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WELCOME TO SILVERLAKE HOA NEWS

*Official Newsletter
of the Silverlake
Homeowners Association*

Silverlake HOA News is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Silverlake residents. Each newsletter will be filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information, and more.

If you are involved with a school group, play group, scouts, sports team, social group, etc., and would like to submit an article for the newsletter, you can do so online at www.PEELinc.com, or you can email to silverlakenews@gmail.com. Personal news (announcements, accolades/ honors/ celebrations, etc.) are also welcome as long as they are from area residents.

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SILVERLAKE HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

Annual meeting scheduled- Tues, March 23, 2010

NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATIVES WERE ELECTED AT THE DECEMBER 1, 2009 MEETING. ELECTION RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS.

- Neighborhood 1 (Estates at Lakepointe) - Nancy Palmieri, Gail Barr
- Neighborhood 2 (the Gardens) - Dave Bohlman, B. Huffman
- Neighborhood 3 (Silverlake Townhomes) - Sam Granberry, Juergan Kromer
- Neighborhood 4 (Ashford Cove, Fairway Village) - Charles Gaeverst
- Neighborhood 5 (Cambridge Cove, Creekstone, Lakepointe, Winfield) – Karl Bernard
- Neighborhood 6 (Crestwood Cove, Springbrook) - Chris Speasmaker
- Neighborhood 7 (Fieldstone) - Curtis Meier
- Neighborhood 8 (Meadowview, Parkside) - Rita Dobbs
- Neighborhood 9 (Scofield, Sheldon Cove, Summerfield, Weatherford) - Phil Dempsey, David Maxwell
- Neighborhood 10 (Sedgefield) - Taft Buck
- Neighborhood 11 (Stonebridge) - Theodore Odom
- Neighborhood 12 (Waterbury Estates, Woodbend) – To be announced
- Commercial neighborhood area One - Richard Skotak

Letters have been sent to residents of Neighborhoods One, Five, Nine, Ten and Twelve to announce vacancies for Board of Director positions in these neighborhoods. If you have an interest in serving as a Director in your neighborhood, ***please submit a brief biography to:***

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- January 15, 2010 - is the deadline for PCMI to receive BOD applications/biographies. PCMI will prepare a list of candidates for BOD review at January 26, 2010 meeting.
- January 26, 2010 - HOA Board meeting. In executive session, BOD will review applications to assure good standing.
- February 4, 2010 - Notice of Annual Meeting to be sent to all residents Letters with attached candidate biographies to be sent to residents of five neighborhoods with open BOD positions. Proxy ballot to be included in letter with instructions for completion.
- March 10, 2010 - Final tally of ballots by PCMI. Note that candidates may canvas their neighborhood for proxy ballots and submit to PCMI for counting. Deadline for submission of ballots is March 9, 2010.

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HOA Board Meeting Recap

The November meeting of the Silverlake HOA was held on Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at the Silverlake Clubhouse on Southwyck Parkway. It was great to see a number of residents at this month's meeting. Here's a recap of items that were discussed:

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The board reminded everyone of the upcoming Neighborhood elections that were to be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2009. The residents were informed that not all of the neighborhoods in Silverlake had homeowners running for neighborhood positions and that unless a person interested in running were found, that neighborhood would not have a representative. There is a quorum requirement of 10% of the homeowners in the individual neighborhoods needed to elect a representative; if the neighborhoods fail to meet quorum on December 1, 2009, the board will convene a meeting immediately following the elections to vote in new representatives based upon those people present.

NEIGHBORHOOD REPS:

The neighborhood reps were asked to present problems or concerns within their specific neighborhoods that needed to be addressed by the board. In response to a problem that was brought up by the Weatherford representative last month, MUD 6 has stepped up to start work on needed sidewalk repairs in that neighborhood. Regarding the mail box issues, the board has now got a good contact at the post office regarding mailbox replacements. Finally, power washing of the selected brick perimeter walls and the neighborhood monuments has been completed. The affected neighborhood reps expressed their thanks for a job well done. The board will be power washing the remaining perimeter brick walls over the next year.

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY:

The board has approved the 2010 budget, a copy of which is available on the website at www.silverlakehoa.com. In addition, the board will be contacting the independent auditor to request that the audit be moved towards the beginning of the year. Finally, based upon a preliminary review of the reserve study that was done for Silverlake, The Gardens, and The Estates at Lake Pointe, the board approved the transfer of \$800,000 of operating funds to reserve.

