



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

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**Next Silver Oaks Phase I Home Owners  
Association Board of Director's Meeting  
March 11, 2008, 6:30 pm  
At Davidson Middle School  
You are invited and encouraged to attend.**

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## **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.

### **From the President**

Time for the monthly update and since we last spoke, there has been some forward movement on some issues.

- A. The contract for the water well has been awarded, the county has been notified, permits needed have been secured, and the utility flagging company has been notified to flag the entrance with important utilities. As of right now we are scheduled to begin the well digging any day now. I would like to Thank Karen Figueroa for taking the lead on this issue. The drive she has exhibited is exactly the energy we need. Thank You Karen!!!!
- B. Now that the well is on its way, we will divert our attention on the curb appeal of the entrance. This month's plan is to secure a contract for the re-planting/sodding of the entrance to replace dead plants, and trim and clean up the entrance. Barbara Cole has fixed the fence posts up front, and we will be pressure washing the fence line, cutting back growth, and re-planting some nice flowers with colors.(Foo-Foo plants as I call them.) Since we will be hiring someone to pressure wash the fence line, I would like to see if all the street signs in the community can be cleaned up. We are planning on replacing the lettering on the signs with reflective letters to aid in visibility. We will also look at sagging/loose signs in the community. (More to come)
- C. Soon you will see a contractor cutting down the growth at the retention ponds. Once that is done I will move to see about maybe adding some plantings in the front of the ponds to aid in the curb appeal throughout the community. (More to come)

Now on to a "Puppy" note: I have received e-mails form neighbors throughout the community about members of our families. Yup, you guessed it our canine friends and loved ones. It seems that when we let them loose in our yards, they naturally do their thing right? Well folks are just sending reminders to please pick up after your dogs. When the weather is warm, the light but airy aroma to your neighbors near by does not smell like roses. (Get what I mean?) On that note, I would also remind all us puppy owners to please pick up after your pets as you take them out on their walks. It is only fair and respectful of our fellow neighbors. Believe me, I just got a pup, and the thing most displeasing to me is bending down to pick up poop, but we all must. (Who am I kidding; I make the kids pick it up!) ☺

Final subject: Our community is full of wonderful children. A week or two ago I was confronted by a few of our kids, and they were very open and up front about a subject that was bothering them. First let me say to them that I applaud and want to encourage them to articulate to any one of us on the board anything that is bothering them. If you left feeling that it was a waste of time, you are wrong. I enjoyed talking to you guys, and it left me feeling very comfortable with the maturity of our children in the area. I am here for you as well!! With that said the topic of conversation was the constant complaining by certain people about the activities the kids in the community undertake to entertain themselves.

It seems that no matter what activity they do someone is always complaining to them to shoo, stop what they are doing because it is annoying to someone, they do not belong there, etc. They told me that they get yelled at for playing stickball, riding skateboards, playing air soft (a form of war game but with different guns.) If they go to empty lots, they get run off, so on and so on. The older teens said that they get in trouble for playing music at a respectable volume while washing their cars. I myself got complaints because my son was detailing cars in front of my house. (He was saving up for his dirt bike.) In the interest of saving space here, all I will say is this. These kids in our community belong here just as we all do. It is not their fault, and all they are doing is exactly what most of us did as kids their age. As long as they are not breaking things and raising hell, I really feel we all need to be tolerant of them. Most folks I talk to complain that kids nowadays just play computer games inside. Well, here it is the opposite. We need to encourage their activities, and understand that in Crestview there is pretty much nothing for them to do. If there is, it involves a lot of money to get them to participate. A game of football / baseball in the middle of the street, some skateboarding, riding scooter / motorbikes / bicycles is not an evil thing. From what I have noticed they are out and about at times where most of us are just getting home, or on weekends during times where everyone is up and about. Is it really bothersome to hear noise during those times? Let's look at things from their point of view, give them a break. I enjoy being around them as they bring out the youth in me. It is invigorating, give it a try. Stop talk to them; find out what they are about. I suspect that you will find some very well mannered, intelligent kids that mean no harm to anyone. That's my two cents for the month; I look forward to seeing you all as I am walking my new pup. As always if you have anything at all you would like to speak to me about, please, please, please feel free to stop me. Maybe we can have a few laughs. So long, and take care of each other. – Santos out –

