

News from the Shores

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A word from the board

In our yearly meeting, that took place at the Southwest Regional Library on June 4, we were really disappointed to see only ten homeowners in attendance.

It was an important meeting since we were supposed to hold elections for the board and since many people had complained when the current board was appointed, we thought that we would have had much more participation.

Since there was not enough homeowners present and only one proxy, which is the way homeowners elect board members when they can not be present, the board remained as it was with Avelina Damonte as president, Jorge Infante as Vice-president, and Don Dixon as Secretary/treasurer. The only addition was Mr. Flinchun as our Neighborhood Crime Watch coordinator.

We hope to see as many homeowners in our upcoming meetings and please remember that we need the help and input of each and everyone in order to make our community a desirable place to live and raise our children.

The Board

Tid Bits

- We have a new and beautiful website. Please visit us at www.sapphireshores.org
- You can also e-mail us at bod@sapphireshores.org with your concerns, suggestions, or simply to drop a compliment.
- There is a Master Association Board meeting on August 27 at 7:00 PM at the Masonic Lodge. For more information and if you would like to attend, please contact Pines Property.

- If you see an alligator in any of our lakes, please call Bryan at 954-410-6810. His number can also be found on our webpage.
- Also, please be aware of snakes and other critters. Since the lakes around all of Silver Lakes are so low, these native Floridians have started to show up in our backyards. Please try not to get close to the lakes and keep your small children and pets in sight. Although our community and board will be sorry for any unfortunate event that might happen we are not responsible for them.

Neighbors' corner

We will keep this space open to all the neighbors. Please e-mail us if you just move to the neighborhood; if you just had a baby, a new dog, if you have any member of your family in our armed forces and would like us to recognize him or her; and any suggestions that may improve the work of this board or community.

Question

*Being a part of this community for the past 10 years, I've seen its ups and down and I truly appreciate the improvements made during the past few months – I think we finally have the right person for the job. My concern is and has been the landscaping in the entrance of the community. Two years ago between Katrina and Wilma our trees took a beating – none of which have been replaced. I have never understood why and when I have called or gone personally to Pines Property Management, I have been given many excuses and finally today I got off the phone with Maria and she said that **it was not a Pines Property issue but a Board and Silver Lakes Maintenance issue instead**. When I spoke to her, I told her that our community by far is the worst manicured and most poorly landscaped in all of Silver Lakes – I have been here long enough to accurately make that statement. I just want to know why those trees are not being replaced, why a two year delay when if our own personal trees go down we **MUST** replace it right away – no excuses. I wait for your reply and hope not to be given yet another poor excuse. Lisset*

Answer

We are in the process of getting quotes to replace those trees and as soon as we get three of them we will make our choice. The Board

Question

Hello my name is Christina and I would like to write a letter to my neighbors in the community about a break in. On June 15 someone broke in to my friend's car and stole all her belongings. I feel that this crime is outrageous for this community. I feel that we are not safe. I know that there have been a lot of break-ins into cars and homes within this community. I am asking the board if I can personally write a letter and deliver it to each home about safety precautions and awareness. Thank you.

Answer

Please be aware not to leave any valuables in plain view in you cars, do not leave your garage doors open, and most importantly, use common sense. Also, you can send us an e-mail attention Mr. Flinchun and volunteer for the Neighborhood Crime Watch. The Board

We reserve the right to edit for space constraint and all the articles become property of Sapphire Shores Recreational Association.

The neighborhood kitchen

Please send in your favorite recipes and we may publish it. Make sure that you include name, a brief history of it, quantities, and procedure.

Community Etiquette

- Please make sure that whenever you call Pines Property, you do it in a courteous manner. Maria Kopel, the property manager for our community, does not make the rules, she just enforce them. She works very hard to keep our community in order. Please don't forget.
- Remember that the City of Miramar bulk trash day is the 4th Thursday of the month. This does not necessarily mean the last week. For more information please visit www.ci.miramar.fl.us
- Please be considerate with your neighbors. If you can't or don't want to park inside your garage, and before you use the "guest over flow parking", you can park two cars in your driveway and one on the "apron" sideways.

Final Note:

Please remember:

- Scoop the poop: be a good Boy or Girl Scout and work with your pet. Leave no trace behind.
- Please close the umbrellas before leaving the pool area even if you have not opened them, do it for the benefit of the community. Any time they are open and we have one of our summer storms, they fall, break, and we all have to pay for either the repair or the replacement.
- Do not open the pool door for anybody. Every one of us should have a key and if not, we can obtain one at Pines Property.
- When you leave the pool, please close the door behind you and

check that the playground is also closed. It does not take a lot of time and ensures the community that only our members are using those facilities.

- School starts on August 20th and lots of children will be walking to and from schools in our neighborhoods. Use caution and do not speed.
- Report any act of vandalism to the Miramar Police Detail Officer at 954-205-1872.
- The board had plans for a block party potluck style for September 8th at the pool. Please e-mail us to see how many people will attend. If we don't get enough people, it will be cancelled.