



SILVERLAKES *at Gateway*

April 2025 - Second Quarter

**13035 Lakehurst Ct,
Fort Myers, FL 33913**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Joe Conners - President
Justin Clerico - Vice President
Manoj Sam-Secretary
Catherine LeGendre -Treasurer
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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.**

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

**Water Aerobics: 10:30 a.m.
Mondays & Thursdays**



<https://silverlakes-gateway-hoa.com/>

Dear Silverlakes Residents,

What a great first quarter this has been. Not only did our residents travel around the world by attending fun (and delicious) dinners like: Chinese New Year, Brazilian Carnival, & St Patrick's Day, but we also kicked off the new year with familiar eating events like Monthly Breakfasts and Ice Cream Social. It wasn't always about food though! "*Silverlakers*" enjoyed exercising our minds with Mind Blogglers, Book Club and the occasional win at Bingo.

Speaking of exercising our minds: many thanks to **Kathy & George Grall** who took us on a wild adventure to Costa Rica (via slide presentation) to explore bugs and animals they have photographed through the years on their many travels.

Many of us purged our storage by selling at the Garage Sale in February. Yet most of us also bought "stuff" from our neighbors to bring back to fill our closets, drawers and garages once more. Oh well, there's always another Garage Sale in November to purge again!

Our active Social Committee is already planning new activities, including more of the ever-popular food events. Look out for BBQ Night, Just Tacos, Memorial & Labor Day Cook-outs, Pasta Night and Community Pot Luck. See you there!

Join the evening card games, afternoon mahjong or morning Coffee get-togethers to meet your neighbors and share your time. Make sure to access the Community Calendar on https://silverlakes-gateway-hoa.com/stec_event/ for more information. Learn why our activities are the envy of all of Gateway!

Your Board of Directors

PRESIDENT MESSAGE



We held the **Annual HOA Meeting** this past Wednesday, March 26th. Many thanks to those who provided Proxy Statements as well as those in attendance. We are happy to announce that throughout 2024 the HOA undertook capital improvement projects that touched all areas of Silverlakes. Most of these projects were funded through our reserve balances. Due to the actions of Silverlakes' volunteers sharing their time and talent, Reserve balances remained in alignment with projected expenditures, saving the community thousands of dollars. Improvements included:

Clubhouse, Gatehouse, Entrance Improvements and Enhancements included:

- AC units replaced while still under warranty, costing only installation
- Acoustic art panels – adding sound reduction while beautifying the space
- Large Screen TV – already in use during social events and HOA meetings
- Bollards to deter vehicles from entering wrong way
- Fiber Optics in support of new NVR surveillance system
- New motors and/or filters added to front and lake fountains
- New Pool Heater
- New Electric Panel at front entrance

Landscaping enhancements throughout entrance area creating a beautiful

& welcoming entrance to our community. Our Board of Directors members were ratified and we are proud to start off the year in a positive and productive manner. Thanks to our Active Community, who are all committed to making Silverlakes the best that it can be.

Many thanks,
Joe

*Joe Conners enjoying our new
pool lounge chairs*



*Check out our new **Butterfly
Memory Garden** to the right of
the Clubhouse entrance.*





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April – May – June Events

Always check the electronic bulletin board for updates

- ♦ April 8 – Mind Bogglers – 1 PM
- ♦ April 14th - Book Club - 1 PM
- ♦ April 19th – Easter Egg Hunt – 10 AM
- ♦ April 25th— Portuguese Night - 6:30 PM
- ♦ April 26th – BINGO – 7 PM
- ♦ May 3rd – Just Tacos – 6 PM
- ♦ May 12th – Book Club - 1 PM
- ♦ May 13th – Mind Bogglers – 1 PM
- ♦ May 17th – BINGO – 7 PM
- ♦ May 26th – Memorial Day Cook-Out - time TBA
- ♦ June 7th – BBQ Dinner – time TBA
- ♦ June 9th – Book Club – 1 PM
- ♦ June 19th - BINGO—7 PM

STAY CONNECTED!

Check your emails for updates from Compass Rose. If you have opted out of the emails, you can reach out to our CAM for communication options.

Our residents Stacy and Krista run the unofficial Silverlakes Facebook page. All events are posted on this page, alongside a healthy communication forum. Check it out. The Silverlakes Resident Facebook page is another way to keep in touch with other Silverlakers.

GET INVOLVED!



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

RIBBONS FOR COLE

By Claudia Lisena

On February 15, 2025 one of our own families received the terrible news that their nine year-old son, Cole, has a tumor in the back of his brain, DIPG. Imagine the shock and disbelief that these poor parents went through! A perfectly healthy boy who instead of going to fun places now has to take trips to different hospitals. Unimaginable! Thanks and kudos to neighbor, Stacy Beck who brought it to our community's attention. Since then, we have started a community fundraiser to help out one of our own. There is a long and costly road ahead of them and we started selling the **blue ribbons**, which is Cole's favorite color, as part of our community's fundraiser. You can see the blue ribbons at the entrance and through—out the neighborhood in support.

We will continue to raise funds and help them in any way we can. Ryan, Cole's dad, is a lieutenant firefighter in Naples. He dedicates his life to save others and now it's our turn to be there for him and for his family and return the favor.

Several Silverlakes residents have organized events for fundraising, marketplace sales or supporting activities that will help the family financially. Blue ribbons are available by making donations. Blue porch light bulbs are also available. Reach out to Claudia at (646) 339-5673.

Check the Silverlakes' Resident Facebook Page for more information on fundraising events for Cole. Donations of household goods are also appreciated for sale with proceeds going to the family.

THANK YOU for your continued support, generosity, and prayers.
Let's look in our hearts and closets and continue to help one of our own.



OUR THOUGHTS GO OUT TO:

IN MEMORIAM By Sue Beard

CAROL WALKER



Carol Walker, a resident of Silverlakes since 2013, passed away March 12 after a courageous battle with lung cancer. She was 67.

A familiar face at community gatherings, card games and mahjong and an avid bicyclist with the community, Carol was the wife of Greg Walker.

An Army veteran, she worked for ServiceMaster of Baltimore for 27 years before moving to Silverlakes in 2013.

In addition to her husband, Carol is survived by a daughter, Erica Curtis; a son, Darryl Paskowski; two stepdaughters, Laura Stanley and Karen Martinez; six grandchildren; and two brothers, David and Robert Wray.

A memorial service will be held later in Baltimore.

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Our hearts also go out to Vicky Conti, who lost her mother in January.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

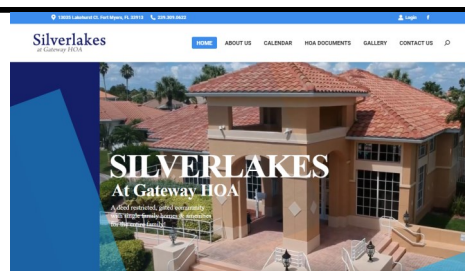


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Residents Krista & Claudia host a FB page. Check it out
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1225571514574508>

Silverlakes Web Site is loaded with good information. Review meeting minutes, past newsletters, Resident Portal, and more.
<https://silverlakes-gateway-hoa.com/>



Compass Rose management is at the clubhouse on Wednesdays, from 1 - 3 pm for general information and questions.

Scarlet and Lupe can be reached at **239-309-0622**

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Share your Birthday with us.
Text your name and birthdate and we will put it up on the Electronic Gate Board.
941-500-3995



Watch our Electronic Board at our entrance (Coming and Going) for current information on "Comings and Goings" in our community