Edwin Santos

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### **2008 Homeowner's Assessment**

By: Margo Vickery, Treasurer

The 2008 homeowner's assessment at \$135.00 per lot notices for 2008 were sent out by Mike McDuffies' Accounting Services to each lot owner in Silver Oaks Phase I. Due date: 15 February 2008. Overdue date is: 15 March 2008. **If you are a lot/home owner and have not** received an invoice for your 2008 assessment, please let me know. 60 owners made their annual payment before the due date.

Thanks much!

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### **Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Recent Activity**

By: Kevin Miller, ARC Chair

**APPROVED PROJECTS:** None

**DISAPPROVED PROJECTS:** None

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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 will open March 10, 2008. Current plan is to put the application on our web site. Until that happens or if you don't have access to the Internet, contact Edwin Santos for an application for a pool pass.

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## **Yard of The Month**

By: Karen Figueroa

**Congratulations to Neil and Diana Auen** of 5846 Calumet Court for having the Silver Oaks Phase I Yard of The Month for February 2008. In addition to having our sign in their yard this month and a photo of their yard on the back of this newsletter, they received the following donated gifts: \$25.00 gift certificate from Publix's Crestview Store Manager, Mr. Tim Bryant and gift bag from: The Blonde Bellagio, 224 Texas Pkwy, Crestview. Included in the gift bag was a \$25.00 gift certificate to be used toward a haircut, massage, or purchase of products; plus a candle; and two bottles of hair products.

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## **Kids Are People Too**

By: Edwin Santos, Jr., and Others

Hello Silver Oaks. I am one of many kids in this community and my father encouraged us to write this essay to the community to talk about something that has been bothering all of us kids in the subdivision. It is the constant complaining about our sports or activities that we play. I want to begin with an apology to everyone for being a nuisance with the activities we choose. I know all of us do not mean to be a bother. We really don't. We keep adjusting our activities so that we will not bother people, but it has come to a boiling point now that we have no other choice but to speak out respectfully to voice our frustration. We get in trouble for stickball in the street so we stopped. We got in trouble for skateboarding, so we stopped. We got in trouble for air soft games, so we moved to an empty lot, we got in trouble. (I guess for disturbing the dirt) We ride our dirt bikes on empty lots because people wanted us off the streets, now we are getting in trouble for that. We ride our scooters; we get in trouble for that. We decide to earn some extra money for ourselves by washing cars and someone did not like that. The point I am trying to get to is really a question. What is it that we kids in the neighborhood can do that will not disturb anyone? We are kids, and I am going to take a guess in that we did not really have a choice in where we live. We are just trying to make the best of it, and play. We really had no idea that we moved into a retirement community. Please do not get me wrong, I mean no disrespect to anyone, but we really are just trying to see if we can get a bit of understanding from the elders in the community. We are trying to limit our play time to hours where normal people are up and times where we are not being rude to anyone, but it seems that out of a 24 hour day the only time we are not rude is one hour out of any given day. Does it really bother everyone to hear noise for about 30 to 40 minutes while I and other kids ride our dirt bikes? I promise we are not trying to destroy anyone's land or anything. Now we are being threatened that the police will be called on us. They are going to call the cops on us? People in our own community are going to the extremes now that they will have us arrested? All we are doing is trying to enjoy an activity in a way that it does not cost our parent 30 dollars all the time to take us someplace. That is just a recent example, but it goes further as we find that the intolerance for us kids is getting more and more obvious. I and others confronted my dad about this and he heard us out, but he is forced to enforce what is right even if it is wrong towards us. I saw his frustration, but then he told us about voicing our collective opinion through Mr. Bill and this newsletter. It is really our hope that you can understand where we are coming from. We mean no harm, and if we get out of control all you need to do is tell us. I know there are times we all can get carried away and get loud, and crazy. Forgive us for that please. Again all we are trying to do is have fun. Whatever you do please do not call the Police on us. However loud we get, that is something we do not deserve. I thank you for hearing us out, and I hope we all can find some common ground. (Sorry if I took a lot of time, but my DAD always has to turn things into a learning experience for me. Thanks Dad!!)

