

Silverlakes at Gateway
HOA Board of Directors

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From the HOA President:

Since the COVID-19 crisis began in March and Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis declared a State of Emergency, the board has held a number of special emergency board meetings under the emergency power provisions in Florida Statutes Chapter 720. Those meetings have been required since the association's business does not stop.

The minutes from those meetings have been approved and should be on the Web site shortly.

At one of the first of those meetings, Rick Anderson was named to the vice president position recently vacated by PJ Stratton. Rick, who volunteered for the job, has been a full-time resident of Silverlakes for some time and is now retired. We thank Rick for stepping up to help the community.

There have been several other meetings to take care of "boring" but necessary HOA business.

On the bright side, the statewide shutdown — which affected the clubhouse and all its amenities — did provide an opportunity for us to conduct several maintenance projects without inconveniencing residents.

Forty new chairs have been purchased for the clubhouse, and the old lanai table and four chairs that were not sold were donated to the Salvation Army.

The entire clubhouse has had a deep cleaning, and another deep cleaning "fogging" was done on May 20.

The grout and floor tile cleaning has been completed and looks great.

The clubhouse and gatehouse roof and walls have been pressure washed, along with the pool fence. The pool lanai has had several patio blocks raised and the entire deck cleaned and sealed.

The upgrading of our sign monument lights at our entrance/exit areas has been completed by our Vendor Oversight Committee volunteers.

As everyone knows, the clubhouse and pool were closed for a period of time due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic. Recently, the pool was reopened, and now the gym is open as well. Everyone is reminded to maintain social distancing and follow the guidelines posted in those areas.

As for the gym, please use the disinfecting wipes wisely. If they are used elsewhere other than the gym and the gym cannot be restocked with wipes, the gym will have to be closed again until more wipes can be purchased. Everyone knows how difficult it is to find them in the stores now. Bringing your own wipes with you will help in not depleting our limited supply.

The clubhouse main room will remain closed until further notice.

A handful of owners have fallen behind on their quarterly assessments. The board has been working with them to get them up-to-date. This effort has met with some success, and our overall finances have not suffered yet. As in the past, our ground and utility expenses have been running slightly over budget. Overall, our finances remain in good condition.

The social distancing requirements have not allowed us to hold our annual meeting as in the past. The board is looking into the possibility of holding the meeting on line using the Zoom format. Many other communities have used this avenue to complete this annual requirement.

However, for Silverlakes to do so, we are still about 20 proxy votes short of being about to hold such a meeting. If you or someone you know has not sent in your proxy vote, PLEASE DO SO very soon. If you have misplaced your proxy, just call Alliant at (239) 454-1101, and they will send you a new one. The annual meeting requirement needs to be accomplished very, very soon.

A friendly reminder concerning open garage doors and unlocked cars left outside overnight: With the many vendors and contractors in our community on a daily basis, an open garage door exposes its contents to prying eyes for a possible return visit after dark.

If unlocked vehicles are left in the driveway, there is the possibility of theft of the contents or, worse yet, a home invasion using the garage door openers left in many cars.

Please also remember to remember to return your basketball hoops from the curb when you are finished with the game. They can block street access in case of an emergency.

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 Sue will need the name AND address of the recipient.

In Memoriam:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to:

- Pat McLaughlin, whose 43-year-old daughter, Tamara McLaughlin, passed away March 28 in Torrington, Conn.
- Kelli Halbert, whose mother, Mary Lynn Ruddell, passed away April 21 in Jefferson, Ind.

