

Silverlakes at Gateway  
HOA Board of Directors

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**A message from our president**, Lauren "Bird" Siegel, for the Silverlakes HOA Board of Directors:

A quorum was required before we could hold the annual membership meeting on March 20. To reach a quorum, some 30 percent of our members had to either attend or return their proxy votes.

Silverlakes has 329 homes, so a quorum requires 99 members.

Several hours before the meeting was to be held, our community association manager from Allegiant, Scarlett Milano, looked over the list of those who had returned their proxy votes. The number was just shy of 90 returns, which would not have met the 30 percent required to hold the meeting.

She called several residents that afternoon, and we ended up having 117 votes returned in time to hold the meeting. Our thanks to Scarlett for her extra efforts.

The proxy question authorizing the association to use reserve funds to pay for any damage caused by an emergency, such as a hurricane, was approved by a vote of 102 to 6. Nine did not vote on the question. Our thanks to all who took the time to return their ballots.

There were three candidates for the two open seats on the board, and both Lauren "Bird" Siegel and Marcus Albrecht were re-elected and will remain as president and treasurer, respectively.

The counting of the ballots took much longer than expected. Thirty-seven ballots could not be used because voters did not follow the instructions for filling out and returning them. Other ballots had all three candidates' names checked, and some did not have the ballot sealed and placed inside the green return envelope with the unit's number, name and signature. Still others used a return address sticker instead of following the instructions.

During the annual meeting, it was suggested that since the clubhouse loan has been paid off, the board include funds in next year's budget to improve acoustics in the clubhouse. The money would be used to replace the clubhouse ceiling with a suspended one to help dampen noise during gatherings. The board agreed to look into that possibility.

Another resident asked if all the mailboxes and posts could be replaced with metal ones of the same design. Each homeowner would be required to pay for their own metal mailbox and post. Some responded that they would not be in favor of paying the \$250 per home to have that done.

Once again, I want to thank ALL committee and board members for all they do for Silverlakes.Committee

## Sunshine Committee

The Sunshine Committee sends greeting cards to residents of the community who are welcoming a new child, mourning the loss of a loved one, celebrating a milestone anniversary or recovering from an illness or surgery.

But the committee can't do its job if no one shares the news. If you know someone who could use a card, please call Sue Beard at (239) 284-3936 or email her at [shadden@comcast.net](mailto:shadden@comcast.net) Sue will need the name AND address of the recipient.

## Upcoming events

**March 31:** Free Family Ice Cream Social, 2 to 4 p.m. Add your own toppings. There will be games and prizes for everyone.

**April 20:** Free Easter Egg Hunt for children 12 and under. Take pictures with the Easter Bunny and have a snack before going on the egg hunt.

**April 27:** Bingo Night, \$5 for three cards and free refreshments, 7 p.m. Please RSVP by calling Agnes at (239) 561-9661

May 4: Cinco de Mayo Dinner and Dance, 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person to be prepaid at the clubhouse on any Monday, Tuesday or Thursday at 7 p.m. Cash only please.



**Kathy Grall and Bernie Paquin came dressed for the occasion when Silverlakes held its St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 17.**



