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From the HOA President:

From the HOA President: Quarterly assessments will drop from \$254 this year to \$239 in 2022 for single-family homes, according to action taken at the board's annual budget meeting on Nov. 17. The board credited the reduction to volunteers' attention to detail that paid off in savings. Villa assessments were set at \$605 per quarter, up \$1 from the current \$604.

Thanks goes out to all those who did the research during the year to find the best "bang for our buck" in all the community projects that needed to be accomplished. All our committee members and members of the board deserve a note of appreciation.

A special thanks goes out to our treasurer and secretary, Markus Albrecht and Jim Wisniewski, for all their hours of work. I understand it took quite some time to understand and tweak the new format from Compass Rose, our management company.

Contractors will be working on our exit waterfall during the next few days/weeks to solve the issue of too much sand being being sucked into the system. This situation is being overseen by Greg Walker and our vice president, Rick Anderson.

The waterfall has been shut off so its pond can be drained and the system pressurized in an effort to identify the problem and fix it.

The last community breakfast served by Cindy Mason and her helpers marked the 30th she has organized. As usual, it was well attended and very good with all the delicious food choices offered. Our THANKS to Cindy and all her helpers for making this possible. I look forward to the next one for sure!

A new Social Committee calendar will be on our website soon. Be sure to check out all the functions, along with a new one or two. One that I know of is this year's New Year's Eve Celebration that will be held at our clubhouse. It also will be the last Social Committee function Ana Amaral will host as the Social Committee's chair. A BIG THANK YOU to Ana for all the years she has chaired the

committee. Pat Macchia has volunteered to step up into the position of chairperson. We thank Pat and wish her all the best in the future.

Although I do not visit Facebook very much unless invited, I understand there is a Silverlakes at Gateway Facebook page. It is not connected, sponsored or sanctioned by your Silverlakes board of directors. Rather, it is a private venture by one of our residents, and I think it may have some good information on it.

The information our webmaster uses to communicate with all of you is delivered by a service called Mailchimp. We have learned that the company Mailchimp has recently become part of a larger business called Intuit, which has changed its emphasis to marketing and sales.

This change in focus is being interpreted by many email servers as a "promotion," and as a result, many of the eblasts are not being delivered to your in-box, but to a spam or junk folder.

So, as you manage your email, check those boxes for notices from Silverlakes. Also, as you talk to neighbors, if someone is not getting the eblasts, mention this to them. You can also reach out to the webmaster in an email to silverlakeshoaweb@gmail.com

I know I have said this many times before, but I cannot place enough emphasis on it. I want to THANK ALL our board and committee members for all they do for our community. Without all these volunteers, our community would not look as good as it does. THANK YOU ALL!

Our next board meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022, at our clubhouse. We encourage all residents to attend.

I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and very Merry Christmas. Please have a happy and safe New Year's celebration as well.

Upcoming Social Committee Events:

Nov. 27 at 7 p.m.: **Bingo**, \$5 for 3 cards. Additional cards may be purchased. Snacks are provided. RSVP Agnes at 561-9661 by Nov. 25

Nov. 28 at 7 p.m.: First annual **Christmas Tree Lighting** in the clubhouse

Dec. 4 from 9:30 to 10:30, **Breakfast with Santa**, \$5 per person/children under 12 eat free. Take a picture with Santa and receive a free gift.

Dec. 4 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.: **Gingerbread House Contest**, see the flyer rsvp by Nov 30.

Dec, 11 at 7 p.m.: **Bingo**, \$5 for 3 cards. Additional cards may be purchased. Snacks are provided. RSVP Agnes at 561-9661 by Dec. 9

Dec. 13 at 2 p.m.: **Monthly Book Club Meeting**, "Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe" by Fanny Flagg

Dec.31: **New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance**, 7:30 - 12:30. \$25 per person. Payment must be made by Dec 15. Ana will be at the clubhouse on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. Choice of chicken or eggplant.

Free Coffee Hour: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:30 a.m.

Hand and Foot (card game): Monday nights at 7

Euchre (card game): Tuesday nights at 7

Mahjong (game): Wednesdays at 1 p.m. (Not on 11/24/21)

Game Night: Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Sunshine Committee:

The committee mails greeting cards to Silverlakes residents who are welcoming a new member of the family, mourning the loss of a loved one or recovering from an illness or surgery. If you know someone who could use a card, email Sue Beard at shadden@comcast.net or call her 284-3936.



Long-time resident recognized on 98th

Long-time Silverlakes resident Agnes Lund was the surprise guest of honor at the Pasta Night dinner Saturday, Oct. 9, in the clubhouse, which also happened to be her 98th birthday.

Agnes, who has lived in Silverlakes since the community was built in 1997, previously resided for 26 years in Cape Coral. A native of Stamford, Conn., she has 23 nieces and nephews. Many of them enjoy sending her imaginative gifts and this year, a check for \$98 from one of her nephews gave her a laugh.

Agnes is the last of 10 children

She is well-known to Silverlakes residents, since she handles most of the RSVP phone calls from people planning to attend community events.

It's a volunteer job she enjoys, since it gives her a chance to be of service, meet new people and catch up with old friends.

She enjoys the morning coffee hours in the clubhouse on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and can often be seen going for a "stroll" on her motorized scooter through the neighborhood.

The widow of Richard Lund, she was a seamstress who later worked for Clairol before retiring and moving to Florida in 1972.

"I love living in Silverlakes," she says. "The people are so friendly and I feel so safe here."

We love you, too, Agnes!