

Auld Lang Syne

This is the time of year when we all look back on what has happened this year and forward to what the next year will hold. It's a time to reflect on the challenges and triumphs we've faced and the promises of tomorrow.

The Silverlake Homeowner's Association has had a good year. We've been able to install ten new traffic calming devices throughout the neighborhood thanks to a generous donation from MUD 3. We've also installed a new pool/tennis court parking lot that now holds three times the previous capacity of vehicles. The pool also received a new pool chiller which really helped out this past summer.

The residents of the HOA were able to enjoy both a great July 4th Event and Breakfast with Santa. These events were both well attended and helped fill the coffers of Pearland Neighborhood Center and Brazoria County Women's Shelter. We should all count ourselves fortunate to be able to help those around us.

The HOA also made two separate donations to the Brazoria County Sheriff's Department of some much needed equipment. We are very thankful for our relationship with BCSO; they help to keep our neighborhoods safe.

The 2012 year will be even better for Silverlake! We will begin the improvement and upgrades of the park located at the Recreation Center. It's in the planning stages now; if you'd like to help out, please contact us at silverlakehoa@gmail.com.

So as the clock strikes 12:00 a.m. on January 1, 2012, let's all raise our glasses to a great year gone by and an even better one to come! *Happy New Year Everyone!*

2012 Maintenance Fees

Just a reminder, the maintenance fees are due on or before January 1, 2012 and will be considered delinquent on January 31, 2012. In an effort to assist Homeowners during these tough times, the Board has implemented a Pre-Payment Plan for the annual assessment. You may now choose to send in 25%, or \$145 of the total assessment in both November and December 2011 and the balance of \$290 in January 2012. Please indicate on each check "2012 Pre-Payment Plan". Please do not send post dated checks as the bank will process them upon receipt. Each check under the Pre-Payment Plan method should be mailed during the appropriate month. All checks should be made payable to and mailed to:

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If payment of the total assessment and any other charges are not received by PCMI on or before January 1, 2012, the account shall become delinquent. Interest at a rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum and a late fee will be charged to each owner. A \$25.00 late fee will be assessed on January 31, 2012 for residential owners.

The Board is pleased to announce big improvements in the Association for the upcoming year. We hope that you will all agree that the new changes will only increase the property values within our community.

Have a safe and healthy New Year!

Board of Directors

Silverlake HOA

Upcoming Board Elections

The 2012 Annual Meeting of the Silverlake HOA will be held in March 2012. This year we have four seats that will be up for election. The three year term limits are coming to an end for Springbrook/Crestwood Cove, Fieldstone and Stonebridge. In addition, the Sedgefield board position is currently vacant.

If you would like to run for the board, please prepare a brief biography which should list your qualifications to be on the board, to Khara Mathews by Feb 1.

Please either mail, e-mail or fax your biography to:

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Thank you.

Silvercrest Elementary News

Upcoming Dining Fundraisers

Please join other Silvercrest families at Chuck E. Cheese from 3 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2012. Chuck E. Cheese will donate 15 percent of all food and merchandise purchases back to the Silvercrest PTA. More details will follow in a flier sent home to parents. On Thursday, Feb. 2, join fellow students and parents at Chick fil A from 4 to 10 p.m. Chick Fil A will donate 20 percent from sales back to the PTA. Please tell the cashier or drive-thru attendant that you are with Silvercrest.

THANK YOU RETAIL PARTNERS!

The Silvercrest PTA would like to thank all the local businesses that participated in

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the PTA's Retail Partners program this fall. This fall alone, the PTA received over \$3,200 from local business on PTA partnership nights. Participating businesses this fall included: Macy's, Chipolte, Spring Creek BBQ, Chick Fil A, Gringo's, Firehouse Subs and Dream Dinners. Silvercrest families say thank you!

REFLECTIONS CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the PTA's Reflections Art Contest. The top winners, advancing to next level of competition, are Nicholas Pham, a second grader in Ms. Williams' class, and Kailyn McIlhone, a fourth grader in Ms. Tiburca's class. Other winners in the Visual Arts Category include: Elise Woodford, third grade, Franklin; Audry O'Higgins, second grade, Koehl; Kelis Zhou, first grade, Terry; and Katherine Zhong, fourth grade, Cox.

FOOD DRIVE RESULTS

The PTA appreciates all the support it received during the fall food drive for the Pearland Neighborhood Center. The 2, 242 donated items helped restock the center's food/dry goods pantry and filled holiday food baskets for many families in need in our community during the holiday season. Kindergarten students donated the most items with a total of 534 items. They received a fun and healthy snack as their reward. The rest of the donations were as follows: 3rd grade, 494 items; 2nd grade, 447 items; 1st grade, 401 items; and 4th grade, 366 items.

For more information about Silvercrest Elementary PTA, please visit our website at www.silvercrestpta.org.



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Silverlake Neighborhood Rep Elections

The bi-annual Silverlake Neighborhood Rep/Committee elections were held on Tuesday, December 6, 2011. The results of the election are as follows

Neighborhoods	Representative	Committee
The Estates of Lakepointe	Nancy Palmeri	Open
The Gardens	Dave Bohlmann.....	Open
The Silverlake Townhomes.....	Fred Kromer	Open
Ashford Cove, Fairway Village	Charlie Gaevert	Gerald Turner
Cambridge Cove, Creekstone,		
Lakepointe, Winfield	Krista Glowka.....	Richard Lockner
Springbrook, Crestwood Cove	Sarah McSpadden.....	Natasha Proden
Fieldstone	Open	Open
Meadowview, Parkside	Catherine Mayhew	Rita Dobbs
Scofield, Sheldon Cove,		
Summerfield, Weatherford.....	Jason Felix	Open
Sedgefield.....	Bill Pillers	Open
Stonebridge.....	Charles Reavis	Open
Waterbury, Woodbend	Eucharia Iwuanyanwu.....	Open

The Board would like thank all of the residents who ran for these positions. By volunteering just a little amount of time, you are ensuring that your neighborhood is represented before the board.

