

SAPPHIRE SHORES NEWS

2011 Review: Amendment Fails Due to Lack of Votes

A proposal to amend the Sapphire Shores Declaration to require prospective renters to undergo a background check before being permitted to rent a home in Sapphire Shores failed due to insufficient votes.

Of the 327 homes in the Sapphire Shores Community, 119 ballots, which were mailed in late July to all active homeowners, were returned. While the vote was overwhelmingly in favor (104 to 15) of the proposal, the number of ballots returned did not represent two-thirds of active homeowners. Thus, the proposal did not pass.

This background check would include a criminal check, credit check, and current employment status. The homeowner or the renters would pay the cost of the background check. The Pines Property Manager would provide the results of the background check to the

consideration and approval.

If the prospective renters move in without written approval by the Board, the homeowner would be sent to the Pines Property Management Fine Committee Meeting to resolve the issue. If it is not resolved, the issue would be sent to the attorney. The Board would have the right to begin an eviction process through the attorney.

Proposed Change to Sapphire Shores Declaration

With less than five percent of the community homeowners attending any of the community meetings throughout the year, and only 36 percent returning ballots, SSRA is unable to make any significant changes to the Declaration to improve the community. The Board of Directors is seeking a change to the Sapphire Shores

permit changes to the Declaration with a 30 percent participation of homeowners instead of the current two-thirds.

Michael Villarosa, attorney for the Silver Lakes Community, is working with the SSRA BOD for the necessary paperwork. A door-to-door campaign will be arranged by the BOD to obtain the necessary two-thirds vote to the change the Declaration.

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Neighborhood CrimeWatch Organization Meeting Reset

An organizational Neighborhood CrimeWatch meeting occurred this past August at the Miramar Police substation, but only seven Sapphire

Shore residents were in attendance. This is not enough participation for a successful CrimeWatch, as there are not enough block captains or a

balanced location of residents. The Sapphire Shores BOD will attempt another organizational meeting early in 2012 to take place at the community pool.

Community Crime

Miramar Police Community Resource Officer Corey Bogus tells us that the crime in the Sapphire Shores community is down from last year, with a total of 12 offenses committed October 2011.

| OFFENSE | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | TOTAL |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| SEXUAL BATTERY | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | 2 |
| AGGRAVATED ASSAULT/BATTERY | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | 2 |
| BURGLARY - RESIDENCE | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 |
| BURGLARY - THEFT FROM AUTO | 2 | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | | 4 |
| THEFT - AUTO PARTS | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 |
| THEFT - OTHER | | | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 |
| VEHICLE THEFT | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 |
| TOTAL | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 12 |

FPI Security is contracted by Silver Lakes to patrol our community along with all of the other Silver Lakes communities in Miramar and Pembroke Pines. Remember, FPI has no authority to arrest and its patrols are limited, but it will enforce the by-laws of the community. An FPI patrol can be reached anytime at 954-205-1872. If you see any suspicious activity, do not hesitate to call 9-1-1.

Pool Work Ahead

The pool will be closed for major repairs for a two week period beginning Jan. 2.

Otherwise, the pool is open from dawn to dusk. Several cameras are providing a continuous recording of activity in and around the pool area for security and crime watch.

You must have a pool key to enter the pool area, and to have a pool key, you must be a resident of the Sapphire Shores community.

The locks were changed in August with a Medeco key system. If you do not have the new key, you can obtain it at the Pines Property Management office for \$10 (cash or check). The number is 954-438-6570.

Management Change

George Prieto is now assigned to the Sapphire Shore community. His routine inspections are done to ensure that our community remains clean and safe. The best way to reach him is via e-mail: George@pinespropertymanagement.com.

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Issues, Notices, Reminders and Other Stuff

Street Parking

Overnight parking continues to be problem in the community. Silver Lakes' regulations clearly state that vehicles can only be parked overnight on the driveway or apron, not on the street, swale or grass. Parking is not allowed anytime on the double yellow-lined curves. Violations will result in a ticket. If you see a problem with this or any other incident, call the non-emergency number of Miramar Police at 954-765-4321.

Miramar Police reminds us that it is illegal to make a left turn from northbound 172nd Avenue on SW 23rd street during posted school zone hours in the morning and afternoon.

Warnings were given several weeks ago, but tickets are now being issued to violators.

The Police also tell us that all vehicles must have current tags, regardless of where they are parked. Violations

White Fly Infestation

As with many other locations in South Florida, Sapphire Shores has an infestation of white flies, which destroy palm and ficus trees. There are pest-control companies that will spray for the flies, and there are over-the-counter pesticides that will solve the problem, too. Residents must maintain their trees, or will receive a violation from Pines Management.

Note that no solicitation is permitted in the community, and the Sapphire Shores BOD does not endorse any particular company. If a vendor comes to your door, send him away and call FPI Security.

Pet Rules

At all times, pets must be on a leash or in a carrier when outdoors. This is a city law for the protection of residents and visitors. Pet owners are also responsible for immediately picking up after their pet.

Trash Collection

Trash is picked up on every Wednesday and Saturday, using only approved City of Miramar containers.

All trash containers must be placed near the curb for pick up no earlier than the night before pick up. All empty trash containers must be retrieved by the owner on the same day as pick up. Failure to do so will result in fines from the Pines Management Office. It is your neighborhood. Let's keep it clean and green.

Bulk pick-up takes place on the 4th Thursday of every month (which is not always the last Thursday of the month).

Future Meetings

The Sapphire Shores Recreational Board Community meetings for 2012 will be posted on the website, and a three day notice is provided via a sign at the entrance to the community.

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Watering Restrictions Are Still in Effect; Use H2O Wisely

Phase II watering restrictions are permanent in Miramar. Violators will receive a costly citation. Watering is allowed as follows:
ODD numbered address:
Wednesday and Saturday - 12 a.m. to 10

a.m. AND/OR 4 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.
-EVEN-number address: Thursday & Sun Sunday –
12 a.m. to 10 a.m. No watering is allowed between 10 am and 4 pm. Low-volume systems such as drip, bubble and micro-jet

systems that apply water directly to root plant zones may be used any time.

For the most efficient use of water, avoid watering during both time periods on the same day. Most lawns need only 3/4 to 1 inch of water per week.



Sapphire Shores as shown on Google Earth. This subdivision of the Silver Shores development contains 327 homes.

Our Website

There is a wealth of information regarding your Sapphire Shore community on the Sapphire Shores Website:

<http://www.sapphireshores.org>

This includes the latest meeting minutes, announcements and useful links. This includes a link to the Silver Lakes Community Association Web site and the Homeowner's manual. You can also send an e-mail to the Board.