

## ***“A Calming Place to Visit”***

Welcome Friends;

As we all know, we are living in a very crazy world right now. From social unrest to a worldwide pandemic. Everyone has different thoughts and many of us wonder, can we do this or not this, is this ok or not ok. Small town life can be a very calming atmosphere to visit and call home.

So, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to visit and enjoy our wonderful City. Silver Lake has so much to offer its residents and visitors. For our residents, Silver Lake is a small town with many of the big town amenities. Lakeside elementary school and the entire Glencoe-Silver Lake School District offers great educational opportunities for our young families.

Our community takes great pride in the fact that we have our own Fire & Ambulance service. It brings great comfort and a sense of security to our residents to know that if ever needed, these services are only minutes away.

We all are hoping that during these upcoming summer months, there again will be many activities for all that range from biking along the paved Luce Line Trail, relaxing by the pool at the Bruce Maresh Aquatic Center, enjoying some volleyball, basketball, or softball, or even throwing a ringer or two in the horseshoe pits. During the heart of the summer we have a great group of volunteers that pull together and sponsor “Music in the Park” on Wednesday evenings which in turn leads us right into our annual “Pola-Czesky Days” celebration the first weekend of August. If you are fortunate to be around for our celebration, you will get to witness almost all of our great organizations in action.

There are also many activities that take place during the fall, winter, and spring months. Some of those events are the Sportsman’s Club Turtle Soup feed, a Winter Festival that includes horse drawn rides, an annual Golf Tournament on Ice, the Lions Brunch, Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, the St. Patrick’s Day Parade, the Civic Associations’ Bean Bag Tournament, and the list goes on and on.

The thing that will jump out at anyone that visits our fine city is the friendliness of the residents. After a short visit or 2, I believe you would describe people of the City Silver Lake as “Fun loving”, but very caring! All of these events that I mentioned above as well as many of the services are only possible because of these fine people and they do it in many different fashions. It ranges from volunteering hours and hours of their time, to maybe donating funds if needed, to even risking their lives on a daily basis so all of us can go to sleep at night knowing that if a difficult situation arises, we are in the best hands possible. No one could ask for anything more than that!

Again welcome and on behalf of everyone in Silver Lake, we appreciate you taking the time to visit Silver Lake and I hope you enjoy all of the wonderful things our residents have to offer.

Sincerely,

Bruce Bebo, Mayor  
City of Silver Lake