RESIDENTS:

With the current economy, we've all noticed that Silverlake and the surrounding HOAs has become a target for break-ins. A resident voiced their concerns over solicitors in the neighborhood and what we can do about them. The board has started looking into the situation and will keep you informed. In the meantime, if a solicitor makes you uncomfortable, please consider calling the Brazoria County Sheriff's Office, they will respond to your call and will gather the personal information of those solicitors.

Another resident brought up the Immediate Response Information System "IRIS". This system will be used by the MUDs to inform the residents in Silverlake, Silvercreek and Southwyck about emergency alerts such as water issues, hurricanes, etc. The HOAs will also be able to use the system for general announcements and other items of importance within the HOA. As of now MUD 6 has approved the purchase of the system; MUD 3 will also be approving the purchase. The IRIS system will be a great benefit to our community. Those of you that are in the MUD 2 district, which is made of up Waterbury, Cambridge Cove, Lake Pointe, The Gardens, Parkside and Meadowview, we urge you to contact your board members and let them know you want this system.

Final note, the December 2009 Board meeting will not be held due to the upcoming holidays, however please remember, all monthly board meetings are open to residents. Drop on by, meet your neighborhoods and take part in making Silverlake a great place to live!

*Board of Directors
Silverlake HOA*

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Happy New Year! It's that time of the year again! It's time to reflect on the changes we want (or need) to make and resolve to follow through on those changes. Did you accomplish your 2009 New Year's resolutions? Or did you carry them over to this year, 2010? See if your resolutions are on the following top resolutions* list:

- Lose Weight
- Manage Debt
- Save Money
- Get a Better Job
- Get Fit
- Get a Better Education
- Drink Less Alcohol
- Quit Smoking Now
- Reduce Stress Overall
- Reduce Stress at Work
- Take a Trip
- Volunteer to Help Others

If you haven't already made your resolutions, maybe some of the above will inspire and help you make the best of 2010!

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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LET'S TAKE PRIDE

In Our Community

First impressions are so important, and the curb appeal of your home creates that first impression. There are simple things you can do to create an outstanding first impression. Here are just a few:

- Trim yard trees to at least six feet above the sidewalk area.
- Power wash the siding of your home to remove mildew and discoloring.
- Power wash sidewalks and driveways to remove excess dirt and stains.
- Refrain from storing trash cans, recycle containers, hoses and lawn chairs in the driveway.
- Trim shrubs so that address markers/numbers are visible from the road.

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2010 – The Year of Getting Fit

For many people, fitness resolutions will be made, equipment and gym memberships purchased, and diets started. How will you make your resolutions turn into your fitness SOLUTION? Look to the 3 E's: Education, Eating and Exercise.

EDUCATION: For my clients, I try to work on the Law of Conservation (I know, icky science stuff but very important). Simply put, "matter is neither created nor destroyed". Each pound equals 3500 calories. In order to lose 1 pound, you will need to either decrease your eating or increase your activity levels. You can't get around this, it is the law. So if you are looking to lose 1, 10, 50 or more pounds, you need to have a plan.

EATING: 80% of losing weight can be attributed to dieting according to one of the largest metastudies conducted. Simply put, eating an extra slice of pizza (300 plus calories!) can ruin all the work of a good workout. Eating healthy means first, eat the right portions. Second, eat the right foods (more veggies and less sodas!).



All those diet books out there work, at least to some segment of the population but they all work on a reduced caloric intake – there's that law again!

EXERCISE: This is where people spend the most money and have the worst results. Typically they buy the expensive machine and the latest gear or join the gym; then, the treadmill becomes a clothes hanger and the gym continues to charge your credit

card each month. Exercise should be fun but it should also be challenging. Make it a part of your life and not something that you feel forced to do.

Lastly, create a goal and stick with it. Think about how happy you will be achieving your goal and focus your energies on the steps to get there. Focus your energies on the 3 E's and you will be well on your way to achieving your goals.

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DON'T LOSE SLEEP OVER NIGHTTIME BED WETTING

Giving children control over bed wetting helps them overcome not only the nighttime nuisance but also the stigma of it, say doctors at Baylor College of Medicine.

"Because studies have yet to identify the cause of nighttime bed wetting, no one treatment is guaranteed to work for everyone. Nevertheless, the course of action with which the child is most comfortable tends to produce the best outcome," said Dr. Edmond T. Gonzales, Jr., professor of urology at BCM. "With parents' support, giving children an active role in treatment builds confidence."

