

# Laurel Estates Newsletter

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December 2012

Dear Friends,

The last of the turkey has been consumed and Thanksgiving decorations put away for yet another year. It's December and we have many fun activities this month. They all involve you and your willingness to participate to make this the best holiday season ever. Welcome to the new owners and renters !

We'll be dressing the clubhouse in it's holiday finery on Sat Dec 1st at 9am.

We are in need of hosts for the Sat morning Cafe. Call me if you'd like to volunteer to take a month. It's not much work and it's a great time to visit with old friends and make some new ones.

The birthday party will feature Glenn Hewitt a guitarist. He promises a good show with lots of Christmas music.

We are looking for someone to chair the Christmas dinner this year. There will be a sign up sheet in the clubhouse for the various committees. If you're planning to attend Christmas dinner, please sign up before Dec 20th. Please let me know if you are willing to help out this year.

Many of the activities have already started or will be, so check your calendars for dates and times.

Faye Souders, President

## LOT OWNER NEWS

Reminder: Lot owner dues must be paid before Dec. 31, 2012, for you to be eligible to vote at the annual meeting in January. If you need to pay (\$9) or need to check if paid, see Gail Goad, Treasurer.

**If you are one of a number of people in the park feeding the many stray cats or other animals, STOP IT!!!!!!!!!!** They may seem cute and cuddly to you, but they are very annoying to your neighbors.

As we will have many guests and/or renters come to the park in the coming months, it is time to review the Deed of Restrictions. It is your responsibility to see that your guest/renters are aware of and follow the Deed.

Bruce Zylstra, President

**REPORT FROM MYRNA STROBLE  
(SUNSHINE)**

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| <b>Hospitalized:</b> | <b>Deaths:</b>                     |
| Starr Gordon         | 10/24 Mac McRee<br>former resident |
|                      | 11/10 Rosalee May's<br>brother     |

**Address for Leighton Fritz**

c/o Laurels of DeKalb - Rm. 411  
520 W. Liberty St.  
Butler, IN 46721

*Cards would be much appreciated.*

Due to the fact that bags of food for Thanksgiving were stolen from the clubhouse, the **new drop-off point for future drives** will be at my house, on the carport.

Thank You,  
**Earl Harvey**

**Welcome - New Owners**

**Paul Lozier & Jody Thurlow**

**Correction from Nov. newsletter:  
New owner spelling: Partlow**

**WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!!!**

The Laurel Estates Book Club will resume meeting on Dec. 10, 2012, in the Clubhouse at 10:00 a.m.

We will discuss "THE LAST SONG" by Nicholas Sparks. Esther had three (3) books available to circulate. It would be appreciated if those with a library card would check out and share the book also.

All women who enjoy expanding their reading experience and sharing insights are welcome.

Esther Ritsema

**Red Hat Matters**

I would like to welcome all that have just returned to Laurel  
Our 1st event took place Thursday Nov. 8th, hosted by Flora and Pat. Seven of us attended. We had lunch at Magnolia Landing Country club restaurant. Very nice indeed—elegant is better to describe. We had a great lunch, and we each received a very nice gift. Great job girls! Thank you for a day well spent.

Next meeting takes place Thursday Dec. 6th at 11 am

Our next event will be this month, Hosted by Beth, Judy, Marie and Wilma. No date or place has been set .

Queen Helene

***Thought for the Day***

Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves

Laurel Estates New Years Eve dance will be Monday December 31, 2012 from 8:30P.M. to 12:30A.M.

Music by "Peter Dee". \$8.00 per person/ Bring your own bottle and a dish for all to enjoy.

You can get your tickets from Edie Smith or Jim and Kathy Morrison.

Please get your tickets early so we can be sure Laurel Estates and their guests have first chance for the event. It can get full News Years eve, and lets hope it does.

Edie Smith

Computer class will begin in January. Watch the bulletin board in the clubhouse and the January newsletter for more information.

Collection has begun for our Trash 'N Treasure Sale, to be held the first Sat. in March. A storage unit has been rented. If you have items to be picked up, please call Larry Smith.

Please no mattresses or clothing!!

Please make sure your "trash" is clean and in working order.

The AARP TaxAide program will be providing free tax preparation assistance again this season beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. Last season we prepared over 1800 federal tax returns at our two nearby locations at the North Fort Myers Library and the Community Center behind the library. We are looking for volunteer tax preparers and greeters to join our team. Computers and software are provided by AARP and IRS training is scheduled for January. For more information contact Jim Rudolph.

