

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 25, 2014 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 Directed Proxy Ballot and an opportunity to meet those candidates running for the open director positions.

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.
 - **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. Deadline for submission of the application biography is February 17, 2014.

Send your biography via e-mail to kmathews@stes.com

*Upon receipt of your biography a confirmation will be sent via e-mail within 48 hours. If you do not receive a confirmation you may contact Khara Mathews at 281-504-1350

February 17, 2014 - Deadline for receipt of biographies

February 23, 2014 - 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 Directed Proxy ballot will be included in the mailings with instructions for completion.

March 24, 2014 - 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 21, 2014

Thanks to all the Silverlake residents who decorated their homes for the holidays. The final decision was a difficult one due to all beautifully decorated homes to choose from, but the winner of the 6th Annual Holiday decorating contest is Lawrence & Jennifer Smith of Summerwind. As the official winner, the Smith's will receive \$100 cash prize and bragging rights for the year.

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The Silverlake News is mailed monthly to all Silverlake HOA residents. Residents, community groups, schools, etc., are welcome to submit information. Personal news is also welcome. All submissions will be reviewed for content and approved by the Board of Directors and Newsletter Committee Chair. The deadline for submission is the 8th of the month before publication.

DOG SAFETY

With the recently fatality of a Houston woman from a couple of stray dogs, this article will serve a couple of purposes. The first is to make both children and adults both aware of the dangers surrounding stray dogs and the second is to make pet owners aware of the dangers of leaving their pets off of a leash when outdoors and otherwise not confined.

Stray Dogs

Stray dogs pose many hazards to the community. Not only is there the threat of injury from a dog bite/attack, but there is also the transmission of disease. Parents, please encourage your children to never approach a stray dog. Even a dog that seems friendly can become nervous or fearful in an instant. A 'fear-biter' is a common dog bite scenario. These dogs often give off different behavioral cues than one who is aggressive. These tips are regardless of the dog breed or size. If you are concerned for the dog's safety, contact your local animal control. The ASPCA has a good article on their website that breaks down the behavioral changes that can be seen when dogs are being aggressive.

Pets Loose or Off-Leash

Even though your dog does well with your family and mostly listens to you when you are in your own yard, please keep your dog on a leash. Unless your dog has specifically been trained (think Canine Good Citizen training, not 'sit' when food is offered) in a variety of scenarios, it is a hazard to the community if you let your dog off of its leash. What if he sees a squirrel, kid, or cat and chases after them only to be hit by a car? What if he sees someone with a dog on a leash and goes over and a fight ensues. Do you know how much a Rabies Quarantine costs? Do you know how stressful it can be for your dog to be boarded for 10 days away from their family? I know it seems harmless, but as an owner of a dog that I keep on a leash, I can tell you that it is none too pleasant to be walking my dog and have a dog not on a leash run up to me, owner being happily ignored in the background.

Kitty owners, this goes for you too! There are many dangers to letting your cat roam around outside of your house. Did you know that cats roaming around can pick up internal parasites, a couple of which people are able to get? Cats can also get into fights, get hit by a car or can be bitten by a dog. They can also pick up fleas or ticks from roaming around the neighborhood.

As much as this sounds like a scolding, please take it as a cautionary tale. I have seen too many dogs (and cats) get into hot water because they aren't supervised. It is an easy thing to think you can trust your beloved pet to stay out of trouble, but most don't know what trouble is until you are on the receiving end of it.

Carol, RVT www.wisepaws.com

A BRIEF HISTORY OF VALENTINE'S DAY

(reprinted from *The Oregonian* February 14, 2011 Issue)

The history of Valentine's Day is a bit murky. In the late fifth century, it replaced a Roman fertility festival on the same date.

The Roman Catholic Church recognizes at least three saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred.

One famous legend has it that Valentine was a Roman priest in the third century. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers, he outlawed marriage for young, unattached men. Valentine continued to perform marriages in secret. When his defiance was discovered, he was put to death.

According to another legend, a martyred Valentine might have sent the first valentine greeting. In that version, Valentine fell in love while in prison with a girl who visited him. Before his death, he sent her a letter signed "from your Valentine," an

expression that has been carried down through the ages.

In 496, Pope Gelasius I set aside Feb. 14 to honor St. Valentine.

By the Middle Ages, Valentine was one of the most popular saints in Europe. Lovers were exchanging homemade cards as early as the 15th century, copying verses from books of valentine poems.

Valentine customs:

During the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who their valentine would be. They would wear the name on their sleeve for one week, perhaps the origin of the expression "wearing your heart on your sleeve."

In Wales, wooden love spoons were carved and given as gifts on Feb. 14. Hearts, keys and keyholes were common motifs on the spoons, meaning "you unlock my heart."



