

LAUREL ESTATES NEWSLETTER

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March 2013

DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT OF DUES

A penalty of \$1 will be added to all dues paid after March 1, 2013. Dues will be collected at the home of our Treasurer, Kathy Jones, after February 28th.



**OWNER'S PICNIC DATE CHANGED TO March 8th.
PLEASE MARK YOU CALENDARS!!**



LAUREL ESTATES ANNUAL TRASH AND TREASURE SALE

We are all geared up for our annual Trash and Treasure Sale. Residents are encouraged to come to the Friday Night Kitchen from 4:00 to 6:00 for dinner. Soup, Chili, and hot dogs will be available. The private sale will begin for owners, renters, and their guests at 6:00 pm.

Saturday from 8 – 1 the sale will be open to the public. This is the day we have bakery goods for sale. **WE NEED YOUR CONTRIBUTION**, wrapped and ready to sell by 8 am. It is preferred that you bring your items between 7:30 and 8:00 Saturday morning, but you may drop items at the home of Larry Smith on Friday. PLEASE, do not drop food off at the clubhouse on Friday. It has been our experience that ants love sweets!!

A list of confirmed volunteers is posted on the bulletin board. If your name does not appear on this list and you want to volunteer, write your name on the list or just show up when you can. All workers are appreciated!!!!

Pool Umbrellas

When you put the pool umbrellas up, please put them down before you leave the area. They cannot withstand the wind and will be damaged. Ultra V will not replace them again. Thanks!

BOOK CLUB

The book club will meet March 18th at 10:00 in the clubhouse. The group will discuss the book The Bees by Chris Cleve. Esther Ritsema has the book at her home if you would like to read it.

CLOTHING DRIVE



Time to clean out your closets and donate items you haven't worn for years!!

Joyce Crites will be collecting CLEAN clothing and shoes March 17 – 23. Place items in a trash bag and deliver them to her carport.

Items collected to be given to Mary Miller on Hart Road for distribution to those who are in need of clothing items.

Mary Livensparger's son, Michael A. Bowling, has written a book titled The Gatekeeper. The sensitive contents of the book may not be for everyone, but discussion will be held March 4 for anyone wishing to attend. Contact Mary to obtain a copy.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

The annual "Wearin of the Green" dinner will be held Sun. **March 17th**, at 5:00 p.m. in the social hall. Tickets will go on sale Mon. March 4th. The dinner will be the traditional corned beef, cabbage, carrots and potatoes. Tickets are \$8.00 and may be purchased from the following: Bob Binsfeld, Bob Livensparger, Bob Schlundt, Edie Smith and Larry Thompson. Plan now to celebrate with your friends and neighbors. Anyone needing a carry-in dinner please contact Beth Thompson.

Advance ticket sales only, no tickets will be sold at the door.

REPORT FROM MYRNA STROBLE

Hospitalized:

Bob Gillis – Surgery—Home now

Terry Harkness – Home now

Edna Howell – Home now

Kathy Morrison – Home now

Rosie May – surgery – in rehab now at Shell Point

Phyllis Scvott – Home now

Doris Ray – Home now

Karen Stockero



Need help with your taxes?

Get it FREE!

The AARP Tax Aide Program is offering free tax return preparation assistance and 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. Now through April 14th, assistance is available Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. Sign-up sheets can be found at the Library for BOTH locations. Please call Jim Rudolph with questions..

PHONE DIRECTORY

New Phone Number:

Jan Dumonson

Please notify Janice Ignatowski with additions/deletions/changes to the directory.

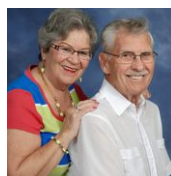
If you don't have a directory, contact Jan and she will get one to you.

RED HAT MATTERS

This is the 5th newsletter of this season. And we welcome a new member, Denise Straley. Two Red Hat Events took place in February. The 1st was hosted by the Wisconsin Gals, 19 attended, they saw an off Broadway Show (Dixie Swim Club) on Feb. 5th. Afterwards a Sweet Treat at Daddy Dee"s and they all received a gift. As always girls, well done. 2nd was the Gala at the Broadway Palm On Feb. 22nd. This event takes place every year, and we always enjoy the buffet and the show. At least 200 Red Hatters were there, we had 11 Jewels there. Our next Meeting will be at 10:30 am on Thursday March 7th, in the card room, (Reason is some of us will be going to another Red Hat Event at 11am.

Thought for the Day

Happiness sneaks in through a door you didn't know you left open.



