

Silverlake

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Silverlake Homeowner's Association, Inc. Newsletter

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ARE YOU READY?

The 2014 swim season is just around the corner! Now is the time to be sure that you have your pool cards in hand and that they are activated for the upcoming pool season. The pool registration and indemnification form may be found at www.silverlakehoa.com, please be sure to click on Amenities and then

Pool. If you have already received your access card in a previous year or are not requesting additional cards, you do not need to complete the form again. If you are unable to print the form, please contact Sherita Jeter at PCMI at (281) 870-0585 or via email at Sherita.jeter@stservices.com.

The scheduled pool hours (weather permitting) are as follows:

MAY 3 - JUNE 1

Weekends Only

Sat.....10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sun.....11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Memorial Day, Mon, May 26th.....
.....10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

JUNE 6 - AUGUST 24

Mon.....Closed For Cleaning
Tue – Sat.....10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sun.....11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 28

Weekends Only

Sat.....10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sun.....11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Labor Day, Mon, Sept. 1st.....
.....10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

At the request of many of our neighbors, the board has extended the pool schedule to include the month of September. We will be monitoring pool usage throughout the month to determine if the extended hours will become permanent.

Please remember, lifeguards will not permit access to anyone at the 2715 Southwyck Parkway Pool Facility with the proper access card and photo id, no exceptions. Residents must be in good standing with the Silverlake HOA in order to use the community facilities. Please be sure to contact PCMI to arrange

payment plans if you are in arrears on your maintenance fees.

Assessments must be current or on a payment plan in order to access the pool, tennis courts or rent the clubhouse. Please check your access card before pool season. Take a moment to visit the tennis courts located at 2715 Southwyck Parkway, Pearland, Texas 77584 by swiping your card if your card allows access into the tennis courts you will have access to the pool. While swiping your card at the tennis courts check out the newly resurfaced tennis courts.



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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.

WE ALL CONTRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY SAFETY



Because we live within a community association, the potential to solve the kinds of problems that plague individual homeowners is very good. Take community safety for instance. An individual homeowner can do very little to deter a burglary other than hire an outside security company to install an alarm which will notify the authorities after the break-in has occurred. More often than not, there is no way to communicate with their neighbors about security issues, there are no Neighborhood Watch Programs and the community is lacking in any enforceable rules and regulations that prohibit unauthorized parking and/or guests. All of which effectively deter residential burglary and crime.

As residents of a community association, you are given the opportunity to communicate with your neighbors (this newsletter is a good example), form a Neighborhood Watch Program, and benefit from community rules that our Board of Directors ensures are enforced.

The only thing that keeps us from taking control of our community and eliminating vandalism, burglary and other community-based crime is 100% participation by all of the members of our community.

If we all kept an eye out on our neighbors house while they are away, reported suspicious activity and/or persons, and complied with our rules & regulations, then we would virtually eliminate the causes of neighborhood crime.

It can be easy to complain about the restrictions and lack of personal freedoms that living within a community association entails. Instead, we should be focusing on how we can use our association to help improve the quality of our lives. Let's start focusing on the positives...and working together to preserve community safety. It is a great place to start!

Your Role as a Silverlake Homeowner

You take a great deal of pride in the upkeep of what is probably your biggest investment; don't you wish others on your block felt the same way you do?

Once you became a member of Silverlake, you agreed to abide by the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions ("CC&Rs") of the community. A major part of the CC&Rs is the upkeep of your home. We have found that a great majority of the homeowners are doing their part in upkeep, there are a few remaining individuals that are notified by the management company that their homes are out of compliance.

We have contracted with PCMI to do two inspections every month of our community. In addition, the volunteer board members, who are also your neighbors, make notes of things that they see while running errands or driving to work that do not conform to the CC&Rs. PCMI is then informed of the violation and a deed restriction violation is issued.

There are times when things occur within the neighborhood that just don't coincide with these scheduled inspections or random sightings. So what can you as a homeowner do about

this? The answer is simple; please contact the board and PCMI.

The official Silverlake website at www.silverlakehoa.com has a "Contact Us" form that you can fill out and notify both the board and PCMI about any given situation. All communications are anonymous, so if you need to inform us of deed restriction violations, the offending homeowner will not know who reported the problem.

Keep in mind, the HOA board is comprised of all volunteer homeowners; we do this job to maintain a great community. Like you, we are also dues paying homeowners that want our properties to maintain their values. If you see a problem within the community, please let us know about it and it will be addressed.

Correspondence to the board should be kept cordial, we understand your concerns and we will get the situation fixed as quickly as possible. It may seem that it is taking a long time to get a lawn mowed or unwanted vehicles removed; however we have to go thru the process that is outlined in the Texas Property Code before we can take action. It's up to all of us to keep Silverlake looking as great as it does. Thank you everyone!



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Children must learn to read before they can read to learn. How can parents help their children become readers? The Learning First Alliance, a group of education organizations, suggests that parents help in these ways:

- **Read at bedtime.** From the time your children are very young, get in the habit of reading aloud at bedtime. If you haven't started this tradition, it's not too late to begin.

