

## Silverlakes at Gateway HOA Board of Directors

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### **From the HOA President:**

The treasurer's report at the April 21 Silverlakes Board of Directors meeting shows the HOA operating under budget for the first time in 2021 — in spite of the fact that quite a number of first-quarter and second-quarter dues have not been paid. Late fees will be imposed on the delinquencies.

The number of delinquencies is disturbing since the board gave homeowners the entire first quarter to get their accounts on track with the bank used by our new management company. There were no fees of any kind assessed during the transition from Alliant to Compass Rose. The board sincerely hopes these accounts will be brought up to date as soon as possible.

As some of you already know, as of April 1, the old black clickers no longer open the gates. This also applies to programmable push buttons in newer cars that opened the gates, as well as the universal four-digit code, 3161.

Now that all the windshield RFID stickers have been issued, the only other way to open the gates is by using the five-digit number on the back of your proxy key card and adding a zero to it. The new gate call box accepts only six digits. Once you enter those numbers, the lower right button should turn green, and pressing it will open the gates. If you have relatives or friends coming to visit, they can still enter the old three-digit code into the call box to call your phone— if you or they still remember it. After answering your phone and identifying the caller, you can press 99\* to open the gates.

All the old four-digit codes, like those used by contractors, landscapers, realtors, etc., still work but two zero's (00) must be added to the end of the old numbers to make the required six numbers. Then the lower right button should turn green, and pressing it will open the gates.

The board also rejected a proposal to replace the current white mailboxes with black metal mailboxes and posts like the one displayed for the last several months at the clubhouse.

The issue has been brought up before and, by overwhelming margins, was voted down by homeowners in proxy votes on three different occasions. The board has decided to honor the community's desires by not adopting this proposal.

Newly revised and expanded Welcome Packets are available for distribution to newer residents who would like to know more about the community. They are available by contacting our communications committee volunteers Pat Macchia or Cheryl Conners. Their contact information is listed on our Website under HOA Policies, HOA Organization Chart, Communications Committee.

These updated welcome packets are the result of work by Jim Wisniewski, our HOA board secretary, and Donna Marchetti, our HOA webmaster. Our thanks to both of them, as well as to the continued work of Pat and Cheryl, and especially Sue Beard, our Communications Chair.

The Florida Legislature has, in past years, always updated the statutes governing the many different communities here in Florida. In the past, they have concentrated mainly on the condo and co-op communities and have left the HOA communities relatively alone.

I understand that this year's session has made some changes to the HOA statute, FS720. From what I know, most of their revisions have dealt with rentals, which our HOA has already addressed. If you'd like to know more information, just search for FS720 for the year 2020 and you'll probably get more information than you may want.

I was early getting to Bingo this month and heard some noise in the gym. No one was in there, so I went in to investigate the source.

With no one in the gym, there was a floor fan running at full speed. No idea how long this had been running. Obviously, whoever left the room last didn't bother to turn it off.

No matter how many times I have mentioned this over the years, no one pays any attention to my requests.

Will the last person to leave the gym **PLEASE** make sure all the fans are turned off. Your cooperation will be very much appreciated by all of us in the form of lower utility bills. Thanks in advance.

### **Upcoming Social Committee Events:**

**May 10:** Book Club, 2 p.m. The Book Thief by Markus Zusak. Please RSVP by calling Marilyn at 671-6929. She has extra copies of the book.

**May 22:** Bingo at 7 p.m. Please RSVP by calling Agnes at 561-9661 or Cheryl at (412) 616-0992. You receive three cards for \$5. Extra cards cost \$2 each. Snacks and water are provided.

**June 14:** Book Club Meeting at 2 p.m. Information to follow.

**June 26:** Bingo

Coffee Hour is held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Enjoy coffee and great conversation.

Game Nights are held at 7 p.m. on Mondays (Hand and Foot), Tuesdays (Euchre and Pay Me) and Thursdays (Rummy 500, Pinochle, and Mexican Train) Mahjongg is played on Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

### **Sunshine Committee:**

The Sunshine Committee sends greeting cards to those who are welcoming a new child to the family, recovering from an illness or surgery or mourning the loss of a loved one.

If you know someone who could use a greeting 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.