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From the HOA Vice President:

The treasurer's report at the Oct. 18 meeting once again showed the HOA operating under budget, thanks in great part to the efforts of board members and our many volunteers.

At the next meeting on Nov. 16, the board is scheduled to adopt the budget for 2023 and set the quarterly HOA dues for the upcoming year. As always, monthly board meetings are open to the public, and input from residents is welcome.

Our management company, Compass Rose, experienced internet issues because of Hurricane Ian. For that reason, a significant number of assessment payments that were due Oct. 10 were not credited to homeowner accounts. The board asks that each homeowner log into their CRM accounts to make sure their payment has been posted. Due to the disruption, the board has waived all late fees and interest so long as payments are credited to owner accounts no later than Oct. 31.

Because of all the hurricane debris lining the streets and uncertainty as to when FEMA will arrive to collect it, the board has made some changes to the annual Oct. 31 Trick-or-Treating event.

This year, the event will be held from 4 to 6 p.m., during daylight hours, instead of from 6 to 8, and will be limited to children who live in Silverlakes and their guests. A sign will be posted out front notifying non-residents that Silverlakes is not hosting any little goblins this year because of the debris, and a guard will be stationed at the entrance to emphasize that point. We realize this is not a fool-proof plan, but we hope to discourage children from going house-to-house in the dark with all that debris in place.

At the suggestion of former board member Marcus Albrecht, the board agreed to accept bids from companies to remove the hurricane debris from Silverlakes, since there is no timetable for FEMA to do it. After receiving bids, the board will make a decision on the issue.

Pat Macchia, chairman of the Social Committee, said the Garage Sale scheduled for Nov. 12 may have to be canceled if the debris is not removed. A final decision will be made by Nov. 4.

In the absence of the HOA president, Lauren "Bird" Siegel, I take this opportunity to thank everyone for all they do to keep Silverlakes looking as nice as it does.

Editor's note: The HOA board met before FEMA began collecting hurricane debris.

Calendar Girls to perform Nov. 10

The Calendar Girls, a song-and-dance team comprised of more than 35 women over the age of 50, will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, in the Silverlakes Clubhouse to benefit the Southeastern Guide Dogs.

The donation of \$5 per person will go to the organization, which partners people and dogs in transformative ways.

Members of the group, which includes at least one Silverlakes resident, strive to be role models for women of all ages, illustrating that age is simply a state of mind.

Since 2006, the Calendar Girls have performed more than 1,500 shows and have proudly sponsored 27 guide dogs through donations from generous audiences and sponsors.

Upcoming Social Committee Events:

Oct. 29: Ice Cream Social, 3 p.m. Call Agnes at 561-9661 by Oct. 26 if you plan to attend.

Nov. 5: Breakfast, 8:30 to 10 a.m. \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Call Agnes at 561-9661 by Nov. 2 if you plan to attend.

Nov. 10: Calendar Girls performance, 7 p.m., \$5 donation.

Nov. 12: Garage Sale, 8 a.m. to noon. \$5 per participating household.

Nov. 14: Book Club, 2 p.m. "The Silent Patient" by Alex Michaelides

Nov. 15: Mind Bogglers, 1 p.m. New Event, Clubhouse, Free, Flyer forthcoming for RSVP

Nov. 19: Harvest Feast, 6 p.m., \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children under 12. Enjoy turkey, ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes, candied yams, green beans, rolls, appetizers and desserts. Water and soft drinks included. BYOB. RSVP no later than Nov. 13 to John and Teresa Hufnagel at (847) 840-5514 and pre-pay at 11152 Lakeland Circle.

Nov. 26: Bingo, 7 p.m. \$5 for three cards with extra cards available. RSVP to Agnes at 561-9661 by Nov. 24.

Nov. 27: Tree-lighting at the clubhouse, 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 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.