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Silverlakes News

From the HOA President:

Submitted by Lauren "Bird" Siegel, president, for the board of directors: PJ Stratton, vice president; Jim Wisniewski, secretary; Markus Albrecht, treasurer; and Claude Marku, legal liaison.

In keeping with the Silverlakes-Gateway HOA Board of Directors' commitment to open and honest communication with the membership, I offer the following comments on the April 19 Board of Directors' meeting.

As of the end of March, spending was \$5,515 under our proposed budget for 2017. From our delinquent accounts, our collection agency collected \$2,236.68 last month, bringing our year to-date collections to \$3,400.95. We also renewed our insurance coverages through an appraisal of our clubhouse, gatehouse and pool. The appraisal raised the replacement values by \$87,390 and naturally, our premium was increased by approximately \$1,500.

Most have noticed our exit gate was damaged several weeks ago. Through the diligence of a couple of our residents, we have the airport taxi driver's information, along with his company's insurance provider. The gates should be repaired in the coming weeks by the taxi driver's insurance, not from our operating funds.

Some have noticed that our pool and pool area are closed. The main drain assembly in the bottom of the pool is old and brittle with several cracks and is leaking. The company that maintains our pool and waterfall is working with a pool repair company to replace our pool's main drain assembly. This will require the pool to be drained, repaired and refilled. All this should happen during the last week of April. Until all is completed, the pool and pool area must remain closed. Please bear with this inconvenience. Thanks for your understanding.

Some residents have noticed a couple of young boys driving a golf cart through our community in an erratic fashion. Some corners were taken on two wheels. The Sheriff's office says golf cart drivers must be 14 years or older and may drive on our streets, but not on Griffin Drive. We hope parents will instruct their young drivers accordingly. We do not want to see anyone hurt.

The Architectural Control Committee received three requests. Two were approved, and one was

denied because the committee required more information.

The Communications Committee's longtime chairperson, Marion Hogg, has retired because she and her husband, Gene, are moving from Silverlakes. We thank both Marion and Gene for all their years of devoted volunteer service to our community, and we wish both of them the best in their continued retirement.

The Fine Appeal Committee received no appeal requests. This shows that our residents are doing their part to keep our community as nice as it is. Please remember to send in your compliance form when you have corrected an issue pointed out in your warning letter.

The Vendor Oversight Committee recommended the board hire Ryan Hammond to paint our clubhouse, gatehouse and sign monuments in the next few weeks. Please observe the restricted areas during the painting process. The VOC recommended the clubhouse be painted with the tan color as the base and the cream as the trim. The ACC committee approved both colors.

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

Sunshine Committee:

The Sunshine Committee sends greetings cards to members of the community who are welcoming a new baby, mourning the loss of a loved one or recovering from an illness or surgery.

If you know someone who could use a card, please contact Sue Beard at (239) 689-8065 or shadden@comcast.net. She will need the recipient's name AND address. The committee can't do its work without your help.

Red Hats Review:

As we said goodbye to our Snowbirds, Silverlakes Chapeaux Rouge met April 13 at Mimi's Cafe for lunch. Interestingly, we were seated at an L-shaped table to accommodate the 12 of us in attendance. It made conversation a bit tricky, but we made it work!

Our wait person was stretched thin by serving not only our table, but at least three others. That gave us plenty of time to chat as we waited for our drinks, then our orders.

Mimi's makes wonderful quiches, and at least half of us ordered one. They came with a choice of sides, and made for a very good lunch. The best part, though, are the muffins. They could almost make a lunch on their own.

Our event will be on May 11 and will be hosted by Marilyn.

Social Committee:

The Social Committee's hectic winter schedule has slowed down a bit after a very busy spring.

Events included an Ice Cream Social on March 19, which drew ice cream fans both young and old; Bingo on March 24; a folk concert by Myers and McGuire on March 25, which raised money for Dress for Success; and the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 15, which featured hundreds of eggs and many, many prizes, as well as a visit by the Easter Bunny.

Upcoming events:

- Friday, April 28: Bingo at the clubhouse, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, May 27: Barbecue dinner at the clubhouse, with details to come

