

# SILVER RIDGE IN ACTION

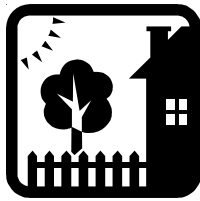


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## Yard of the Quarter

Congratulations to Jimmy and Linda Echols for winning Yard of the Quarter. Drive by **7620**

**Eldorado Place** to see the winning yard. The lawn and hedges are well-manicured and maintained. Your hard work has been noticed. A \$50 Home Depot



gift certificate will be mailed shortly.

Congratulations also go out to the residents at **2944 Silver Ridge Drive,**

the runner up. Thank you for your dedication to keeping a superb lawn.

Quarterly, the Architectural Control Committee provides the Board of Directors with three finalists for Yard of the Quarter. The Board selects a winner from the three finalists. The resident who wins Yard of the Quarter receives a \$50 Home Depot gift certificate and is announced in the next newsletter.

We'd love to hear your vote for Yard of the Quarter. E-mail your suggestion to [acc@silverridgehoa.org](mailto:acc@silverridgehoa.org). You may also leave voicemail at 407-293-4117. All nominations received will be forwarded to the Architectural Control Committee for consideration. Nominations for the next quarter must be received by November 1.

## Crime prevention analysis for Silver Ridge to begin shortly

By **Dorinda R. Howe**  
FCPP, CPTED Practitioner

Silver Ridge has received a neighborhood planning grant from Orange County Neighborhood Services Division to develop a plan to address current crime problems and the use of crime prevention techniques as a deterrent.

I am a private consultant in the security/Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) field that has received a contract from Orange County Neighborhood Services to provide an analysis of your neighborhood and help you develop a plan to reduce crime in Silver Ridge.

In the next few months I will be meeting with residents and

doing site surveys throughout your neighborhood, both day and night.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a neighborhood questionnaire. This questionnaire will help me pinpoint specific concerns you have and concentrations of criminal activity. Please fill out the questionnaire. Volunteers will go door-to-door on Saturday, September 14 to collect the completed surveys.

Without your input, we will not have the information needed to provide the thorough analysis required to develop your neighborhood crime prevention plan. Your involvement is essential to the success of the plan. When my CPTED analysis is complete, we will hold a meeting to discuss and develop a final plan.

## It's election season - time to exercise your rights

You've seen the candidate signs. You know it's coming. The primary election is September 10. November 5 is the general election.

If you need to register to vote or you want to make a party affiliation change, you must do so by October 7<sup>th</sup> in order to vote in the general election. You can register at the Orange County Supervisor of Elections office,

119 W. Kaley Street. For more information, call 407-836-2707.

The Supervisor of Elections has mailed out new voter ID cards. If you are registered to vote and have not received your new ID card, contact the Supervisor of Elections office.

For more information, visit the Orange County Supervisor of Elections Web site at <http://www.ocfelections.com/>.

## A Message from HOA President Tony Greene

Hello neighbors!

With the fourth quarter fast approaching, I am happy to have another opportunity to address our community as your president.

We changed management companies in hopes of bringing about more of a sense of community and harmony. To that end, we have provided notifications on the eight violations that the Board will be paying close attention to for the betterment of our community. At this time, I would like to thank every resident who has willingly addressed any shortcomings. Again, thank you for making Silver Ridge more appealing for both current residents as well as any future neighbors!

It is evident that the level of non-compliance is still high. There may be a myth among long standing violators that the existing violations will go unnoticed and/or un-addressed. That is simply not true.

Complacency and don't-give-a-hoot attitudes are evident by the number of lawns, roofs, fences, mailboxes and weathered paint that need attention throughout our neighborhood, as well as by the low level of volunteerism exhibited by the residents of this community. This is probably an issue that would fit better under the heading of "someone else will take care of it-ism."

We have discussed various ways to address the level of complacency. Unfortunately, it appears that the only effective way we have to motivate residents is through litigation. Therefore, as noted in previous newsletters, we are in the process of turning over a number of

violators to our lawyers for prosecution.

Please be advised that residents painting their houses various "creative" colors or making other modifications/additions (e.g., swingsets, room additions, etc) without the prior *written* approval from the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) only make life harder for everyone in the neighborhood. When *neighbors* forget they are living in a *neighborhood*, it has an adverse effect on the balance of harmony and peace throughout the *community*.

