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From the HOA President

Catherine LeGendre and Manoj Sam were the top vote-getters for two seats on the HOA board when ballots were tallied at the March 15 annual meeting. Catherine will remain as secretary, and Manoj, a former member of the finance committee, will fill the spot of secretary vacated by Jim Wisniewski, who did not seek re-election.

The 125 proxy votes returned also gave the board permission to use reserve funds if an emergency, such as a hurricane, occurs during the fiscal year.

I took the opportunity to once again thank Jim and Marcus Albrecht, the former treasurer, for their many years of service to our community. Marcus had more than 20 years of service to our community, first on our finance committee and then as our treasurer. Jim had completed his second term and decided to become a retired member of the community.

Both were instrumental in our changeover from Alliant Property Management to Compass Rose Property Management. They spent many hours of research and communicating with Compass Rose, tweaking the contract with Silverlakes. After the fact, there were little tweaks that had to be made, mainly to our financial dealings with Compass Rose, that both Jim and Marcus spent hours of volunteer time on. I thanked them personally again during the meeting, and the many attendees gave them a rousing round of applause.

Just prior to the start of the meeting, it was pointed out that I had posted an upcoming special board of directors meeting on the bulletin board but had not posted what the meeting was about.

In posting the meeting, I complied with the state statute, but in the future, I will strive to do better.

All our homeowners are welcome to attend any board meetings, special or regular. Most of the special meetings are quite brief. I also will try to make the postings not only on the bulletin board, but send out an E blast announcing them.

If a special meeting is with our attorney or to discuss personnel matters, it will be a closed meeting and only board members will be able to attend. If that happens, it will be noted on the postings.

One of our residents mentioned that the spray from one of our lake fountains on a windy day soaks his pool and lanai. During the discussion, a Vendor Oversight Committee member noted the committee will check into the possibility of installing a smaller orifice on that north fountain so the center does not spray as high as it does now. It was mentioned that the older fountain caused more spray into their lanai than the new one does, but it still persists.

Some residents notice that occasionally, one of the WastePro garbage trucks is leaking fluid. Most of the time, it's hydraulic fluid. This fluid makes a lot of mess on our asphalt roadways. Being that it's an oil, which is part of the composition of the asphalt street, eventually it soaks into the asphalt and disappears.

Other times it is leaking fluid from the garbage that is collected and therefore is squeezed out as the truck pushes the garbage inside so it can pick up more.

There also have been occasions when some residents have failed to follow proper procedures and have put near empty paint cans in the garbage, Therefore, paint has leaked out on the roadway.

Unused paint and solvents should be taken to the county disposal site on the east side of Metro Parkway.

If by chance the garbage truck happens to leave debris on the roadway, such as broken glass or other items, please pick them up and dispose of them properly, usually in a double ZipLock plastic bag.

If you see a WastePro truck leaking fluid, try to get the number of the truck. If you can get the truck's number, you can report the problem to Nicholas Larson, whose email is nlarson@leegov.com He is a senior environmental specialist with the solid waste department of Lee County and his cell phone number is (239) 839-4605. Also, the Lee County request for action center can be found at leegov.com Be sure to include your street address.

Another issue brought up is the fact that some residents are putting their garbage at the curb in plastic bags, not in garbage cans. Your garbage should be put inside closed garbage cans that have some kind of a built-in latch to keep them closed. Scavengers like raccoons and crows will rip open plastic bags of garbage and scatter the contents, attracting rats and mice. It's not a good sanitary practice.

The slight mention of requiring garbage cans to be kept in the garage has some long-time residents really, really opposed. Also, one resident even suggested enclosing outside garbage cans in a small fenced-in area along the side of the home in an attempt to keep

everything in one location. Such an area can be installed, but only if you have an approved request from the ACC.

Some of you have may have noticed the new 14-inch fans installed near the ceiling in the gym to help circulate air in the room. They go on and off when the room lights are activated.

Also, thanks to the efforts of Greg Walker, the 20-inch floor fans have been repaired so there are no visible wires protruding from the switch covers on the back.

These floor fans can only be turned on by using the attached timers, and they come on in the high position. I have learned that you should always start a fan on high and then reduce it to whatever speed you desire. If started on a low or medium setting, it will burn out the resistor, and that requires repair by an electrician.

