

Silverlakes at Gateway HOA Board of Directors

President:

Lauren 'Bird' Siegel

Vice President:

Joe Conners

Secretary:

Jim Wisniewski

Treasurer:

Catherine LeGendre

Legal Liaison:

Claude Marku



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From the HOA President:

A new member has been elected to the Silverlakes HOA Board of Directors and a veteran member ousted, according to results of the annual meeting held March 26.

Three people — myself and Markus Albrecht and challenger Joe Conners — were seeking two seats on the board, and Joe and I were the top two vote-getters.

I'm sad to say that unfortunately, Markus was not retained by the membership. I say unfortunately because Markus has done so much for our community over the past years, and many of our members are unaware of his efforts. All of us reap the benefits of his many, many extra hours of work on our finances, which has resulted in some of the lowest quarterly assessments in the entire Gateway community.

When the results of the election were read by our manager, I welcomed Joe to the board and thanked Markus for his 13 years as treasurer of our community. Markus then made a brief statement, and there was a resounding round of applause for him from the entire membership in attendance. Our manager said she was very surprised to see that much of a response from the membership for a person who had just been voted off the board. It really surprised her. I will miss not having Markus on the board. He has expressed to me that he will enjoy his newfound extra time. I suspect he may spend more time abroad now than he has in the past.

After the results of the election were read, the board re-elected me as president, Jim Wisniewski as secretary and Claude Marku as member at large. Catherine LeGendre was elected treasurer, and Joe is our new vice president.

Resident Gene Damm pointed out the fact that when service vehicles are parked at the Circle Park curve, it obstructs the view of oncoming traffic. This common area park borders the South Lake on the southeast corner of Lakeland Circle.

The corner has bushes that obscure the view around the curve, and if there are landscapers or service vehicles parked there, the oncoming traffic can't be seen, creating a safety hazard. I have

talked with our green thumb representative on the Vendor Oversight Committee, and a remedy will be worked out.

The results of our proxy vote, which would allow the board to use our reserve funds to repair any damage caused by a hurricane or other natural disaster, were 120 yes votes, one no vote and three who did not vote on the question.

Those 124 responses were the most we've ever received in a proxy election. Usually we have to fight to get our required 30 percent, which is 99 proxies returned in order to even have the annual proxy election. If that should happen, the meeting has to be rescheduled within 30 days.

I want to thank all homeowners for returning their proxy votes. Having to reschedule would have opened a bucket of worms.

As always, I want to thank our board and committee members for all they do for our community. Without all these volunteers, our place would not look as good as it does.

Upcoming Social Committee Events:

April 2: Community breakfast, 8:30 to 10 a.m. \$5 per person and \$3 per person. RSVP to Agnes at (239) 561-9661.

April 9: Casino Night, 6:30 p.m. \$5 per person. Check the signboard and upcoming e-Blast for more information.

April 11: Book Club, 2 p.m. "The Rose Code" by Kate Quinn. RSVP to Marilyn at (239) 671-6929.

April 16: Easter egg hunt, 10 a.m., FREE

April 23: Bingo, 7 p.m. \$5 for three cards, with extra cards available. RSVP to Agnes at (239) 561-9661.

May 5: Cinco de Mayo, 7 p.m.

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.

Game Night: Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Sunshine Committee:

The committee sends 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 (239) 284-3936. Sue will need the name AND address of the recipient.

