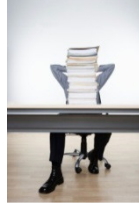


Laurel Estates Newsletter

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February 2014

From the Desk of the President



The annual meeting was held January 17th, 2014, 149 residents were in attendance. The membership voted to accept the revised By-Laws and the 2014 Dues structure proposed by the Board. Your dues support all lot- owners and social functions. LOT OWNER NEWS

Thank you to all who attended the annual meeting on the 17th. Your support of the board and your voting on issues which affect all of us as homeowners was greatly appreciated. As Vice President Alberghini stated the board is the liaison between you and Ultra 5. The elimination of violations of the Deed of Restrictions should be a priority for all of us. All residents should make themselves aware of the deed and how it affects us as members of this community. We also need to follow the procedures for reporting violations. If a violation is observed, please don't just complain about what is happening, but fill out a violation form (found in the clubhouse), sign it, and give it to any board member. It will be forwarded to Ultra 5 for further action. Again, thank you for your support.

Laurel Estates Lot-Owners Inc Board of Directors

Bruce Zylstra, President

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped to make the events of the season work well so far!! We're half way through already!!

That said, **there are several places for you to serve for next season:** We are looking for **two people to coordinate the refreshments for the monthly birthday parties;** someone willing to **shop for kitchen supplies** as needed; coordinator for one of the **holiday dinners (Thanksgiving, Christmas & Easter).**

Please look at the list of events posted on the clubhouse bulletin board - is there an activity you'd like to be involved with?? Be assured that you won't be left on your own - Laurel has many willing workers to assist you and we have "job descriptions for most all of the events" with helpful guidelines to make planning fairly painless!!

Also, **for those currently serving,** please let Jan or Denise know if you would like to continue in your event for the next season. Planning of the 2014/15 season will begin in March.

Social committee co-chair Jan Zylstra

Dues for this season (\$18 for two person household and \$13 for one person household) will be collected at Saturday Morning Café from 7:30 until 9 am each Saturday in February. You may also pay your dues any time Sharon is home. Please call Sharon Smith to pay at the house to be certain she is home!

Dues paid after April 1st will incur an additional \$1.



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 28th.

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!



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



The Ice Cream Social was held on January 20th. 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.



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Beginning February 1st through April 14th, assistance is available Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Sign-up sheets can be found at the Library.

If you have any questions or are unable to travel to the Recreation Center for tax preparation assistance, please call Jim Rudolph.

REPORT FROM MYRNA STROBLE

Hospitalized:

Flora Harvey
Pat Goodwin
Dora Angert
Al Nolan
Roy Walter

Deaths:

Terry Harkness
Mary Anne Egnew
Theresa Krieger
Joyce Hammond's
 granddaughter
Betty Vogel – renter
Gloria Watkins – renter
Jerrie Dickmann -- renter

RECIPE CORRECTION

Carolyn Luke notified us that she omitted 2 beaten eggs from her sweet potato recipe last month. Add them after you mash the potatoes! Sorry about that!!



Ray and Joyce Crites

Whenever a request is made for help, no matter the situation, Ray and Joyce will be there.

Joyce hosts our monthly pot luck dinners. As a recruiter, she has enabled many of our newer residents to get involved in this activity. Also, thanks to Joyce, attendance at this event increases on a monthly basis. She also collects used clothing and delivers it to Mary Miller for distribution to those who need the items.

Ray is always willing to help our residents when they call on him for assistance. He is an active participant in our Trash and Treasure event – from helping pick up items to closing down the event.

Thanks to you both for all you do for our community!!

RED HAT MATTERS

Our next meeting will be Thursday Feb.6th at 11:15 am.

Our 3rd event of the season took place Sunday Jan 19th. Hosted by Sharon and Joanne, 16 of us had lunch at Ruby Tuesday's. We all received a beautiful gift. Then we were off to the Cultural Park Theater to see "Harvey" -- so funny! We all enjoyed are day. Thank you girls.

Our 4th event takes place this month-- Hosted by Becky and Louise. A Buffet Cruise with Capt. J.P. on Tuesday Feb. 11th

Thought for the Day

It MATTERS NOT WHAT ROAD WE TAKE, BUT RATHER WHAT WE BECOME ON THE JOURNEY

Author unknown

THANK YOU

Submitted by Carol Louchart

A BIG Thank you goes out to all the Men & Women who gave us a hand on Dec. 24th. We did all the homes for setting up and taking down the Luminaries. It would not have been successful without your help!
Carol, Lucky, & Harvey

AND ANOTHER THANK YOU

Submitted by Carol Louchart

Thanks to all who gave us help for the Ice Cream Social. We were happy to have the help from an outstanding group of men & women. Our first Ice Cream Social put \$55 in the Treasury! Thank You again.
Carol, Lucky, & Harvey

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Laurel Estates Resident

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Ambulance (emergency)	911
Motor Vehicles	533-6000
Elder Abuse Hotline	800-962-2873
Elder Helpline (United Way)	211
EMERGENCIES	911
Fraud Line	477-1242
Health Department	322-9556
Humane Society	332-0364
Lee Co. Transit (Lee Tran)	533-8726
Lee Mental Health Svc.	275-3222
Libraries	479-4636
Parks & Recreation	533-7275
Poison Information Center	800-222-1222
Red Cross	278-3401
Social Security Admin.	800-772-1213
Suicide Prevention Line	800-273-8255
Supervisor of Elections	533-8683
Tax Collector	533-6000
Veterans Services Office	800-827-1000

BOOK CLUB -- February 24th

We will be discussing "100 NAMES FOR Love" by Diane Ackerman. At 10am in the clubhouse. Books are available from Pat Myrom and are available in regular or large print as well as talking books.

Everyone is invited to join us!!

Advertising Pays!

Did you know you can list your rental on our website? For just \$10, we will post your ad (with pictures) for a year.

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Steve & Jan Brice-Nash
Mike & Rosie Bronson
Earl & Shirley Ralya
Jake & Linda Grine
Ed & Vicki Medley
Edie Smith

THANK YOU

Just what is the CERT team. It is a group of individuals who live in our park and are trained by members of the North Fort Myers Fire District to assist them in the event of a hurricane, flood, power outage or any other emergency that may happen. NO we will not be expected to run into a burning or smoke filled home to rescue someone. We will be trained to survey our park, or any other area we may be assigned to, assess any damage and help the first responders in determining who may need their help first. You will also be trained in some first aid and how to operate some fire extinguishers and which ones to use in different situations.

The North Fort Myers Fire District would like to conduct the next class sometime in February

At the present time, our team is down to about 7-8 members with about 3-4 only being year round residents. I would like to see an increase in membership up to at least 12-15 and more if possible. Whether you are year round or seasonal residents it does not matter, we would be very happy to have you join up.

If any of you are interested or have any questions please contact me.

Jack Goodwin

Submitted by Earl Harvey

2013 was one of the best for giving food and toys for the Needy! Thanks for your generosity. A total of \$821 was collected for the Academy, making many in need have a Merry Christmas. Many Thanks.

Editor's note: This article should have appeared last month. I apologize for the omission.

OWNERS PICNIC IS March 15th --- Noon – 2PM

Serving will be from Noon until 1 PM.

Signup sheets will be on the bulletin board Feb. 1st thru Mar. 7th. Tickets (based on the sign-up sheets) will be delivered to your home prior to the picnic. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!