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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**Free Coffee Hour - 8:30 a.m.
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays**

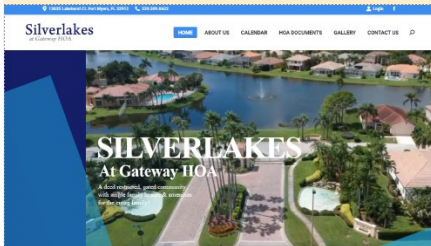
**Hand And Foot (Card Game)
Monday Nights@ 7:00 p.m.**

**Euchre (Card Game):
Tuesday Nights@ 7:00 p.m.**

**Game Night:
Thursdays@ 7:00 p.m.**

**Mahjonn:
Fridays @ 9:45 a.m.
(For Experienced Players Only)**

**Water Aerobics: 10 a.m.
Mondays & Thursdays**



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February 2025 - First Quarter Issue

Dear Silverlakes Residents,

Happy New Year! As we step into 2025, we extend our warmest wishes for a year filled with health, happiness, and prosperity. We are truly grateful to be part of such a welcoming and vibrant community. Silverlakes continues to thrive thanks to the dedication of our residents and the countless volunteers who help make our neighborhood a wonderful place to call home. Your efforts, whether big or small, contribute to the strong sense of community we all cherish.

Reflecting on the past year, we celebrate the many events and gatherings that brought us together—from festive holiday celebrations to coffee hour and social get-togethers. A special thank you to Pat Macchia for serving as Social Committee Chair for the past three years. Pat’s dedication and hard work have been instrumental in organizing memorable events that have strengthened our community bonds. Be sure to read the newsletter to learn more about our new Social Committee Chairs and their exciting plans for the year ahead. We also encourage everyone to check out the events calendar and consider volunteering —your participation is what makes Silverlakes so special!

As we embrace 2025, we do so with gratitude and optimism for all that lies ahead. Together, we will continue building a supportive, engaged, and thriving neighborhood. Thank you for making Silverlakes such a remarkable place to live. Wishing you all a fantastic year ahead!

Your Board of Directors



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SILVERLAKES EVENTS CALENDAR IS LIVE

https://silverlakes-gateway-hoa.com/stec_event/

Click on the event name to find out more, including: RSVP contact, cost if any and additional details. You can also print each month's calendar.



FACEBOOK

Our residents Claudia and Krista run the unofficial Silverlakes Facebook Page. All events are posted on this page, alongside a healthy communication forum. Check it out.

Please review your email for the latest information from Compass Rose. In case you've chosen not to receive emails, you can contact our CAM to explore other communication options. The contact details are available on the first page of this newsletter.

NEW SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

★★★ Maureen Stratton



Where do you live?

Silver Sands

When did you move in?

May 2013

What is your work background?

Banking - Mortgage

What are your hobbies?

I love sewing, crocheting and reading.

What is your Position and how do you serve?

I help with the events in the community.

What do you love about the community?

It is a great place to live.



★★★ Krista Fenski



Where do you live?

Lakeland Circle

When did you move in?

June 2021

What is your work background?

I have been a Registered Nurse for 14 years. My experience is in labor and delivery as well as Family/Internal Medicine. Currently, I work as a Nurse Manager in primary care.

What are your hobbies?

I enjoy spending my time volunteering at my children's school, baking and going on vacation!

What is your Position and how do you serve?
Social Committee Chair

What do you love about the community?

I love Silverlakes because of the smaller community feel where neighbors support one another. We have many wonderful events within our community.



GETTING INVOLVED



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
Reach out to Sue Beard at 239-284-3936 or shadden@comcast.net



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR UPCOMING MEETING - FEBRUARY 26 - 6:30PM

Board of Directors Meeting - February 26, 6:30pm

Annual Homeowner's Meeting and Election - March 26, 6:30pm

Your attendance and suggestions at these meetings are encouraged. You should have received communication from Compass Rose regarding the March Meeting and Election. Reach out to the Association Manager otherwise. Contact information is found on the cover page of this newsletter.

We sincerely appreciate your continuous support, engagement, and unwavering dedication to making our neighborhood an exceptional place to call home.

VISIT THIS LINK FOR THE MAILER

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vgLZYR3qpEB2BAlnBbfgACefHSJ6aBqx/view?usp=sharing>



JOIN US AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

We invite all community members to consider getting involved in one of the many Community committees. Your active participation is essential in shaping the future of our community

- The Communications Committee Chair position is open.
- If you want to help to keep the Electronic Gate Boards updated, we want to hear from you.

OUR THOUGHTS GO OUT TO:

In memoriam

Silverlakes lost two long-time residents since the last newsletter was published.

