

# Laurel Estates Newsletter

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February 2013

## From the Desk of the President



The annual meeting was held January 18<sup>th</sup>, 118 residents were in attendance. The membership voted to accept the fee structure proposed by the Board. Dues for 2013 will be as follows: \$18 for two person household, \$13 for one person household, \$8 for residents 90+ years old, and \$5 per person for renters. Dues will be collected at the Saturday Morning Café in the Clubhouse each Saturday in February from 7:30 – 9:00 am. Dues may also be paid in person to Kathy Jones or Sharon Smith. It would be helpful to call before you go to either home, as they are not always at home. Checks should be made payable to “Laurel Estates Lot Owners, Inc.” Cash is also accepted as payment. Dues paid after March 1, 2013 will incur a \$1 penalty. Your dues are required for support of any lot owners/social committee function, and various activities.

Also at the annual meeting, two deputies gave us a very good talk regarding security. An outline of their visit is included in the newsletter. Please do not post the suggested signs until the Lot Owners Board has had an opportunity to discuss this, as it would be a violation of the Deed of Restrictions.

Thank you in advance. Bruce Zylstra, President

***OWNER'S PICNIC DATE CHANGED TO March 8<sup>th</sup>.  
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!***

## From the Desk of the Vice President

I was remiss in neglecting to make these comments at the Annual Meeting.

The transition from two organizations to one has made the 2012-2013 period a busy one for the Lot Owners Board. You can imagine that the time and energy devoted to the question of “merger” expended by the Lot Owners Board and members of former Social Club Board during the past many months have involved numerous formal and informal discussions well beyond the normal expectations of volunteer boards. I would like to point out to the Lot Owners members at large that we reached our goal in a merged organization through the significant efforts of our President, Bruce Zylstra, the Board members of both groups and his immediate support staff.

John Alberghini , Vice President



# LAUREL ESTATES ANNUAL TRASH AND TREASURE SALE

It's that time of year again when we are cleaning out closets, kitchens, sheds, and any other place we stash unwanted items. **Your "trash" may be somebody's treasure.** This is our biggest fund raiser, so let's dig deep and donate what you no longer need or want. Items should be clean and ready for immediate sale to reduce set up time on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept mattresses or clothing!

**Call Larry Smith or Tom Fields to schedule your pick up!**



They will also be scheduling help for the setup and sale. If you would like to help and have not been contacted, just give one of them a call and volunteer.

## Welcome – New Owners



Ron & Linda Calvin



**WE'RE HAPPY YOU ARE HERE!!**

## REPORT FROM MYRNA STROBLE

### Hospitalized:

Shirley Weinmann  
(home now)

### Deaths:

Rosie May's sister

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 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.



## Need help with your taxes?

### Get it FREE!

The AARP Tax Aide Program is again offering free tax return preparation assistance as well as free e-filing of your federal taxes at the North Fort Myers Library and the North Fort Myers Community Center located in the park behind the library.

Beginning February 1<sup>st</sup> through April 14th, assistance is available Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. Sign-up sheets can be found at the Library for BOTH locations.

If you have any questions or are unable to travel to either one of the locations for tax preparation assistance, please call Jim Rudolph.

**FUN GOLF** -- Monday morning -- Sable Springs --Pick team at 11:30, begin play at Noon. Scramble – cost to play \$25 plus \$5 for winning team for a total of \$30.

Thursday morning – Sunny Breeze (off Rt 17 by new Walmart Warehouse) -- Pick team at 7:15; begin play at 7:30. Scramble every other week – cost to play about \$27 plus \$5 for scramble and on alternate week \$2 more for skins game. Call Jim Morrison.

### CERT CERTIFICATION CLASSES

There will be 8 opportunities to attend a class to become a member of the CERT Team. Classes beginning at 6 PM and ending at 9 PM will be held Feb. 19, 21, and 28, and March 5, 7, 12, and 14. Classes will be held at the North Fort Myers Fire Station located at 2900 Trail Dairy Circle off Route 41 (opposite Del Tura Village).

Anyone interested in becoming a CERT Team member, please contact Jack Goodwin.

Information will be coming later for CPR courses and mock disaster drills.



The Ice Cream Social was held on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Fifty-five residents and friends enjoyed delicious banana splits topped with fresh strawberries and hot fudge. Thanks to all who made this event a success.

The "Pure Michigan" Picnic will be held Sunday, Feb 17<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. All Michigan residents are invited to attend. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. A hot sandwich and beverage will be furnished. A signup sheet will be on the bulletin board.

### LOADED POTATOES

The annual "Loaded Potato Bar" will be held Feb.24 at 1 PM in the Clubhouse. Large baked potatoes will be provided. Bring a topping (serving 10 – 12) or a dessert. A signup sheet will be on the bulletin board. Table service and beverage will be furnished.

