### 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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### The Essence of the Community

In our last issue we talked about the "essence" of the community and how important a first impression is on visitors, especially people who may be considering purchasing a home in Silverlake. Should any one of us want or need to sell our property, we would hope to realize a price that reflects the maximum market value. Improving and maintaining property values is a part of creating the essence of a community and is a participative process. Each and every resident plays a part by taking pride in their neighborhood and community and especially in their individual property.

It's important to be considerate of neighbors and visitors. Although none of us wants to feel that we have been restricted unnecessarily, we acknowledge that deed restrictions are necessary and helpful in clarifying expectations for the neighborhood. Additionally, the HOA is asked to address specific issues and make recommendations from time to time. The management company (PCMI) and Board members receive emails voicing concerns of residents and asking for advice. Many of the concerns are not specifically addressed in the deed restrictions but do contribute to the essence of the community. For instance, parking cars in driveways and blocking the sidewalk, or parking cars in the street on a long term or regular basis can detract from that first impression, as well as interfere with your neighbors' ability to use the sidewalk or maneuver through the street.

This message is meant as a reminder to all of us to be ever mindful of our neighbors, our neighborhood, our visitors and our essence. Thanks for helping to make Silverlake a great community.

### Let's Swim!

The 2010 pool season has begun! The HOA wants to make sure that all residents who want to enjoy the pools are aware of what they need to do to use the pools this year.

If you already have an access card and are in good standing, the only thing you will need to do is just show up at the pool with your access card in hand. You'll be able to start using the pool/tennis courts. In addition, Southwyck Section I (4805 Northfork Road) and Southwyck Section IV (3131 Morgan Road) pools have the same access entry system so your Silverlake access card will allow you to access those pools also.

If you are new to Silverlake or you do not have an access card, you will need to complete the 2010 Registration and Indemnification form. Go to the Silverlake HOA website at: www.silverlakehoa.com. Fill out the form completely and mail to:

Silverlake HOA, P.O. Box 219223, Houston, TX 77218

PCMI will process your information and mail an access card to you. You will not be able to pick up your card from PCMI in person. The first card per household will be issued at no charge. All family members can be admitted with one card, and two guests are allowed into the pool per card. Each additional access card or replacement card is available at a cost of \$20.00 per card.

In addition, you will not be eligible to receive your access card or use any of the pools, tennis courts or other community amenities if there is a delinquency on your account. Please make sure your account is current. Any unauthorized persons using the facilities or those not adhering to the posted rules will be removed by the Brazoria County Sheriff's Department.

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### Classified Ads

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Let's Swim! - (Continued from Cover Page)

Poseidon Pools has been re-contracted this year. We will again have monthly "Dive-In Movie" nights as well as other fun and games. We hope that this will be another summer to remember at Silverlake!

Pool/Tennis Registration and Indemnification forms and a complete Pool Schedule may be found on the Silverlake HOA Website at: www.silverlakehoa.com

#### **Kiddie Pool Renovation**

The new kiddie structure will be installed the first week of May 2010. Unfortunately this is the same week the pool will open. During this week of construction, we are asking Homeowners with small children to utilize the new splashpad that will be fully operational and accessible from the main pool area. We apologize for the delay, but the new and improved kiddie pool will be well worth the wait.



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#### 6th Annual Pear Run 10k/5k/Walk

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The Pearland Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association will hold its 6th Annual Pear Run 10k/5k/Walk on Saturday, May 8, 2010 at 7am on a certified course in Pearland's Independence Park. There will be a free kids 1k fun run for children 9 years old and under following the 10k finish.

The Pearland Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (PCPAAA) is an IRS Section 501(c) non-profit

Police serve as advisors to the group. All donations to the Pearland Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

are tax deductible.

This year we have added an additional component to aid in our fundraising efforts by giving the community at large the ability to make a monetary donation if they are unable to participate in the event itself. Please click the link on our website http://www.pearrun.com/ if you would like to show your support with a tax deductible donation.

#### Silverlake Triathlon

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2010 7:00 AM SOUTHWYCK LAKE PARK (SHELBY AND NORTHFORK) ORGANIZED BY FITNESS SOLUTIONS.

