

Laurel Estates Newsletter

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February 2015

MEETING!! Monday, Feb. 16 at 10:00 am in the clubhouse, for ALL current event coordinators as well as anyone in the park who is interested in the social life of Laurel Estates!

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

At the annual meeting on Jan 16th, many in attendance expressed the desire to obtain information about homeowners insurance which may be an alternative to what they already have. At the February board meeting on Feb 5th at 7 PM, a representative from **Professional Insurance Systems will be in attendance to speak to the types of insurance available, the need for homeowners insurance, etc.** This meeting is open to ALL residents of Laurel Estates. This will be a good opportunity for all of us to learn important information re: homeowners insurance. Please plan to attend.

From time to time, we have large items (appliances, water heaters, etc.) that we need to move off our property. In addition, many have experienced the cost of removing these items by Newell. There is an alternative: Erik Laposta (239-654-8093) will come to your home and remove such items from your property. **PLEASE MAKE USE OF THIS FREE SERVICE!** Do not drop off these items to 2719 Breezewood, as some have previously done. We already have an unsightly mess in the compound and we don't need another in the park itself. Thank you for your cooperation!



LAUREL ESTATES 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 March 4th and 5th.

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!

ULTRA V APPRECIATION PICNIC IS February 28th --- Noon – 3PM

Serving will be from Noon until 1 PM.

Signup sheets will be on the bulletin board Feb. 1st thru Feb 15th.

Tickets (based on the sign-up sheets) will be delivered to your home prior to the picnic.

NOTE: You must have a ticket to be served.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Come one; come all to our annual Spaghetti Dinner on Feb. 7, 4:30-6:00. Tickets are \$8 and are on sale now!



Need help with your taxes? Get it FREE!



The AARP Tax Aide Program is again offering **free tax return preparation assistance** as well as **free e-filing** of your federal taxes at the North Fort Myers Recreation Center located in the park behind the library.

Beginning February 1st through April 14th, assistance is available Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. 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.

CRAFT CORNER

Wednesday 10:00 to Noon

Schedule submitted by Mary Livensparger

Feb 4 – Valentine Candle Holder – Beth Thompson

Feb 11 – Pin cushions – Joan Dunlap

Feb 18 – Decorated wine bottles/word art – Mary Livensparger

Feb 25 – “ruffly” neck scarves – Beth Thompson

A list of supplies needed to complete each project will be available in the clubhouse during craft class, prior to the date required.



RECYCLING ALUMINUM CANS, PAPER AND CARDBOARD

Please flatten cardboard boxes before placing them in the recycling bin. The unflattened boxes take up a lot of space!!

No plastic bags in the can bin, please! This bin is NOT for plastic bags.

Recycling these items puts money in our account!!

The **Annual Pancake Breakfast** was a great success again this year. All who attended had a great time and were able to visit with their neighbors, old and new, while they enjoyed a great breakfast!

Thanks to everyone who cooked, served, cleaned, purchased tickets, and ate at the Pancake Breakfast. We served 178 meals this year and added \$462.58 to our account balance.

Submitted by Boomer & Judy Binsfeld

Need a poster or tickets for an event?

Contact Jan Zylstra until she can find a willing volunteer for this position.



RED HAT MATTERS



Here it is Feb. 2015 already! Time flies by when you're having fun. Our 3rd Event took place Thurs. Jan. 15th at Rum Runners Restaurant. 17 attended. Our 4th meeting takes place Thursday Feb. 5th at 11:15 am. See you then!

Thought for the day
A kind word can be as refreshing as a spring flower. Author Unknown
Queen Helene

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS



Philip Norris & daughter Deb – From Mila Grindle
Raymond and Mary Coley – From Srinakorn Sheehan
James and Mary LaPat – From Gary Taylor
Cindy Chattulani – From Ray Malinger

WE ARE HAPPY YOU ARE HERE WITH US!

BLOCK CAPTAINS

- 1 Linda Calvin
- 2 Judy Schlundt
- 3 Phil/Rita Miller
- 4 Kathy Jones
- 5 Wilma Gibson
- 6 Edie Smith
- 7 Phil Trexler
- 8 Carol Louchart
- 9 Sue Fields
- 10 Norm Burke
- 11 Earl Harvey
- 12 Mo Campeau
- 13 Donald Utter
- 14 Flo Cummings

DUES COLLECTION IS NOW IN PROGRESS!

Dues for this season (\$18 for two person household; \$13 for one person household and \$5 for each renter) will be collected at Saturday Morning Café from 7:30 until 9 am each Saturday in February. You may also pay Treasurer Sharon Smith. Please call to be certain she is home!

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



Attention Block Captains

Please notify Beth Thompson, our Welcome Lady, with names of new owners. She will visit them as soon as she can to provide the necessary information for all owners.

PHONE DIRECTORY



Cindy Chattulani
Jack Goodwin
Phil & Deb Norris
Terry Powers
Keith & Tracy Windes

Please notify Louise Burns with any additions/deletions/changes to the directory. If you have not received a new phonebook, contact Louise to get one.

