

Laurel Estates Social Club

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March 2010

Greeting from you "lame duck" president!!!

I'm waiting for the insurance company to decide whether my back/leg issues are worthy of their approval. Gotta love 'em. PAIN is the only thing that has kept me from having fun with you this month. I'm sorry that I haven't been there for you. I understand the piano benefit recital for Harry Chapin food bank was excellent, the spaghetti dinner superb, happy hour was happy, exercise class started and all other activities carried on very nicely without me. Give yourselves a hand for volunteering so that our activities and events are guaranteed to be a success. Bob and his crew are busy collecting your treasures and it's almost time TO GO SHOPPING. Laurel Café will be open Fri. evening from 4:30-6:00 pm. The doors will open for residents only shopping from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for all of your cards, delicious food, concern and well wishes. Laurel residents are a special breed and I'm so proud to be part of it.

Most sincerely, Faye Souders

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * Laurel Book Club will meet Mar. 15 at 10:00 In the clubhouse. We will be discussing "The Boy in Striped Pajamas" by John Boyne. Women who enjoy reading are Welcome to join us. Books are available from Esther Ritsema.
- Line Dancing is cancelled on Mar. 4 to allow For flea mkt. setup. We will return to our Regular Thurs. morning schedule on Mar. 11. Sorry for any inconvenience.
- Lee Memorial Blood Drive will be on March 8 from 1-3 pm. PLEASE GIVE!!
- REMINDER: Deadline for Social Club dues is March 1st. You can still see Helene to pay.
- Laurel is going to have a movie night once a month with "popcorn" to see how it works. Watch for details.

2010 NONAGENARIAN BIRTHDAY PARTY

Will be held on Sunday, March 14 from 2:00-4:00 pm. Our Honorees this year will be:

Maynard Ackley
Dora Angert
Florence Cummings
Thelma Franklin
Irene Gentile
David Howell
Jane Howell
Eileen Jones
Charisie Linten
Mac McRee
Hilda Miller
Blaine Stroble

There is a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse. Suzanne Davis & Nancy Williams are co-chairs and may be contacted with any questions. We look forward to seeing family and friends of all the Honorees.

Suzanne Davis
Nancy Williams

REMINDER:

Our annual **FLEA MARKET** will be March 6, from 8 am to 1 pm. Along with the flea market, we will have our annual **Bake Sale**. If you have not yet done so, please check the bulletin board for a sign-up sheet, if you wish to donate items for the bake sale.

The Food Stand will again be available to **PARK RESIDENTS ONLY** Friday, from 4:30 to 6 pm. The Flea Market will be open to **PARK RESIDENTS ONLY** from 6 to 8 pm.

Set-up will begin Thursday afternoon. If you are a volunteer, please check the bulletin board for information regarding times and stations for Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

For last minute pickup, call:

**Bob Livensparger
Bob Schlundt
Dick Samuelson**

PHONE DIRECTORY CHANGES (See the printer newsletter for phone numbers)

**Bob/Mary Livensparger
Louise Burns
Jack/Janice Swick**

Anyone who has not received their new phone directory (2009-10) please contact Janice Ignatowski.

PLEASE NOTIFY JANICE IGNATOWSKI WITH ANY ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO OUR DIRECTORY.

Janice Ignatowski

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are trying an **exercise program for seniors** at Laurel Clubhouse. Monday, Feb. 15, at 11 am was the first day. It went well. There is a poster on the bulletin board—the class will be held each Monday in March (except for Mar. 8—it will be on Mar. 11 instead).

Hope to see many there.
“All depends on what’s happening on the Social Calendar”

Helene Lizotte

The **Ice Cream Social** was held Sunday, January 31, at 2 pm. Sixty enjoyed the old fashioned social, a real ice cream feast with many toppings. Thanks to all who helped make this a successful event.

Saint Patrick’s Day Dinner - Wed., March 17 at 5:00 pm will be the “**Wearin’ of the Green**” dinner at the Social Hall. Tickets will go on sale Mon., Mar. 1. The dinner will be the traditional corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots. Dinner tickets are \$6 and must be purchased by Fri., Mar. 12. Plan now to celebrate with your friends and neighbors. Advance ticket sales only; no tickets will be sold at the door. Anyone needing a carry-in dinner, contact Beth Thompson. Special entertainment will be provided following the dinner.

Fun and Friends - All are welcome to join the Fun & Friends group very **Wednesday morning from 9-11:30** in the social hall. Lots of fun projects are going on: beading, paper fold cards, one stroke painting, etc. The second Wed. of the month those attending enjoy a potluck lunch. **Come join us and enjoy the fellowship.**

Beth Thompson

Newsletter articles are due on the 20th of each month and should be placed in the newsletter box in the clubhouse or emailed to Jan Zylstra at newsletter@laurelestates.com.

Thank You.



MANY THANKS !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Shuffle boarders

To: Dorothy Lowery & Joan Bring for all the years of serving our shuffleboard teams the refreshments. You do such a wonderful service for us. I know you two do this without expecting any recognition, but we also know you don't realize how much we appreciate what you do time after time. We do love & appreciate you.