A donation will be taken to cover the cost of the potatoes. Any excess money collected will be given to the North Fort Myers Academy of the Arts.



### SHOW AND TELL



Show and Tell was a huge success. A full house enjoyed the variety of collections displayed and visited with the artists after the presentation.

Cookies and coffee were served to all.

We hope to make this an annual event and invite anyone who has a collection or talent they would like to share to contact Joan Dunlap for next year's event!

### UNIQUE CANDLE HOLDERS



Feb 6<sup>th</sup> --. Globes are provided. Bring colorful napkins and Elmers glue!

Feb 13<sup>th</sup> – Dress Form Pin Cushion (pictured in Show and Tell article). Pattern and Instructions will be distributed at Feb 6<sup>th</sup> gathering.

Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> – Necktie Needlebook  
Bring 1 necktie and a needle and thread.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT MONTH

### Trash and Treasure Sale

1<sup>st</sup> -- Set Up in the Morning

Laurel Café 4:30

Residents Only Sale 6 pm

2<sup>nd</sup> -- Public Sale 8 am – 1 pm

8<sup>th</sup> – Ultra V Picnic 12 pm – 3 pm

10<sup>th</sup> – Daylight Savings Begins

17<sup>th</sup> – St Patrick's Dinner 5 pm

31<sup>st</sup> – Easter Dinner 1:30 pm

ZIP...ZIP...ZIP...ZIP

### ZIPPER FLOWER CLASS

MARCH 13, 9:30 AM



We will be conducting a class on making flowers out of zippers.

You will need:

Metal zipper (20 to 26 inches long)

2" scrap of felt

Pin back or barrette hardware

So, ladies, if you would like to make a pretty flower like the one shown here, just bring your zipper(s) and yourself and join us on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March. If you have extra zippers you would like to share, bring them along. Zip...Zip... Hope to see you there!!

## PHONE DIRECTORY



Please notify Janice Ignatowski with additions/deletions/changes to the directory. Anyone who has not received a directory, please contact Janice and she will get one to you.

Bob & Rosemary Hemmenway's new phone number is in the printed newsletter  
George & Becky Henry's new phone number is in the printed newsletter

**THANK YOU**

## RED HAT MATTERS

Its **February 2013**, this is the 4th newsletter of the season. Boy time flies... Our 4th Red Hat meeting, will take place Thursday **Feb.7th** at 11:15 AM. Our last R. H. Event took place Tuesday **Jan.8<sup>th</sup>** and was hosted by Mary, Joanne and Faye. The Girls went to the movies and saw (Parental Guidance) Afterwards they went to Applebee's for lunch -- 14 attended. Then back to the club house where they each drew a # and 3 gals received a very nice gift. Great Job Girls another day well spent.

### Thought for the Day

Other people are like a mirror which reflects back on us, the kind of image we cast.  
Queen Helene

## VOLUNTEER FOCUS



Earl Harvey has lived in Laurel Estates with his wife, Flora, for 16 years. He currently oversees the Blood Drive and serves as our liaison with North Fort Myers Academy of the Arts. He spearheads food drives and various other collections for the kids. In past years, he has served on the Social Club Board as Vice President.

Flora serves as the Vice Queen of our Red Hat group. In past years, she used her calligraphy skills to create place cards for the nonagenarian party.

**Thank you Earl and Flora for your outstanding dedication to Laurel Estates and making this park a better place to live.**

# Opportunity for Owners of Homes for Rent

It is time to refresh your memory if you have a home you would like to rent next season. Following are the guidelines:

- You may enter an ad for your rental by submitting a written request to [rentals@laurelestates.com](mailto:rentals@laurelestates.com).
- Include your name, address of rental, whether it is in a pet zone, dates available, rental terms, months available, phone number, and your email address.
- There is a \$10 fee. This covers your listing for one year. Send a check payable to Laurel Estates Lot Owners Inc. to Sharon Smith.
- Upon receipt of the required info (including check), a photo of the house will be taken and placed on the website along with your advertisement.
- If the available dates change or the rental has been filled and you no longer need to advertise, notify by email to [rentals@laurelestates.com](mailto:rentals@laurelestates.com).
- Rentals are only run for 6 months.
- No personal info will be posted on the website.

