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From the HOA President:

The first board meeting on Aug 17 after a two-month hiatus saw the HOA's finances doing quite well.

As of the end of July, we were under budget by \$10,642. The only category in which we were above budget was utilities, over which we have very little control.

In addition, we have received funds from several accounts that were overdue, and another "check in the mail" will reduce our outstanding fees even more. My thanks to our treasurer and secretary, Catherine LeGendre and Jim Wisniewski, for keeping close tabs on these accounts.

Our treasurer and the finance committee have begun to work on the 2023 budget. There will be meetings in the near future leading to finalization of the 2023 spending plan at the November board meeting.

A subject that has been discussed for a number of years is the poor acoustics in the clubhouse's main room. Several volunteers have formed an ad hoc committee that is doing very good work on this. They are showing us several things we can do to help reduce the echo in the room. We also have members of our community who have worked with such things in the past and have made very good suggestions. The work on all this is on-going.

Before any acoustic applications are made to the room, I want to have the room painted. I have asked the social and vendor oversight committees to develop several proposals as to the base and trim colors for the room.

Those proposals can be displayed similarly to how members of the community decided on exterior paint colors for the clubhouse. There should be a display of those various suggestions for the membership to vote on in the future. More work is to be done on this, but there is progress being made. My thanks to all those volunteers for all the work they've done and will do on all this. More info to come.

The board also is working on repairs to street gutters that are cracked and others that have water standing in them. We're getting to the point where we can start some construction soon. Obviously, there's more info to come.

Another issue being worked on is tree branches overhanging our streets. It has come to the attention of the HOA that it is our responsibility to maintain a 13.6-foot clearance from the road surface to the lowest tree branches, and the board will tackle that in the future. Any homeowner who has a tree on his property with branches lower than 13.6 feet from the road will be given the opportunity to be present when the trimming is done.

Several of our fountains and control boxes are malfunctioning, and the Vendor Oversight Committee is looking into getting those repaired. Seems nothing ever lasts forever.

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

Guest speaker coming in October

Gene Damm, a former Silverlakes homeowner who recently moved to Discovery Village, will be the guest speaker at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, in the clubhouse.

Mr. Damm will speak about his dynamic book, "In The Eyes of an Alzheimer's Patient." The talk is sponsored by the Silverlakes Social Committee.

The book relates the journey Gene and his late wife, Mary, took through a wonderful life, only to have that life "crumbled by the demon of Alzheimer's."

Those who want to read the book before the event will find it available for purchase on line. Books will not be available on the night of Gene's talk, but he will be happy to autograph any copies brought to the engagement.

All proceeds from the sale of the book go to the Alzheimer's Association.

Upcoming Social Committee Events:

Sept. 17: Bingo, 7 p.m, \$5 for three cards with additional cards available. RSVP Agnes at (239) 561-9661 no later than the day before.

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.

Mahjongg (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 at (239) 284-3936. Sue will need the name AND address of the recipient.



These are two of the golf carts, joined by decorated bicycles, that lined up for a parade on the Fourth of July in Silverlakes. It was the first-ever Independence Day Parade in many years and was sponsored by the Social Committee. Pat Macchia, the committee's chairman, is hoping to attract even more participants for next year's patriotic event.

