

# LAUREL ESTATES NEWSLETTER

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January 2014

## LAUREL ESTATES LOT-OWNERS, INC. ANNUAL MEETING

The Laurel Estates Lot-Owners, Inc. annual meeting will take place on Friday, January 17, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the clubhouse. All members of the corporation, as well as all residents, are encouraged to attend. In addition to electing officers and directors, we will be voting on two important issues. The first is whether or not we will permanently combine the Lot-Owners, Inc. with the social club, as we have been operating in the past year. Secondly, we will vote on the revised by-laws as provided in this newsletter. In an effort to run a more efficient meeting, please read the proposed by-laws before the meeting.

Additionally there will be a voice vote to accept or reject the Board's proposed dues schedule for 2014.

Life Touch will be here January 22<sup>nd</sup> (from 12:00 until 6:30) and the 23<sup>rd</sup> (from 10:00 until 4:30) to take pictures for our photo directory update. All new residents, those who were unable to get their pictures taken last time, and anyone else who would like to have a professional picture taken are encouraged to participate. Phil Trexler will coordinate the signup for appointments. Once Life Touch completes the update, Phil will receive enough updates for all residents.

It's time to start cleaning out your cabinets and finding all those treasures you no longer need. We hope this year is the best one yet!!

**TRASH AND TREASURE** pickups are available now. Call Larry Smith to schedule!

### CLOTHING DRIVE *Submitted by Joyce Crites*

When you clean out your closet or simply replace clothes you are tired of wearing, why not donate the old clothes to a good cause.

During the entire season, you can drop them off in a bag under the covered driveway at 2773 Deerfield and Joyce Crites will deliver them to Mary Miller. She will in turn give them to those who are in need of such items.

Any and all donations are always welcome.

### Ultra V Notification

New maintenance fees effective January 1, 2014 will be \$81.69 (2% increase of \$1.60).

### . Volunteers Needed

*Submitted by Jim Rudolph*

Once again the AARP Tax Aide program will be providing free federal income tax return preparation assistance beginning February 1st, 2014. Last season we prepared close to 2000 tax returns at our two nearby locations at the North Fort Myers Library and the Community Center behind the library. Due to the increasing popularity of the program we need additional volunteers. We are looking for volunteer tax preparers and greeters to join our team. No experience is necessary; we have all the equipment needed and we will train you in tax law and using the system. Computers and software are provided by AARP and IRS training is scheduled for January. If computers and taxes are not your thing we still can use you as a greeter.

For more information contact Jim Rudolph or visit [www.aarp.org/taxvolunteer/](http://www.aarp.org/taxvolunteer/) and look for the "Become a Volunteer" box.

## REPORT FROM MYRNA STROBLE

Hospitalized:  
Theresa Krieger  
Flora Harvey

Deaths:  
Terry Harkness

**Thank You, Thank You** to each of the ladies (and Jim Rudolph) for the wonderful cookies and candy for our annual cookie exchange!!! We packed 21 cookie trays to deliver in the park, had lots to take home, and extra for the Steel Drum Band music night!! We have fantastic bakers!!!

*Jan Zylstra, Social Events*

### LAUREL RESIDENT'S FOR HIRE

This new section will advertise (for a small fee) any resident and their skill. Contact Sharon Smith for details and pricing.

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### THE RECIPE BOX

*From the Kitchen of Carolyn Luke*

#### SWEET POTATO DISH

3 c. mashed sweet potatoes (more is ok)

1 T vanilla

1 c. white sugar

1 stick butter (or margarine)

Combine above ingredients in a large bowl and mash and put in a 9" x 13" pan.

Topping

1/3 c. flour

1 c. pecans or walnuts (crushed small)

1 cup brown sugar

Mix topping ingredients; spoon over potatoes; dot with butter all over.

Bake At 350° for 45 minutes.



### RECYCLING ALUMINUM CANS, PAPER AND CARDBOARD

**Please flatten cardboard boxes before placing them in the recycling bin.**

**No plastic bags in the can bin, please!**

**Recycling these items puts money in our account!!**

### END OF AN ERA

After 30 years, I'm done. I am closing out my remaining stained glass pieces. I have 16 pieces left and they are priced 40% to 50% off the original price.

Maurice "Moe" Campeau

### A Gentle Reminder

The 15 mph speed limit for the park is there to keep us all safe. **All** vehicles must observe the limit and stop signs. Please be aware we have walkers, bicycles, and golf carts, as well as cars in our park.

## RED HATS

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!

Our next meeting is January 9, 2014 at 11:15.

Our first event of the season was hosted by Flora on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at the Wisteria Tea Room. Eight ladies decked out in their finest attended and had a great time. It was a day well spent.

The second event was hosted by Helene and Flora. A magical Mystery Train ride took eight ladies for a 5 course dinner and (in between courses) an act from a murder mystery. Everyone had a great time, especially Joanne, who was named Super Sleuth, since she correctly solved the “who-done-it”. She was rewarded with a coffee mug and a certificate, signed by the entire cast. What a wonderful night!!

### Thought For The Day

There is no friend like an old friend who has shared our morning days.

No greeting like his welcome, No Homage like his praise.

