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From the HOA President:

Our homeowners association was operating about \$17,000 UNDER budget through the month of August, according to the treasurer's report at the Sept. 15 meeting.

Since the August board meeting, 14 of the 29 homeowners who were delinquent in third-quarter dues have caught up, but 15 remain delinquent. Because of late fees, these homeowners will pay more than the rest of us in order to bring their accounts current. This could have been avoided, but how many times have I said that? Too many.

The gates are working properly once again after receipt of a part for the call box. A board inside was split in two by a lightning strike. This strike/surge also damaged another component that could not be identified until the split board was replaced. During the time the other component was on order, none of the newly purchased RFID stickers could be activated. Now that the other component has been replaced, everything is back to normal. Now those newer stickers have been programmed and should be working fine.

Keep in mind that when a call is placed from the call box to an owner's phone, the gates can then be opened by entering the code 99* on the owner's phone. This process will not work if the visitor at our gates uses their cell phone to call the homeowner. Only a call placed from the call box responds to the 99* entry.

The lightning strike that caused all these problems also took out one of our Washingtonia Filifera Palm trees, also known as desert fan palms, at our entrance, along with a couple of the bushes near its base. The tree and bushes have since been removed. Anyone notice the tree missing? Probably not, since they grow as high as 49 to 66 feet tall. We still have about a half a dozen left in the center island of our entrance area.

Our clubhouse air conditioners were old and parts were hard to come by. The board accepted an offer from our A/C vendor to replace both units with new Lennox 5-ton air conditioners. Now they are working fine, and we even have new thermostats which are easier to use.

The board has received our audit report for last year and all is in order. Took long enough, but we hear we are not the only community that has waited this long. COVID?

The board has been working on the budget for 2022. Many items are going to be reviewed during this process. One of the newer items to be looked at is the condition of our street gutters. We are going to look at getting a street sweeper to clean our streets//gutters on a regular basis. Regular basis may not be so regular, as the only contractor to submit a quote was the contractor we had years ago, Sweeperman. Seems the son is now running the company and has to charge \$1,425 for a one-time sweep. If there would be more than one sweep per year, the cost goes down to \$1,125 for each sweep. Our CAM (community association manager), has contacted two other sweepers requesting a quote, Advance Sweeping and 1st Impressions Sweeping, but neither has returned her calls or e-mails. Anybody know of another one or two to call? Just let any board member know and they'll be contacted as well.

Our pool cabana cover was ripped during Irma and the VOC is looking for more quotes. Of the six companies contacted, only one has returned a quote with another pending a visit for their look-see.

I want to thank ALL our board and committee members for all they do for our community. Without all of these volunteers, Silverlaked would not look as good as it does. THANK YOU ALL!

Upcoming Social Committee Events:

Sept. 25: 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. RSVP by calling Agnes at 561-9661.

Oct. 9: Pasta Night, 6 p.m. \$10 per person. RSVP Pat Macchia at (239) 600-7901. Pre-pay Pat at 11283 Lakeland Circle. Menu: Salami/provolone roll-ups, baked ziti with meat, meatballs, garlic knots and salad, with small tiramisu and/or cannolis for dessert.

Oct. 23: Bingo, 7 p.m.

Nov. 20: Silverlakes Yard Sale, 8 a.m. to noon

In Memoriam:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to:

- The family of Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Brian Pingry, 11142 Lakeland Circle, who died Sept. 18 of complications from COVID. Trooper Pingry was a field training officer, training and mentoring new troopers. The Florida Highway Patrol was his second career after several decades working for a retail company. He leaves behind his wife and two adult children.

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. Sue will need the name AND address of the recipient.