Some of the treatment options include prescription medications. One commonly used medicine makes the body react as if dehydrated so the kidneys retain liquids overnight. Another treatment involves an alarm system worn in pajamas that sounds when it becomes wet.

More commonly, doctors suggest parents limit the amount of liquids children drink in the evening and schedule a bathroom break before bed. Gonzales said family doctors can help rule out any major health problems that could be contributing to bed wetting before discussing the many options.

CELL PHONE USAGE MAY SEND WRONG MESSAGE

If you roll your eyes when people are chatting away on their cell phones in a public place, you're not alone. According to an expert at Baylor College of Medicine, public cell phone use may show disrespect and impede social interaction.

"Depending on the situation, cell phone use can be problematic," said Dr. Catherine Barber, assistant professor in the Menninger department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at BCM. Talking on your cell phone at social events conveys that other people's time is not as important as yours. Loud cell phone talk can intrude on others' privacy and need for quiet, and it can even make people feel uncomfortable.

Romero suggests talking quietly if you must use the phone, or excusing yourself to take a call and making it brief. She suggests not accepting non-urgent calls. It's important to be mindful and respectful of others around you, said Romero. If someone around you is disturbing you with their cell phone conversation, Romero suggests gently approaching them and asking them to reduce their volume. It's important to convey that you are not angry. If they refuse, remove yourself from the situation.

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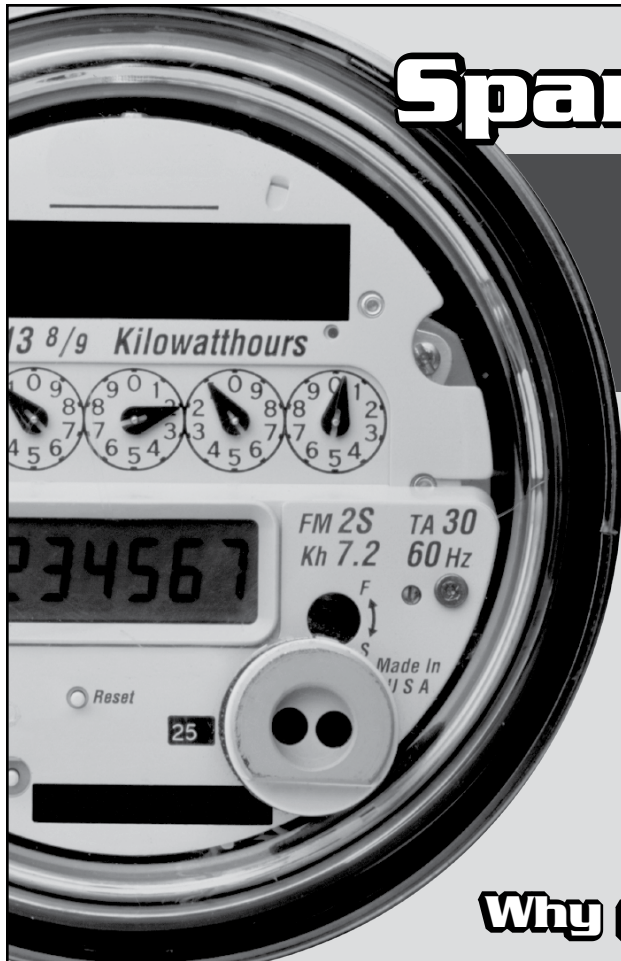
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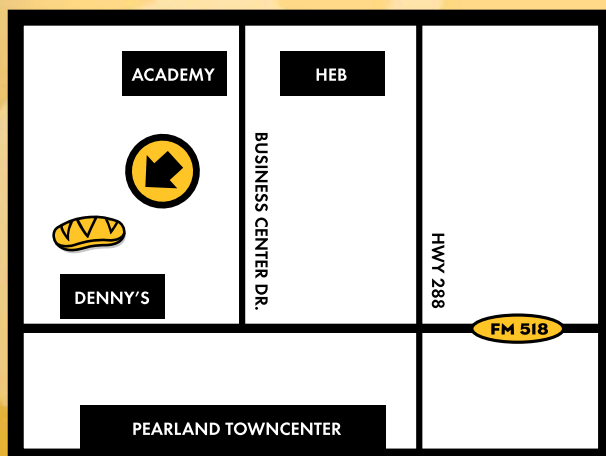
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15-16, 22-23, 29-30—BEAUMONT: Dealt a Deadly Hand The story takes place at Rick's club, the first legal gambling casino in the Poconos. Rick dreams of striking it rich, but others are trying to interfere. "Making a killing" takes on a whole new meaning, and someone will cash in his or her chips tonight. www.beaumontcommunityplayers.com

