



## Silverlake HOA Annual Meeting and Election of Open Board of Director Positions

The annual meeting for the Silverlake Homeowner's Association, Inc. is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 7 PM. This important meeting will allow the neighborhood representatives to cast their votes for the open Board of Directors positions. You will have the opportunity to vote if you have not already done so via Proxy Directed Ballot and to meet the new members of the Board of Directors.

Letters have been sent to residents of Neighborhoods with open positions for a board director. If you have an interest in serving as a board member and live in one of the following neighborhoods, please submit a brief biography declaring your interest and goals. Open positions are available for the following neighborhoods:

- **Position One** includes Estates at Lakepointe, the Gardens, Silverlake Townhomes, Meadowview and Parkside.
- **Position Four** includes Ashford Cove and Fairway Village I & II.
- **Position Ten** includes Sedgefield

The biography should be limited to 250 or 300 words and should include your qualifications and rationale for serving as a board member. Residents must be in good standing with all HOA dues paid or a payment plan in place and no outstanding deed violations. Deadline for submission of the application biography is February 11, 2011.

### Send your biography to:

Khara Mathews  
P.C.M.I.  
15995 N. Barker's Landing, Suite 162  
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- **February 11, 2011** - Deadline for receipt of applications. P.C.M.I. will prepare a list of candidates for Board review at the February 22, 2011 meeting.
- **February 22, 2011** - HOA Board meeting. During the Executive session, the Board members will review the applications to assure that all applicants are in good standing.
- **February 23, 2011** - Notice of the Annual meeting will be sent to all residents. Biographies of candidates will be attached and sent to residents of those neighborhoods with open Board positions. A Proxy Directed ballot will be included in the mailings with instructions for completion.
- **March 16, 2011** - Final tally of ballots by P.C.M.I. Note that candidates may canvass their neighborhoods for proxy ballots and submit to P.C.M.I. for inclusion in the final tally. The deadline for submission of ballots is March 11, 2011.

## 3RD ANNUAL

## Holiday Decorating Contest Winner

Thanks to all the Silverlake residents who decorated their homes for the holidays, it took the judges several nights to cover all the entries. The final decision was a difficult one due to all beautifully decorated homes to choose from, but the winner of the 3rd Annual Holiday decorating contest is Gregg and Lee Staerkel of Weatherford. As the official winner, the Staerkel's received \$100 cash prize and bragging rights for the year.

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**Question:** I am looking at reserving a field for baseball practice this spring. Looking at the website, it appears the fields are reserved already, does this include the new field too?

**Answer:** At this time the website only take reservations thirty days in advance. The Board is currently working with the webmaster to enhance the feature. Once it is available, the appropriate changes will be made to the website.

*Do you have any questions you'd like to ask the board? You can email us at [silverlakehoa@gmail.com](mailto:silverlakehoa@gmail.com).*

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Total fees for 2011 are \$580. Estates of Lakepointe residents have the additional assessment of \$400 for the year.

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The PTA's Arts in Education committee kicked off this year's programs with an "Anti-Bullying" magic show for the 3rd and 4th graders on Jan. 14. The students enjoyed the magic of Jason Tolentino and learned how to stand up to bullying and peer pressure.

### Dining Fundraisers in February

Silvercrest will be hosting a spirit night at Chick-Fil-A from 4 to 10 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10. Please inform the cashier or drive-thru attendant that you are with Silvercrest, and a portion of your meal will be donated back to Silvercrest PTA. A second spirit day will be held at the Gringo's Pearland Town Center location on Tuesday, Feb. 22. This is an all-day event. Please present your flyer to your server or takeout person in order for Silvercrest to receive credit. Copies of all flyers are available on our website, [www.silvercrestpta.org](http://www.silvercrestpta.org), as well as being sent home with each child.

### Spring Box Top Contest Underway

Silvercrest's Spring Box Tops contest runs through Friday, Feb. 11. Please clip your Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Labels for Education and Tyson labels. The PTA collected just over \$1,700 in Box Tops in the fall. Let's try to beat that this spring. Please send

your Box Tops and other labels to school in a ziploc bag with your child's name and teacher's name. If you have several items, please separate each type of label into different bags. Please bundle your Box Tops in groups of 50 and write the number on the outside of your baggie. The class from each grade that submits the most items will win a popcorn party.

### Silvercrest Reflections Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Silvercrest PTA's Reflections Contest. Using the theme "Together We Can," students submitted their original artwork, photography and writing entries. The PTA's Arts in Education committee sponsored the contest, and the top entries will move on to the district competition.



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The fact remains; we live in a densely populated area with lots of small children, joggers, bikers and walkers that utilize our beautiful community and its amenities. To ensure the safety of our children and neighbors, please slow down and drive the posted 30 MPH speed limit.

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## Fitting in Fitness: Making Time for Exercise

By Sarah S. Jordan, MS

Finding time for exercise can be an ongoing challenge in our busy lives. We know that exercise will benefit our bodies and minds in many ways and that we should do it. But actually finding the time and making it happen can be difficult.

