

SilverLakes Celebrates 30 Years

The SilverLakes Community Association is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year. From the opening of Brittany Bay in April of 1991, SilverLakes is a diverse and vibrant community that spans both the Cities of Pembroke Pines and Miramar and has grown to 5,186 homes and 319 commercial parcels, in approximately 2,400 privately owned acres of beautifully maintained parks, lakes, and wetlands.

The Board of Directors, Committee Members, and individual Community Boards are resident volunteers who are committed to keeping the community beautiful. "From its inception, SilverLakes has been a community dedicated to preserving the South Florida ecosystem. Our wide open spaces and 800 acres of lakes and wetlands have earned SilverLakes prestigious national recognitions, including the Army Corp

of Engineers Award for Wetland Design and the National Master Planned Community of the Year by the National Association of Homebuilders," said Master Board President, Robert Garcia. "Our wide open boulevards, meticulous landscaping, and unmatched neighborhoods are a testament to what can be accomplished with great vision, and are proof of a dedicated effort to reclaim a limestone mining site as a wildlife habitat and thriving community for 20,000 inhabitants. With its seven surrounding schools, over 300 commercial businesses and numerous parks, SilverLakes is a great place in which to work, raise a family, and call home."

SilverLakes has many amenities for their residents, such as a beautiful wa-



terfront community park, volleyball and basketball courts, a resort style community pool, boaters parks, jogging and bike paths, exercise equipment and numerous playgrounds. And it holds numerous events for their residents, such as an annual pumpkin patch, Easter egg hunt, breakfast with Santa, outdoor movies, community wide garage sale, etc.

The 30 year milestone will be celebrated throughout the year with community giveaways, etc. Congratulations to SilverLakes!

16th Annual Art Competition Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the 16th Annual Art Competition. This competition was for artists 18 years or older, residing in the tri-county area. Artists had an opportunity to submit up to three pieces of artwork in one medium category. Nearly 60 artists submitted 89 pieces of work to the competition.

A digital presentation was created to announce the winners. It can be viewed on the City's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/c/PembrokePinesMedia/videos>.

The winners were Carlos Fuenmayor for Best Digital Art; Raul Fontaine for Best Drawing; Deborah Perlman for Best Mixed Media; Sandra Encaoua for Best Painting; Mark Favus for Best Photography; Alex Lanier for Best Sculpture; Judy Nunno for Best Watercolor; Abel Marquez for Best in Show; and Ana Aguerrevere for ArtFest Poster Winner.

For more information, please call 954- 961-6067 or email amohamed@ppines.com.

Summer Safety – Look Before You Lock

Summer in South Florida means we must all be aware of issues concerning pets and children that can arise due to rising heat. A frightening thought is that even the best parent or caretaker can be absent-minded when it comes to leaving a quiet or sleeping child or animal in the car. On average, 37 children die each year from heatstroke after being left in a hot car - and hundreds of pets are estimated to have met the same fate.

The Pembroke Pines Police Department asks that you get into the habit of "Look Before You Lock" by checking the backseat of your car before locking up your vehicle. A great way to remember to do this is by placing your purse, phone, or wallet in the backseat. Though it may seem like a mix-up of priorities, people may have a better chance of remembering to take their iPhone than they would their child or pet.

Another reminder may be to keep a visual reminder in the front seat with you, such as a stuffed animal or dog leash. Most importantly, have a policy in place with any childcare



provider or daycare drop-off. If your child does not show up as scheduled, make sure that they have multiple contact numbers for you or nearby family members/friends.

Also, if you are a passerby and you observe an unattended child, pet, or other endangered person inside a locked car that appears to be in distress, please call 911 immediately. If the person or animal seems in immediate danger, you can attempt to break a window. A 2016 bill makes it legal to break into locked vehicles to rescue pets or vulnerable people believed to be in imminent danger of suffocation or other harm. However, commonsense should be used. Improperly breaking a window close to a child or pet could cause more harm than waiting for police to arrive.

Best Digital Art "Slash" CARLOS FUENMAYOR		Best Drawing "Enjoy Your Mind" RAUL FONTAINE		Best Mixed Media "Landscape, Imagined #2" DEBORAH PERLMAN	
Best Painting "Devoilement" SANDRA ENCAOUA		Best Photography "Snowy Egret" MARK FAVUS		Best Sculpture "Ocean Drive" ALEX LANIER	
Best Watercolor "Plns and Needles" JUDY NUNNO		Best in Show "Warm Loneless" ABEL MARQUEZ (watercolor category)		ArtFest Poster Winner "Marbels" ANA AGUERREVERE (painting category)	