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Great Rainy Day Activities for Kids

It can be challenging to come up with ideas for entertaining the kids when the weather is cold, miserable and wet. In a way this limits your possibilities, considering you cannot spend a lot of time outdoors, however, do not fret as there is plenty that can be done indoors too.

These selections of rainy day activities will suit a range of interests, whether your little ones prefer math or baking.

Kitchen Fun

Use the opportunity to introduce your kids to cooking. Pick out some simple recipes that you know they will like. Some cakes are very easy to make and are bound to be a hit. Pasta sauces and pizzas are also great to make with younger members of the family.

If the kids are young, you will obviously need to take care that they do not handle any sharp knives or piping hot food and liquids. So, if making pizza, for example, put them to work tearing mozzarella cheese with their hands or washing vegetables before you chop them.

Introducing kids to cooking at a young age is important as this increases the likelihood of them enjoying cuisine later on in life, and teaches them how to be independent.

Playwriting and Production

Playwriting and producing a play

are a great way to while away time over the weekend. Try to come up with an interesting story that the kids will enjoy performing. If struggling for inspiration, base your play on a book or a TV show.

Let the children assemble a stage and decorate it with soft furnishings and other household goods. If possible, let them raid your closet for costumes too. Make up can be very exciting for kids if you are willing to let them use some or apply some yourself.

Tell the children to practice on their own and tell you when they're ready to perform. Perhaps you could invite some neighbors to join you in the audience.

Math and Science Activities

It is worth spending time productively when indoors. Avoid switching on the TV and letting your kids stare at the screen for hours on end. Why not use the time to boost your kids' skills and knowledge in math and science?

There are plenty of science experiments and math puzzles which do not require advance preparation but are still very educational. Many of these can be carried out with the help of just a few commonly found household items such as tennis balls, string, paper and pens and dice.



SILVERCREST ELEMENTARY PTA NEWS

RETAIL PARTNERS

Please keep collecting your box tops to turn in on February 21st. The class that collects the most will get a prize.

Our Spring Book Fair will be February 24-27th with a late night on the 25th until 6:30pm.

ACCELERATED READER

Please encourage your children to read, take AR tests & collect points that they can turn in for prizes in our AR store on February 20th.

9TH ANNUAL STALLION STAMPEDE

On Saturday, April 12th, the Silvercrest Elementary PTA will host its 9th Annual Stallion Stampede to raise funds for innovative educational and technology materials for our school. We will have a 10K, 5K and 1K along with a breakfast, silent auction and children's activities to make it a fun-filled family morning. We are currently seeking Sponsors, auction items and volunteers for this exciting event. Our success depends on the support of the local business community. We cannot accomplish our goals without the generosity of people like you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Stefanie Gilman at skgilman@hotmail.com. For questions regarding the run please contact Maritza Wong at Maritza_wong@sbcglobal.net. We greatly appreciate your support!

PTA GENERAL MEETING

Please plan to attend our next PTA general meeting on Thursday, March 20th, at 6:30pm in the Silvercrest cafeteria. Find out about upcoming events, how the PTA works on behalf of our school & how you can get involved.

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Silverlake HOA has a new website!



The HOA has updated the Silverlake website. The website is available to all residents of Silverlake HOA. In order to see all of the great things the website has to offer, you will need to request a login and a password. Just visit www.silverlakehoa.com and click on the Request Login button. Once your request is processed, you can start using the website. There are many great things available to all of our residents, so check it out!

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The Kidney Walk is the nation's largest walk to fight kidney disease and is held to raise awareness of, and support those who are battling this disease. Held in nearly 100 communities, the event raises awareness and funds lifesaving programs that educate and support patients, their families and those at risk. Take a lifesaving step today and sign up for a walk below. The Houston Walk will be held on May 4th at 7:30am at Discovery Green Park Downtown. Registration at www.donate.kidney.org.

For more information on forming teams or sponsorship, please call 713-964-2644.

Let's Welcome

Silverlake is pleased to announce that as of January 1, 2014 Sherita Jeter will be Administrative Support for the Silverlake Homeowners Association. Sherita has previously worked with Silverlake and is familiar with your community. Sherita brings to Silverlake over 14 years Homeowners Association experience and is ecstatic to have the opportunity to now work as Administrative Support to the Community.

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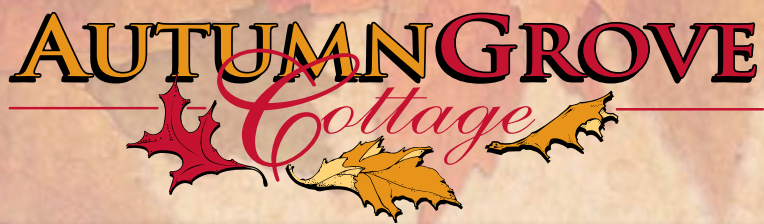


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