Raptors to Relish

As winter beckons across North America, our population of birds and their behaviours changes significantly as well. Summer visitors like Purple Martins and Scissor-tailed Flycatchers have headed south into Central and South America, while other birds consider this their winter home.

Although some birds will have been here throughout the year, our population and diversity of birds of prey is always more dynamic in the winter. American Kestrels can be seen on many of the electricity wires near open fields, punctuating the morning air with their high-pitched calls. Although they will take small birds and rodents, they are particularly feeding on insects like grasshoppers and crickets. It is possible to see the occasional Peregrine Falcon and Merlin flying over, but I am not aware of any taking up residency in our area.

There always seems to be one or two Northern Harriers gracefully quartering over the grasses, particularly around the Chevron station area along CR94. Only rarely do I actually seem one successfully

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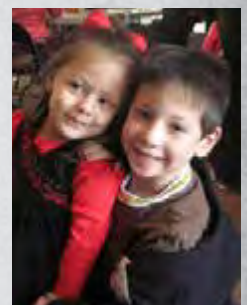
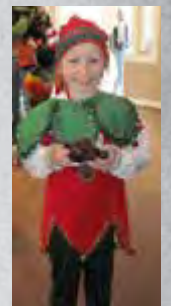
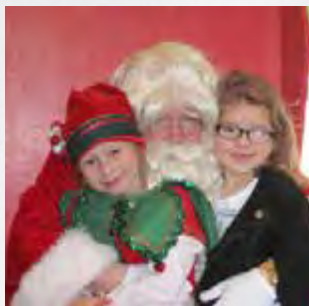
Breakfast with Santa

This year's annual Breakfast with Santa was another success! The community was able to once again come together to not only help out two very worthy area charities, Brazoria County Women's Shelter and Pearland Neighborhood Center, but to also enjoy family time, visit with neighbors, and talk to the Jolly Old Elf himself!

Not only were the residents treated to a pancake breakfast with all the trimmings, the kids got to enjoy the Polar Express train, playing in the moonwalks, writing letters to Santa, and taking part in craft making fun.

This year's event was co-sponsored by Silverlake HOA and Southwyck Master. Both Silverlake and Southwyck would like to thank Terra Management for the donation of their work force, and Starbucks for their donation of coffee.

Finally, a special thanks goes out to Sylvia Skotak, John Fischer, and Theodore and Vicki Odom. This event is always a special one for the HOA. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!



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pounce and come up with a rodent, but their ballet in search of food always brings pleasure to my eyes.

Ospreys can be seen with increasing frequency during the winter months. These birds of prey feed exclusively on fish and plummet down to the water to pull out sometimes surprisingly large fish. They always align the fish head first with their body before struggling off to a preferred eating post.

The scourge of our smaller feeding birds are the Coopers Hawk and Sharp-shinned Hawks. Both are accipiters and only feed on other birds. Although year-round residents, their numbers are significantly increased over the winter. They find the feeding stations in my garden an ideal place to pick-up a sparrow or Morning Dove for their breakfast or supper. Often attacking by coming in very low to the ground at high speeds, although it is sad for their prey, I still find it a highlight to see an attack and kill from these highly skilled raptors. A Scottish friend of mine was always upset by them and coined them as "Evil, simply evil evil birds!!"

Along with our regular Red-shouldered and Red-tailed Hawks, other buteos are possible. Over the years I have seen both White-tailed Hawks and Harris's Hawks in the area – both somewhat off territory. Add to this the occasional sighting of a Crested Carracara and the nightly calling of the resident Great Horned Owls and we certainly have a diverse population of raptors in our area.

But perhaps the most exciting bird to be seen for many of us is the Bald Eagle. Over the last couple of years one or two birds have been over-wintering by the retention ponds near the recycling center. Although they will certainly take an injured duck or unsuspecting coot, these birds predate largely on fish. My boys have delighted at seeing them pluck huge catfish from the water's surface and flap effortlessly away.

So, pick-up your binoculars, grab the kids and show them some of the delights of birds in our neighborhood. Good birding.

Ask the Coach

Dear Readers,

This month we are going to focus on Exercise. In its most basic form, exercise can be defined as "what you do". Exercise can be part of daily routine such as housework or it can be a formalized exercise program in a gym.

In 2008, the first ever Physical Guidelines were issued by the federal government based. The first guideline is that "some physical activity is better than none"! This is a very empowering statement in that you may begin with small goals to build up to larger goals. This may be starting with adding a little more activity in your day (parking further away from work, doing a few crunches before you get out of bed, playing with your kids at home or at the playground). Smaller goals are much more likely to be completed than if you begin with too grand of a goal.

Once you begin on your exercise journey or for those that are already on this path, you can then reevaluate the statement. "More activity is better" or "changing the activity is better than the same". If you are not getting the results that you did when you first started it may be time to reevaluate what you are doing. If you do not increase the workload or stress on your muscles, you will not get as much of a benefit.

EXERCISE HAS BEEN SHOWN TO BE A MIRACLE TREATMENT FROM EVERYTHING FROM:

- Controlling weight
- Health issues including stroke, type 2 diabetes, depression, anxiety, certain types of cancer, arthritis, high blood pressure, etc.
- Improves mood
- Boosts energy
- Increases memory (some schools have used PE as their primary way to better the students grades and standardized test scores)
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