use and natural beauty of Silver Lake - North St. Paul, Maplewood & Oakdale, Minnesota

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<p><b>SLIA Web Site:</b>  <a href="http://www.silverlakensp.org">www.silverlakensp.org</a></p>	<p><b>The 2019 SLIA Annual Meeting of the Membership was held on <a href="#">January 28, 2019 at 7:00 PM</a> at North St. Paul City Hall.</b></p>

## About SLIA:

The **Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA)** is a nonprofit organization with the purpose of promoting programs that enhance the water quality, recreational use and natural beauty of Silver Lake in North St. Paul, Maplewood, and Oakdale Minnesota.

The association is governed by its members represented by 7 board members.  
 Current members are:

President: Rick Gelbmann  
 Vice President: Vacant  
 Secretary: Kristen Rieser  
 Treasurer: Joyce Germscheid  
 Membership: Joyce Germscheid  
 Members At Large: John Muller, Missy Lillie, Paul Nichol



**SLIA Board meetings** are held on the first Monday of every other month. A meeting of the full membership is held on an annual basis and was held Jan 28, 2019.

## 2018 Highlights

**Board Elections:** A vote was held on the \*3 open Board positions at the January member meeting. All re-elected, unopposed. At the April 1st SLIA meeting the Board will elect all 2019 Board officer positions. We are also looking to fill the remaining board opening so if you are interested please plan on attending the meeting or contact a board member for more information.

- President: \*Rick Gelbmann
- Vice Pres: Open position thru 2020←---**Contact a Board member if you are interested!!**
- Secretary: \*Kristen Rieser
- Treasurer: \*Joyce Germscheid
- Member: Paul Nichol
- Member: John Muller
- Member: Missy Lillie

### SLIA Membership:

- We'd like to THANK the contributing SLIA Members for their support of Silver Lake! This year we had 26 (**up 1 from 2017**) paying lakeshore owner members and 15 (**up 5 from 2017**) non-lakeshore members for a total of 41 SLIA members (up from 35) – **you do not need to live on the lake to be member!!**
- There are 36 total lakeshore owners of Silver Lake. We would really appreciate and welcome more members from lakeshore home owners!!
- Membership for 2019 can be found on the last page of this Newsletter. Dues will remain at \$25. **We are now a 501 (c) 3 so your donation is tax deductible!!!** We are hopeful the 2019 membership will grow with this!! You can always give more than \$25!!!!

### Finance Report:

- No full lake treatment was needed due to limited invasive plant findings early June. Yippee!!
- Bank balance is healthy due to no full lake treatment and donations from fund raising!
- Expenses included invasive plant assessment (to consultants) and application for 501 (c) 3 status.

Year	2017	2018
<b>Starting Balance</b>	<b>\$4,094</b>	<b>\$1,440</b>
<b>Member Contributions</b>	<b>\$945</b>	<b>\$1,425</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>\$680</b>	<b>\$1,027</b>
<b>Treatment Contractor Fee</b>	<b>(\$4,083)</b>	<b>(\$250)</b>
<b>Expenses: 501(c)(3), Misc</b>	<b>(\$196)</b>	<b>(\$414)</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$1,440</b>	<b>\$3,228</b>

### Water Quality Improvement Presentation at our Annual Meeting:

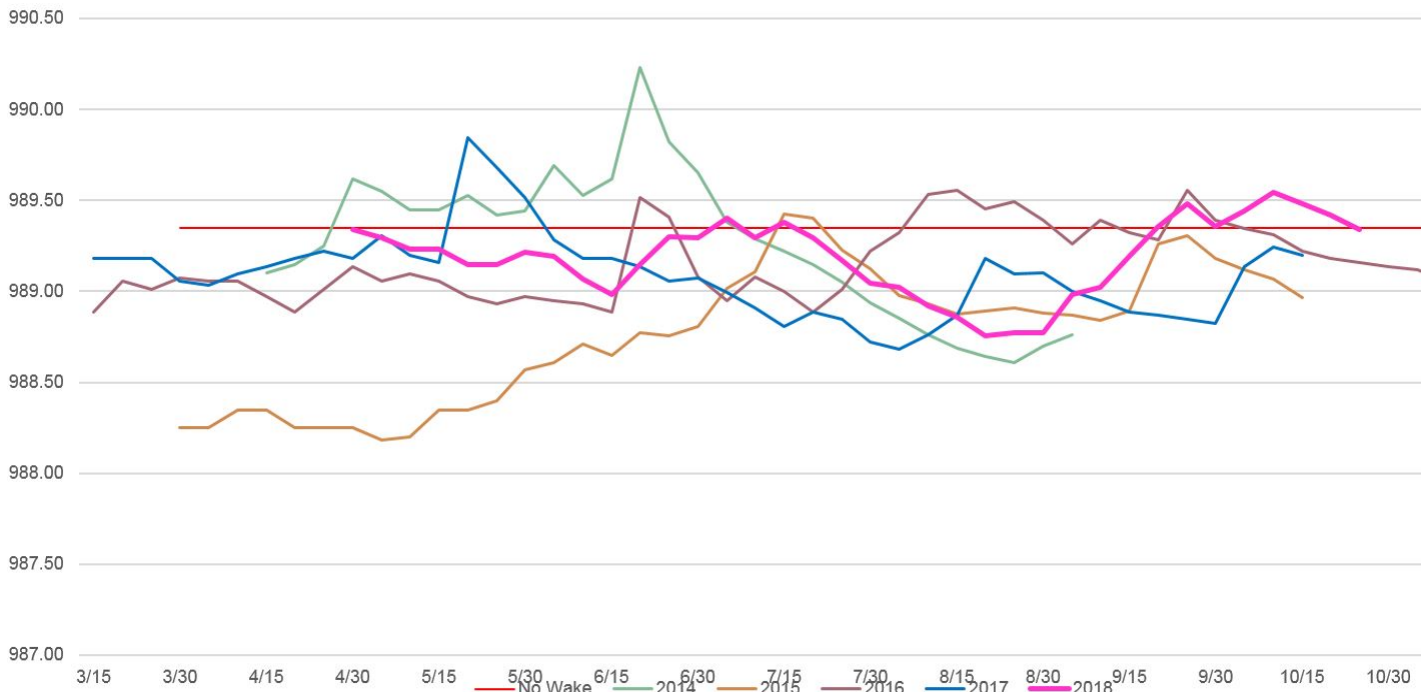
Morgan Dawley, PE, North St. Paul City Engineer, presented a PowerPoint on projects either completed or being planned that have a direct benefit of improving Silver Lake water quality. Discussions included the new Spent Lime filtration system near Joy Road and Lake Blvd. (by the wood rail fence) that will reduce phosphate from entering the lake, resulting up to 15,000 lbs. of algae reduction in the lake each year. Also, as part of the road reconstruction ten new sumps will be installed to catch sediment prior to it entering the lake. These sumps will be cleaned out by the City as needed. A copy of the presentation will be uploaded to the SLIA website. Mr. Dawley encouraged individual homeowners to reach out as needed with questions.

