

LAUREL ESTATES NEWSLETTER

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From the Desk of the President



As we reach the time of year when many of us have visitors from other parts of the country, all of us need to review the Deed of Restrictions. While it is great to have family and friends come to visit, it is our (the residents) responsibility to make sure they abide by the rules in the deed. It is important to do this in order to prevent any uncomfortable situations for us and our guests. Some areas of concern are walking pets in the interior of the park, not following the posted pool rules, and the use of golf carts by underage drivers. Remember, the deed is for all of us! Thank you for your attention to this.

Reminder: The annual meeting of the Lot Owner, Inc. is on Friday, Jan.16, 2015, at 7:00pm in the clubhouse. All residents are invited to attend and those who are members of the association may vote for officers/directors of the organization as well as any other business issues.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Annual Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday morning, January 24th from 7:30 until 9. Tickets (\$4) will go on sale after January 1st.



COME JOIN US!

BLOOD DRIVE Jan 5, 2015 from 1:00 – 4:00

Come to the Clubhouse to donate blood. The number of participants has dwindled in the past years because of illness and certain medications.

Many of our residents have had transfusions and the need for donations increases each year.

DONATIONS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED.

If you are able to give, **PLEASE DONATE!**

Submitted by Earl Harvey



COFFEE CAFÉ RETURNS!!

Come join the group for coffee and donuts every Saturday, beginning January 3rd. For just \$1 you can enjoy breakfast and you can spend 7:30 – 9am with your neighbors!!

Ultra V Notification

New maintenance fees effective January 1, 2015 will be \$83.32 (2% increase of \$1.63).



RECYCLING ALUMINUM CANS, PAPER AND CARDBOARD

There is a large dumpster in the compound for Laurel Estates. Every newspaper, can, or cardboard box can add up to quite a bit of cash earned for US. So let's remember to collect these items and place them in the Laurel Estates container in the compound.

Please flatten cardboard boxes before placing them in the bin. No bags in the can bin, please!

Items placed in these bins become property of the Lot Owners Association. Unauthorized removal is considered theft. The Sheriff should be notified when such activity is observed!!

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

Once again this entire season, drop off your used and unwanted clothing in a bag under the covered driveway at Joyce Crites' home. Joyce will deliver them to Mary Miller. She will in turn give them to those who are in need of such items.

All donations are always welcome.

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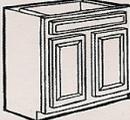
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RED HATS
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!

Hope you all had a Wonderful Christmas. Our 2nd R.H. event took place Dec. 9th -- Lunch at the Whisteria Tea Room. Then to the First Presbyterian Church for an Excellent Christmas Program. Our 3rd Mtg. take place Thursday Jan. 8th at 11:15 am See you then

Thought For The Day

God bless thy year, thy rest, thy traveling about, the rough, the smooth, the bright, the drear, God Bless Thy Year
Author Unknown

Queen Helene

Thanks to everyone who donated food and toys for the Academy of the Arts. We also gave a total of \$648. All was gratefully appreciated.

Many Thanks, Earl Harvey

REPORT FROM MYRNA STROBLE

Hospitalized:

Tommy Thompson

Linda Grine

Pepper Tyree

Deaths:

John Tremblay (former resident)

Wendall Cross' Brother

NEW TOY!!

Thanks to Ralph and Edna Grondin, we now have a new toy in the card room. Stop by and enjoy a game of darts!! OR play some pool! The cardroom is not just for cards, but many different types of card games are played there. Check the calendar for events which occur weekly and come join the fun!

CRAFT CORNER

Submitted by Mary Livensparger



Crafty Ladies and Not So Crafty Ladies: All are welcome!
Wednesday mornings 10 am to 12 noon.

January 7 at 10 am, Mary Livensparger will show you how to make the above pictured scarf out of a tee shirt. You can add beads, other embellishments, etc. Make it YOU!

