

LAUREL ESTATES NEWSLETTER

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LAST EDITION OF 2012 – 2013 SEASON

As the season draws near the end, many of our residents will head north for their summer. Hopefully, the snow will be gone when they get there, but I am sure most of the northerners have snow shovels somewhere (just in case they need them). A few reminders to those leaving us in the next few days:

Unplug all appliances and cover them where possible.

Clean all surfaces.

Replace air conditioner filter and set thermostat at 78°, set humidistat at 68°.

Turn off all electricity (except the one for the air conditioner).

Leave refrigerator door, oven door, cabinet doors, and closet doors open.

Run ice cubes through garbage disposal and then a solution of baking soda and water. Leave stopper in place

Cover all drains.

Clean oven and broiler.

To avoid dust build-up, cover furniture.

Close all drapes and/or blinds.

Add 1 cup bleach to toilet and wrap toilet seat and tank cover with plastic wrap.

Use water shut off valves to turn off water at multiple locations (under sinks, toilets, washing machine, etc.)

Close all awnings or shutters (or have a back-up plan in place to make this happen when needed).

Arrange to have lawn mowed and bushes trimmed regularly.

AND MOST OF ALL – SAFE JOURNEY. See you next season!



LAUREL ESTATES ANNUAL TRASH AND TREASURE SALE



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in our sale. This year's sale was our most successful one so far. Without the numerous contributions of our generous residents, we would not have been able to increase our bank account by such a sizeable amount. Thanks for all the outstanding donations. Over 65 residents worked on this sale. Thanks for donating your time and energy. I would like to thank my co-chairs, Tom and Susie Fields, for all their support and hard work. Very special thanks to my better half, Sharon, for her patience, guidance and understanding. Without everyone's encouragement, hard work and support I surely would not have survived.

Bottom Line -- we made a profit of **\$3,172.03**. The largest amount yet. A spread sheet is posted in the club house. We are now looking forward to next year's sale. Thanks again!

Larry, (the leader??)



The Coffee Café will end this season on April 13th. Until then, we will continue to have coffee and donuts (\$1 each) every Saturday morning from 7:30 until about 9:00. Come early so you don't miss out!!

Thank you! Thank You!



Thank You!

To all of the workers and residents who helped make our Spaghetti Supper a great success on February 8th. We served 166 suppers and made \$904.00 for the Social Committee's many activities!

John Alberghini & Sondra Clark

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Ken and Joy Hoard – 2783 Deerfield –from Wayne Kapp
David and Sherry Jones – 2779 Deerfield –from Carolyn Morgan
Phillip and Rita Miller – 2771 Breezewood –from Don and Helene Lizotte
Mike and Joanne Sanborn – 2794 Wedgewood – from Mel and Faye Souders
Mel and Bonnie Reid – 2794 Indianwood – from Doris Ray
Kerry Spencer – 2776 Breezewood – from George and Jill Lincoln
Ed and Vicki Medley – 2747 Deerfield – from Mark and Lynne Kaiden
Dawn Singer – 2777 Wedgewood – from Harvey and Carolyn Luke
Steve and Barbara Johnson – 2786 Indianwood – from Phyllis Norris and Joan Zillmer



WE ARE HAPPY YOU ARE HERE WITH US!

REPORT FROM MYRNA STROBLE

Hospitalized:

Larry Thompson – 2754 Teakwood – Home now
Tom Roberts – 2730 Teakwood
Edna Howell – 2746 Teakwood (needs prayers)
Harvey Groves – 2788 Breezewood
Gil Dickerson – 2751 Indianwood
Ray Crites – 2773 Deerfield
Tommy Thompson – 2792 Breezewood

Deaths:

Harvey and Carolyn Luke's son (2-26)
Tom McGrath's mother (3-12)



CLOTHING DRIVE

The clothing Drive was a huge success. We delivered many much needed clothing items to Mary Miller on Hart Road. Your donations will certainly go to those who really need them.

Thank you for all the donations!!!

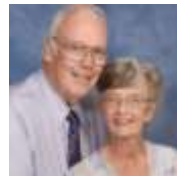


PHONE DIRECTORY

New Phone Number:

Vern & Diane Pomeroy 262-255-1985
Please notify Janice Ignatowski at 656-3773 with additions/deletions/changes to the directory.
If you don't have a directory, contact Janice and she will get one to you.

