Fall 2019

The Gazebo

Silverwood Plantation Homeowners Association, Inc.
Effingham County's
Premier Community

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Message from the President:

Our children are now back in school and the end of summer is quickly approaching. With 2/3 of 2019 now in our rear view mirror, it is a good time to review what the SPHA has accomplished this year.

1. A Reserve Study prepared by a nationally recognized engineering firm analyzed SPHA operating practices. The engineering report has been delivered to the SPHA and it will help guide future decision making for many years to come.

2. The drainage problems facing our clubhouse have been resolved. Although it was a lengthy process, we have protected one of the most important amenities in our community. Installation of fencing, painting the new brick retaining walls, and landscape upgrades are scheduled for completion as soon as possible.

3. The playground upgrade is progressing and completion is estimated in 2 to 3 weeks.

4. The fencing on Chimney Road was repaired and painted.

5. Two culvert pipes that were partially blocked were cleaned and are now draining properly.

6. Two public budget meetings were held to review and prepare a 2020 budget for the SPHA.

7. Additional work on drainage/roads is planned during the next few months.

The proposed 2020 budget is available at the clubhouse for review by all residents. This budget was prepared and analyzed at the two public meetings listed in item #6 above. An overview of this budget will be emailed to all residents and also placed on the SPHA Facebook page for all to see. Thank you to all of the residents that came and assisted in developing the 2020 financial plan for our community.

How to Repel Snakes Naturally

There are many different species of snakes, from small to large and harmless to venomous. Whether you are dealing with harmless rat snakes or black snakes or know you have some dangerous copperheads around your house, these various pest control options will help you keep snakes out of your home.

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- Garlic
- Lemon Grass
- Marigolds

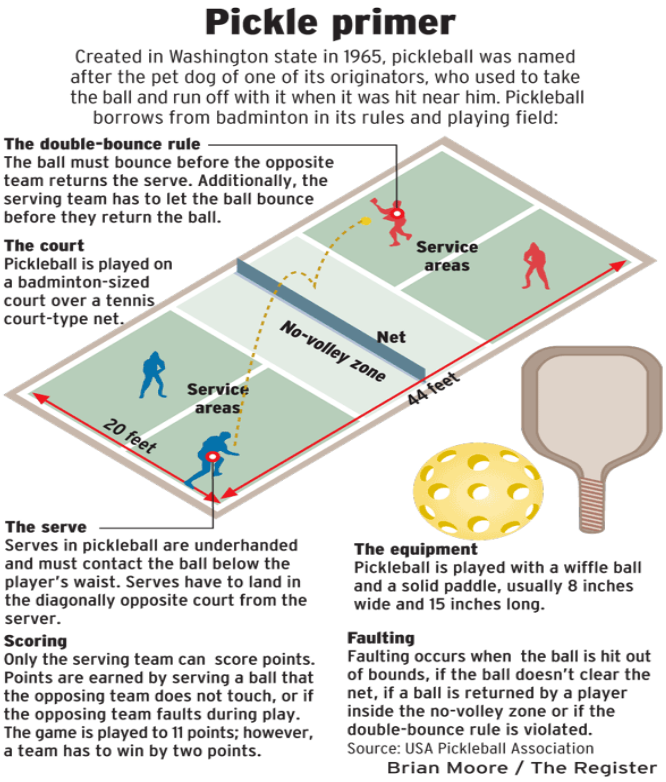
Cat Litter: Sprinkle cat litter around the perimeter of your house or yard. The rough texture makes slithering challenging, and the cat litter will also stick to the snake, making it even more uncomfortable. If you're thinking about re-doing your garden or yard, adding some gravel will yield a similar result and help repel snakes.

Garlic/salt/onion: Snakes have a very acute and unique sense of smell. Anything that is even remotely unpleasant smelling helps with your snake problem. One common snake repellent people try is a 50-50 mix of salt and crushed garlic. The salt irritates the snake's skin, and the garlic smell will upset the snake. Sprinkle the mixture around the edge of your property and house, and the snakes will slither away. And add onion to increase the effect.

White Vinegar: The pungent odor of this standard household cleaner repels snakes and acts as an effective snake deterrent. Take some white vinegar and spray it around the perimeter of your property. You can even water it down, which will cost you even less.

The Moth Ball Myth: You may hear people say that the smell of mothballs keeps snakes away. The active ingredients in mothballs are pesticides and relatively dangerous ones at that. Not only that, mothballs are designed for moths (not snakes) so they are not an effective choice to repel snakes.

We have added a pickle ball net to use on our tennis court. Come check it out!

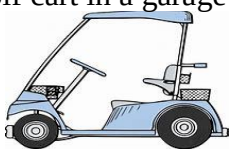


Oops! That just cost someone over $1300.
Please wait for the gate arm to go up before proceeding.

Golf Carts

Residents are allowed to drive under the following conditions of the SPHA covenants and by-laws.