## VOLUNTEER FOCUS

This month we'd like to honor a individual. Judy has served as secretary, co-chaired the ice cream social, baked all of the cookies served at the St Patrick's dinner, poster and name tag ticket, and been our chief maker for many years and so much more!!

Not to be outdone by his wife, and treasure sale for several years, serves as an advisor to the social club board, has enough furniture to fill the governor's mansion, is already set to sell 50/50 tickets if needed, acts as the chief taster for the St Patty cookies, and chauffeur Judy on their daily tour of the park.



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Bob co-chaired the trash years, serves as an advisor picked up and moved ernor's mansion, is already acts as the chief taster for feurs Judy on their daily

Bob & Judy have been in Laurel Estates since 1999, and have been married for 50 yrs.!! They have been a friend to many and seen many changes over the years.

**Many thanks to Bob and Judy Schlundt for playing such vital roles in the success of so many activities.**

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**PHONE DIRECTORY**

PLEASE NOTIFY JANICE IGNATOWSKI  
WITH ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES  
TO THE DIRECTORY.

Anyone who has not received a phone directory,  
please contact Janice.

THANK YOU  
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Wi-Fi Internet access is available in the clubhouse. You can use your laptop, tablet, or smart phone to access the internet using this connection. The access point is named "Laurel Estates" and is password protected. The password is posted on the bulletin board. This connection is family friendly and blocks access to known adult content sites. If you need assistance using the connection contact Jim Rudolph.

**Reminders regarding  
Trash & Yard waste pick-up**

Coming in January!!!

**"SHOW & TELL"**

Calling all hobbyists, crafters, artists/collectors

**Please contact  
Joan Dunlap if you'd like more  
information or be interested in  
participating.**

Date will be announced in the  
January newsletter.

**Per letter from Ultra5 dated 7/14/12,  
please be sure to have trash bagged and  
set at the curb on Tuesdays by 8:00 am.  
It will be picked up no later than noon.**

**Also, yard waste needs to be at the curb  
by 8:00 am on Fridays.**

**Semi-large items will be picked up at  
your door by calling Steve Newell (239-  
691-2575) to schedule at no charge .  
Extra large items will be picked up for  
a fee.**

**All hazardous items need to go to 6441  
Topaz Ct., Ft. Myers (no charge)**

On Saturday, Dec 1st at 9:00 a.m. we will be decorating the inside and outside of the clubhouse. Everyone is encouraged to get into the Christmas spirit by giving us a hand with this annual project. We'll have coffee available in the clubhouse starting at 8:30 to brainstorm ideas and visit.

The Christmas food and toy drive will be starting on Dec 8th.

**Potluck will be at 5 p.m. on Dec 10th.**

**CALLING ALL BAKERS.** Everyone who enjoys baking is encouraged to participate in our annual cookie exchange. Everyone should bring a couple of batches of their favorite holiday cookies to exchange. It's great fun AND you get to go home with a fabulous variety of treats that you didn't have to spend time baking. Be sure to bring an empty container to take your traded cookies home. **WE WILL NOT START TIL 10:00 A.M.**

# *Birthday Party !!!*

## **June Birthdays**

5 Vern Pomeroy  
8 Nelita Trahan  
9 Ken Clark  
9 Leighton Fritz  
9 Dominic Piscopo  
11 Katharine Morrison  
11 Bruce Zylstra  
12 Del Miller  
12 Sharon Smith  
13 Mike Bronson  
13 Mary Louise Filer  
14 Pat Goodwin  
14 Karen Mitchell  
14 Michael Sanborn  
17 Phyllis Cross  
18 Tom Straley  
20 Sondra Clark  
23 Walter Hampson  
25 Rose Bronson  
25 Sonny Femino  
27 Chuck Lorenz  
29 Shirley Weinmann

## **December Birthdays**

1 Janice Swick  
8 Starr Gordon  
9 Eileen Jones  
12 Marcia Parsons  
15 Joanne Maul  
17 John Fink  
17 Joan Sabins  
18 Eugene Senecal  
20 Betty Groves  
21 Louise Burns  
21 Jim Rudolph  
23 Carl Leonard  
24 Dora Angert  
25 Suzanne Hannafius  
27 Therese Powers  
28 JoAnn Goldschmidt  
30 Ralph Grondin  
30 Lesley Smithers  
31 Carleen Staup

Entertainment by:

**Guitarist Glenn Hewitt**