Eddie Smith

**To: David Angert for all the work and attention to the shuffleboard courts & waxing of the discs.
To: Joann Maul & Flo Cummings for the refreshment schedule.
To: Mike Sanborn, David, Manfred and to anybody who helps to prepare for our league games.**

SCHEDULE FOR MARCH:

**March 3, 2010 Laurel Estates plays Forest Park at Forest Park
March 10, 2010 Laurel Estates plays Pioneer Village at Pioneer Village**

This ends our season plan. However, look for information on a singles playoff as well as the annual obstacle fun games played by anybody in the park. Obstacle fun games will be at 9:00 on Wednesday, March 17. If there is a singles playoff, it will be at 9:00 on Wednesday, March 24.

Eddie Smith

We would like to thank all who came to the **Michigan luncheon**. We had great food, conversation and enjoyed getting together. Thanks to all for helping to clean up and we hope to do this again next year.

Scottie Keusch/Carol Louchart

PANCAKE BREAKFAST UPDATE

Thanks to all who attended the breakfast and a special thanks to the guys who pitched in to help. Judy & I worked a lot of fundraisers, but never had such a great crew. Hope to see you next year and maybe some who couldn't make it this year.

**221 people were served and \$456.37 profit was added to the Social Club funds!!!!
Thanks - "Boomer" & Judy Binsfeld**

SUNSHINE REPORT

Hospitalized:

1/28 - Theresa Krieger - Cape Coral

Deceased:

1/20 - Irene Wendland

Please notify your block captain of any illness/hospitalization/death in your neighborhood, so that they can notify Mary Louise Filer, our sunshine lady. Thank You.

END OF THE SEASON PICNIC !!!

Our picnic will be held on Thursday, March 25 at 5:00 pm at the clubhouse—signup on the bulletin board by March 21st.

Hamburgs, hotdogs, condiments, plates & utensils and beverages will be furnished by the social club.

Please bring a dish to pass— and plan to join in the fun of "dancing in the street" afterwards!! Dennis Love will be entertaining us!

NOTICE!!

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Red Hat Jewels has been changed to allow for Flea Market setup. We will meet at **12 noon on Tuesday, March 2**. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

RED HAT MATTERS

I would like to thank all that attended the concert on Thurs., Feb. 11, for the Harry Chapin Food Bank. We collected quite a lot of canned goods and \$45 in donations. Music provided by David J. was truly enjoyed by all that attended. And to thank my girls for all the goodies and Beth for the beautiful table arrangement.

Thurs., Feb. 18 - Cabbage Key Cruise 11 attended, hosted by Louise, Becky & Jill. We left Punta Gorda marina at 9am to arrive at Cabbage Key at noon. We had lunch at Tarpon Lodge. We all received chocolates from the girls. We only had 1 1/2hrs. there and arrived back on land at 5 pm. We had a nice day, Thank you girls.

Queen Helene

“Celebrate the happiness that friends are always giving; make every day a holiday and celebrate just living.”

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Headline News: Laurel Estates Park Purchase Progresses !!

The Lot Owners Board has formed an **Acquisitions Committee** (Bruce Zylstra, John Alberghini, Larry Thompson, Jim Rudolph, Larry Trahan and Del Kohn), working with Mr. Bill Gorman of Lifestyle Choice Realty and their attorney Scott Gordon. We have NO financial obligation until a purchase agreement is executed. No purchase, no money!! Bill Gorman’s expertise is in processing resident owner conversion communities. The Acquisitions Committee was genuinely impressed with Bill’s knowledge and experience in all phases of the conversion process. Presently, Bill is communicating with Mr. Parrish. IF and WHEN an offer to purchase is proposed, Bill Gorman will be here many times to talk to the entire Laurel Estates community. More will follow.

Respectfully,
Bruce Zylstra
President

Birthday Wishes

March Birthdays

5 Charles Howell
5 Joyce Wallace
6 Diane Smith
9 Wendell Cross
9 Jim Ritsema
10 Joan Zillmer
15 Robert Wirick
20 Roger Pelletier
20 Lucille Shanaberger
20 Faye Souders
21 Thomas Clark
22 Rebecca Henry
23 Mohammad Fatayer
26 George Henry
26 Sue Noland
26 Bob Onyett
27 Regina Sand
29 Joyce Hammond
29 Alyce Piscopo
29 Ande Smith
30 Flora Harvey

Renters/Winter Visitors

8 Helen Funck
10 Martha Manges
13 Walter Lambert
17 Dick Hemker
20 Lucy Higgins

September Birthdays

1 John Houle
3 Vaun Berger
3 Jim Dunlap
4 Ray Malinger
6 Lesley Utter
8 Daniel Fredette
9 Pat Davis
9 Mary Ann Egnew
9 Carol Louchart
9 Diane Pomeroy
9 Mike Testa
10 Scottie Keusch
13 Maynard Ackley
13 Donna Forsythe
13 Donna Hamman
15 Bob Binsfeld
16 Manfred Post
21 Roy Walter
23 Mike Tebeau
24 Ray Crites
24 Mary Livensparger
25 Janet Schroeder

Renters/Winter Visitors

6 Helen Reed
9 Marilyn Hemker
28 Dick Watkins

Entertainment: Harmonica Group