## Off-Shore Lake Treatment Timeline:

- Paperwork submittal in winter to DNR (online)
- Sample & map invasives after ice-out
- Submit a proposal with maps to DNR
- Limited to 2.6 acres total!! We are not allowed treat any more than this.
- DNR confirms via onsite inspection
- Contractor treats lake
- Timing (water temp) is critical for effectiveness

## Lake Levels/Clarity/Health/Treatment: (Mark Kotz)

- The **RED line** is the no-wake level; 989.35 ft. **Pink line** represents 2018.



## Lake Treatment:

- Minimal invasive plants found
- Native plants increased
- No off-shore treatment needed
- On-shore treatment completed for 17 members (paid for by individual property owners)
- VBWD/Barr Engineering Point Intersect Survey
- Encourage Sediment & Phosphorous Projects

## Lake Level Activities:

- Government agencies made aware of water level issues
- North St Paul letter sent
- VBWD took ownership of weir
- Continued voluntary no wake when water above 989.35 ft.
- Minimal high water

## Fund Raising Efforts:

- Neighborhood Watch in August donations to SLIA \$47, thank you so much for this donation!!
- Wine Tasting in September, SLIA donations \$980!! Much more than prior year, great turn out!!
- Completed tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(3) – any donations made to SLIA are now tax deductible. Please request form from Treasurer Joyce Germscheid.





**2018 Wine Tasting Event in September – great crowd!!!**

**Fund Raising City Partnership Outreach:**

- North St Paul – A very generous, yearly contribution was approved by the City Council. THANK YOU!!
- Maplewood - Will contribute in 2019 from Charitable Gambling Fund. SLIA will need to reapply each year to be eligible for any gaming funds. Thank you for your support!
- Oakdale will contribute in 2019 their pledge from 2018 (rolling over since we did not treat the lake in 2018), thank you!

**Technical Partnership Outreach:**

- Valley Branch Watershed District
- City of North St Paul
- City of Maplewood
- Ramsey County AIS
- Demontreville and Olson Lake Assoc.

**2019 GOALS**

**Partnerships:**

- Continue to meet and develop city partnerships for lake treatment and technical support
- Work with VBWD to develop lake plan
- Carry forward Oakdale grant – completed!
- Explore lake association partnerships
- Possible Business Memberships

## Lake Management:

- Improve the health of the lake
  - Increase native plants & decrease invasive plants
  - Improve water quality (more clarity, less nutrients)
- Treatment
  - Off-shore treatment as needed
  - Perennial problem areas
  - Dependent on funding
- Lake Levels
  - Monitor lake levels
  - Work with governing agencies to address lake level issues

## Homeowner Actions:

- Complete individual permit by 5/13/19
- Keeping new aquatic invasive plants and animals from getting into Silver Lake is much better for the lake and less costly than treating the lake after they have invaded. So please watch for and stop invasive species especially Starry Stonewort and Zebra Mussels.

**If you use your boat in another lake be sure to 1. Clean** off all aquatic plants and animals, **2. Drain** your boat and water related equipment and **3. Dispose** of unwanted bait **Before you put your boat back in Silver Lake.**

### Starry Stonewort



### Zebra Mussels



## 2019 SLIA Membership

### Membership Dues:

- Dues will remain at **\$25** per household (up to 2 voting members per household). **Joyce Germscheid** will email and drop off the newsletter to lake shore home owners and neighbors, encouraging their membership support.
- We encourage you to please help support the quality of Silver Lake by sending in the annual membership dues. Every bit helps. THANK YOU!!**

Kindly complete the following and remit your **\$25** 2019 dues (payable to SLIA) to:

**SLIA c/o Joyce Germscheid  
2571 Poplar Ave E  
North St. Paul, MN 55109**

1. MEMBER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

2. MEMBER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND EMAIL ADDRESS (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**What else is important to you concerning the health of Silver Lake or how the SLIA can better serve the home owners and community?**  
**Additional Comments:**

**Contact Us**

If you would like to find out more about SLIA, please contact us at [www.silverlakensp.org](http://www.silverlakensp.org). Anyone can join the lake association not just lakeshore homeowners; any member of the lake association is eligible to run for board.