Author Oliver Wendell Holmes

Queen Helene

### CRAFT CORNER

Submitted by Joan Dunlap

The Annual Show and Tell Event

January 29<sup>th</sup> 10:00am – Noon

Sponsored by the Laurel Estates Crafters

This is your chance to show us your collections, favorite craft or any hobby that you are passionate about. Come see what our neighbors have to show.

Please join us!!

Reserve your table(s) today by calling Joan.

### Phone Number Update

Robert and Rosemary Hemenway

Notify Jan Zylstra of any changes to the park phone book.



### VOLUNTEER FOCUS



The leader of the park “biker gang” is also our Sunshine Lady. Myrna Stroble spreads sunshine wherever she goes. Her laugh is infective and makes you smile every time you hear it. She sends cards to those who have been hospitalized and keeps the bulletin board up to date with information about our residents who need to receive our good thoughts and prayers.

Myrna loves chocolate, baking, working jigsaw puzzles (one is always in the process of being completed) and is very active in her church.

She certainly contributes a lot to our community. Thank you, Myrna.

# ***BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION***

## **January Birthdays**

1 Dave Jones  
 2 Teresa Provencher  
 4 Cheryl Tobin  
 5 Tommie Thompson  
 9 Rose Mary Kinslow  
 10 Helen Onyett  
 10 Mel Reid  
 11 Lois Fritz  
 11 Marcy Linton  
 12 Zeke Bosteter  
 12 Jerry Forsythe  
 13 Joan Alberghini  
 14 Harvey Luke  
 14 Sue Suhr  
 15 Linda Barber  
 15 Jane Kohn  
 18 Madeline Clark  
 20 Judy Schlundt  
 22 Jack Swick  
 23 Robert Routzahn  
 26 Michael Tobin  
 27 Norma Gwinn  
 28 Dawn Singer  
 30 Bonnie Reid

## **February Birthdays**

2 Judy Binsfeld  
 4 Mary Dickerson  
 4 Wanda Warren  
 5 Judy Cook  
 5 Teresa Harkness  
 6 Srina Sheehan  
 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 Staup  
 19 Tom Fisher  
 20 Butch Chamness  
 21 Maurice Campeau  
 21 Thelma Franklin  
 22 Bob Schlundt  
 24 Barbara Armstrong  
 25 Suzanne Davis  
 26 Peter Alvarez

### **Renters/Winter Visitors**

18 Bob Dickmann  
 18 Jack Monson

## **July Birthdays**

4 Frances Cobb  
 5 Carol Clark  
 5 Joyce Crites  
 9 Philip Trexler  
 10 Theresa Krieger  
 11 Linda Ossowski  
 12 Steve Smith  
 14 Karen Leonard  
 15 Gail Goad  
 19 Eli Alvarez  
 19 Larry Trahan  
 20 Sandra Routzhan  
 22 Pat Myrom  
 23 Pat Hunter  
 27 Barbie Barlow  
 28 Sylvia Bordo  
 28 Penny Smith  
 30 Laura Hagenbarth

## **August Birthdays**

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  
 11 Phil Miller  
 14 Mary Miller  
 16 Linda Zimmer  
 18 Ken Hoard  
 21 Dean McDonald  
 21 Edie Smith  
 22 Nancy Noffke  
 27 Barbara Pritchard  
 28 Robert Gillis  
 30 George Zimmer  
 31 Emily Senecal

### **Renters/Winter Visitors**

25 Katie Thelen  
 31 Virgie Gonwa



## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS



WE ARE HAPPY YOU ARE HERE WITH US!

Lowell Shivner -- from Pelletier Estate  
Clark Brown -- from Menzels

### Fun Golf

*Submitted by Jim Morrison*

We have been playing on Monday and Thursday. Prices are below \$30. There are 3 choices on Monday and just one on Thursday.



#### Monday –

--Sable Springs at 9:50. The price is \$25 and we usually play a scramble.  
--Sunny Breeze at 7:20. The price is under \$27.  
-- Kings Gate between 9 and 10. The price is \$30. See Ken Clark.

#### Thursday

Sunny Breeze at 7:20. The price is under \$27 (low price if we are off by 8:00.

Everyone is welcome. If you have company and they did not bring their clubs, check with me or Jim Morrison. We will try to set them up with a set.

### Shuffleboard

Submitted by Phil and Donna Chilson

Have you ever wanted to play Shuffleboard? We practice every Monday at 9am and every Thursday at 2pm. Everyone is invited to come play and learn the sport!



Did you know we have a team? New members are sought to expand our ranks. We play weekly either at our home courts or at other communities. Games begin at 1:00. Spectators are welcome to come and cheer for our team!

Jan 8 -- @ Lake Arrowhead

Jan 15 -- @ Windmill Village

Jan 22 -- here against Tara Woods

Jan 29 -- here against Six Lakes

We would love to see you join us for the fun!

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Annual Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday morning, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 until 9. Tickets (\$4) will go on sale after January 1<sup>st</sup>.



COME JOIN US!

### THANK YOU

Earl and Shirley Ralya gave us a generous donation so that our park could be illuminated by luminaries Christmas Eve. What a wonderful way to begin Christmas!! Thanks so much!!



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### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The annual Ice Cream Social will be January 12<sup>th</sup> @ 2 PM. Just \$3 (at the door) will get you entry to the ice cream buffet!!