For more information contact Gaye Koenning: Phone 832-736-9700; Email: gayek@FitnessSolutions.net

# Curb Numbering

Residents have asked about whether they may paint their house number on the curb in front of their house along with a logo. The Board of Directors has discussed this and feels it is a good idea as it will assist emergency vehicles to identify properties quickly. There are companies that provide standard size numbers and templates of logos such as an American flag, Texas flag , or college/ university logo. The BOD asks that that the logo be tasteful.



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### DROWNING CAN STILL OCCUR EVEN IF YOU KNOW HOW TO SWIM

NO ONE is "drown proof" – no matter their level of swimming ability. Falls, entrapments, and injuries lead to drowning regardless of swimming level.

A majority of people overestimate their own and their child's ability to swim, especially in a panic event.

#### DROWNING IS QUICK AND SILENT



Drowning occurs in as little as 2 minutes.



Irreversible brain damage occurs in as little as 4 minutes.



Most children are out of sight or missing for less than 5 minutes and usually in the presence of 1 or both parents.



Most children die who are submerged for as little as 6-10 minutes.

Children who drown do not scream, splash, or struggle. They silently slip beneath the water, even with adults & lifeguards present.

### 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.

Let the HOA know if your neighbor is not doing their part in creating curb appeal with these simple steps. Silverlake should sparkle and we should all be proud of our community.

## Eagle Auction & Showcase Friday, May 28 4:30 – 8:30 pm

The award winning Eagle Band and Catalyst Color Guard will perform for the Pearland community at the Eagle Auction and Showcase on Friday, May 28, from 4:30-8:30 at the district's newest high school campus on 2050 Cullen Boulevard.

The evening will kick off with an opportunity to bid on silent auction items and have dinner in the commons area. A baked potato bar with barbeque, salad, and dessert, will be served. Starting at 7pm guests can remain in the commons area for additional dining or move to the gymnasium where the Dawson Eagle Band Boosters will host a live auction featuring hotel package, symphony tickets, hunting trips, teen driving lessons and fun family adventures at Sea World, Schlitterbahn Waterpark and Kemah Boardwalk. The performance will be the finale for the evening along with final drawings and checkout of auction items.

Please join the Dawson Eagle Band Boosters in this fundraising effort to support the DHS Band and Catalyst Color Guard's 2010-2011 performance season. We'll see you there!

Tickets are \$5 in advance, and \$6 at the door.

For more information on the event go to www.dawsoneagleband.org. Any sponsors are encouraged to contact Lisa at 713-628-5190.



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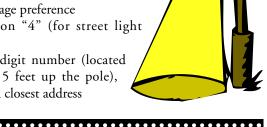
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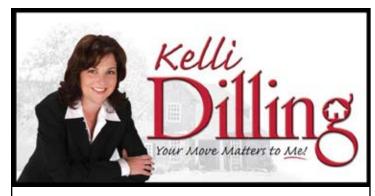
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### **BUNCO ANYONE?**

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#### **CALLING ALL**

Bookworms!

The Silverlake Book Club meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in a member's home. We discuss a wide variety of books including literary and popular fiction, classic novels, and nonfiction works. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Millie at millie0117@aol.com.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Hoa Meetings

HOA meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month, 7:00 P.M. at the Recreation Center unless otherwise noted on the Silverlake HOA website. Meetings are open to members and your attendance and participation are encouraged!

Thinking Of Doing A Home Improvement?

Before making any improvements/repairs or additions to your home you must have A.R.C. Approval. Please visit www.silverlakehoa.com to obtain a home improvement form and A.R.C. Guidelines. As a reminder Silverlake CCR's prohibit stained or painted fences and portable basketball goals.

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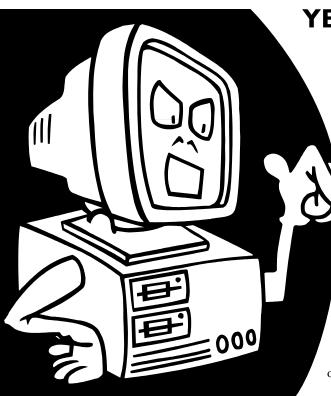
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YEAHYEAH, BACKUP BACKUP,

Nag Nag!