We are not asking for a large commitment of your time as that is not necessary. With 442 homes in our community we should have more than enough manpower to cover our various committee memberships. We currently need volunteers to support Sarah Steinhoff in her production of this newsletter. In addition, we need to establish a Neighborhood Improvement Committee as well as revamp our Neighborhood Watch Committee. Can your community count on you?

The Board and the ACC receive various calls, emails and voicemail complaints from residents that feel our community standards need to be addressed. However, very few have stepped up to volunteer to make a difference in the community that we live in. So again, what are you prepared to do to make a difference in the neighborhood you call home? I would ask you to consider a more active role in your homeowners' association as well as the various committees we are trying to establish.

Think of it as protecting one of your most valuable possessions.

### Welcome our newest volunteers - neighbors who decided to get involved

**Fay Lewis :** I am the newest member of the Silver Ridge Home Owner's Association Board of Directors and Chair of the Architectural Control Committee. I have lived in Silver Ridge since March 2001. I have worked as a manufacturer's representative for the last 15 years, selling commercial foodservice equipment. I was transferred to Orlando from Ft. Lauderdale and rented an apartment nearby. I found the Silver Ridge subdivision snuggled in the rolling hills of Orange County and I fell in love with the place.

I believe that our homes are our biggest investment and we should work hard to protect that investment. One of the best ways to do that is to

keep our community up to the standards of our Covenants and to be actively involved rather than looking on and criticizing those who are trying to make a difference.

My outside interests include a deaf ministry at my church that reaches out to deaf inmates in local prisons as well. I also enjoy spending time with my grandchildren, cooking, gardening and reading.

**Larry and Janet Renner :** We have lived in Silver Ridge since September 1986, moving here from Missouri. Larry works for Lockheed Martin and Janet works for Hampton Claire, LLC. We have one daughter. We got involved because we wanted

to know the thought process behind some of the decisions that were made in the community. We are not joiners, so this was a big decision for us. We volunteered for the Architectural Control Committee because we do not want to see our community decline.



### Lost and Found

A set of keys was found a few weeks ago in the middle of Danforth

Drive. They were near house number 2834. If you are missing a set of keys, please e-mail [hoa@silverridgehoa.org](mailto:hoa@silverridgehoa.org) or leave voicemail at 407-293-4117.

## Tips to help your child succeed during the new school year

Summer break is over. Kids have gone back to school. Students in Silver Ridge are part of the 14th largest school district in the nation – and the fourth largest in Florida. The public schools that serve Silver Ridge are Pinewood Elementary, Robinswood Middle and Evans High.

The following tips are excerpted from “A Parent’s Guide to Orange County Schools” available online at <http://www.ocps.k12.fl.us/>.

### Showing an interest in school

Support your child’s education by showing interest in school. Ask about school activities and encourage your child to talk about school successes and problems. Praise extra effort as well as achievement. Ask your child to bring home tests, papers and project grades to show you. You will be able to spot and correct problems early when you keep a close watch over your child’s schoolwork.

### Making home a school zone

Many everyday activities at home can help a child succeed at school. Children learn to read and understand things better when their parents:

- Read, talk and listen to them
- Tell them stories and play games
- Discuss news, TV programs and school activities

Reading is especially important. You can make reading an important part of your child’s life by visiting the library together, giving books and magazines as gifts, reading aloud to each other and discussing what has been read. If you want to know more about how you can make your home a school zone, call your child’s teacher for help.

### Helping with homework

Homework reinforces skills practiced in the classroom. You can encourage good homework habits by

setting aside a regular homework time, providing materials and a well-lit place to do homework and by helping plan ahead for project deadlines.

Your willingness to help shows your child that education is important to you. Most children need help with homework from time to time. There are many ways you can help. For example, quiz your child on spelling words, help organize a science project or work on math problems together.

Your child’s teacher can give you ideas and advice on how you can assist with homework.

### Staying in touch with school

Your involvement - especially at the beginning of the school year - will help your child get off to a good start. Be sure to read carefully all of the material that your child brings home

from school. Some important information will be needed from you, including your current address, emergency phone numbers and emergency medical authorization. If your address or phone number changes, please remember to keep your child’s school informed.

