

Silverlakes at Gateway  
HOA Board of Directors

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**Casino Night:**

Casino Night will return to the Silverlakes Clubhouse on Saturday, Feb. 29. From 7 to 10 p.m., players will take their chances at Seven Card Stud Poker, Texas Hold'em, Blackjack, Roulette and Vegas.

Reserve your spot by paying \$5 before Feb. 25 to Janice Eaton, who will be at the clubhouse from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights. In return, you'll get \$500 worth of chips to play with, with the option to buy more. At the end of the evening, you'll exchange your winnings for coupons, which you can use to win a number of prizes.

Prizes include gift cards, a lottery tree, wine and French Sparkling Wine.

THERE IS LIMITED SEATING, so reserve your spot now.

**Upcoming events:**

**March 2:** Book Club, 2 p.m. in the clubhouse, discussion of the novel "This Tender Land"

**March 7:** Family Breakfast, 8:30 to 10 a.m., \$5 per person for all you can eat

**March 17:** Irish Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

**March 21:** Bingo, 7 p.m., \$5 for three cards

**From the HOA President:**

P.J. Stratton announced at the Feb. 19 meeting that he will not seek another term on the Silverlakes HOA board of directors, creating an opening that will be filled at the annual membership meeting next month.

P.J. has served for a term and a half, having volunteered to fill in for a board member who moved out of Silverlakes.

The board and those in attendance thanked him for his service to the community.

The board is looking for a full-time resident who is interested in filling P.J.'s seat. Anyone interested may contact any board member.

Jim Wisniewski, the board's secretary and the other board member whose term is set to expire, has agreed to serve another term. Jim has been a valuable asset to the board and the community. His knowledge of accounting and legal matters, along with his savvy regarding the Internet, have helped the community in many ways.

P.J.'s replacement will be chosen at the March 18 membership meeting, which will begin at 6 p.m. in the clubhouse. If no one volunteers, the board has the option of making an appointment.

The first month of 2020 ended with spending \$1,160 under budget.

Utility expenses were, once again, over budget — mainly due to the fans being left running with no one in the gym. I once again want to remind gym users to make sure the fans are turned off when the last person leaves the gym. This simple action will help put our electrical use back on budget.

During the February garage sale, a couple of board members offered our replaced pool furniture for sale. The only items that remain unsold are one table and four chairs. If anyone is interested in purchasing them, contact any board member.

The social committee's weekday morning coffee is continuing to be a great success, with upwards of two dozen residents attending each morning. Everyone has been having a **great** time trying to answer the "question of the day." Thanks to all those who make this social hour possible. Come join the group between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. Mondays through Fridays.

However, there has been one detractor to this daily gathering! Seems there is a dog owner who is not completing his ownership responsibilities. This black Lab owner (caught by cameras and eyewitnesses) deposits his dog's waste in the small trash receptacle just outside the clubhouse front doors, causing a most unpleasant odor coming from the receptacle.

The receptacle is only emptied once a week by our janitorial service, so there is plenty of time for the "fermentation process" to occur.

It would benefit all concerned if dog droppings bags were twisted and tied in a knot and then put in a second bag that was twisted and tied again **AND THEN TAKEN TO THE DOG OWNER'S TRASH RECEPTACLE FOR DISPOSAL.**

Please be considerate of others. That small trash receptacle is not a proper disposal site for such waste.

The clubhouse will be cleaned/pressure-washed soon and the exterior hallways cleaned, as well. Please be mindful of the equipment and its usage.

Our Website is going through an upgrade to make it more user-friendly. Our Webmaster, Donna Marchetti, is working with our past secretary, Jane Grethey, Jim Wisniewski and our Web designer to make this happen. Our thanks to them for their efforts in this.

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 recovering from an illness or surgery, celebrating the addition of a child to the family or mourning the loss of a loved one. If you know someone who could use a card, 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.

## In Memoriam:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to:

- The Brian Collins family of 11143 Lakeland Circle on the sudden death of Brian's brother, Mark A. Collins, in New Jersey. Mark, who was 53, is survived by his mother, Mary; his wife, Teri; three sons, Jack, Sean and Ryan, all at home; his brother Brian and sister-in-law Vicky, niece Amanda and

nephew Michael. On the way to New Jersey for the services, the Collins family also lost their 84-year-old aunt, Betty Fisher.

- Janice Krumper of Lakeland Circle on the death of her husband, Dennis.
- Tio and Mercedes Villareal of Lake Meadow Drive on the death of Mercedes' mother.