OK, my clients are used to hearing it, "backup backup backup." I can say if often but it's never too often. Let me put it another way, how much pain are you willing to endure? The hard drive in your computer WILL fail someday. So WHEN it does, how are you going to feel? School's almost out for the summer. How will you feel when that final paper or report disappears right before you're ready to submit it to the teacher or professor?

Maybe you're a young family, and you have thousands of digital photos and videos recording everything your babies have done their first few years. Their first haircut, first birthday, first Christmas, the first time they walk, their FIRST WORDS! All in a pristine, digital format that is very easy to duplicate, yet all GONE, possibly never to be seen by anyone again.

You use something like Quicken or Microsoft Money and keep you banking records on your computer, or you own your own business and ALL your financial records are stored on your hard drive. It's almost tax time and the information can't be retrieved. You now have to spend days or weeks recreating your records as best you can (this happened to a client of mine.) The "computer ate my homework" won't fly with the IRS.

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#### Yeah Yeah, Backup Backup - (Continued from Page 8)

So I'll ask you again, how much pain are you willing to endure? You do have a few options to backing up your valuable data. One way is to do it yourself (I'll go into more detail later.) Another way to preserve your memories is to pay someone else to do it. Yet a third way is probably the most common way, intentional or not – prayer. No plan, no system, just the hope that nothing goes wrong with their computer. Since I'm not aware of a Patron Saint of the PC, I'll concentrate on the first two methods – you're on your own for the third option.

Want to do it yourself? Purchase an inexpensive external hard drive and plug it into your computer's USB port. You can pick up a 500GB (that's gigabyte) external hard drive at Best Buy for around \$80, and maybe a terabyte drive (that's 1,000 gigabytes) for \$100. If you like to shop around online you can probably find something even cheaper. Just about anything you buy will include backup software. If you don't like it, you can try downloading my favorite, SyncBack. Go to 2BrightSparks.com, click on "Downloads" and choose their freeware. Download SyncBack in whatever language you like and go at it.

Of course, if you're not inclined for any reason to do it yourself,

you can always pay someone to do the above for you. Also, you can keep the "upfront" cost to a minimum by going with an online solution. Two advantages are you don't have to spend very much up front, and the other is that even in the event of burglary, fire, etc. you can buy a new computer and download all your backed up files. The two most well known services are Mozy and Carbonite, they cost about the same (\$55 a year.) Mac users also have me.com as an option (though it is a little more expensive.)

Now, not all hope is lost if your hard drive should fail. There are services available that will take your hard drive, have employees in "bunny suits" take it into a "clean room" (much cleaner than an operating room), disassemble it, remove the platters (the parts with the information) and rebuild it with matching parts in an attempt to extract the data. IF they are successful, plan on spending approximately \$2,000 to get the data back. It that's a lot of money to you, then look at doing it yourself or hire an expert to do it for you. It's not hard at all to do – but you need to do it. If you don't, you're going to remember how you were "nagged" and didn't do anything when you could have, and there will be a geek waiting for your phone call.



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### HEALTH BRIEFS

#### Protect eyes, prevent long-term damage to sight

Taking precautionary measures to protect your eyes during the spring and summer can help prevent long-term damage to eyesight, said a Baylor College of Medicine ophthalmologist.

"Ultraviolet light has certainly been linked to the development of macular degeneration, cataracts and other vision-loss problems," said Dr. Elizabeth Baze, assistant professor of ophthalmology at BCM and deputy executive of the Eye Care Line at the Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Baze offered tips you can practice to help protect your eyes from sun damage.

- When picking sunglasses, the bigger the better. "The more they wrap around and shield your eyes and the skin around the eyes, the more full protection you have," she said.
- Pick sunglasses that provide 99 to 100 percent UV protection. They do not need to be expensive to offer this.
- Use sunblock around the eyes.

- A broad-brimmed hat can add extra protection.

If you already have an existing eye condition like macular degeneration or cataracts, protecting your eyes from the sun should be a top priority on sunshiny days, she said.

"Practicing these measures can ensure for healthy fun in the sun," Baze said.

#### Psoriasis is more than skin deep

Psoriasis is more than just a skin disorder that might need treatment, say doctors at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

"Psoriasis is an autoimmune disease," said Dr. Sylvia Hsu, professor of dermatology at BCM.