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## Homes For Rent



### SECURITY TIPS PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

NOTE: This topic will be discussed at the next Board Meeting

#### HOME SECURITY

Camera Systems  
Flood Lights  
Camera Signs  
No trespass signs  
Keep doors locked  
Lock Bars in sliding glass doors  
Neighborhood Watch Group – Establish a phone tree

#### AROUND THE HOUSE

Lock Bicycles  
Lock golf carts  
Remove keys from golf cart  
If it's not locked; it will be stolen

#### VEHICLE SECURITY

Keep it locked ALWAYS  
Windows rolled up ALWAYS  
No valuables in sight  
No keys left in vehicle

#### PATROL

Deputies patrol in various vehicles  
Some vehicles are unmarked and may look old  
Report unfamiliar vehicles  
DO NOT hesitate to call the Sheriff's office  
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#### WALKING AT NIGHT OR EARLY MORNING

Walk with a flashlight  
Wear reflective gear  
Keep a cell phone with you  
If you feel you are in trouble, walk to the  
nearest well lit area and call 911!

#### CONTACT "INFORMATION"

None emergency number – 239-477-1000  
Emergency number -- 911

\* IF YOU LOOK LIKE FOOD YOU WILL BE EATEN

## GARBAGE, YARD WASTE, RECYCLING INFORMATION

*NOTE: The gate to the storage compound is open from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. DAILY.*

### Garbage Pickup:

*./ Garbage should be bagged and set at the curb on Tuesday by 8:00 a.m. It will be picked up no later than 12:00 p.m.*

### Yard Waste:

*./ Yard waste will be picked up on Friday at 8:00 a.m.*

### Recycling:

*./ If you wish to **recycle glass, plastic, and aluminum**, these items must be taken to the storage compound and placed in the blue recycling containers. The gate to the compound is open from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. seven days a week .*

*./ **Aluminum pop cans** must be taken and deposited in the white container located at the home of Patty Fox at 2797 Breezewood Drive. (Monies collected from the pop cans are returned to the Treasury.)*

*./ **Newspapers** to be recycled must be taken to the storage compound and placed in the dumpster marked for "Laurel Estates". Starting in 2008, white paper, magazines, and phone books may also be placed in the "Laurel Estates" dumpster along with newspapers. (Monies collected from the newspapers are returned to the Treasury.)*

*./ Semi-large items will be picked up at your door by calling Steve Newell to schedule at 239/691-2575 at no charge .*

*./ Extra-large items will be picked up for a fee .*

*./ All haz-mat materials such as paint cans and chemical waste should be taken to Lee County drop off located at 6441 Topaz Court, Fort Myers, FL. Their hours are 8-5 M-F, and they are open the first Saturday of each month from 8-12. There is no cost to the homeowner. They also take electronics, such as: computers, printers, cell phones, etc .*

*./ If you do not wish to recycle, you are to place those items out with your regular trash pickup on Tuesday morning .*

*./ NO DUMPING IS ALLOWED AT THE COMPOUND.*

*Contractors, lawn care, and tree trimmers, working for you are to be responsible for removing trash, garbage, and horticulture from the site. They are also responsible for sweeping or blowing the grass clippings off the road where they cannot present a safety hazard. They are **NOT** allowed to use our dumpsters!*

*NOTE: If you have any questions with regard to these items please contact Angel White at Ultra 5 LLC.*

# BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

## *February*

- 2 Judy Binsfeld
- 4 Mary Dickerson
- 4 Wanda Warren
- 5 Judy Cook
- 5 Teresa Harkness
- 5 Don Lizotte
- 6 Larry Hack
- 6 Janis Zylstra
- 8 Tom Smith
- 10 Marie Campeau
- 12 Denise Straley
- 15 Bob Hamman
- 16 Virginia Chamness
- 17 Chet Anthony
- 18 JoAnn McGrath
- 18 Jack Straup
- 19 Tom Fisher
- 20 Butch Chamness
- 21 Maurice Campeau
- 21 Thelma Franklin
- 22 Bob Schlundt
- 23 Helene Lizotte
- 25 Suzanne Davis
- 26 Peter Alvarez
- 26 Gilbert Dickerson

## Renters/Winter Visitors

- 9 Betty Vogel
- 18 Jack Monson
- 18 Bob Dickmann
- 27 Bill Clark

## *August*

- 6 Marie Beyer
- 6 Linda Calvin
- 7 Robert Hannafius
- 8 Martha Fisher
- 8 Shirley Ralya
- 10 Bob Lesko
- 10 John Maul
- 11 Shirley Byrd
- 11 Del Kohn
- 14 Mary Miller
- 16 Linda Zimmer
- 21 Dean McDonald
- 21 Edie Smith
- 22 Nancy Noffke
- 25 Mel Souders
- 27 Barbara Pritchard
- 28 Robert Gillis
- 28 Edna Howell
- 30 George Zimmer
- 31 Emily Senecal

## **Renters/Winter Visitors**

- 18 Ken Hoard
- 25 Katie Thelen
- 31 Virgie Gonwa



Wear your favorite/funny hat to the party!!  
The entertainment will be a ventriloquist!