



July 3, 2025

Dear Silver Lake Licensed Boater:

Beginning **Monday, October 6, 2025, through Friday, October 17, 2025**, the City of Dover plans to open the valve on the Silver Lake Dam. As a result of the valve opening, the water level of Silver Lake may visibly be lower. The City of Dover periodically opens the valve in an effort to allow surrounding property owners the opportunity to remove litter from the lake bank and make any approved necessary repairs along the shoreline. The last time the valve was opened for this reason was in October of 2024.

During this time period and until the water level of the lake returns to its normal level, boaters should use extreme caution on the lake, and all boating on the lake will be at the risk of each boater. Also, if your boat is docked on Silver Lake, then you may want to make other arrangements for storage.

The City of Dover is not responsible for any damage to boats using the lake or boats docked on Silver Lake during this time period.

The valve will only be open until October 17, 2025, to ensure that the fish population of the lake will not be disturbed. During this time water levels will be closely monitored.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause, but the end result will be a cleaner and safer lake to enjoy.

If you should need more information or have questions or concerns, please contact Carolyn Courtney of the City of Dover Parks & Recreation Department by calling (302) 736-7050 or email at ccourtney@dover.de.us.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Ridgeway'.

Roger Ridgeway,
Director, City of Dover
Parks & Recreation Department

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