THANK YOU

REPORT FROM MYRNA STROBLE

Hospitalized:

Ray Crites
Tommy Thompson

We are no longer collecting the Campbell soup labels for Ronald McDonald House. Now they ask us to collect old keys. There is a can on the shelf for them.

We still collect pop top tabs, Box Tops for Education, and Manufacture's Coupons.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February Birthdays

2 Judy Binsfeld
 4 Mary Dickerson
 4 Wanda Warren
 5 Judy Cook
 6 Jan Zylstra
 8 Tom Smith
 10 Marie Campeau
 12 Denise Straley
 13 Joan Milke
 15 Bob Hamman
 16 Virginia Chamness

17 Chet Anthony
 18 JoAnn McGrath
 18 Jack Staup
 20 Butch Chamness
 21 Maurice Campeau
 21 Thelma Franklin
 21 Pamela Fry
 22 Bob Schlundt
 25 Suzanne Davis
 26 Peter Alvarez

Renters/Winter Visitors

18 Jack Monson

August Birthdays

6 Marie Beyer
 6 Linda Calvin
 7 Robert Hannafius
 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



COUPONS FOR THE MILITARY

Submitted by Andie Smith

Thanks to everyone who has been placing coupons in the bin. We send these to the Military overseas for their use and they can use them up to 3 months after the expiration date. Please note that **only manufacturer's coupons** can be used there. They do not have Publix, Beall's, Target, Lowe's, etc. at their locations, so we cannot send them.

Coupons are collected year round, so please keep placing them in the bin.

**THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED
SUPPORT OF OUR MILITARY!!**

WELCOME TO ALL OUR 2015 RENTERS!!

Submitted by Beth Thompson – Welcome Lady

Jim & Sandy Allen	from LaCrosse, WI
Chris & Helene Braaten	from Andover, MN
Mary Exo	from Elk Rapids, MI
John & Barbara Gallmeyer	from Howell, MI
Bob & Marilyn Hanenburg	from Grand Rapids, MI
Richard Kerkhof & Robin Cole	from Russiaville, IN
Jack & Mary Monson	from Traverse City, MI
Jim & Mary McElroy	from Powell, TN
Dean & Theresa Perry	from Crystal City, MO
Steve & Judy Purny	from Bryan, OH
Geno & Karen Stockero	from Port Washington, WI
Joe & Bert Tate	from Perrysburg, OH

We hope you will participate in the park activities and enjoy your stay.

*****FOR SALE*****

We still have five of the old, heavy 8 foot tables in the clubhouse that we'd like to sell at \$20/ea., so we can make room for some more of the lighter Lifetime tables.

If you want to buy one, call Jan Zylstra to go on a list. The tables will be available to take home following the Trash 'N Treasure Sale. Those that don't sell will be donated to Miss Mary's program over on Hart Road.

ERIK LAPOSTA
239-654-8093

Call for FREE REMOVAL OF LARGE ITEMS!!
Unwanted appliances (working or not) are welcome
AND always appreciated.
Your items will be recycled and/or used for a good
cause!



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PICK UP DAYS

**TUESDAY:
Garbage**

**FRIDAY: Yard
Waste**

FEBRUARY 2015 EVENTS

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3 Computer Class 10 am 	4 Crafts 10 - Noon ----- Shuffleboard @ Home 1 PM	5 Red Hats 11:15 am  ----- Lot Owners Board 7pm	6	7  Coffee Café 7:30 – 9 am ----- Spaghetti Dinner 4:30 – 6:00 
8	9	10 Computer Class 10 am  ----- Pot Luck 5PM	11 Crafts 10 - Noon ----- Shuffleboard @ Del Tura 1 PM	12	13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY  Coffee Café 7:30 – 9 am
15 Ice Cream Social 2PM 	16 Meeting for Social Activities 10am	17 Computer Class 10 am ----- Happy Hour 3 pm 	18 ASH WEDNESDAY ----- Crafts 10 - Noon ----- Shuffleboard @ Home 1 PM	19 Birthday Party 7pm  Dave Lapio Steel Drum	20	21 Coffee Café 7:30 – 9 am ----- Red, White, & Pink Dance 7pm – 10pm  With Don Faulkner
22	23	24 Computer Class 10 am 	25 Crafts 10 - Noon ----- Shuffleboard @ Home 1 PM	26 Movie Night 7pm 	27	28 ULTRA V PICNIC Noon until 3:00 

Daily Scheduled Activities

Monday
9 am – Pool
Exercise
1 pm - Mahjongg
6 pm – Poker
6 pm – Euchre

Tuesday
9 am – Pool
Exercise
9 am - Shuffleboard Practice
6:15 pm -- Pinochle

Wednesday
9 am – Pool
Exercise
6 pm – Poker
6:30 pm – Bingo

Thursday
9 am – Pool
Exercise
10 am – Line Dance
2 pm-- Shuffleboard Practice
7 pm – Ladies Fun Cards

Friday
9 am – Pool
Exercise

Saturday
9 am -- Bocce

Welcome: Beth Thompson

Sunshine: Myrna Stroble (hospitalization or death)