VOLUNTEER FOCUS

Bob and Mary Livensparger have been residents of Laurel Estates for 10 years. Bob served as Social Club President and has participated in numerous events over the years. He chaired the Trash and Treasure for six years and has been active during all the sales. Mary served as editor of the newsletter in the past and enjoys the weekly Craft group, as well as the Red Hats. Together they worked to ensure dances were scheduled and set up. We want to thank you both for all you have done in the past and all we know you will continue to do for Laurel Estates in the future.

Birthday Celebration

March

- 3 Bill Dornback
- 5 Charles Howell
- 6 Diane Smith
- 9 Wendell Cross
- 9 Jim Ritsema
- 10 Joan Zillmer
- 12 Jody Thurlow
- 12 Steven Brice-Nash
- 14 Mark Thomas
- 15 Robert Wirick
- 18 Dick Hemker
- 20 Roger Pelletier
- 20 Lucille Shanaberger
- 20 Faye Souders
- 21 Thomas Clark
- 22 Becky Henry
- 22 Joy Hoard
- 23 Luther Fox
- 23 Mohammad Fatayer
- 26 George Henry
- 26 Sue Noland
- 26 Bob Onyett
- 29 Joyce Hammond
- 29 Ande Smith
- 30 Flora Harvey

Renters/Winter Visitors

NONE THIS MONTH

September

- 1 John Houle
- 1 Wayne Smithers
- 3 Vaun Berger
- 3 Jim Dunlap
- 4 Ray Malinger
- 6 Lesley Utter
- 8 Daniel Fredette
- 9 Pat Davis
- 9 Mary Anne Egnew
- 9 Marilyn Hemker
- 9 Carol Louchart
- 9 Diane Pomeroy
- 9 Mike Testa
- 10 Scottie Keusch
- 12 Sandra Nelson
- 13 Donna Forsythe
- 13 Donna Hamman
- 15 Bob Binsfeld
- 16 Manfred Post
- 18 Cheryl Urquhart
- 21 Tom Fields
- 21 Roy Walter
- 23 Mike Tebeau
- 24 Ray Crites
- 24 Mary Livensparger
- 29 Judy Fox
- 30 Edna Grondin
- 30 Marvin Perry

Renters/Winter Visitors

- 22 Larry Vogel
- 29 Phyllis Clark





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BLOOD DRIVE

The **Blood Drive** was a great success in February, with 11 people participating. That is the most we have had, the next **Blood Drive** is March 15 from 1:00 – 3:00. The need for blood donations continues to increase.

We collected \$138 for the Academy at the Birthday Party. Thanks to all who contributed.

MARCH 2013 EVENTS

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
					1 Laurel Café 4:30 PM Residents Sale 6 PM	2 Public Sale 8 am – 1 pm
3	4	5 Computer Class 10 am 	6	7 Red Hats 11:15  <hr/> Lot Owners Board 7 PM	8 Ultra V Picnic 12 pm – 3 pm	9 Coffee Café 7:30 am 
10 Day Light Savings Begins	11 Pot Luck 5 pm 	12 Computer Class 10 am St. Paddy's Parade and Happy Hour 3 pm	13	14	15 BLOOD DRIVE 1-3	16 Coffee Café 7:30 am 
17	18	19 Computer Class 10 am 	20	21 Birthday Party 7PM 	22 Movie Night 7 pm 	23 Coffee Café 7:30 am 
24	25	26 Computer Class 10 am 	27	28	29	30

PICK UP DAYS

TUESDAY:
Garbage

FRIDAY: Yard
Waste

***Birthday
entertainment is
Lee Petrucci,
Pianist**

**Welcome: Beth
Thompson**

**Sunshine: Myrna
Stroble
(hospitalization/de
ath)**

**March Scheduled
Activities**

Monday
9 am – Pool Exercise
Noon – Fun Golf
9:30 am – Fun
Shuffle
1 pm - Mahjonn
6 pm – Poker
6 pm – Euchre

Tuesday
9 am – Pool Exercise
12:30 pm – Shuffle
Team Practice

Wednesday
9 am – Pool
Exercise
9:30 am – Crafts
12:30 pm – Shuffle
League

6 pm – Poker
6:30 pm – Bingo

Thursday
Noon – Open Golf
9 am – Pool Exercise
9:30 am – Beginner
Line Dance
10 am – Line Dance
7 pm – Ladies Fun
Cards

Friday
9 am – Pool Exercise
9:30 am – Fun
Shuffle

Saturday
9 am – Fun Bocce