Respectfully,  
The kids of Silver Oaks

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## Silver Oaks Directory

By Ginger Arthur

The Silver Oak (SO) Directory is a work in progress. Sorry that I am taking longer than I would like but I am plugging away slowly. If you have a moment and would like to email me your information this would speed the process along or I will eventually knock on your door and get it from you in person. **This is what we are looking for:**

**Name of family members, address, phone number, email address, kids (living with you) and ages (in case another neighbor may want to make a play date). Other is a business you have home or in the community that maybe our neighbors may like to know about or if you are interested in a group or organizing a group (i.e. play group, book club or a ladies night out). If there is anything you would like not published in the SO Directory please just put NL for not listed.**

We are not trying to invade in anyone privacy. Our goal with the directory is to help out our neighbors be able to communicate with everyone or just find a baby sitter for a night out. Thanks to everyone who has already given me their information.

Sincerely, Ginger Arthur, (850) 398-6014 or [willsbear@cox.net](mailto:willsbear@cox.net)

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## New Folks

By: Connie O'Neill

### WELCOME TO:

- Steve & Michelle Taylor and their three sons: Jake, Eric & Ben, at 5861 Hunting Meadows Drive. Steve is in the military and they just returned to the states after spending five years in Germany.
- Jeffrey & Christine Marks and daughter: Amanda, age 11, at 5840 Hunting Meadows Drive. Jeffrey is the new golf pro at Heritage Plantation.

**NEW RESIDENTS:** If you recently moved into our area and have not received a welcome basket, please let us know. Contact Connie O'Neill or Al Hansen 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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## Sources for Fake Rocks (Artificial Boulders)

By Bill Vickery

Here are two sources for nice looking fake rocks. They can be very useful for covering back-flow pipes or septic tank openings providing protection against weather damage. Or, if you are handy with a saw and hammer, consider the novel doghouse style back-flow pipe cover at 2622 Sorrel Ridge Road.