15-17—HOUSTON: Rhapsody in Blue Presented by the Houston Symphony. www.houstonsymphony.com

15-Feb. 7—NASSAU BAY: A Play: The Hollow An unhappy game of romantic follow-the-leader explodes into murder one weekend at The Hollow. Clear Creek Community Theatre, 18091 Upper Bay Road. www.clearcreekcountrytheatre.org 281/335-5228

16—HOUSTON: Birding Walk & Talk Walk is led by members of the Friends of Sheldon Lake State Park. Begins at 8:30 a.m. Sheldon Lake State Park. 281/456-2800

16—HOUSTON: MLK Day Youth Parade Marching bands, floats, and dancers will gather to originate at the Houston City Hall on Bagby Street in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. 713/953-1633

16—HOUSTON: MLK High School Battle of the Bands Bands compete for a chance to perform in the MLK Grande Day Parade. Begins at 6 p.m. Robertson Stadium at University of Houston. 713/953-1633

16—HOUSTON: Wings & Wheels See vintage aircraft and automobiles. Fly-ins welcome. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The 1940 Air Terminal Museum. www.1940airterminal.org 713/454-1940

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16-17—BROWNSVILLE: Texas Outdoor Family Workshop Teaches families all the basic outdoor skills they need to enjoy a great overnight camping experience. Reservations required. World Birding Center, Resaca de la Palma State Park. E-mail: tofsp@tpwd.state.tx.us 512/389-8903 or 956/350-2920

17—GALVESTON: Amalia Hernandez — Ballet Folklórico de Mexico Golden anniversary tour features the "best of the best" from 50 years of performances. Begins at 3 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894

17—ORANGE: Goodnight Moon & The Runaway Bunny Based on favorite children's books, both tales feature endearing rabbit characters. Lutchter Theater. www.lutchter.org 409/745-5535 or 800/828-5535

18—HOUSTON: MLK Grande Parade Martin Luther King Jr. celebration begins with the Grande Parade originating at Allen Parkway and Taft Street. There will be marching bands, decorative floats, dancers and other festivities. 713/953-1633

20—GALVESTON: Goodnight Moon & The Runaway Bunny Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia's whimsical puppetry and evocative original music will bring a new sense of appreciation to stories that have delighted several generations. Begins at 10 a.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894

21, 23-24—HOUSTON: The Planets — An HD Odyssey Presented by the Houston Symphony. www.houstonsymphony.com

22—BEAUMONT: Beaumont History Conference Local history enthusiasts tell about intriguing figures and true tales in the Golden Triangle history. Includes cultural, ethnic, economic and political

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- 22, 30—HOUSTON:** Tosca Presented by Houston Grand Opera. Sung in Italian with English supertitles. Brown Theater. 713/228-6737
- 23—PORT ARANSAS:** Garden Club Tour of Homes Visit unique homes in Port Aransas by bus or private vehicle. 361/319-2925
- 23—PORT ARTHUR:** 23rd Music Hall of Fame Show Offers a tribute to Janis Joplin and Southeast Texas musicians. Bob Bowers Civic Center. 409/548-4444
- 23-24—GALVESTON:** The Oak Ridge Boys Begins at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.the-grand.com 800/821-1894

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- 24-Mar. 21—PORT ARTHUR:** Boot Scootin' Legends: Images of Classic Country This is a traveling exhibition from the Honky Tonk Hall of Fame. Museum of the . www.museumofthegulfcoast.org 409/982-7000
- 25—PORT ARANSAS:** Merchants Dine Around Visit local restaurants to sample great cuisine. 361/749-6405
- 26—SAN BENITO:** San Benito High School Conjunto Band Concerts at the Amphitheater Enjoy the traditional sounds of conjunto music by San Benito's young musicians at 6:30 p.m. W.H. Heavin Amphitheater. 956/361-3804 ext. 302
- 26—SAN BENITO:** Welcome Back Winter Visitors Sponsored by the San Benito Chamber of Commerce. Begins at 6 p.m. Fun N Sun RV Resort. 956/399-5321
- 27-Feb. 21—HOUSTON:** A Picasso It's 1941 and the father of cubism suddenly finds himself forced to choose between art and

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politics, creativity and survival. Stages Repertory Theatre. www.stagestheatre.com 713/527-0220

