



**Silver Oaks Subdivision, Phase I, Home Owner's Association Newsletter  
April 2008**

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**Newsletter**

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**Next Silver Oaks Phase I Home Owners  
Association Board of Director's Meeting  
May 13, 2008, 6:30 pm  
At Davidson Middle School  
You are invited and encouraged to attend.**

**Silver Oaks Phase I  
Home Owner's Association  
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Web Site: <http://www.silveroaksfl.com>

## **Silver Oaks Phase I Owners Association (HOA) Board of Directors**

**Mission Statement:** The Silver Oaks Phase I Owner Association Board of Directors (BOD) manages the affairs of the Silver Oaks Phase I Owners Association. The BOD uses the By-Laws of Silver Oaks Phase I Owner's Association; Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of Silver Oaks Subdivision Phase I; and Written Procedures approved by majority vote of the BOD as primary guide lines when carrying out their duties. Duties include, but are not limited to: management of the common areas and facilities, management of owner assessment dues, and architectural review controls.

**Vision Statement:** Working as a team, the Board of Directors assures exclusive country living within the area while promoting community participation in the Owner Association by being good stewards of the requirements and funds. Good will and communication are also promoted. Our prestigious area remains a sought after place to live and property values remain on par with or exceeding that of neighboring communities.

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### **From the President**

Happy Spring Silver Oaks!!!

Well, we have made it thru another winter, and now comes the time of year we all love. Spring! Flowers are blooming, grass is growing, birds are chirping, and now guess what we all get to do? You know the answer deep down inside...YARD WORK!!! The sentence was going good right till the end right? It was like a record being scratched. (Do you guys still remember records/LP's?) Anyway, it is time for the monthly update, so here it goes.

It pretty much has been a quiet month. As you know the well is in and in full operation. I believe this is the first month without a water bill. The sprinklers work and now correctly watering our property and not the asphalt. The lawn contractor for the front has been contacted, and he has begun planting, trimming, fertilizing, cleaning up the flower beds. There will be some more additions to the flower beds, things are going at a cautious pace as we do have to watch the "bottom line." However things are moving along. As some of you might have noticed the arrangement with the other lawn contractor for the retention ponds and private lots has begun, and for the most part all the areas that were a concern before are now looking decent. There is a water issue on Sorrel Ridge we are keeping our eye on and trying to come up with a fix. There are some families on Pinto and Saratoga that are experiencing water problems. To them I say please hang in there and I will be contacting you soon to see if together you and I can come up with a fix. For the most part so far so good...

I want to remind everyone to please make an effort to do some spring cleaning both for the yard and the house. We have our Yard Sale this coming weekend, it has been advertised in the local papers, some signs will be posted. For those of you that will experience this for the first time, it gets pretty busy, and the more of us that participate, the better. I ask we all put a good foot forward on the yards as to spruce up our image as far as curb appeal. Please remember that there are homes for sale in our community and our overall appearance could possibly make the difference in a sale. Not only that, but we can continue to maintain our wonderful community and continue to provide a safe, clean, well kept community for our kids.

One of our former members of the Board of Directors of Silver Oaks Phase I, Mr. Jimmy Mynard, 5843 Hunting Meadows, fell last week and broke his hip in three places. He will be in the hospital for a while. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

We've had a complaint about a foul smell coming from the back yard of a resident that has dogs. We suspect there are more yards that might be offending. Please make sure droppings are picked up every few days to assure the smell does not cause your neighbors anguish.

Lastly, I wanted to again remind you that we have a Community Watch program in place. We need volunteers to assist with "block watches." Our Board Point of Contact is Al Hansen.

And, for those of you wanting the applications to the Phase II pool, it is now posted on our website [www.silveroaksfl.com](http://www.silveroaksfl.com)

Well, that is it for this month. As I said, it was a slow month. As always if there is anything anyone needs help with please do not hesitate to ask. –Santos out-

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### **Treasurer's Report**

By: Margo Vickery, Treasurer

Thank you to all who have already paid their 2008 SOHOA Assessments/Dues. As of April 9, 2008 we have 10 overdue Assessments/Dues. Four of these include unpaid 2007 Assessment/Dues carried over from the last Board. Certified letters have already gone out on the 2007 Assessments/Dues not paid. We understand there can be problems, but we would prefer you get in touch with the Association Treasurer rather than us having to send certified letters or file liens on your property. The Association Treasurer is responsible for depositing cash or checks and asks that you would funnel your payment or correspondence through her and not the Accountant or anyone else. The SOHOA Box #1542 and her telephone number appear at the top of your invoice. All mail to the Board of Directors should go to our Box number.

Your funds are being put to good use. You will have noticed the improvements made to the landscaping up front, the maintenance on the retention ponds, and the decorating for Holidays. There are still improvements to be made, and with the addition of the well, which is recognized as a Land Improvement, our landscaping should remain green.

We are trying very hard to stick to budget this year and be good stewards of your money. Six months into the financial year, we are running at 55% of expense against budget.

If you have any SOHOA financial concerns please feel free to call me at (850) 423-0996.