### Here are a few tips to help you fit in fitness in the New Year.

- Remember that any movement is better than none. If you only have 15 minutes each day to go for a power walk, those 15 minutes will equal 105 minutes (almost two hours) by the end of the week, 420 minutes (seven hours) of exercise each month and 91 hours of exercise a year! Small things can add up to big victories over time.
- Find what works for you. For some people, a gym membership is very convenient. For others, it may not be convenient to their location, budget, job, or family. If

that is the case, see if your neighborhood has any exercise groups, hire a personal trainer that will come to you, or start your own lunchtime workout group for added camaraderie and accountability.

- Schedule exercise into your week. Workouts are much more likely to happen if we put them in our calendars. Schedule workouts as you would important business meetings or doctor appointments.
- Remember that sometimes, the hardest thing to get is going. Many times, just getting our shoes on and getting out the door is the hardest part of a workout. Once we are moving, endorphins kick in and we feel great for moving.
- Make use of the early hours. I used to dread getting up at 5:20 every morning. But now I love it, because after I get ready for work, it guarantees me a few minutes

to myself before anyone else is awake. Similarly, getting workouts in before the

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busy day kicks off ensures that they happen, and the day will be better because of it.

- Take the kids along. My baby and I have logged countless hours with the jogging stroller. But I know that if I didn't take him with me, the majority of those workouts would have never happened. Pack up the kids and remember that pushing the kids will mean more calories burned.
- Don't give up. If you are not reaching your goals, determine what is not working and create a roadmap to resolve it. Remember that fitness is a lifestyle and it goes through ups and downs, but always benefits us if we persevere.
- Make the time that you do have count. If you have just thirty minutes three days a week, step up the intensity of those workouts to get the most you can for your time. Add intervals and hills, or find a fitness class or DVD that offers a combination of cardio and strength training.

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## The Hunger Games Trilogy

By: Suzanne Collins

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Set in the not so distant future, North America as we know it has been completely reorganized into separate districts (12 of them) all closely controlled by the militant, big brother, harsh "Capitol." These districts were formed when the Earth had become so violated environmentally and morally that war broke out. As a reminder to all of the segregated districts that rebellion is not tolerated, there is a yearly "Hunger Game" where a male and female from each district aged 12-18 is chosen at random to fight each other to the death. There can only be one victor and everything is televised, complete with sponsors.

It is in district 12 that the heroine, Katniss Everdeen lives with her mother (a healer) and her younger sister. Her father was killed in a mining accident but left his oldest daughter with the gifts and talents of hunting, which is her family's key to survival.

When Katniss' sister is chosen as one of the "tributes" to fight in the hunger games, Katniss volunteers in her place. Her male counterpart, Peeta, is also chosen.

Their experience at the Capitol and the whole tradition around the hunger games is so intriguing and fascinating as are the people they encounter. However, it is the way the hunger games are so carefully and technologically orchestrated and Katniss' amazing ingenuity and will to live and survive that kept me reading and enjoying the brutal, yet thoroughly entertaining book. At the time I am writing this review, I am already on the final book of the trilogy! This book has it all -- a love triangle, a heroine, an underdog, fighting, mystery, science fiction--it is a reader's big Kit Kat bar! *Feel free to comment on this review, your thoughts on the book or suggest a book for me to review on my blog: <http://brittsbuzz.blogspot.com>.*

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## Tips for Enjoying Networking Events

By Amy Wolfgang, M.Ed.

Many of us know someone who is in the midst of a job search. They may be looking for their first job after graduating, a new job after being laid off, or a totally new career. Job seekers use many different avenues to find a job but one of the most effective is networking. It is one thing to speak with your neighbor about opportunities at his or her company but, eventually, many job seekers will need to utilize different networking events.

Great opportunities are found at networking events but, at the same time, they can be intimidating because we may not know anyone there. Networking events can strike fear in many people, even those with outgoing personalities, so here are a few tips on how to make networking events more pleasant, less overwhelming and more productive.

### Tip 1: Take a Deep Breath

Remember that many people are uncomfortable at networking events. It is much more prevalent than you probably know. With

that said, go into the event with a relaxed and positive frame of mind. Identify how you relax – taking deep breaths, visualizing a positive experience, etc. Employ those methods before you enter the networking event.

### Tip 2: Appear Approachable

Smile! If you have a smile on your face, others will be encouraged to speak with you. Other open body language you should employ includes:

- keeping your arms uncrossed
- standing up straight (don't slouch)
- making eye contact with those around you

While you are at the event, take notice of others' body language. See if you can tell what aspect of their body language makes them look either approachable or closed off. That will help you with your own body language.

### Tip 3: Utilize the Event Activities

The toughest networking scenario is when you don't



know anyone at the event and go by yourself. In this case, try to use the activities or functions at the event to your advantage. Does the event have a bar or buffet? Once you are in the food or beverage line, begin speaking to someone also in line. Are you at an art gallery? Approach a piece of art and chat about it with someone else who is also looking at it. It's much easier to speak to people

when you already have some common ground.

Networking isn't easy and intimidates many people, however, it can lead to a powerful advantage over other job hunters! Hopefully the tips above give you the confidence to attend networking events. Who knows, you might really enjoy meeting new people and be surprised at the doors it opens for you!



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