You will need a tee shirt, colored or white, preferably little or no printing on it. Also bring a pair of shears and pen or pencil for marking. Spend a couple of hours of fun and sharing; making new friends, fellowship with old friends AND take home a brand new scarf!

Perhaps you have something you'd like to show and share? Call Joan Dunlap or Mary Livensparger. We have an open calendar and will be happy to schedule you with a Wednesday of your choice.

Phone Number Update

Dallas & Wilma Gibson

Daryl Wall

Notify Louise Burns of any changes to the park phone book.



Due to the weather forecast, the luminaries will line the streets of Laurel Estates for New Year's Eve this year. If you are able to help filling the bags, distributing them around the park (we could use a few of carts for this), or picking them up News Years Day, come to the clubhouse at 3pm. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

January Birthdays

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

July Birthdays

2 Gloria Scroggins
4 Frances Cobb
5 Carol Clark
5 Joyce Crites
9 Philip Trexler
11 Linda Ossowski
12 Steve Smith
15 Gail Goad
19 Eli Alvarez
19 Larry Trahan
20 Sandra Routzhan
22 Pat Myrom
22 Jim O'Brien
23 Pat Hunter
27 Barbie Barlow
28 Penny Smith
30 Laura Hagenbarth



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Sylvia Wojcik, a former resident of Buffalo New York, purchased her home in Laurel Estates in 1990 and moved in to her residence in 1991. She has been an asset to the park ever since.

Sylvia is the person who ensures that the tabs we collect for the Ronald McDonald house and the Campbell's soup labels reach their destination. For now she sits in the background doing whatever she can to lend a hand to others. She makes the best sauerkraut for our Trash & Treasure sale in March each year. It has become one of the favorite traditions of the weekend!

She was an active member of our community in her years here --- 6 years as the Sunshine Lady, a very active member of the Craft Club, 10+ years volunteering in Hospice, and she enjoyed playing darts. She researched and introduced residents to the vendor who could get them the equipment to use on their phones so they could hear the conversations. One of her favorite activities is playing cards, especially poker!

Thank you Sylvia for being here and brightening our days!

WOW!! We had cookies everywhere!! Thank you to all the bakers who brought cookies for the exchange! We packed 20 boxes of goodies to deliver in the park and still lots for each lady to take a mixture home for the holidays - Again, THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The **Holiday Dance** was a big success with everyone enjoying the band, and kicking up their heels!! Mark your calendars! We hope to have three more great entertainers for the next 3 months.

Thank you to all those who helped to decorate for the holidays. Many hands still make light work! Come early on Jan.3 (Sat.) for coffee/donuts and help return those decorations to their boxes for another year.

CHANGE OF DATE - the **January Birthday Party** will be held on Thurs. the **22nd** - plan to attend - good music for your entertainment!

Don't miss the Pancake Breakfast on Sat. Jan 24 from 7:30-9:00 a.m. Tickets will be available as soon as the "Boomer" returns from the cold north!

Also, plan to attend an evening of entertainment furnished by "**The Windmill Pretenders**" on **Thurs. the 29th** from 7:00-8:30 pm - everyone who attended last year really enjoyed the show! **And it's free!!**

Coming up soon: Spaghetti Dinner on Sat. Feb. 4; Ice Cream Social on Sun. Feb. 15.

Jan Zylstra

ICE CREAM SOCIAL



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

CHRISTMAS DINNER

What a great turnout for our Christmas Dinner. The food was fantastic and the company even better.

A BIG THANK YOU to the mysterious Santa Helpers who sponsored this meal for our community. Everyone had a great time and appreciated all the hard work that went into the day!!

Want to place an article in the newsletter? The deadline is Noon on the 20th of each month. Place your article in the box in the chair room at the clubhouse. Have a suggestion for Volunteer Spotlight? Drop a note and provide a few details about that person! We are always happy to hear from our readers and appreciate their input.