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## Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Recent Activity

**APPROVED PROJECTS:** Front door color change, 2606 Pinto Lane

**DISAPPROVED PROJECTS:** None

**PENDING:** Gazebo/patio project, 2640 Sorrel Ridge Road  
Deck Inspection, 5880 Saratoga

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### Silver Oaks Phase I Yard of The Month

By Al Hansen

The yard of the month committee has selected the O'Neill home located at 5845 Saratoga as the yard of the month, for April. Congratulations, Joe, Connie and family.

Donated gifts to the family were provided by Tanning and Hair Center, The Blonde Bellagio, and Waffle House.

Thanks to all the donors for their generosity.

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### New Folks

By: Connie O'Neill

**NEW RESIDENTS:** If you recently moved into our area and have not received a welcome basket, please let us know. Contact Al Hansen or me listed on the cover of this newsletter.

**IF YOU HAVE A NEW RESIDENT AS A NEIGHBOR:** Please introduce yourself and welcome them to our neighborhood.

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### 2008 Silver Oaks Community Swimming Pool Information

By: Bill Vickery

The annual fee for each residence in Phase I is \$130.00 payable in advance. The Phase II folks will issue a laminated pass that must be taken to the pool each time your family uses it. Pool is open. The application is on our web site. If you don't have access to the Internet, contact Edwin Santos or Karen Figueroa for an application for a pool pass.

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**REMINDER:** Silver Oaks Phases I and II Community  
Yard Sale will be April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008.  
If you aren't there, you won't be.

## Silver Oaks Phase I Newsletter

By: Bill Vickery

Our newsletter is found on the Silver Oaks web site at [www.silveroaksfl.com](http://www.silveroaksfl.com) It is normally there by the time the latest issue is delivered or before. If you would rather download or read your copy (in color) from the web site and want us to take your name off our distribution list, please let us know by email or by sending us a note through normal mail. Each non-color copy not printed saves us approximately .52 cents plus postage if you live outside the area.

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### Silver Oaks Directory

**LAST CALL** to put your information in the Silver Oaks directory! If you haven't seen me (Ginger Arthur) at your door, it is now time to either call or email me. I have made the loop around neighborhood and have good response, but I am ready to put this directory "to bed." I need first and last name of the homeowners, address, phone #, email and other which includes kids and ages and if you have a home based business you like the neighborhood to know about. If there is something you do not want listed omit it from the email. This information needs to be in by April 30<sup>th</sup> so we can go to print.

Thank you, Ginger Arthur, (850) 398-6014, email: [willsbear@cox.net](mailto:willsbear@cox.net)

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### ODDS and ENDS

#### **Spanish Trail Cruiser and Other Clubs Car Show and Rotary Fish Fry**

**Fundraiser** – Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> on Main Street, Crestview, FL. Nice looking cars, trucks, hotrods, customs, etc., from all over NW Florida and Southern Alabama will be on Main Street from around noon. Main Street is basically closed to vehicle traffic. No admission charge. A fun day to be had by all! For Tickets for the Fish Fry meal, call Ginger Arthur @ 398-6014. Meals are \$10 and include Fish, baked beans, slaw, drink and brownie.

**Are you seeking opportunities to excel?** Do you have a service you are offering the residents of Silver Oaks? For example, lawn care, car/truck washing, baby-sitting, etc. If so, please send us the details and we'll include your entry (at no cost) in the next newsletter.

#### **SERVICES RENDERED:**

- **For alterations call**, Karen Figueroa at 689-3442
- **POORBOY'S Auto Detailing.** Automotive detailing from basic car washes to complete detailings. Call Edwin Santos, Jr., at 398-5682

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:** You can't control the cards you are dealt, but you can control how you play them. (Randy Pausch)

**THOUGHT FOR MONTH:** There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it hardly becomes any one of us to talk about the rest of us.  
(Author unknown) From: [www.mountainwings.com](http://www.mountainwings.com)

## HUMOR

### Talking Dog

Author unknown (from internet)

A guy is driving around NorthWest Florida and he sees a sign in front of a house: "Talking Dog For Sale."

He rings the bell and the owner appears and tells him the dog is in the backyard. The guy goes into the backyard and sees a nice looking Labrador Retriever sitting there.

"You talk?" he asks. "Yep," the Lab replies. After the guy recovers from the shock of hearing a dog speak, he says, "So, what's your story?"

The Lab looks up and says, "Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young. I wanted to help the government, so I went to Washington DC and told them. In no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping.

I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running.

"But the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger so I decided to settle down. I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security, wandering near suspicious characters and listening in.

"I uncovered some incredible stuff and was awarded a bunch of medals. I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired."

The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog.

"Ten dollars," the guy says. "Ten dollars?! This dog is amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?"

"Because he's a liar. He never did any of that stuff."



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H O U S E**

Thanks to Waffle House for their support of our Yard Of The Month program. We have three good locations near us and many others throughout the nation.

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298 James Lee Blvd  
Crestview, FL

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#3. Waffle House  
628 N. John Sims Pkwy  
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**April 2008 Yard of The Month, The O'Neill's, 5845 Saratoga Drive**



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