- You must register your golf cart with the office and receive a free tag.
- You must be 16 years old with a valid driver's license to operate.
- You must provide proof of insurance for the golf cart
- You must store the golf cart in a garage and not in a driveway



Hurricane Preparedness Checklist

Be sure to have the following ready:

- ❑ Flashlights and battery operated lantern with extra batteries
- ❑ Battery operated radio with extra batteries
- ❑ Cases of water bottles (14 day supply recommended)
- ❑ Copies of important documents (insurance, car titles)
- ❑ Prescription Medicines (extra 2 week supply)
- ❑ First aid kit (don't forget sunscreen & bug spray)
- ❑ Fill cars with gas (in case of power outage)
- ❑ Cash (in case of power outage)
- ❑ Pet food and extra water for pet(s), pet license
- ❑ Non-perishable foods and a can opener (2 weeks supply)
- ❑ Extra diapers/wipes and paper supplies such as TP

If you have to evacuate pack all of the above plus:

- ❑ Evacuation backpacks for each family member (clothes, underwear, personal toiletry items)
- ❑ Sleeping bags, pillows and blanket for each family member
- ❑ Toys/games/books for kids
- ❑ Boredom busters (that don't require power)
- ❑ Car charger for cell phones

Extras:

- ❑ Grill, charcoal and matches
- ❑ Pack documents, medicines and batteries in plastic baggies
- ❑ Freeze baggies of water for extra ice

Clubhouse Drainage Improvements

While all of the landscaping, fencing, and painting is not yet finished, the foundation work is complete at the clubhouse. French drains have been added, the hole in the foundation repaired, and a cement retaining wall has replaced the rotten wooden retaining wall. We are receiving landscaping advice from professionals to determine the best time to replace the bushes/plants surrounding the clubhouse. Based on this advice, it might be necessary to wait until next spring we will be able to finish this portion of the project.

Now for a bit of landscaping trivia…French drains have been around since the Roman times. It was American agriculturist Henry French that reinvented "French" drains in 1859.

Clubhouse Policy

The clubhouse is more popular than ever this year and to ensure availability for all residents the Board is limiting the number of times homeowners can reserve the clubhouse to 4 times a year without Board approval. On a case by case basis, the Board will evaluate additional reservation requests. Reservations can be made by filling out the form that is online. A cleaning deposit check for $75 is also required. Residents can mail the check and reservation form to 41 Silver Lake Drive or put it in the locked white box at the clubhouse door. The check is returned to the homeowner once it is determined the room was left clean. While you can call Sherry at 912-826-2539 or email her to reserve the clubhouse, please remember your reservation is not finalized until the reservation form and check are received.

https://www.silverwoodplantation.net/events--clubhouse-reservations.html

We are almost there with our new playground addition!!

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Social Events Calendar

~Saturday Oct 5th Fall Yard Sale 7am to Noon

~Annual BBQ, watch for the date to be announced. Wade Britt has generously volunteered to do the cooking again this year. Once we have the date confirmed we will ask you to bring your favorite pot luck side/dessert. This has been a popular event!!

It's that time of year again-Elections!!!

Silverwood Plantation has an annual meeting that is determined in the by-laws to be on the 3rd Saturday of November. The covenants require us to schedule this year's meeting on November 16th. This is when we elect new board members and vote on our next year's budget. Please consider volunteering for a board position. This community works best when residents become involved. The position of President opens up this year and is for the next 2 years. Alex Thompson, our treasurer, will complete the second half of his 2 year term in 2020. All other board positions (Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary) have 1 year terms and are elected annually.

We have held 2 budget meetings already for residents to review the 2020 budget. We will vote on the budget at the same time as we vote for our new Board members.

Lost Pet?

Email SPHA at *silverwoodplantation@outlook.com* to have your lost pet listed on our web page or on our Facebook page.

And about that pet, we all enjoy walking around the lakes and common areas so please don't leave any traces of your dog behind. Please take a doggie bag to clean up as you go for walks with your dog.

Keeping your pet on a leash is also required when

you are out and about in the neighborhood.

RV Policy

The SPHA RV policy authorizes owners of RV's up to 2 days on property to load up and 2 days on property to unload. Please leave a message at the office 912-826-2539 to let us know when you have your RV on property. All other vehicles, boats, trailers, jet skis, and golf carts must be stored in the garage or off property and not in backyards.

The Silverwood Plantation Board is always looking for volunteers. Come to the next meeting and check us out!

The monthly meetings provide the Board an opportunity to report all of the activities and issues in our neighborhood. The meeting is every month on the third Thursday in the clubhouse at 7pm.
Our Annual Meeting is in November on the third Saturday of the month. At this Annual Meeting we select the next year's board and approve the budget.

2019 SPHA Board of Directors

President	Vice President	Treasurer	Recording Secretary	Corresponding Secretary
Pat McCorkhill	Mitch Birzer	Alex Thompson	Mark Spain	Jim Browning

Architecture Review Committee

Lee Huggins & Robbie Cleland

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The **Silverwood office hours** are:

Tuesday; 3:00 pm – 7:00pm

Wednesday, 9:00am-3pm
For an appointment please call
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