

# Silver Oaks Subdivision, Phase I, Home Owner's Association Newsletter June 2008

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## Newsletter

We publish this newsletter monthly. It follows each Owner's Association Board of Director's meeting.
Opinions expressed are those of authors. Permission for Silver Oaks Phase I residents to reprint is granted.
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Next Silver Oaks Phase I Home Owners
Association Board of Director's Meeting
July 8, 2008, 6:30 pm
At Davidson Middle School
You are invited and encouraged to attend.

#### **ADDRESS:**

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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 <u>or</u> exceeding that of neighboring communities.

### **Homeowner's Assessments**

By: Margo Vickery, Treasurer

Thanks to all who have paid their 2008 Homeowner assessment/dues.

This month for the very first time, our association had to place liens at the Okaloosa County Courthouse on two properties and an undeveloped lot. All three of these lot owners had not paid their 2007 assessment/dues or their 2008 assessment/dues. Before these properties can be sold, the claim of lien for assessments and associated charges need to be satisfied. Paying your assessment/dues is like cutting your grass, asking permission to build a fence, or have a shed erected in your backyard, or keeping your property up to community standards. We obligate ourselves to do these things when we move into Silver Oaks. The Silver Oaks Phase I Owner Association Board of Directors, using the Covenants, Guidelines, and also the Written Procedures provided them, governs all these things. Most of the time the majority of homeowners abide by the Covenants etc., but sometimes there are the few that do not. We write them, call them, send certified mail, and ask them if there are special circumstances. This year our accountant sent an assessment notice, a reminder, and then a delinquency notice. Five people contacted us with explanations on their late payments and we made arrangement for them to pay. We don't feel good about placing liens, but sometimes something has to be done. Just like sending a letter when your grass is two feet high and has been that way for a time. If we can make contact with the owner, we always ask is there something we can do?

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

## **APPROVED PROJECTS:**

5862 Hunting Meadows, 6ft privacy fence and 10x20 shed

5832 Hunting Meadows, 10x12 Pergola

5851 Saratoga, fence and shed

2632 Sorrel Ridge, fence, patio, new driveway, hot tub

5836 Hunting Meadows, fence and shed

**DISAPPROVED PROJECTS:** None

**PENDING**: Unknown

## Silver Oaks Phase I June 2008 Yard of The Month

By Barbara Cole

We selected as our Yard of Month, the yard belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wise at 5833 Hunting Meadows Drive. Congratulations to the Wises! Donated gifts are: an assortment of hardware supplies from Ace Hardware and \$25.00 gift certificates from Publix Supermarket and Ryans' Restaurant.



702 N. Ferdon Blvd., Crestview, FL



2250 S. Ferdon Blvd., Crestview, FL (A \$25.00 gift certificate)



3000 S Ferdon Blvd Crestview, FL, 32536 (A \$25.00 gift certificate)

#### **New Folks**

**WELCOME TO:** Nicholas and Jaime Tambone, 5836 Hunting Meadows moved here from Crestview, FL

**NEW RESIDENTS:** If you recently moved into our area and have not received a welcome basket, please let us know. Contact Al Hansen or Connie O'Neill 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.

# Silver Oaks, Phase I Mail

By: Margo Vickery

Please send Silver Oaks, Phase I, Homeowners Association related mail to our P.O. Box 1542, Crestview, FL 32536.

# Okaloosa County Property Appraiser Web Site

By Bill Vickery

The Okaloosa Property Appraiser Web Site contains much information that residents should be familiar with. This database contains all sorts of information that could be of use to you. You can find out who has owned the property, prices paid, property tax history, map showing lot and location of house on lot, square feet of heated space, and other construction criteria. Go to:

# http://www.okaloosapa.com/index-search.html

After you agree to the terms presented, you'll get a screen showing the following:

- Search by Map
- o Search by Owner Name
- Search by Parcel Number
- o Search by Location Address
  - o Search by Business Name
- o Search by Subdivision Name

If you are searching by Parcel Number and enter: "32-4N—23-2233" you'll access a listing of all lots in Silver Oaks, Phase I.