- **Enjoy the library together.** Take your child to the public library regularly. Together, explore all the resources available.

Spend some time looking at children's biographies one week. On your next visit, see what books are available on outer space or dolphins...or ancient Egypt.

- **Encourage your children to write.** Look for ways to motivate children to write. Leave a note on the refrigerator and ask your child to write back. Buy your child a journal.

- **Play rhyming games.** Young children learn a lot as they think about rhyming words. They focus on the sounds inside words and start to hear the sounds that letters make. Choose a word, and have a contest to see who can think of the greatest number of rhyming words.

Remember - practice makes perfect. Young readers need lots of practice to polish their skills. Keep reading material around your house. Have your child read the recipes when you cook. And be sure you have a regular reading time every day.





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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 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!

Retail Partners

Please join us for spirit night on Wednesday, April 9th, at Big

Horn BBQ. Be sure to mention that you are dining on behalf of Silvercrest Elementary & a portion of the proceeds will be donated back to our PTA.

Disability Awareness

Disability Awareness week activities were held for all students on March 4 and 5 & were a great success thanks to our PTA Chair Kathy Burt & all of our wonderful parent volunteers! The students participated in various activities such as maneuvering a wheelchair, learning sign language, sensory differences and a vision impairment simulation. A new station was added this year where each class made a poster filled with ideas of how they can be a friend to a student with a disability. A small group guided discussion encouraged our students to come up with ideas, which were written on posters displayed in the gym.

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You need to become familiar with your competition and establish a selling price that's consistent with comparable homes in your area. You can do online research and visit open houses yourself, but at this stage, it's time to hire a real estate agent.

Your agent can provide you with a Comparative Market Analysis (CMA) which details what other homes like yours have sold for (this would come from MLS not on-line services). When you visit open houses, notice features that make positive or negative impressions on you. Now ask your agent to suggest ideas to ensure your home makes a positive impression,

and make suggested repairs and/or consider staging. At this point, you and your agent will come up with a realistic selling price.

The most critical task of any agent is negotiating the sale of your home. For this, you need one who has been in the business for a while. There is a difference. By selecting an experienced agent, you'll be helping ensure a positive outcome.

Through the negotiating process, your agent will work hard to help you and the buyer come to an agreement that you both can live with. Your agent should always show respect for the other party and set a positive tone for the negotiation.

Be involved. Remember you and your Realtor are on the same team and have the same goal. You want a strategy from your agent that is wise and efficient and provides a good outcome for the sale of your property.



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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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Silverlake News is Looking for Articles

Do you know of a fundraiser that is going on at your children's school? How about promoting a local club in our neighborhood? If you have any news you'd like to share with your neighbors, please send us an article to silverlakeupdates@yahoo.com

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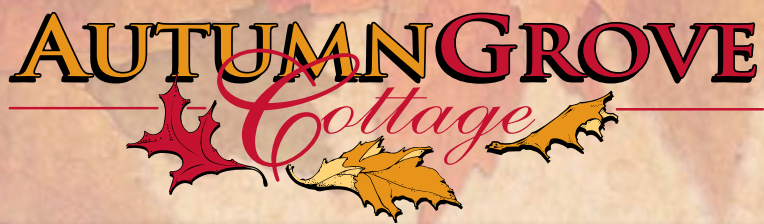


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School Supplies 2014-15

School supplies will be for sale online in April for the 2014-15 school year. Look for a flyer to be sent home in your child's folder and placed in the kinder registration folders for incoming Kindergarteners.

Field Day

Mark your calendars for Field Day on Friday, May 16th! We will need lots of volunteers to make it a success. Any time you can donate is greatly appreciated! Please look for information coming home in your child's folder or by email on how to sign up for this fun event.

PTA General Meeting

Please plan to attend our last PTA general meeting for this school year on Thursday, May 15th, 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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For more information about Silvercrest Elementary PTA and upcoming events, please visit our website at www.silvercrestpta.org.

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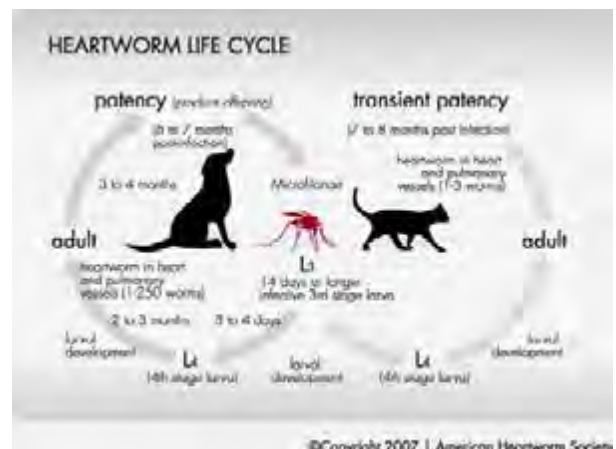


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