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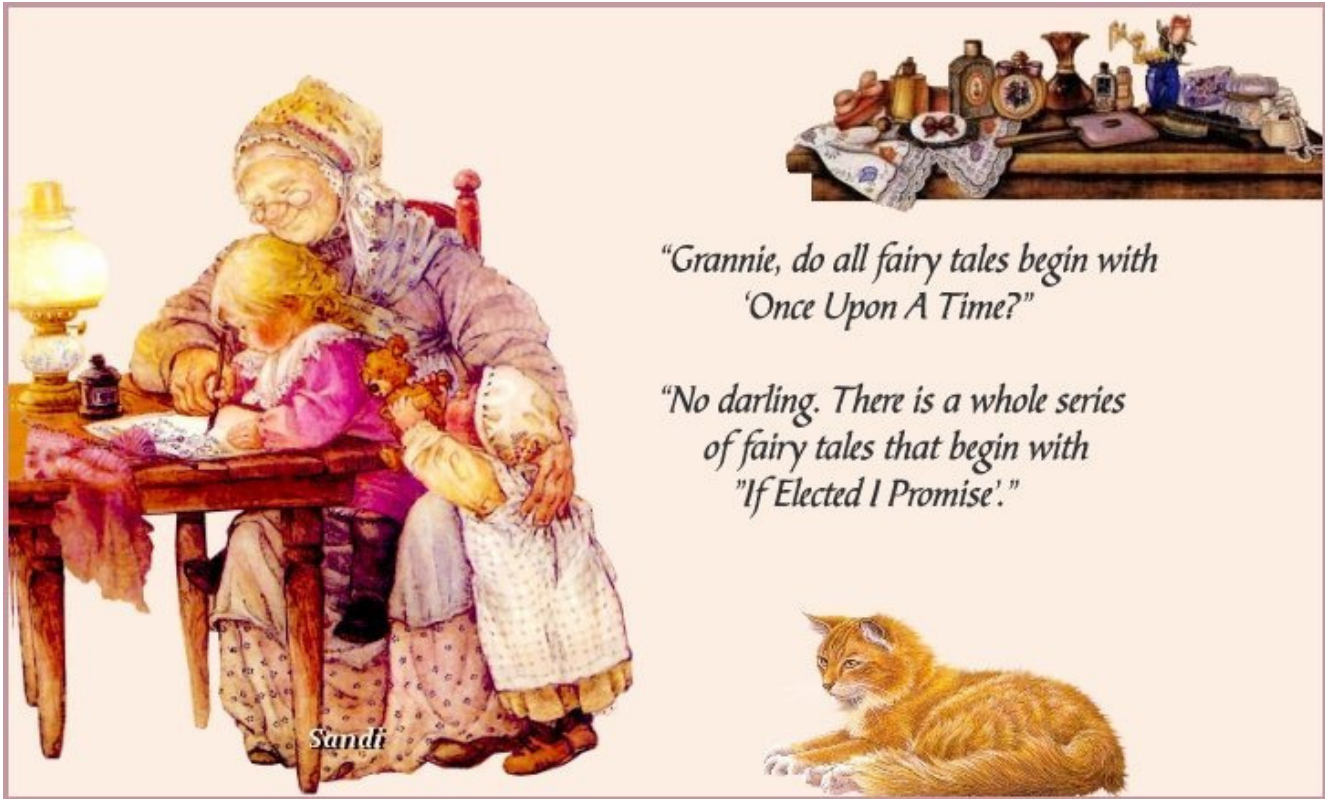
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** A community easter egg hunt is in the planning stages for March. More details later. If you are interested in helping, please contact Ginger Arthur, (850) 398-6014 or [willsbear@cox.net](mailto:willsbear@cox.net)
- **Upcoming Silver Oaks Community Yard Sale:** April 12, 2008 is the date. The sale will be advertised in local paper. More information on this next month. Please ponder. The more you put out for sale, the better your chances of selling more.
- **Check data on your zip code at <http://zipskinny.com/>** Enter your zip code and see U.S. Census data, i.e., education levels, average wages, ethnic group representation, and much more on your zip code with comparisons to other zip codes. You'll find nationwide information on the web site.
- **Are you seeking opportunities to excel (make some extra money)?** 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 in the next newsletter.
- **For alterations:** Call, Karen Figueroa at 689-3442.
- **Want to Volunteer?** The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office has four separate and distinct programs currently available to anyone who would like to volunteer. Each program fulfills a different mission and each is suitable for a different segment of the population. The programs are: Explorers; Volunteers; Posse; and Chaplain program. Get more information at: <http://www.sheriff-okaloosa.org/volunteer.htm> or from the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, 1250 North Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, FL 32579 or by calling (850) 651-7410.

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**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:** Practice makes perfect. Be careful what you practice. (Author Unknown)

## HUMOR



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### Seniors on a Road Trip

Author unknown (from Internet)

While on a road trip, an elderly couple stopped at a roadside restaurant for lunch. After finishing their meal, they left the restaurant and resumed their trip.

When leaving, the elderly woman unknowingly left her glasses on the table and she didn't miss them until they had been driving about twenty minutes.

By then, to add to the aggravation, they had to travel quite a distance before they could find a place to turn around -- in order to return to the restaurant to retrieve her glasses.

All the way back, the husband became the classic grouchy old man. He fussed and complained and scolded his wife relentlessly during the entire return drive. The more he chided her -- the more agitated he became. He just wouldn't let up.

To her relief, they finally arrived at the restaurant. As the woman got out of the car and hurried inside to retrieve her glasses, the old geezer yelled to her .. "While you're in there, you might as well get my hat and the credit card!!"

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