



Silver Oaks Phase I Owners'
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Exclusive Country Living in North Crestview

April 2017 Newsletter

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions or By-Laws, or if you need a copy of the CCR's please contact one of the Board Members listed below. Homeowners are welcome and encouraged to attend our Homeowners Association Meetings held the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Davidson Middle School Library at 6:30 p.m.

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Top 5

Our board receives a number of recurring opportunities owners/residents can address. Here are the top 5:

- Ensure trash cans and wood remnants are not seen. Some residents do this through brick or wooden enclosures, or the use of bushes.
- Speeding. Okaloosa Sheriff's Office has increased traffic patrols.
- Paint or replace mailboxes; repair or clean posts/stations; replace Silver Oaks emblems.
- Inoperative vehicles, travel trailers, and boats/trailers must be kept in a concealed manner: Closed garage, storage space, or within a fence. If your neighbors can see it you'll have to store it elsewhere.
- Burning yard waste unsupervised and within 150 feet of another house. See our Covenants and this website: <http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/Wildland-Fire/Fire-Prevention/KNOW-THE-LAW-Before-Burning-Outdoors-in-Florida-Florida-s-Outdoor-Burning-and-Forest-Fire-Laws>



COMMUNITY



Saturday

April 22

7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

We hope you will participate in our Annual Spring Yard Sale. This is a great opportunity to get rid of those items that you can't seem to find a place for and also, those items you no longer need.

Don't have much to get rid of? No need to get all fancy. Just put your items out on the driveway and buyers will come to you.

To bring attention to your sale try tying balloons on your mailbox or place a SALE sign in your yard.

If by chance we have torrential rain on this day, we will try again the following Saturday, April 29.

From the President. . .

Hello Neighbors,

This is John Ensor, a resident since 2004, so I know many of you already and am looking forward to meeting others. My wife and I are retired from the Air Force and work part-time. Our kids are grown and are pursuing interests in Tallahassee, FL. and Little Rock, AR.

Thanks to our previous board President, Tim Bryant; Secretary, Joe O'Neill; and Carol Bishop for their leadership and efforts. I look forward to working with the new board as we focus on maintaining the harmony of the neighborhood and remain fiscally sound.

A hearty thanks to Joe O'Neill for continuing to manage our neighborhood website: silveroaksfl.com. Here you'll find board member names, meeting minutes, budgets, newsletters, helpful phone numbers, and our neighborhood rules. Note the website is maintained for both Phase 1 and Phase 2 lot owners.

Check out Facebook, maintained by Tim Bryant, which is a helpful tool to access neighbors. Thanks Tim! Residents interact to encourage one another answering questions, posting about pets, stranger-danger, and other activities occurring within Phases 1 and 2.

Allow me to highlight two activities this spring:

- The Phase 2 pool is open and hopefully you obtained the 2017 pool pass. If not, reach out to Ashley Schuster or a Phase 2 board member. Hopefully, the new pool decking will have been completed by this newsletter.
- Our next Silver Oaks Community Yard Sale is April 22, 7 am - 2 pm. Hopefully, we won't have to push it to the next Saturday for bad weather - keep your fingers crossed!

We live in a mature neighborhood where some homes in Phase 1 have been here since the 1990s. Thanks to the majority who contribute toward keeping houses and yards looking nice, and complying with our Covenants. Feel free to refer to the Rules and Regulations located at the top of our website. These documents help homeowners and renters who are submitting a request for board approval which includes remodeling, installing a pool, fence, or shed, or making repairs all of which could change the harmony of the neighborhood.

Construction is underway on the previously approved county park on Sorrel Ridge. Playground equipment has arrived and should be going up within months. More to follow...

Walkers and joggers should be enjoying the new sidewalk extensions, along with the new street lights which help to illuminate the dark areas at night. I've been receiving favorable comments about the benches now located throughout the subdivision. Our street signs are in disrepair, so we are planning to replace them in 2018, ensuring they meet D.O.T standards, yet continue to be aesthetically pleasing.

Let's have a great 2017!

WHEN DOODY CALLS

A hearty thanks goes out to those who pick up after their dog(s) while on a stroll through our beautiful Silver Oaks neighborhood.

I used to think dog feces "breaks down quickly." It takes over a year to fully decompose and can harm the environment. Some droppings contain harmful bacteria that can be washed through the storm water system into natural waterways. Also, this waste is protein based and poisonous to our lawns. Dr. Allan Paul, Veterinary Parasitologist at Illinois University, describes two parasites found in pet poop, roundworms and hookworms; both can infect dogs and people. Children and people with compromised immune systems are most at risk. Of course dogs can't clean up after themselves, so this becomes a people problem.

Okaloosa County recognized this issue and passed an ordinance, section 5-25(b). When "doody calls" and you properly address the issue, the whole community wins. One of the easiest ways to deal with the mess is to use a plastic bag. Simply pick up the waste, turn the bag inside out to enclose it, tie the top, and deposit it in your trash bin.

Let's pitch in together and continue to make our wonderful community even better.