



Cabana Use Policy

The Silver Lake Community Cabana is a great asset to our community and available to all residents to use. We are trying to help coordinate the use of the Cabana by larger groups by asking residents to notify Omega Management if you plan to use the Cabana for a group of 15 or more. We will post those events on the Community calendar on the NextDoor website as well as at the Cabana itself.

Please contact Camie at Omega Management, camie@omegamgmt.com or 919-461-0102 to list your event on the community calendar.

Please remember that the use of the cabana by any group cannot restrict access to the pool and facilities by other residents or community groups.

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How would you like your newsletter delivered?

If you would like to opt out of paper versions of the newsletter, and receive future issues electronically, please email your preference to Martha Gettys, mlgettys@gmail.com.

Management Services contact:
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Community Manager
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Pool Opening & Community Social

The Silver Lake Community Pool will be opening for the 2014 season on **Saturday, May 10th**. In conjunction with the pool opening there will be a Pot Luck Community Social in the Cabana and we encourage all the Silver Lake residents to join in. The Social Committee will be providing burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, beverages and dessert. Please bring a side dish (veggies, salads, burger toppings, etc.) to share. The Social Committee will also be providing paper plates, napkins, cups, utensils and condiments.

There will be an organized kids' activity at 2:30 and games for all during the afternoon. Food will be served from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM.

Please mark your calendars and make plans to meet your neighbors, share a meal and some fun and enjoy the pool!

What else?

The Social Committee needs volunteers to help out with the community social. If you would like to be part of making this annual event a success for the neighborhood, please contact Kathy Mason at kmason1000@att.net or 440-796-3414

Silver Lake Community Yard Sale

The 2nd Annual Silver Lake Spring Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, April 26th from 7am until 12pm! We will be advertising the event a few days prior to drum up some local interest, and we encourage all residents to set up their sale items in their own driveway area during this timeframe in order to participate — just in time to declutter for the upcoming Spring weather!!

Websites to watch

<http://www.hoasilverlake.com/>

The official website for information for Silver Lake residents, including communications from both the Master Association and Bluffs' Boards, as well as meeting minutes and governing documents.

<https://silverlakenc.nextdoor.com>

A more informal channel for residents of Silver Lake to communicate – including community news, calendars, lost and found, and neighborhood classifieds. (See the article on Page 3)

Silver Lake Community Social Committee needs volunteers

Interested in participating in planning and putting on community-wide social events? Have some great ideas for neighborhood activities? The Master Association Board wants you for our Social Committee. Please contact Kathy Mason, the Social Committee Chair at kmason1000@att.net or 440-796-3414.

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### Parking Reminder

Street parking is not allowed on any of the Bluffs streets. Be sure to park in your driveway or in marked parking spaces. Cars parked along the side of the roads will be subject to towing.

Also, please remember that for both the townhome and the single family sides of the community, the sidewalk is not an extension of your driveway – please keep the sidewalks clear of cars.

Finally, please be aware that on the single family side of the neighborhood, parking on the street should be only in the same direction of traffic – please don't park "against traffic".

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Trash & Recycling Schedule

Trash pickup is every Thursday
Upcoming Recycling pick-up will be:

April 24th
May 8th & 22nd
June 5th & 19th

Raleigh Solid Waste Services has calendars available at <http://www.raleighnc.gov/content/SolidWaste/Documents/Calendars/ThursdayB.pdf>

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## Primary Day is May 6th



Primary voting in Wake County will be held on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> -- don't forget to vote! To view a sample ballot, check your registration or see a list of candidates, visit the Wake County Elections page at <http://www.wakegov.com/elections/info/pages/electiondates.aspx>

### **Please DO NOT FEED THE GEESE, THE SWAN**

– or any of the waterfowl:

- Bread and other "people" food is unhealthy for the waterfowl – and in the case of the swan, could be deadly
- The more they eat, they more waste they produce
- Feeding the geese, swan, or any of the waterfowl will make them more aggressive
- Feeding the geese will attract more geese.

Please remember these are wild animals, not pets; keep your distance, and don't feed them.

