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# Silverlakes News

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A Message from our President, Lauren "Bird" Siegel, for the Silverlakes HOA Board of Directors:

We had a good turnout of concerned Silverlakes residents at the Aug. 15 HOA board meeting to address the eight new "No Standing No Stopping" signs at our exit and entrance.

The board has a duty to ensure the safety of our residents while on the common areas. We also must ensure there is adequate clearance at the entrance and exit for emergency vehicles to pass. There has been congestion observed at the exit during the times when parents are waiting in their cars with their children for the school bus to pick them up.

The board contacted the executive director of the Lee County School District Transportation Office, and a safety supervisor visited Silverlakes on Aug. 20 to assess the feasibility of using the clubhouse parking lot as a pickup point.

The Transportation Office has had experience with its buses tearing up the pavers in other communities, resulting in liability claims. If the pick-up point were to be changed to our clubhouse parking lot, all six or seven buses would be going through our parking lot. In order for that to happen, the board would have to sign a release form specifically stating the Transportation Office would not be held responsible for any damage to our pavers the buses might cause.

We are about to put a lot of funds into repairing our parking lot to remove the trip hazards the raised pavers are causing. If the buses were to come into our parking lot, any and all damage would have to be repaired at our cost. The board is VERY reluctant to allow the buses to enter our community.

Therefore, the four "No Standing No Stopping" signs have been removed from the front of the two waterfall areas. We are asking parents who wait for the buses in their cars to keep to the right side, the waterfall side, of the exit or entrance. Please keep back from the stop sign so residents leaving have a clear view of the traffic on Griffin Drive.

We are going to have a security patrol at those areas in the morning to ensure a safe and orderly situation exists until the buses are done running. PLEASE keep our children safe.

I apologize for failing to introduce Scarlet Malino to our larger-than-usual audience. Scarlet has been with Alliant for a few years and manages several of our neighboring communities. She is at our clubhouse every Wednesday afternoon from 1 to 3. She has been doing a good job. We welcome her to our community.

A few golf carts are driving on our streets. Please remember the drivers must be 14 years of age or more. Golf carts are not permitted on Griffin Drive, so drivers must use the sidewalks.

Our lakes are some of the cleanest lakes in Gateway. Increased algae growth has been noticed in the past few weeks in a couple of our lakes. If grass clippings are allowed to remain in the street, the rains will wash them into our lakes, increasing the amount of algae. Please remember to blow the grass clippings back into the lawn. Please help keep our lakes clean.

Once again, I want to thank ALL committee and board members for all they do for Silverlakes.

### **Upcoming events**

These events are planned in September and October:

Saturday, Sept. 22: Bingo, 7 p.m. \$5 for three cards with additional cards available for \$2 each. The cost includes soft drinks, water and snacks. RSVP by calling Agnes at 561-9661.

Saturday, Oct. 6: Community Garage Sale, 8 a.m. to noon. \$5 per household.

Saturday, Oct. 20: Catered Italian Dinner, 6:30 p.m., \$15.

Oct. 27: Bingo, 7 p.m. \$5 for three cards with additional cards available for \$2 each. The cost includes soft drinks, water and snacks. RSVP by calling Agnes at 561-9661.

Oct. 31: Trick or Treat Night, 6 to 8 p.m.

In addition, the Social Committee invites everyone to play hand and foot every Monday night at 7 in the clubhouse; euchre every Tuesday night at 7; and Game Night every Thursday at 7.

### **Sunshine Committee**

The Sunshine Committee sends greeting cards to people who are welcoming a new child to the family, recovering from surgery or an illness, or mourning the loss of a loved one. If you know someone who could use a card, please contact Sue Beard at (239) 689-8065 or email her at [shadden@comcast.net](mailto:shadden@comcast.net)

Sue will need the name and address of the person to whom the card will be sent.

### **First-Ever Welcome Reception**

The Silverlakes Communications Committee held its first-ever Welcome Reception for new residents of Silverlakes on Sunday, Aug. 5. The reception was designed as a forum for newcomers to ask questions of the HOA president and get to know one another.

Newcomers will have another chance to attend a reception from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28.

### **In Memoriam**

Our thoughts and prayers go out to:

Clair Pilon and her family on the death of Richard "Dick" Pilon of 11317 Lakeland Circle. Dick died unexpectedly from head injuries suffered in a fall at home. The Pilon family were longtime residents of Silverlakes. Clair is now living close to her daughters in New England.

Pat Strohm of 13071 Lake Meadow Drive on the sudden death of her husband, Paul, in June.

Ken Willmering of 11168 Lakeland Circle on the death of his son.



Independence Day  
In the clubhouse

