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From the HOA President:

Our first board meeting of the new year on Jan. 18 proved interesting. Quite a few residents attended to express their displeasure about the fact that a number of homeowners are in violation of the community's rules, including leaving items outside that are clearly visible from the street.

Items like trash cans and roof tiles left in plain sight make our community look unkempt. That's not how it's been in the past.

Since the hurricanes, the board has been lenient on enforcing some of the rules in our governing documents. We wanted to give everyone a little time to recover. That period of time has passed. Now that the hurricanes are over, we want to return to that beautiful community of past years.

To accomplish this, the board will be sending out reminders to home sites that have neglected to comply with our governing documents. The rules can be found on our website, which is Silverlakes-Gateway-HOA.com. Just look underneath the tab HOA documents, and then HOA policies. Take particular notice of the Rules and Regulations Exhibit F, number 21, as well as our community standards.

The board also heard a presentation from a resident whose children happened to walk across a neighbor's grass. A man at that property came out of the home yelling profanities at the children for being on the grass. The parents of the children responded and other words were spoken, which resulted in the Lee County sheriffs being called to the scene. This is totally unacceptable in our community. Things could have been handled a lot better than by using profanity to young children. The

board sincerely hopes that the reminder we sent to that property will help prevent the situation from happening again. We all need to live together peacefully. There's enough turmoil in his world to go around. We don't need it here.

Hurricane Ian caused some damage to the south roof of the clubhouse and rain gutter. We are looking into getting it repaired, as there's more damage on top than you can see from below. It looks like we're going to be contacting the roofer that installed the remaining roofs in the Villas to take care of the repairs in the future.

Speaking of damage from the hurricane, I'm sure everyone is well aware that the gates and the call box have not been functioning since the hurricane. The malfunctioning call box also includes our ability to activate new windshield RFID stickers, as well as new proxy cards for getting into the clubhouse and pool area.

We have had a dispute with the company that has been taking care of our gates and call box. This dispute has been going on too long. The board is making efforts to correct the situation and may need to resort to legal action. Please bear with us. We are working as fast and as best as we can. Thanks for your understanding.

During this dispute with our present supplier, the board and other volunteers in our community have been working to correct some of the problems.

Towards that end, the board would like to establish a contact list of residents who have experience or expertise in the Information Technologies area. A few volunteers have helped us already, and the board is looking for more to help.

The board is hoping to develop a contact list of names and phone numbers that we could call to get accurate information. It would not be a committee, per se, just a contact list for the board to use whenever we have an IT problem. Once we solve the current problems, we should not have to use the list very frequently.

If you have such expertise, please contact any board member with your name and your phone number. We obviously would call the first person on the list and so on until we can get somebody to help us.

The help we've received so far has saved us much needed funds to help keep our quarterly HOA fees as low as they are. I want to take this opportunity to once again thank the volunteers who have already put in their time to help our community. You all know who you are. Thank you very much.

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.

Upcoming Social Committee Events:

Feb. 4: Breakfast, 8:30 to 10 a.m., \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. To sign up, call Agnes at 561-9661 by Feb. 1.

Feb. 11: Garage Sale, 8 a.m. to noon. \$5 per household

Feb. 13: Book Club, 2 p.m., "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult

Feb. 14: Mind Bogglers, 1 p.m. Call/text Donna Marchetti at (239) 470-3288 by the 12th to attend

Feb. 18: Bingo, 7 p.m. \$5 for three cards with extra cards available. RSVP to Agnes at 561-9661 by Feb. 15.

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

Game Night: Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Please be courteous:

It would be greatly appreciated by the chairpersons who run each event here at Silverlakes that if you make a reservation for an event and cannot make it, you please notify that person by calling the number on the sandwich board or the RSVP number on the event flier.

Planning for every event is time-consuming and includes food purchases, preparation and clubhouse setup. Thank you for your cooperation.

In memoriam:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to:

- Krista Fenski on the death of her grandmother.
- Jo-Ann Capuano on the death of her sister, Renee Barreras, Nov. 28 in New York state.
- Daniel Drotleff, who lost his wife Jean in January.
- Marianne Eppich, whose brother-in-law, Oscar, passed away in Bradenton
- Julie Alfaro, who lost her son-in-law on Jan. 16.
- Mel and Janice Eaton, whose son-in-law passed away on Jan., 24.

Sunshine Committee:

The Sunshine Committee sends cards to residents who are ill, have lost a loved one or have welcomed a new child. If you know someone who could use a card, notify Sue Beard at (239) 284-3936 or shadden@comcast.net.

Sue will need the name AND address of the person to whom to send the card.



Homemade waffles, pancakes and French toast, as well as fresh fruit cups, are among the breakfast staples at Silverlakes' morning breakfasts.

Breakfasts are a real bargain in Silverlakes

Once a month during season, Silverlakes volunteers serve up one of the best bargains in Southwest Florida.

The breakfasts draw scores of local residents who feast on such breakfast fare as eggs, waffles, French toast, pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, juice and coffee — all for the bargain price of \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Remarkably, the price has not increased in 15 years!

Cindy Mason, who has chaired the event since its inception in March 2008, hosted the 35th breakfast in January, with the next scheduled for Feb. 4. She stresses that she could not have continued the breakfasts without the strong support of her breakfast crew.

She has seen many changes over the years, but most staggering has been the recent increase in the price of eggs. A dozen eggs cost 83 cents in November 2019. In January 2023, the cost had risen to \$4.48 per dozen. And Silverlakes residents DO love their eggs! Since the inception of the breakfasts, diners have consumed 438 dozen — or 5,244 — eggs.

The next breakfast is scheduled Feb. 4. It's important to make reservations so the volunteers know how much food to buy. It's also important to notify someone if you signed up and find you can't make it.

Reservations should be made by calling Agnes at 561-9661.