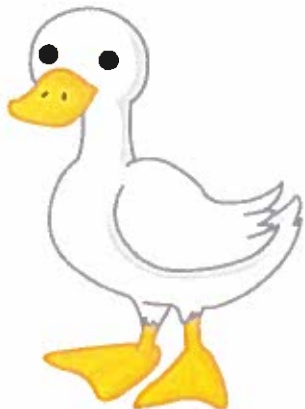


Dear Senator Kaminsky,

Hello, how are you? My name is Zoie _____, I'm 11 years old, and I'm a resident of Oceanside. I'm writing to express my concern about Silver Lake in Baldwin. The water is full of garbage such as cans, paper, beer bottles, plastic and other trash. There are many animals such as ducks, turtles, crabs, and birds, and all that litter is not good for them. There are leaves and branches which are homes to turtles so that should be all that stays. So I was wondering if you could hire people to remove the garbage, but make sure they know not to remove leaves or branches and be careful of the animals. I love animals and I want them to live in a clean environment. Thank you for reading this letter. Write me back with a solution. 😊

Here are some other ideas to fix up the lake/ park:

- Cut back bushes and plants so people can walk around.
- Add more garbage and recycling cans so the garbage doesn't end up in the lake.
- Put up signs saying "please don't litter find the nearest garbage/ recycling can."
- Clean up the animal waste on the pathways.
- Pick up garbage/ animal waste on the grass.



Zoie

