



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

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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.

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**Next Silver Oaks Phase I Home Owners
Association Board of Director's Meeting
October 14, 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 Vice President

A reminder to homeowners that the Silver Oaks Homeowners Association Annual General Membership meeting will be held at 6:30 PM at the Davidson Middle School on November 11, 2008. The Board needs replacements for four out-going members whose terms are up. There is only one regular meeting at 6:30 PM on the second Tuesday of October before the annual meeting. Anyone interested in becoming a board member should try to be at the October meeting and must be at the annual meeting to be nominated/voted on.

On behalf of the SOHOA, we sent a letter to Ms. Danielle Slater Pryce, Director of Public Works /Okaloosa County. We requested that the County Engineering Department look into and correct an erosion problem at a retention pond on Sorrel Ridge Road compounded by a modified swale across the street. They have been working on it for the past two weeks. They are correcting the swale in front of the residence at 2634 Sorrel Ridge Road that was modified by or at the direction of the past owner and have installed a proper drain and sluice across the street from this residence. Correcting the swale on the south side of Sorrel Ridge will direct the run-off to an existing drain on the same side of the street. Installing a drain and a sluice on the north side will help keep run-off from causing further erosion to the embankment of the retention pond. They are doing an excellent job with this project. We owe a big thanks to Ms. Pryce and the engineering Department for alleviating this problem.

Rainwater run-off should not stand in the street. Proper drainage and swales were installed when our subdivision was built to assure run-off was properly channeled assuring it did not run into the streets.

Please keep in mind that Article IX, Section 13 of our Covenants and Restrictions, prohibits individual owners from obstructing or re-channeling of drainage flows after location and installation of drainage swales or storm drains. The county has corrected other swales in our area at the request of homeowners.

Barbara Cole

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Recent Activity

By Kevin Miller

APPROVED PROJECTS: 5841 Hunting Meadows Dr., Screened patio

DISAPPROVED PROJECTS: None.

PENDING: None.

New Folks
By Margo Vickery

NEW RESIDENTS: 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 mvickery1@cox.net

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

Silver Oaks Phase I September 2008 Yard of The Month
By Barbara Cole

**5832 Hunting Meadows Drive
The Calhoun's
Thomas and Lisa**

Donations (gift) by:

The Jewelry Garden (\$20.00 gift certificate)
Crestview, FL
(850) 689-8904

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

Publix Market (\$25.00 dollar gift certificate from Publix)
Crestview, FL

**The Annual Fall Neighborhood Garage Sale, Saturday, 18 October 2008
from 7:00 am to whenever!**
By Margo Vickery

Silver Oaks Phase 1 & 2, Homeowner Associations, will handle publicity.

If you have not participated in a neighborhood garage sale before, here are some good hints from Heloise:

- Price everything before your sale begins. Put tags or stickers on individual items, or put one price on an entire table of items. You can also fill bags or boxes and price them. Customers want to know what everything costs, so if you make it easier for them it will sell faster.
- As you plan your sale, remember that people go to garage sales to find bargains. Price things accordingly.
- When getting payment for items sold at your sale, if you do not want to accept checks, post a large sign stating "cash only,"
- Enhance your garage sale. Let your children set up a refreshment stand. They can sell cookies, lemonade, soda, doughnuts, etc. It will make customers happy, and they might linger longer. – (Heloise)

And, last but not least, try tying balloons to your mailbox to make your individual sale more noticeable.

Dear Fellow Homeowners/Residents,

Thank you for all you do to make our community a nice place to live. Every time I turn onto Hunting Meadows from Old Bethel, I say to myself what a nice subdivision this is; but to keep it looking this way involves work not only on your part, but on the Association's Board of Directors also.

Your funds are being put to good use. We try our best to be good stewards of your money.

You will have noticed the improvements made to the landscaping up front, the maintenance on the retention ponds, regular grass cutting of undeveloped lots, decorating for Holidays, the cracked sidewalks that have been repaired, and some eyesores that have disappeared. There are still improvements to be made like some new sod up front and some evergreen bushes to screen the top part of Saratoga from Old Bethel Road. With the addition of the well, which is recognized as a Land Improvement, our landscaping should remain green and our water bill has gone away. At this time, the County Maintenance Team is working the erosion problems we have on the Sorrel Ridge Road Retention Ponds, and the drainage problems that exist on Sorrel Ridge. To make these things happen takes time, effort, and yes sometimes it even takes manual labor, by your Board of Directors. We have also worked more than a few complaints that have come to a good conclusion, thanks to the formation of the Complaints Committee who do their best to put community first.

When I came off the Board in 2006, I had no intention of going back on, but a plea was made at the 2008 Annual General Meeting for someone with expertise in the accounting field, and that was the call I answered. Our community needs us. We have people in our community that have expertise in many fields. The community needs you to step forward. At yesterday evening's meeting it was mentioned that a dead tree needed to come down. Lee Sterman volunteered to cut it down with his chainsaw. Problem solved. We need a secretary. We need people for Grounds. We need people for the Architectural Committee. We need people to decorate. Won't you please step forward and volunteer for a position on our new Board at the Annual General Meeting in November?

Sometimes it is difficult to leave our personal agenda behind and work for the betterment of the community, but we are getting there. After all we do have nine members who all think differently!

Margo V
Association Treasurer

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

FOR SALE: Beautiful 1962 Kohler and Campbell Spinet piano and bench for \$550.00 OBO. We are moving soon and can't take it with us. See at 2602 Pinto Lane. Call Cecilia Snyder 850-543-5945



Humor

(from internet, author unknown)

On a Plumber's truck:

'We repair what your husband fixed.'

On another Plumber's truck:

'Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber.'

At a Tire Shop in Milwaukee:

'Invite us to your next blowout.'

At a Towing company:

'We don't charge an arm and a leg. We want tows.'

In a Nonsmoking Area:

'If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action.'

On a Maternity Room door:

'Push. Push. Push.'

At an Optometrist's Office:

'If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place.'

On a Taxidermist's window:

'We really know our stuff.'

On a Fence:

'Salesmen welcome! Dog food is expensive!'

At a Car Dealership:

'The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment.'

Outside a Muffler Shop:

'No appointment necessary. We hear you coming.'

In a Veterinarian's waiting room:

'Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!'

At the Electric Company

'We would be delighted if you send in your payment.

However, if you don't, you will be.'

In a Restaurant window:

'Don't stand there and be hungry; come on in and get fed up.'

In the front yard of a Funeral Home:

'Drive carefully.. We'll wait.'

At a Propane Filling Station:

'Thank heaven for little grills.'

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Due to their continued support of our Yard of the Month program



**September 2008 Yard of the Month, 5832 Hunting Meadows Drive
The Calhoun Family Home**



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