29, 31—HOUSTON: The Turn of the Screw Presented by Houston Grand Opera. Brown Theater. 713/228-6737

30—HOUSTON: Annual Gala Enjoy dinner, dancing, and live and silent auction. Shirley Acres. www.houstonnwchamber.org 281/440-4160

30—PORTLAND: 22nd Annual Taste of Portland Enjoy an evening of culinary delights, live auction, silent auction, and live music. Begins at 6:30 p.m. NorthShore Country Club. www.portlandtx.org 361/643-2475

30—VICTORIA: Victoria Symphony Master Series Pop Concert Featuring Kelly Willis Victoria College Auditorium. 361/576-4500

30-31—ROCKPORT: Piecemakers by the Bay Quilt Show 361/345-4559

31—GALVESTON: Galveston Symphony Orchestra Begins at 7 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894

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Meet Lisa

*Submitted by Tracy Eilers, Executive Director,
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Lisa is a 13-year-old girly girl. She loves to be pampered and is a people person. She is very outgoing, energetic, loving, and kind. She counts singing and dancing among her favorite things and loves to keep busy. Lisa looks to learn from all her experiences and move forward with her life. She is a joy to be around, is funny, sweet, and grateful for all that she's been given. She's hoping there will be more things to be thankful for, like being adopted into a loving family. More than anything, she's ready to stop hoping for a family and to start loving one. For more information about adoption, please call Adoption Coalition of Texas at 512-301-2825. For more information about Lisa, email gracelindgren@adopttexas.org

The Adoption Coalition of Texas is a nonprofit organization (operating under the Austin Community Foundation), created in 2003 to focus on finding forever families for children languishing in the foster care system. Adoption Coalition of Texas partner agencies include Arrow Child and Family Ministries, Child Protective Services, Lutheran Social Services of the South, Marywood Children and Family Services, and Pathways Youth and Family Services.

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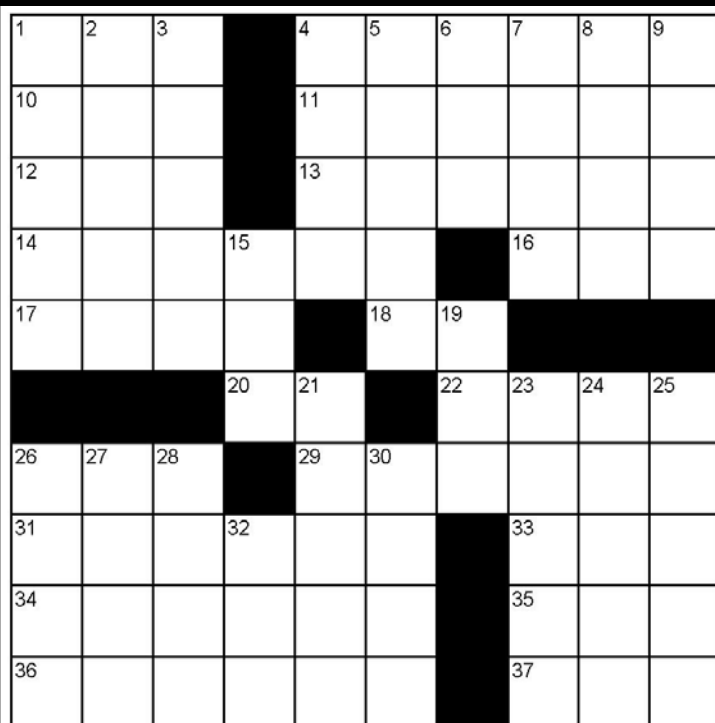
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1. Middle
4. Preoccupy
10. Is
11. Properly
12. Pat
13. Aviator
14. "Eagle" constellation
16. Most basic
17. Baseball glove
18. Road (abbr.)
20. Scale note
22. Object
26. Danish krone (abbr.)
29. Canyon
31. Wild beast
33. Digital audio tape
34. Movie "Total ___" withdraw
35. Genius
36. Handy
37. Type of partnership

DOWN

1. Dame
2. Iranian's neighbor
3. First public appearance
4. Opaque gem
5. Thistle
6. Title of respect
7. Austin novel
8. Block
9. In ___ (together)
15. ___ A Small World...
19. Division (abbr.)
21. Toothbrush brand
23. Large wave
24. Found
25. Doled
26. Drat!
27. Joint
28. Costa ___
30. Unite
32. Mutilate

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