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### Raleigh Neighborhood Registry

The Raleigh Neighborhood Registry is the official list of neighborhood-based organizations throughout the city and its extraterritorial jurisdiction. The Community Services Department established the Neighborhood Registry in 2002 to get residents more involved in decisions affecting their neighborhoods and to improve participation in Citizens Advisory Councils (CACs). Neighborhood-based organizations are encouraged to send representatives to CAC meetings so they can share information and have a voice in what is happening in the community.

Elections will soon be held for the Raleigh Neighborhood Registry. This will be separate from the HOA board. Stay tuned to our NextDoor site for more details and contact Joe Halper at [Joe@joehalper.com](mailto:Joe@joehalper.com) or via NextDoor if you would like to be part of this group.

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“The essence of community, its heart and soul, is the non-monetary exchange of value; things we do and share because we care for others, and for the good of the place.”

--Dee Hock

## All Your Neighbors Are NextDoor

NextDoor is a social network for neighborhoods and Silver Lake has joined in (including over 100 of your neighbors). But why NextDoor? Don't we already have plenty of social networks out there with Facebook, Twitter, and whatever new one has been released in the last few hours? NextDoor strives to connect people living within the same neighborhood to share community information.

You can post information about upcoming events, discuss safety concerns in the area, ask questions, get recommendations, and most importantly, get to know your neighbors. The site has a website as well as apps that you can access from your mobile devices – both iOS and Android apps are available. Silver Lake residents who use the apps have reported that the mobile apps are particularly helpful and easy to use.

You can post things only to the Silver Lake community (for things that don't pertain to people outside the neighborhood) and you can post to Silver Lake plus nearby neighborhoods (to advertise your garage sale, discuss concerns with strangers walking the area, etc.). Please do make sure to post to appropriate groups or neighborhoods.

If you want to join your neighbors in using the site simply go to <https://silverlakenc.nextdoor.com>, create an account and select your address. The site will offer you a handful of options to help validate you belong to this community. And then, join in the conversation!

NextDoor is a great opportunity for us to communicate with each other, here in Silver Lake and we hope to see more of our neighbors online.

## Bermuda Grass Care Tips

Keeping your Bermuda looking good requires proper care and maintenance. Typically a combination of fertilization and mowing is all that is needed, but it's important to do these at the right times. The lawn may be self-mowed, but it's a good idea to use a lawn service to apply the fertilizer and weed control at the proper times of the year. They typically make about seven applications using a combination of fertilizer and weed control and costs about \$250 / year

### Mow the Bermuda only when it is green

- If pre-season non-Bermuda grass is apparent in early spring, it may be mowed, but assure your mower height is set to only cut the non-wanted grass and doesn't cut into the dormant Bermuda base.
- Cut no more than 1/3 of the grass at any time
  - If you grass is 2" high, cut at most about 1/2" off
  - Set you mower height to make the proper cut
  - Most mowers may be adjusted by moving the front and back wheels up or down
- Cut more frequently and take less off – it is not good to cut too much. If it gets too long, make 2 cuts waiting a 3-4 days before the second cut – see the above bullet about not cutting too much, and then get back on your regular cutting schedule.
- Don't scalp your lawn. Bermuda grass is at its best when it is about 1.5 – 2 inches tall. Plan your cuts to keep it at this optimum height.

### Fertilization and Weed Control

- 2 application of mostly weed control in early spring usually separated 4 – 6 weeks starting after the last frost in February or March
- 3 applications of fertilizer every 4 – 6 weeks of a nitrogen based feed
- 2 applications of both a slow release fertilizer and pre-emergent weed control starting mid to late October

For more information, please read the article found at this link: [http://www.turffiles.ncsu.edu/PDFFiles/000016/Bermudagrass\\_Lawn\\_Maintenance\\_Calendar.pdf](http://www.turffiles.ncsu.edu/PDFFiles/000016/Bermudagrass_Lawn_Maintenance_Calendar.pdf)