VOLUNTEER FOCUS



Beth and Larry Thompson have been active in the community since they arrived here in December, 2001. Beth served on the Social Club Board for several years; chaired the St. Patrick's Day Dinner, chaired the Trash and Treasure Kitchen, the annual Ice Cream Social, acts as treasurer for the Red Hats, and started numerous events still occurring annually.

Larry serves as a Director on the Lot Owner's Board, serves as the Head Cashier for the Trash and Treasure Sale, has orchestrated the setup of tables for the Trash and Treasure Sale, and steps in to help at all our events.

This couple has been a great asset to our park and we wish to thank them for all they do.

Birthday Celebration

April Birthdays

1 Sylvia Wojcik
5 Phil Frank
5 Helga Michaelis
5 Frances Yeomans
6 Rosemary Hemenway
7 Bob Livensparger
8 Earl Ralya
12 Ray Paquette
14 Jack Goodwin
15 Sofia Gillis
19 Pat Fox
19 Mila Grindle
19 Earl Harvey
19 Kathy Jones
19 Esther Ritsema
20 Mary Frank
24 Tom Roberts
25 Jake Grine
25 Tracey Windes
28 Janice Dumonson

Renters/Winter Visitors

6 Karen Stockero
13 Geno Stockero



Entertainment for the April Birthday party will be Gary Filip. He is a pianist, guitarist, vocalist, and song writer. He has been a part of the music business over 40 years! Come have a great time with us on the 18th!!

October Birthdays

4 Pam Partlow
4 Steve Pomeroy
5 Geoffrey Ignatowski
5 Chamai Krutel
5 Jim Warren
6 Karen Martin
7 John Warneke
8 Larry Jones
9 Ron Hagenbarth
9 Alan Noland
13 Margaret Fanning
14 Carolyn Luke
16 Cliff Hunter
17 Myrna Stroble
20 Joan Brink
21 Phyllis Scott
21 Clarene Trexler
22 Fred Borutzki
22 Florence Cummings
22 Carolina Raatz
22 Keith Windes
24 Jean Conrad
28 Souni Goodling
29 Janice Ignatowski
29 Madelyn Lorenz
29 Donald Nelson
30 Ralph Grondin

Renters/Winter Visitors

11 Bonnie Knaub
28 Mary Monson

APRIL 2013 EVENTS

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
	1	2	3	4 Red Hats 11:15  Lot Owners Board 7 PM	5	6 Coffee Café 7:30 am 
7	8 Pot Luck 5 pm 	9 Computer Class 10 am 	10	11	12	13 Coffee Café 7:30 am Last One 
14	15	16 Computer Class 10 am 	17	18 Birthday Party 7PM 	19	20
21	22	23 Computer Class 10 am 	24	25	26 Movie Night 7 pm 	27
28	29	30 Computer Class 10 am 				

PICK UP DAYS

**TUESDAY:
Garbage**

**FRIDAY: Yard
Waste**

**April 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

**Welcome: Beth
Thompson 656-579**

**Sunshine: Myrna
Stroble 656-3750
(hospitalization/de
ath)**

***Birthday entertainment is Gary Filip,
Keyboard and guitar**

NEXT SEASON IS ALREADY GEARING UP

Potlucks went really well this season and will continue next season. Joyce Crites will continue to chair the monthly event. It has been proposed that the events happen on a Tuesday instead of Monday. That way, we will be able to have time to visit with our neighbors after the dinner. Another idea that will happen (although it has not been scheduled as yet) is that one of the potluck themes will be "The Heritage Potluck" So search your recipes and be ready to create something that is special for your family. – Joyce Crites

CANDIDATES NEEDED

The nominating committee for the 2014 election to the Lot Owners Board is seeking candidates for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and 2 Directors. Officers serve one year terms and the directors serve two year terms.

If interested contact Jim Rudolph, Tom Clark or Larry Thompson.

NEW SECTIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

It has been requested that 2 new sections be added to future editions of the newsletter – The Recipe Box (proposed by Louise Burns) is the first. Recipes are often requested for the many wonderful dishes made by residents for our dinners and potlucks. Beginning in November, we will run a contest during the month to see whose recipe gets printed. Rules will be available in the November issue!!

The 2nd will be "Just For Giggles". This was proposed by Joanne Maul. It is always good to laugh.