# **News Release**

From: Kathy Newby, Okaloosa County

## Okaloosa County CERT Training in June & July

Okaloosa County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will hold training sessions June 28, July 12 and July 19 at Okaloosa Walton College (OWC), Niceville campus from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. If you would like to register, are interested in becoming a CERT member, or would like more information, contact Jennifer Tindall, (850) 243-0315, or email CERT@united-way.org

The CERT Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. The CERT program is an official emergency preparedness program administered under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Okaloosa County CERT has a new web site at <a href="www.okaloosa-cert-team.org">www.okaloosa-cert-team.org</a>. Okaloosa County CERT teams are designed to be coordinated at the neighborhood level by a designated CERT leader. The team leader is selected by the members of the team and is the official liaison between the neighborhood CERT and the Okaloosa County Department of Public Safety's Emergency Management Division.

# American Flag Display Program

By Myron Goetz

There is an American Flag display program through the local Masonic Lodge for \$35.00 a year. They come out with a 3'X5' flag on a 10' pole, seven times a year. That's only \$5.00 a holiday. Flag day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, MLK day, etc. Anyway, I just thought it was cool and an easy way to have a nice flag for the holidays.

Call Joe Hobart at 689-0272 or James Moore at 689-1603 if you are interested. It would be nice if the whole Silver Oaks area were flying them on the holidays.

## **Community Wide Standard Addition**

By Bill Vickery

The Silver Oaks Phase I Covenants and Restrictions say in Article VIII, Section 2, in part, "Each Owner shall be responsible for the maintenance of his Lot, including all structures, parking areas, and other improvements located thereon in a manner consistent with community wide standards and all applicable covenants." The Silver Oaks Phase I Board of Directors voted on 10 June 2008 to add the following as a Phase I Community Standard:

(ADDED) There should be no parking on seeded areas (lawns) by homeowners or renters. Parking on the grass or weeds on undeveloped lots is OK in moderation. There are times folks need to park there, i.e., social events at a house, emergencies, etc. But, full time parking on the grass (other than proper trailer storage) in Silver Oaks Phase I should be discouraged.

### ODDS and ENDS

**WANT ADS, FOR SALE, OR SERVICES RENDERED:** Do you need something, have something to sell, or a non-commercial service you are offering the residents of Silver Oaks? For example, lawn care, car/truck washing, alterations, baby-sitting, etc. If so, please send us the details and we'll include your entry 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 detailing. Call Edwin Santos, Jr., at 398-5682

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:** Life is like a coin...You can spend it anyway you want, but you can only spend it once!!! (Author unknown)

#### Humor

Little Johnny's at it again..... A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses. She started her class by saying, 'Everyone who thinks they're stupid, stand up!' After a few seconds, Little Johnny stood up. The teacher said, 'Do you think you're stupid, Little Johnny?' 'No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!'

#### MARRIAGE SEMINAR

While attending a Marriage Seminar dealing with communication, Joe and his wife Ann listened to the instructor, 'It is essential that husbands and wives know each other's likes and dislikes.' He addressed the man, 'Can you name your wife's favorite flower?' Tom leaned over, touched his wife's arm gently and whispered, 'It's Pillsbury, isn't it?

# **Exercise For People Over 50 or Close To It**

(author unknown, received from Charles Couch)

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 5-lb potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can.

Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

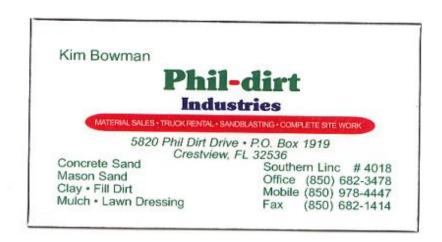
After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato sacks.

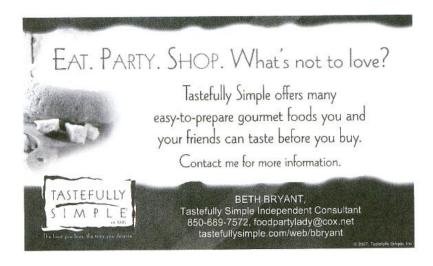
Then try 50-lb potato sacks and then eventually try to get where you can lift a 100-lb potato sack in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level.)

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each of the sacks.

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June 2008 Yard of The Month, The Wise Family, 5833 Hunting Meadows Drive



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