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

A few owners have been late in making their quarterly assessment payments, resulting in additional money being added to their accounts. But there are ways to avoid those late fees.

If your quarterly assessment is not received by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month in which it's due, the fees are applied from the first of the month. Florida Statute 720.3085 (3) (b) specifies how the payment is to be applied: "(b) Any payment received by an association and accepted shall be applied first to any interest accrued, then to any administrative late fee, then to any costs and reasonable attorney fees incurred in collection, and then to the delinquent assessment."

Therefore, a late quarterly assessment may only be partially paid after all the other fees are applied. This makes it very important to make sure your assessments are paid on time.

There are several ways to have the payments applied automatically; therefore, always made on time. I have never received a payment book. I have always had our quarterly assessments paid automatically.

There is a new owner in our community who wants to be involved and has volunteered to serve on our finance committee. We thank Gene Damm for getting involved right away.

The Vendor Oversight Committee (VOC) has requested another meeting with Florida Power and Light to go over some details regarding an upgrade of our streetlights. Our community association manager will set up the meeting.

A volunteer helper to the VOC presented information at the May 15 meeting regarding replacing the current mailboxes with metal ones. Scarlett Milano, our CAM, has sent out that information to the

190 residents who opted in to allowing e-mail communications. The e-mail asks if they would or would not like all our community's mailboxes changed to metal. This would likely result in an increase in our quarterly assessments.

As of the close of business on Friday, May 17, she had received 50-plus replies with some asking for pictures before making a decision. There have been no "yes" votes and an overwhelming number of "no" votes so far.

There were quite a few questions pertaining to the Villas at the May 15 meeting. The VOC has requested that one of the Villa owners volunteer to join the committee to make sure their needs are being represented. Any interested Villa owner should contact the VOC co-chair, Greg Walker.

Several people have asked why the waterfalls at our entrance are not working. The water in them was contaminated with irrigation water, making it very difficult to keep the water from turning green, which it did finally do. Therefore, the water was drained and the concrete surfaces cleaned. Now we are waiting for a plumber to get together with the workers who care for the waterfalls.

Seems the hose spigot by the gatehouse is hooked up to irrigation water and not to potable (drinking) water. Once the spigot is connected to potable water, the entrance ponds will be refilled and the waterfalls will be working again.

Our next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held Aug. 21. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer. Don't forget to support the many activities the Social Committee sponsors during the year.

Once again, I thank all committee and board members for all they do for Silverlakes.

## **Upcoming Social Events**

**May 25:** Memorial Day Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

**June 22:** Bingo, 7 p.m.

## **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.