"In about 10 percent of cases the disorder will affect the joints, a condition known as psoriatic arthritis."

Hsu said the first symptom of psoriasis is usually an itchy rash, caused by an overproduction of skin cells. It most commonly affects the scalp, elbows and knees. The rash can heal and come back

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throughout a person's life.

Joint problems usually don't appear at the same time as skin problems, and in most cases they aren't severe, Hsu said. Many people may find they are stiff in the morning or become achy as the day goes on.

Treatment for the two symptoms can be given separately by a dermatologist or a rheumatologist. A form of treatment known as biologic therapy can be used to treat both. It can be given through injection and works by targeting the specific immune pathways that cause inflammation on the skin and in the joints.

"There is no cure for psoriasis but as doctors begin to better understand the cause of the disorder, therapies are becoming more effective and longer lasting," said Hsu.

### Sling device helps prostate cancer patients manage incontinence

Men who have undergone prostate cancer surgery have a new option for managing incontinence - a common side effect and significant quality-of-life issue some men face after surgery, said a urologist from Baylor College of Medicine.

"Many men may become distressed and embarrassed when dealing with incontinence, or the loss of their bladder control, said Dr. Mohit Khera, an assistant professor in the Scott Department of Urology at BCM.

A new sling device can help men manage their bladder function and control after surgery. In prostate cancer surgery patients, the urethral muscles are weakened by the removal of the prostate gland and subsequent injury to the surrounding urethral muscle.

To fit patients with the sling, doctors make a small incision under the scrotum. "The sling serves as a hammock for the urethra," said Khera. "It is made of polypropylene mesh and does not require any additional hardware or artificial materials. It's very natural."

Patients go home the day of surgery. They will have a catheter for one to two days and should be back to full activity in four weeks, Khera said

Alternate treatments are more invasive and may be less tolerable to some patients, Khera said.

"We are making significant advances in improvement of quality of life following prostate cancer surgery," said Khera.

#### <u>Traditional colonoscopy recommended</u> <u>over virtual method</u>

The option for a "virtual" colonoscopy is now available but doctors at Baylor College of Medicine recommend sticking to traditional methods when screening for colon cancer.

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A virtual colonoscopy is a CT scan image of the colon and does not require the use of an endoscope - a thin, flexible device that is inserted into the colon.

"While a virtual colonoscopy may sound less invasive than traditional methods, it isn't always as accurate," said Dr. Waqar Qureshi, associate professor of medicine and chief of endoscopy at BCM. "A scan is more likely to miss small precancerous growths, and catching those polyps early is the key to preventing progression to colon cancer."

Studies have shown that polyps smaller than 6 mm are frequently missed by CT scanning, Qureshi said. For someone who is at high risk for colon cancer, missing a polyp can be deadly. Almost all instances of colon cancer begin as polyps, which are easily detected and removed during a colonoscopy.

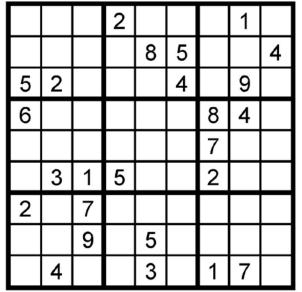
Many times a virtual colonoscopy must be followed by the traditional method, he added, and both procedures require the same preparation, which includes laxatives, diet restrictions and in some cases certain medications must be stopped.

Colon cancer screening should take place every 10 years starting at age 50.

If colon cancer runs in a family, testing should begin earlier and be performed more often.

#### Sudoku

The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.



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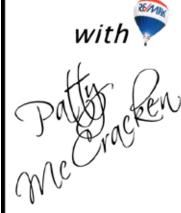


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### **Cheesy Potatoes**

6 medium potatoes, cooked & chunked Pour cooked potatoes into a lightly greased 8 x 10" baking dish.

#### Cook the following in ¼ lb. margarine or butter until tender:

1 small onion, chopped 1 green pepper, chopped 3 stalks celery, chopped

#### Add the following to cooked vegetables:

1 can cream of mushroom soup 1 small can evaporated milk ½ lb. Velveeta cheese 1 small jar pimentos

Sprinkle with parsley if desired. Stir until cheese melts and pour over potatoes. Bake in 350 degree oven until bubbly.

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