## 2014 Silver Lake Community POOL SURVEY

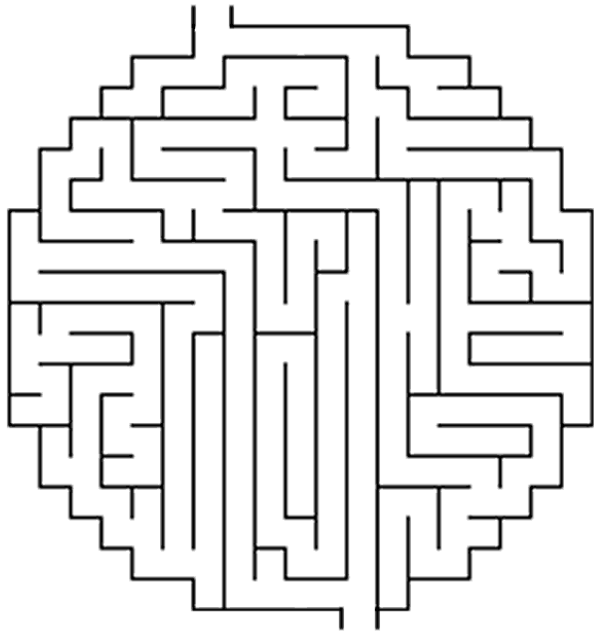
Clip and return to Silver Lake Pool Survey, PO Box 37153. Raleigh, NC 27627 \*or\* access the survey online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NJJDKH5>. You will also find a link to the survey at [silverlakenc.nextdoor.com](http://silverlakenc.nextdoor.com)

- 1) How often did you utilize the pool last year?
  - Never, I have no interest in the pool
  - Occasionally (2-3 times per month)
  - Frequently (>3 times per month)
- 2) Do you feel the pool surroundings (# of chairs, tables, etc) were appropriate for the number of people utilizing the pool?
  - No, we have TOO MANY unused chairs/tables.
  - No, I often found myself without a chair/table.
  - Yes, the number of chairs/tables worked out well.
- 3) Do you feel the pool was often monopolized by non-residents or residents with 'too many' guests?
  - No, the pool was generally used at an appropriate rate.
  - Yes, the pool was beyond capacity.
- 4) How family-friendly do you feel the pool and cabana environments are?  
Range: 1 (Not at all; would not bring young kids) to 5 (Super family-friendly; have no reservations about bringing young kids)  
(Circle one)                      1                      2                      3                      4                      5
- 5) With a background that opening the pool for longer operating season time may require increases in the quarterly Master Assessment rate, do you feel the pool is open for a suitable length of time each year?
  - Yes, the pool seems to open and close at a suitable time
  - No, the pool should open earlier in the season
  - No, the pool should remain open later in the season
  - No, the pool should be open BOTH earlier and later
- 6) What do you like about the pool, cabana, and beach area?
- 7) What do you NOT like about the pool, cabana, and beach area?

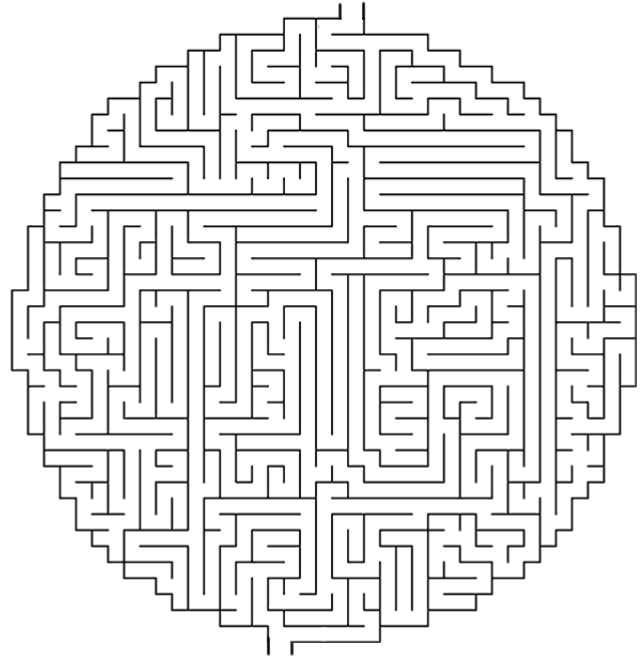
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