



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

### November 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. 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 will announce 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.

#### Advertising

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**Next Silver Oaks Phase I Home Owners Association General Membership & Board of Director's Meeting**  
**December 9, 2008, 6:30 pm**  
**At Davidson Middle School**

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Home Owner's Association  
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Our 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 Vice President**

We live in a nice kept up neighborhood where young families want to grow, and old folks want to enjoy, but we can't do that without your help.

Yesterday evening in place of the scheduled Annual Homeowner's Association Meeting, the SOHOA Phase 1 Board of Directors held a regular Board of Directors Meeting. To vote for new Board members at an Annual Meeting, the C&R requires 39 Lot Owners present or represented by proxies to constitute a quorum. Only 27 Lot Owners were represented, which did not meet the 39 Lot Owners required. As a result the Annual Election of new Officers could not take place. It and our annual report to the membership will be on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Two officers from the 2008 intake resigned their positions recently. The Board of Directors has the authority to appoint others to complete those terms. Lee Serman and Terry Frame volunteered, and were appointed by the board, to serve out the remaining two-year terms of the resigned Board Members. (Article IV, Section 3.) Lee is currently serving on the board, but his term finished with the November meeting. Lee's wife volunteered to do the Welcome Baskets. Connie O'Neill volunteered to head up the Neighborhood Watch Committee. We urge all of you to think "Neighborhood First" and step up to the plate and serve. Do you like to decorate for the holidays? Perhaps someone would like to take that on. What about taking on the monthly newsletter editor opportunity to excel?

The Board of Director terms of Ed Santos, Kevin Miller, Mike Maharaj, and Lee Serman have expired. We thank them for their service. And, we wish Mike Maharaj and his family all the best in their new home in Georgia.

Although our C&R says nine directors, Florida law requires only four officers, a president and vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer to register a non-profit corporation. As long as we have more than half of the existing board represented, we meet the majority rule for a quorum. We will press on with what we have, but we ask you all to consider attending the December 9th meeting or giving your neighbor your proxy so that we can hold an Annual General Membership Meeting.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Barbara Cole



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Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Recent Activity  
By Lee Sterman

**APPROVED PROJECTS:** None.

**DISAPPROVED PROJECTS:** None.

**PENDING:** None.

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**New Folks**

By Margo Vickery

If you recently moved into our area and have not received a Welcome Basket, please let us know. Contact Margo Vickery at 423-0996 or [mrvickery1@cox.net](mailto:mrvickery1@cox.net)

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

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**Silver Oaks Phase I November 2008 Yard of The Month**

By Barbara Cole

**2605 Pinto Lane**

**Home of Adam and Mary Grabowski**

Donations (gifts) by Crestview, Florida Merchants:

A Diva Day Spa (\$10.00 gift certificate)

Ryan's Grill, Buffet, and Bakery (dinner for two)

Publix Market (\$25.00 dollar gift certificate from Publix)

Annual Home/Lot Owner's Assessment  
By Margo Vickery, Treasurer

Just a reminder. The assessment has been raised to \$142.00 a year from \$135.00 per lot. Invoices will be sent out around the first week of January 2009.

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### ODDS and ENDS

The Citizens Academy is a way for citizens to learn about the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office. Students in the class will have an opportunity to tour the communications center, go on a ride along with a deputy, and fire Sheriff's Office firearms at the gun range. Everyone that takes the class must have a background check due to the sensitive information about the Sheriff's Office. The next Citizens Academy will begin on January 6th and go through March 24th on Tuesday evenings from 6p.m. to 9p.m. at the Administration Training Room. The application is on the Sheriff's Office website at [www.sheriff-okaloosa.org](http://www.sheriff-okaloosa.org) under Crime Prevention classes and on the 2nd page. I hope to see you at the first class!

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### Thoughts To Ponder

If at first you don't succeed skydiving is not for you. (Author unknown)

It's not whether you win or lose, but how you place the blame. (Author unknown)

We have enough youth. How about a fountain of 'smart'? (Author unknown)

**What about a great on-line cook book?** It has all sorts of good stuff in it. Lots of crock pot recipes and much more at: <http://www.50plusfriends.com/cookbook/>

**The Patriot Post Founder's Quote Daily.** "It should be the highest ambition of every American to extend his views beyond himself, and to bear in mind that his conduct will not only affect himself, his country, and his immediate posterity; but that its influence may be co-extensive with the world, and stamp political happiness or misery on ages yet unborn." (George Washington, letter to the Legislature of Pennsylvania, September 5, 1789)

## A Mountain Wings Moment

### The Law of The Garbage Truck (Author Unknown)

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy; and I mean, he was really friendly.

So I asked, 'Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!' This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, 'The Law of the Garbage Truck.'

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so..... 'Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't.'

Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it.

Editor's note: You can sign up for daily notes/stories via email like this one from Mountain Wings by visiting: <http://www.mountainwings.com>

**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.

**WANTED:** Volunteer to assume Silver Oaks Phase I Newsletter Editor duties. Must be willing to take monthly newsletter from drafts/ideas to finalization, reproduction, addressing, and delivery/mailing. Contact: Barbara Cole if you want to volunteer.

### **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

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