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SILVERLAKES

at Gateway

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13035 Lakehurst Ct,
Fort Myers, FL 33913

Board of Directors

Joe Connors - President

Manoj Sam – Secretary

Catherine LeGendre – Treasurer

Claude Marku - Legal Liaison

Calendar of events

Sept. 9 @ 6 p.m

The first-ever “Taco Saturday”.
More details to follow.

Sept. 16: Bingo @ 7 p.m.

\$5 for three cards, with extra cards available for \$2 each.
Call Agnes @ (239) 561-9661 by Sept. 14.

✍ Message From the HOA Board ✍

Dear Silverlakes Residents,

A Tribute to Mr. Lauren "Bird" Siegel.

Honoring a Decade of Dedication

Silverlakes bids farewell to a tireless advocate of our community as Mr. Lauren "Bird" Siegel steps down from his role on the homeowners association board on August 14, marking the end of an impressive 11-year tenure as president.

Bird selflessly served without financial compensation and at times with minimal acknowledgment. An authentic supporter of Silverlakes, he graciously dedicated countless hours to the community we all hold dear.

Every Wednesday, Bird's presence at the clubhouse became a hallmark of his commitment, as he diligently addressed residents' inquiries. His close collaboration with the numerous vendors who contribute to Silverlakes showcased his hands-on approach in ensuring the community's seamless functioning. His readiness to prioritize residents' needs often meant he sacrificed personal time, showcasing his unwavering devotion.

As Bird embarks on a well-earned retirement, the board joins the entire community in extending our warmest wishes. We express our heartfelt gratitude for his extraordinary dedication to our community, a devotion that has left an indelible mark.

Free Coffee Hour – 08:30 AM

Mondays, Wednesdays &
Fridays

Hand And Foot (Card Game)

Monday Nights @ 07:00 PM

Euchre (Card Game):

Tuesday Nights @ 07:00 PM

Game Night:

Thursdays @ 07:00 PM.

Mahjongg:

Fridays @ 9:45 AM

(For Experienced Players Only)

We are pleased to share some important updates and decisions made by the Silverlakes HOA board during the Aug 16 meeting. Here's a summary of the key points discussed:

Looking Ahead to 2024- Budgeting and Enhancements:

The treasurer is actively engaged in the formulation of the 2024 Operating Budget. With the collaboration of our diverse committees, the Board is dedicated to securing advantageous service contract rates through negotiations.

Furthermore, our commitment extends to optimizing our investments to maintain competitive interest rates.

Noteworthy among the HOA's recent endeavors are the revitalization projects, including the painting of the clubhouse and the enhancement of the acoustic ceiling. These ventures were made possible through funding from our reserve accounts.

As of **July 31, 2023**, our combined bank balances total an impressive **\$965,850**.

Elevating the Clubhouse Experience- Acoustic Enhancement

We're excited to announce that our clubhouse has undergone a remarkable transformation with the addition of acoustic treatment. The main room's ceiling and the short upper west wall have been treated with a one-inch layer of sound-deadening material. This enhancement promises to create a more comfortable and enjoyable environment for all our community gatherings.

A Fresh Look for Our Spaces- Thanks to the VOC Committee

Our clubhouse, gym, and office spaces have been given a fresh lease of life with a new coat of paint. We extend our sincere gratitude to the VOC committee and the dedicated team who put in their efforts and supervised this revitalization project.

Fully Operational Entrance Gate

We are pleased to announce that our entrance gate is now fully operational. To access the gate, kindly refer to your proxy card. Your gate code will match the first 5-digit number on your proxy card. If you possess multiple proxy cards, use the lowest numbered card for your gate code. For example, if your cards are numbered 50049 and 50050, your gate code is 50049.

Embracing Transparency – New Camera Policy for the Board of Directors

As part of our commitment to transparency and accountability, a new camera policy for the Board of Directors has been introduced. This policy will be updated on our website, ensuring that residents are well-informed about the recording and usage.

Partnering for Safety- Lee County Sheriff's Meet and Greet

During our open forum segment at the August 16 Board of Directors Meeting, we had the privilege of hosting **Lieutenant Angelo Vaughn** from the Community Response Unit of the Lee County Sheriff's Office. Lt. Vaughn took the opportunity to introduce himself to our residents and offer valuable safety advice.

Lt. Vaughn attentively listened to residents' concerns about school pickup traffic. Impressively, the very next day, law enforcement officers were on-site at the schools, actively directing traffic away from the roads.

The HOA extends its gratitude to Lt. Vaughn for his engaging session and anticipates exciting collaborations for social events in partnership with the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

In Memoriam

🌸 We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Fatima DeAmorin, whose mother passed away on June 27th in Rhode Island." 🌸

Spreading Warmth through the Sunshine Committee

The Sunshine Committee sends cards to residents who are ill or recovering from surgery, who 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.

Join Us- Your Participation Matters!

We encourage all interested residents to consider volunteering for our finance committee and other committees. Your involvement plays a pivotal role in shaping the future of our community.

Save the Date for Our Next Meeting

Circle **September 20, 2023**, on your calendars for our next board meeting. Your presence and engagement contribute to the strength of our community.

Thank you for your ongoing support, engagement, and dedication to making our neighborhood a wonderful place to call home.

*It is only through labor and painful effort,
by grim energy and resolute courage,
that we move on to better things.*

"Theodore Roosevelt"