Parent/teacher nights and school open houses are good times to meet your child’s teachers and see the classrooms. Your attendance at school activities, such as plays, concerts and athletic events, also is very important. Children appreciate the interest and pride that their families show in their school life.

More information is available online. The Orange County Public Schools’ Web site is located at [www.ocps.net](http://www.ocps.net). The Florida Department of Education Web site is found at [www.firn.edu/doe](http://www.firn.edu/doe).

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### Meetings

All residents are welcome to observe the Board of Directors and Architectural Control Committee meetings held at the Orange County Public Library in the Publix shopping center at Silver Star and Hiawassee. Meeting dates and times are posted on the notice boards at the subdivision entrances. If you have a matter you want added to the next meeting agenda, forward the information to [hoa@silverridgehoa.org](mailto:hoa@silverridgehoa.org) or call 407-293-4117.

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407-737-2400

## Upcoming Holidays and Local Community Events

The following is a list of upcoming holidays and a selection of local community events.

- Sept. 2**            **Labor Day**
- Sept. 8**            **National Grandparents Day**
- Sept. 10**          **Primary Election**
- Sept. 11**          **Orlando Remembers**



In remembrance of September 11, 2001, the City of Orlando will host "Orlando Remembers" at Lake Eola Park. This event is an opportunity for family and friends to offer their support and thanks to those who protect and defend our community every day. It is also a time to reflect on the tragedies and triumphs that we have faced in the last year. The program begins at 6:30 pm and is free. For more information, call 407-246-2022.

**Sept. 14-15**      **Extreme Games**  
 Crane's Roost park in Altamonte Springs will host an extreme sports and music festival. Extreme sports events and demonstrations will include skateboarding, BMX biking, rollerblading, wake-boarding, jet-skiing and more. Event hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days and is free. For more information, call 407-648-4900, ext. 12.

**Sept. 20-22**    **Home Fest**  
 The Expo Centre will host a showcase of home-related products and services with vendors, exhibits, demonstrations and an appearance by Pat Simpson from HGTV. The event hours are noon to 8 p.m. on Sept. 20, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sept 21 and 22. Tickets are available at the



box office, 407-849-2000. Prices are \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors, children 10 and under are free.

**Sept. 22**          **NFL Punt, Pass & Kick Competition**  
 This is a local football skills competition sponsored by the NFL and Gatorade. The event is open for boys and girls in four age divisions – 8/9, 10/11, 12/13, and 14/15. Football skills that will be measured are punting, passing and kicking from a tee. Winners in each age division will advance to a Sectional Competition. Proof of age is required, i.e. a birth certificate. The event will be held at West Orange Park, 150 Windermere Road, Winter Garden. Event hours are 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. There is no pre-registration and the event is free. For more information, call 407-836-6200.



- Sept. 23**          **First Day of Autumn**
- Oct. 14**          **Columbus Day**
- Oct. 16**          **Boss's Day**
- Oct. 18**          **Mall at Millenia Grand Opening**  
 The Mall at Millenia opens its doors to the public for the first time. Tour the conservatory themed space that features the concepts of Earth, Universe and Time.
- Oct. 27**          **Daylight Savings Time Ends**  
 Move your clocks back one hour and change the batteries in your smoke detectors.
- Oct. 31**          **Halloween**
- Nov. 2-3**        **Fiesta in the Park**  
 Enjoy 600 arts and crafts vendors, great food and family fun at beautiful Lake Eola in downtown Orlando. Event hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is free. For more information, call 407-649-3152.

- Nov. 5**            **General Election**
- Nov. 11**          **Veteran's Day**
- Nov. 11-24**      **16th Annual Festival of Trees**  
 The Orlando Museum of Art will help you usher in the holiday season with the 16th Annual Festival of Trees, a nine-day event featuring spectacularly decorated trees and wreaths, holiday vignettes, a grift boutique, special events and more. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Call 407-672-3838 for more information.

**Nov. 28**          **Thanksgiving**  
 If you have an event you would like listed in the next newsletter, send the event information to [newsletter@silverridgehoa.org](mailto:newsletter@silverridgehoa.org). Event information must be received by November 1 to be considered for publication in the December newsletter.

Source for local event information:  
<http://www.orangecountyfl.net/>  
<http://orlandosentinel.com/>  
<http://icflorida.com/>  
<http://cityoforlando.net/>

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