Please be careful when moving the floor fans around, as these commercial grade fans are very well constructed except for the plastic back enclosing the motor and switch area. If the back plastic cover comes into contact with a solid object while the fan is being moved, the weight of the fan will cause the plastic to break. These fans are no longer available and they cost \$150 apiece, so please be careful with them.

We have been notified by our periodic maintenance company that the elliptical machine next to the stationary bikes has a lot of rust and corrosion inside the forward enclosures; therefore, we are replacing it with a better grade elliptical machine in the near future.

You all may have noticed that our Lake Bank Restoration Project is just about finished on our north (#85), and middle (#88) lakes or, as they are called by Gateway, stormwater retention ponds. I am enclosing a schedule that has been posted by Gateway. Most of you will notice that our south lake (#89) is not even mentioned on the list.

- Lake Number 88: Start Date - December 5th, 2022; Completion Date - February 28th, 2023
- Lake Number 85: Start Date - December 5th, 2022; Completion Date - March 15th, 2023
- Lake Number 58: Start Date - February 27th, 2023; Completion Date - May 6th, 2023
- Lake Number 62: Start Date - February 27th, 2023; Completion Date - May 7th, 2023
- Lake Number 130: Start Date - April 3rd, 2023; Completion Date - May 26th, 2023
- Lake Number 127: Start Date - April 3rd, 2023; Completion Date - May 26th, 2023
- Lake Number 79: Start Date - April 20th, 2023; Completion Date - May 26th, 2023
- Lake Number 117: Start Date - April 24th, 2023; Completion Date - May 26th, 2023

Our former secretary, Jim Wisniewski, continues to serve on the Gateway Services Ponds Committee. This covers the approximately 90 different lakes that are in the Gateway area. He mentioned that Lake 89, which is our south lake, is not scheduled to be done until 2028. If homeowners would like Lake 89 moved up in the ranking, they can contact Gateway Services or SFWMD for consideration. These rankings on the list I have enclosed here could change, depending on what happens with the other lakes.

The company that did the work has put down sod on all the affected areas, including the little “roadways” they used to gain access to the lakes. As a side note, if you have some sprinklers on the lake bank area that were functioning when the work began and now are not working, you can call Keith Riddle at Gateway Services. He will direct the people to have them looked into. His extension is 216, and Gateway Services’ phone number is (239) 561-1313. If you need to, his cell is (239) 738-5073.

The only other thing that’s left to be done is reinstallation of our east clubhouse fence that was removed for the construction of the lake bank restoration project.

Our entry and exit gates are real close to functioning again. They were kept open during the lake bank restoration project due to all the large trucks coming in and out of the community.

I have been told that our security company has identified an underground conduit between the guard house and the call box that is preventing the link-up, and that has to be repaired before these gates can be functioning once again.

If you have existing windshield stickers on your car from before, they should work fine once the gates are functioning again. For those with new RFID windshield stickers, your new windshield sticker should be functioning shortly after the gates are working once again. If not, you will need to call Compass Rose or see our manager on Wednesday afternoons at the clubhouse. Thanks for your patience in all of this.

I asked for volunteers to serve on an IT (Information Technologies) contact list. I have three volunteers who are willing to help us if needed in the future to determine what needs to be replaced and how to repair it. These volunteers’ contact information will not be publicized and they are to be contacted only by a board member if needed.

If there are more people in our community with an IT background who would like to help out, please send an e-mail to any board member with your contact information. It would be very much appreciated.

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

Calendar of events

Saturday, April 1: Final breakfast until fall, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids. RSVP Agnes at (239) 561-9661 by March 29.

Saturday, April 8: Easter egg hunt, 10 a.m. Call Prudi at (239) 478-3880 to register. Prizes will be awarded, and children will have a chance to have photos taken with the Easter Bunny.

Monday, April 10: Book Club, 2 p.m. "The Boy Who Knew Too Much" by Cathy Byrd

Tuesday, April 11: Mind Bogglers, 1 p.m. To register, call Donna Marchetti at (239) 470-3288 by April 8.

Saturday, April 15: Bingo, 7 p.m. Three cards for \$5. RSVP to Agnes at (239) 561-9661 by April 13.

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.

Want to play Bocce?

A number of Silverlakes guys play bocce ball from 8:30 to 10 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the new courts near the Gateway Soccer Complex. They invite both men and women to join them or to form a group of your own and get some fun exercise.

In memoriam

Our thoughts go out to Ana Farrell and her family on the death of her father, Paulo Rodrigues, on March 3 while in hospice care.

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.

