



Silver Oaks Subdivision, Phase I, Home Owner's Association Newsletter
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Newsletter

We publish this newsletter monthly. It follows each Home Owner's Association meeting. Opinions expressed are those of authors. Permission for Silver Oaks Phase I residents to reprint is granted. Articles/items are solicited for this newsletter and need to arrive by the end of each month for publication the following month, if room permits. We prefer to stay away from religious or political statements, but see nothing wrong with announcing social, church, or political events. Mail or e-mail to Newsletter Editor. Photos/art work are welcome also. Written details surrounding photos/art work are appreciated. Who, what, when, how, etc.

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Next Silver Oaks Phase I Home Owners Association Meeting – April 11, 2006
6:30 pm, Davidson Middle School

You are invited and encouraged to attend. **Help us make sure we are meeting your needs.**

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**Silver Oaks Phase I
Home Owner's Association
P.O. Box 1542
Crestview FL 32539**

Silver Oaks Phase I Board of Director Meeting Summary, March 14, 2006

Location: Davidson Middle School, Library
Crestview, Florida

Board Members In Attendance:

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| Kim Bowman | 398-6287 (Change) | phil-dirt@cox.net |
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Absent:

None

Special interest item. Neighborhood Watch (NW) program status. Kim Bowman reported that she wants to buy four more NW signs for Phase I. Approved. Side note. Phase II has recently signed up for the NW program also. We believe this will help cause evildoers to look elsewhere to do their deeds.

Treasurer's report.

- Income for this period: \$5,645.50. Expenses have been \$877.31. Margo V.
- 124 out of 130 lot owners have paid their 2006 Homeowner assessment dues. Thank you. Margo V.

Architectural Review Committee Report

- Address(es) and Items approved since last meeting.
 - 5840 Huntington Meadows Drive - Shed
 - 2634 Sorrel Ridge Road – Fence
 - 5851 Saratoga Drive – Fence, pool, & shed
- Progress on fence and sod damage complaints concerning pool and fence project. Continuing. Action ARC
- After-the-fact variance request by Pro-Built on side yard for new residence at Sorrel Ridge and Saratoga was approved by Okaloosa County. County requirement exceeds our side set-up requirement on corner lots. Closed.
- Badly damaged mailbox stations not reported to Barbara Cole list will be provided to ARC for possible action. Action: Barbara Cole and ARC
- Several residents have taken care of their improperly stored trailers and RVs. Thanks. Continuing enforcement action needed on some. ARC.

Old Business

- Yard of The Month for March is located at 2603 Pinto Lane. Congratulations to the Johnson family. See photo on back Cover of this newsletter. Continuing.
- On going petitions on speed bumps and sidewalk from front of Phase I to Davidson Middle School are pending. Action: Ed Santos.

- Calendar of Events. Margo Vickery reminded all of upcoming community wide yard sale on April 1, 2006. Phase II Silver Oaks has been invited to participate.
- Damaged mailbox station repair status. Barbara Cole reported that three more newspaper boxes furnished by the Homeowner association have been installed to replace damaged ones. The action team installed two and a homeowner installed the other. We have one uninstalled newspaper box left. Barbara has ordered and delivered black caps and joiners to three homeowners. Barbara Cole recommended that the Board of Directors consider sending letters of compliance to homeowners whose mail stations are not up to standard. NOTE: This recommendation is related to the fourth bullet in ARC portion above.
- Change/amendment project for Covenants and Restrictions update. Barbara Cole reported her committee met on March 7, 2006. To date, the committee has received two suggestions. One is for Signs and another is for Architectural Fees. One member asked if By-Laws were to be included for this project. Board discussed and By-Law changes will be handled separately as approval process is much different. See related article on page 3 of this newsletter.

New Business

- Swimming Pool Dues. As in past years, Silver Oaks Phase I residents can use the Phase II swim pool on Saratoga between Phase I and Phase II areas providing they are enrolled in the Phase II accounting system. Cost is \$99.00 per family for 2006. You can sign up for this by sending your check to Silver Oaks Phase II, P.O. Box 2177, Crestview, FL 32536. After your check has been received, one of the Phase II board members will send you a pass and the combination to get into the pool. In addition, you will be notified if and when the combination changes through out the swim season. They ask that this be the ONLY manner of signing up for pool use. No walk-ins. The pool will open soon assuming all systems are go within the pool. The sooner you sign up, the sooner you will have your pass, etc. Closed.
- Florida Sunshine Law. Reminder. We are a public entity and board business should not be discussed (or deals made) by the Directors outside of the meeting place. NOTE: This does not preclude email traffic to include votes amongst Board members.
- Retention ponds are maintained/monitored on a regular basis by the Grounds Committee. The county does repairs. A stone (or concrete) bench and trash receptacle will be placed in front of the retention pond on Hunting Meadows and Saratoga by the Grounds Committee. We will see if that area can be a school bus stop and, of course, all residents of Silver Oaks may use the bench and trash receptacle. We may consider benches at the other retention ponds at a later date. Edwin Santos.
- We're adding proposed By-Laws amendments to the ongoing effort. See page 3 for details.
- New board member, Gerald Campbell, volunteered to:
 - o Try to get some discount coupons or other items from local businesses for our Yard of The Month winners. Open
 - o Look into establishing a playground or community social area on a vacant lot within Phase I, Silver Oaks. Open

