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Silverlakes News

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

The Aug. 21 meeting was the first after the summer break. We hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe summer.

You may have noticed that the clubhouse has a new addition outside. The Stars and Stripes are now proudly displayed on a 20-foot flagpole. It's right in front of the clubhouse near the parking lot, so it is illuminated by our clubhouse parking lot light at night.

The pole was donated by two of our Vendor Oversight Committee members, Greg Walker and Joe Connors, who did a wonderful job of installing the flag and pole. Our thanks to them for volunteering to install the pole at no cost to our association. It was installed just in time for our Fourth of July cookout at the clubhouse.

The treasurer's report showed the board performing at \$3,000 under budget. There was also a recent budget workshop that indicated our 2020 quarterly assessments might remain close to what they have been this year. That holds true for only the HOA, since the Villas will see an



increase in their assessments due to re-roofing the final three villas during 2020. The first four villa re-roofings were finished during the spring and early summer of this year.

I have been able to repair one of the broken floor fans in our gym. Now there are two working floor fans again. I am working on getting the third fan repaired and back in use in the gym soon.

Please remember: If you use a floor fan, turn it off when you leave. Our utility costs have always been at or over budget due to excessive electricity use.

The drinking water fountain in the clubhouse hallway also has been repaired. A solenoid valve had to be replaced and now the water has a nice high arc when in use. We have also been notified that the TV in the gym is not working, and that will be looked into.

The Lee County sheriff has reminded the board again that quite a few garage doors are being left up when the garage is not in use. Our documents require the garage doors be closed when not actively in use.

This also is a safety concern, as there are quite a few vendors in our community on a daily basis. We don't know how many of the vendors' employees might be surveying potential items to take during a return late-night visit.

In addition, people from outside our community have been observed walking down our streets carrying items that look like crowbars and the like.

Increasingly, tree branches and trimmings are being put out in the gutter too soon. Our yard waste pick-up is the same day as the recycling pick-up — normally Thursday mornings. Those items should only be put out 24 hours in advance, not left out for days prior to pick-up. With heavy rains, leaves, grass clippings and other small droppings get flushed down the street into our storm drains and, therefore, into our lakes. This causes increased algae growth in our lakes, which is very undesirable. Please help keep our lakes clean.

Concerns have been expressed about the stains on the loungers at our clubhouse pool. We are looking into the possibility of replacing our loungers with new ones, since the stains from suntan lotion are very hard or impossible to remove. It is recommended that pool-goers use a towel as a barrier when using lotion.

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

Sunshine Committee

The Sunshine Committee sends greeting cards to Silverlakes residents who are welcoming a new child to the family, recovering from surgery or an illness or mourning the loss of a loved one. If you know someone who could use a card, please email or call Sue Beard at shadden@comcast.net or (239) 284-3936. Sue will need the name AND address of the recipient.

Upcoming events

The monthly Silverlakes Bingo will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, in the clubhouse.

In Memoriam

Our sympathy goes out to Elaine Reynolds of Lake Meadow Drive whose brother, Walter William Doeshler, passed away on Memorial Day, May 27, at the age of 93. A 30-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, he and his wife, Jennie, moved to Fiddlesticks in Fort Myers in 1995. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, a granddaughter and two sisters, Elaine and her twin, Eileen Crumb of Punta Gorda.