CRAFT CORNER

Submitted by Joan Dunlap

The Show & Tell event in January was very successful and there were requests to make this a yearly event. To make this happen we will need volunteers to show their collections, hobbies, or favorite craft. Our winter residents are encouraged to bring their show & tell items when they return in the fall. If we can get enough volunteers it will be on the schedule for next January. Everyone that has participated in crafts this year and anyone that would like to participate need to bring new ideas and projects for next year.

Laurel Estates Book Club

Submitted by Esther Ritsema

The next meeting will be December 16, 2013.

Our summer reading is *Cleopatra* by Stacy Schiff.

All women welcome!

JUST FOR GIGGLES (Submitted by Joanne Maul)

A man was driving past a farm and saw a three-legged chicken running alongside his car. Suddenly, the chicken picked up speed and disappeared around the bend. The driver pulled to the side of the road and called to the farmer, "I just saw a three-legged chicken!"

"Oh yes", said the farmer. "We have a bunch of 'em. We have three people in our family and we all like drumsticks."

"Well, how do they taste?" asked the motorist.

"Dunno", said the farmer. "We can't seem to catch any."

THE RECIPE BOX

PINEAPPLE CAKE (Louise Burns)

3 eggs, beaten

2 c. flour

2 c. sugar

1 t. baking soda

1 t. vanilla

1 (20 oz.) can crushed pineapple, undrained

1 c. walnuts

Beat eggs lightly; combine with all the other ingredients until well blended. Pour into 9x13 pan and bake at 350° for 35 – 40 minutes.

FROSTING

4 oz. cream cheese

1 t. vanilla

1 ½ c. confectioners' sugar


Blend all ingredients well and spread on cooled cake.




I LOVE A PARADE (and Happy Hour, too!)

We had two parades this season. Parades are open to all owners, renters, and visitors and are immediately followed by Happy Hour.

High winds did not discourage the 4 entries for the

Valentines Parade  and everyone won a cash prize. Many enthusiastic spectators enjoyed the various costumes and decorated transportation vehicles along the parade route. Happy Hour was enjoyed by all!

The St. Patrick's Day Parade  also had a brisk wind to push them forward. Cash prizes were awarded. Happy Hour followed this festive event.

Harvey and Carolyn Luke would like to thank everyone who sent cards and prayers they received following the death of their son. It was so appreciated.

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 through April 14th.

Assistance is available Mon., Wed., Fri., and Sat. Sign-up sheets can be found at the Library for BOTH locations. Please call Jim Rudolph at 656-4104 with questions.



RECYCLING ALUMINUM CANS




Please do not crush cans anymore. The bags are getting too heavy and are difficult to manage. Continue to rinse cans before depositing them in the white container at the side of the home of Patty Fox, 2797 Breezewood. Plastic Bags should be deposited in the trash container marked for that purpose.

Patty will discontinue collecting cans for us as of May 31, 2013. She has enjoyed doing this for many years, but now must give it up. We will be getting a dumpster (like Arrowhead) that will have a section for placing cans and one for paper.

The tabs on the top of the cans should be placed in the container on the shelf of the clubhouse.

We so appreciated the wonderful celebration for our birthdays. We had a great time and enjoyed the entertainment and the CAKE! -- "The 8 young at heart group"

RED HAT MATTERS

This is the 6th and last newsletter of the season. In a wink, it's over. Most will be heading home for the summer; a few stay on. 3 events took place in March. The 1st was on the 7th -- Gala at the Moose Hall in Cape Coral. The 2nd -- the 10th -- the R.H. Jewels celebrated our 8th Anniversary at the Magnolia Landing Hosted by Flora and Helene. The 3rd -- Fashion Show at Belk's on the 12th. We have been busy. Our last meeting of the season will be Thursday, April 4th at 11:15. 

Two more events will take place this month. 1st -- Hosted by Edie, Sharon and Laura -- we will go to Lunch at Beef O' Brady's on Sunday April 14th, then head to see Miss Saigon, at Cape Coral High School. Another great day. The 2nd -- We will go to Lunch at the Red Lobster on April 25th to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the R.H. Society. This is the last event for the season, sorry to say.

To all of you that will be traveling home, have a safe trip, and have a great summer. And the same for all that stay in Fl. See you next season. God Bless you all

Thought for the Day

Years and Years of happiness only make us realize how lucky we are to have friends who have shared and made that happiness a reality --

Queen Helene