Fence Finished Side By Bill Vickery

There have been some questions on fences within Silver Oaks Phase I. Our covenants and restrictions require our Architectural Committee approve fences and many other items before construction is started. But, they do not address "finished sides of fences." Okaloosa County does have a requirements concerning this and it says: "Any fence located adjacent to a public right-of-way, private road, or public access shall be placed with the finished side facing that right-of-way, road or public access." This and several other requirements can be found at: http://www.co.okaloosa.fl.us/plan_permit.html Click on [Residential fences](#). Please refer questions on these requirements to the Okaloosa Growth Management office at 1804 Lewis Turner Blvd, Suite 200, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547, Phone: (850) 651-7180 or Fax: (850) 651-7706.

By-Laws and Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, & Restrictions of Silver Oaks, Phase I Amendments

By Bill Vickery

We believe our By-Laws and Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions can be improved and made more accommodating to the needs of our homeowners. We are asking our lot owners to review these documents and submit the ones they would like to see changed or done away with. To help all understand your thought process, please submit your recommendation(s) in the following format:

Reference: Indicate Which Document You Referring to and include Article, Section and Paragraph of the portion you are discussing.

Proposed Change: State current wording of your reference **and** your proposed wording of amendment or say, "delete."

Rationale: Provide your reasoning to justify this change. Why should lot owners vote for this? Why is this a good idea? Consider and address impact(s), cost factor(s) to include savings potential, and quality of life within Silver Oaks Phase I., if applicable.

NOTE: Each proposed amendment will be in the above format on the ballot for a vote of YES or NO. It is very important that your wording be clear and concise to help everyone understand your proposal.

If you do not have a copy of the By-Laws and/or Covenants and Restrictions, they are available at <http://www.silveroaksfl.com> If you do not have access to a computer and need a copy, please contact one of our Board of Directors. They will be able to get you a copy. Mail your recommended amendments to: Silver Oaks Phase I HOA, P.O. Box 1542, Crestview, FL 32536 as soon as possible but **not later than April 6, 2006.**

Welcome to:

Dale Rice and family who very recently moved into their new home at 5832 Buckskin Court.

Michael R. and Carole L. Bishop who bought the home located at 2600 Palamino Trail.

Patrick, Angie, Alyssa (8yrs.) & Max (8months) Howanitz of Niceville, FL who recently bought Lot 38 located at 5882 Saratoga Drive. They will begin construction on their new home soon.

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Aggressive Driving: Florida Statute 316.1923 describes Aggressive Driving as committing two or more of the following acts simultaneously or in succession:

- (1) Exceeding the posted speed by 15 or more miles per hour
- (2) Unsafely or improperly changing lanes
- (3) Following another vehicle too closely
- (4) Failing to yield the right-of-way
- (5) Improperly passing
- (6) Violating traffic control and signal devices

This statute is not a charging statute, merely a defining statute. A check-box on the Uniform Traffic Citation allows the law enforcement officer to indicate the driver was an aggressive driver who committed

two or more of the above offenses. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) in Tallahassee collects data from these citations to provide statistical information concerning aggressive driving. This statistical information is used to improve traffic laws.

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office is working hard to reduce aggressive driving in our County. The best way to report aggressive driving is while it is happening by calling *SO on your Alltel cellular phone or #OCSO on any AT&T cellular phone. Most aggressive drivers are habitual offenders. If you cannot report aggressive driving as it is occurring then you may send us the vehicle's information by completing a form so our Special Enforcement Team can be on the look out for the vehicle. You reach the form by opening up <http://www.sheriff-okaloosa.org/> and then going down the left hand side of the web site to: [ON-LINE REPORT FORMS](#)

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WANTED: Your Wants/Needs/FOR SALE items. If you are looking for something or a particular service, i.e., lawn cutting, car washing, pressure washing, etc., or, if you, as a private person (not in business), have something to sell, send your data for next newsletter. **Free.**

SERVICE OFFERED: I will wash your car or truck in my or your driveway using my soap and accessories. Contact Edwin Santos, Jr., 682- 2911

SERVICE OFFERED: Baby sitting (after school hours) in your home. Contact Amy Santos, 682-2911

NEW RESIDENTS: If you recently moved into our area and have not received a welcome basket, please let us know. Contact one of your Board Members listed on the cover of this newsletter.

IF YOU HAVE A NEW RESIDENT AS A NEIGHBOR: Please introduce yourself and welcome the new folks to our neighborhood.

CHS To Hold Jazz Concert on March 23, 2006. Crestview High School (CHS) will entertain everyone with a free Jazz Concert on March 23rd. District award winning jazz bands, in addition to two amazing vocalists, are ready to swing the night away on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the CHS auditorium. Come on out and see the amazing talent of the dedicated students.

Once a Month Bunco Club? A group of ladies in our neighborhood would like to start a once-a-month Bunco Club. If you are interested or want more information, please call Connie O'Neill at 682-4654.



March 2006 Yard Of The Month (The Johnson home, 2603 Pinto Lane)



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