- Jim Steiner, 77, passed away Dec. 28 at home surrounded by his loving family. He and his wife of 55 years, Marilyn, moved to Silverlakes in 1996 from Long Island, N.Y., following their retirement. In addition to Marilyn, Jim is survived by his children, Jason and Justine, and three grandchildren. Jim was a proud veteran of the U.S. Air Force, having served from 1966 to 1970.
- Leo Weiner Jr., 97, purchased his home in Silverlakes in 1998. He passed away Jan. 31 in Eagle Ridge Health and Rehab Center. He was a firefighter for 30 years in Indianapolis, Ind., and worked as a bagger for 25 years at Publix at Lee Boulevard and Route 80 until his retirement. Leo served in two branches of the military and was the last of his family, having survived five siblings and a son.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

All of the Silverlakes' recent community improvements are funded through our Reserve accounts. Some of the labor associated with these projects has been donated by our volunteer residents. Many thanks to those members of our community who help keep Silverlakes a beautiful place to live. Major recent projects include;

- Landscaping enhancements to the front entrance area.
- Installation of bollards to deter vehicles from entering the community through the exit gates
- Procurement of (2) new Air Conditioning Units in the clubhouse.
- An improved camera surveillance system.
- Purchase of a large screen TV and speaker system for clubhouse.
- Implementation of a more comprehensive and user-friendly calendar on the Silverlakes website.

TREASURER UPDATE

2025 Operating Budget Approved

The 2025 Operating Budget was approved at the November 27, 2024 Board of Director's Meeting.

The annual budget of \$348,224 represents an increase of less than \$2,000 over the 2024 budget.

2025 budgeted expenses include increased costs for insurance and contracts which are offset by strong investment returns on reserve fund balances, application fees for prospective buyers, and cost savings resulting from our resident volunteers donating their time and talent to keep Silverlakes a beautiful community to live in.

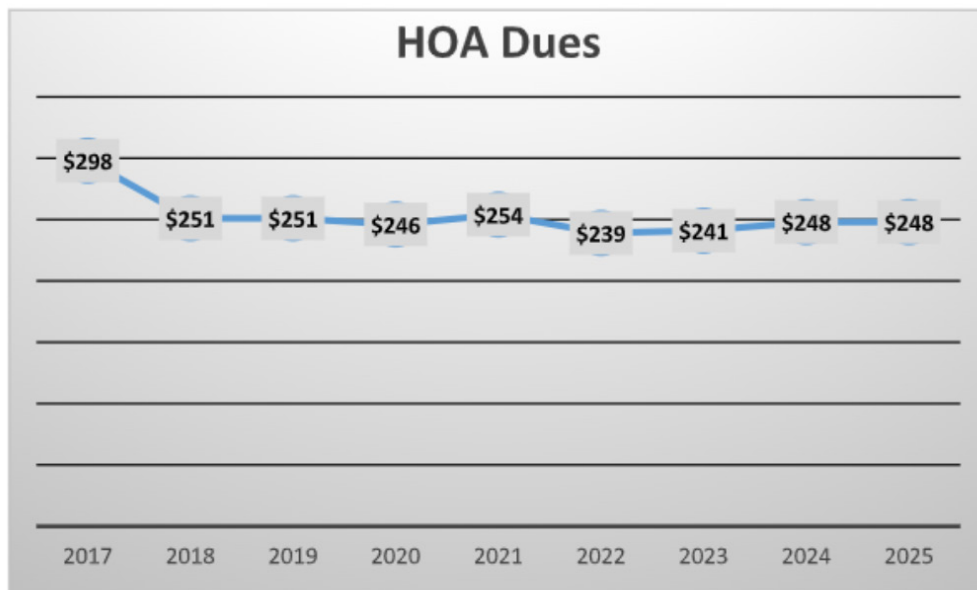
As a result of continued fiscal controls, 2025 homeowner dues for single family homes will remain the same as 2024 at \$248 per quarter, while our villas owners experience a (10%) increase in their dues from \$591 to \$655.

The increase in villas dues results from rising landscaping costs for 2025.

The 2025 approved budget can be viewed on the Compass Rose Website and is also accessible by clicking the link below.

HOA dues for single family homes have remained relatively flat for the eighth year in a row.

This has been achieved through the negotiation of competitive contracts, ensuring that reserve funds are earning competitive interest rates, and resident volunteers. During 2025, the Board anticipates completion of the following projects; purchase of new pool furniture, repair or replacement of front clubhouse doors and further landscaping for front entrance area.



[CLICK THIS LINK FOR THE 2025 OPERATING BUDGET](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UV-E9oQUXrz5V3Brg5MabuAX4bRKRI5C/view?usp=sharing)

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