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November 2020

Board of Directors Meetings

Unless otherwise notified, the monthly Board of Directors meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the clubhouse from November through April.

Everyone is welcome. Attendance is the best way to find out what is going on and to express your concerns and recommendation for our community. There will be a time toward the end of the meeting for questions and comments.

Notes from the Editor....

Hello Everyone! Whether you have made it back to the "estates" or are still in your home states, I hope you are all doing well.

It will probably be a slow start to activities here this year due to social distancing and such. Perhaps we have some creative and clever people who can come up with some cool activities that will still allow us to have some fun yet still be safe. Put your thinking caps on.

For those of you who might be new here (I did see quite a few unfamiliar faces throughout the summer) let me introduce myself. My name is Sherry Stover and my husband, Chuck, and I have lived here about 3 years. We came from PA. I have been doing the newsletter about 2 years. I am always looking for interesting little stories, easy recipes, poems, and cartoons to fill up the newsletter.

The newsletters are printed on the 25th of the month for the following month. Anything that you would like in the newsletter must be turned in to me by 2:00 pm on the 24th of the month. An email or text is the best way, but I'll accept things in person.

Sherry Stover

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Have you ever been out for a late autumn walk in the closing part of the afternoon, and suddenly looked up to realize that the leaves have practically all gone? You hadn't realized it. And you notice that the sun has set already, the day gone before you knew it — and with that a cold wind blows across the landscape. That's retirement. ~Stephen Leacock

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - If you have an activity and/or event that you would like included in the newsletter, please be aware that any contact information you furnish will be included both in the printed document as well as any digitized (online) copies of the newsletter. Your submission indicates your acceptance of the above.

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The Laurel Ledger

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK -

Welcome to the new season of Newsletters for Laurel Estates - I know that this will find many of you in wonderment and hope, wondering what 2020 brought us and hoping that 2021 has life back to normal, whatever that is for each and everyone of you.

For now, things are not changing in Laurel Estates. The clubhouse is limited to 10 persons, masks are required as is social distancing. The kitchen is off limits at this time. The pool is also limited to 10 persons at a time and I am sure that those of you that use the pool area will not monopolize the pool so that everyone wishing to use the pool will have an opportunity. Most all activities normally organized by the social committee have been canceled for 2020-2021 season. These changes are for the health and safety of all, we all need to do our part.

There are still questions to answer, can the Annual Meeting take place as usual in January? The Board of Directors will continue to meet and continue to be the liaison between the Laurel Estates Lot Owners and Ultra 5. I spoke with Angel White on October 20, 2021. We discussed the pathway between the parks and I am hopeful that a meeting with her in January will bring to fruition what many have wanted for a long time, a walkway between Laurel Estates and Lake Arrowhead. We also discussed the possibility of opening the clubhouse to larger groups, stay tuned to notices posted on the clubhouse door for changes,

Let me or any Board Member know if you have questions or concerns.

Tom Clark

tsclark78@ gmail.com



Information Changes

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David Angert - Home 239-995-4130

Cell 239-672-0452

EMERGENCY FORMS

New residents can now immediately complete the emergency resident form from the Laurel Estates web page. Jim Rudolph is working very hard to accomplish this, hopefully by this newsletter. This will allow quick information sharing with the welcome person and records manager. Current residents may use this form to update information as well.



Fun Golf



Come join us for a fun scramble with neighbors from Laurel Estates and a few neighboring communities.

WHEN: Monday mornings @ 9:30 am beginning November 9

WHERE: Golf course at Sabal Springs

For more details, contact Jim Morrison at 617-750-4504.

All are welcome

Shuffleboard

We would like to get shuffleboard started on Monday, Nov. 30 at 2:00 pm and then Tuesdays at 9:30 am.

Social distancing rules apply.

There will be no traveling shuffleboard league this year. We are not allowed to play on other shuffleboard courts due to the virus.



Kenny's Crafts



November 4th

Making bulletin boards - \$7.00

Noon—2:00 pm at the clubhouse

Sign up sheet on bulletin board in clubhouse - class size limited

We will be setting up dates for classes in November and December.

Please come with ideas on what you would like to do or learn. I also have ideas.

Kenny - 239-440-9382

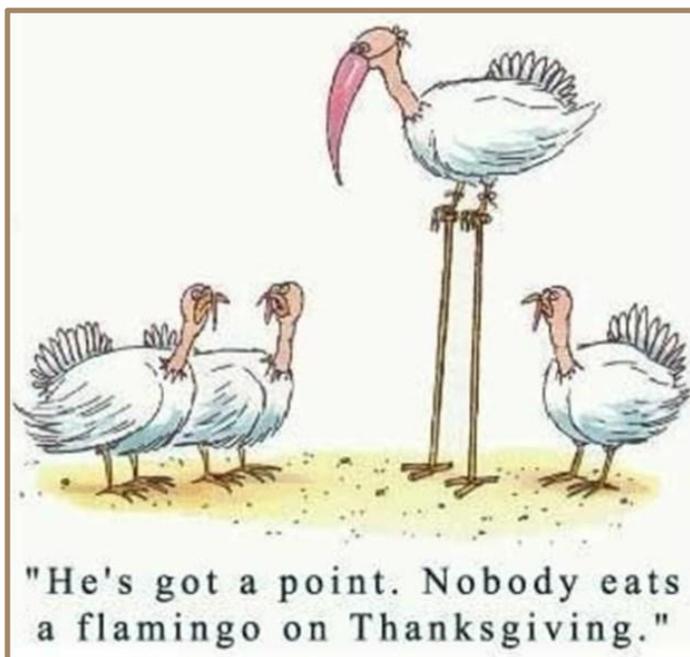
Line Dancing

I spoke with Edie a couple days ago regarding her LINE DANCING classes on Thursdays and Fridays. She still plans on having them, but she is not sure when she is going to get back down here from PA.

I told her that I will keep her days and times until she gets back.

If she gets back in between newsletters and wants to get started, I will post a notice on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse.

Sherry



We've Been Busy During the Pandemic!

In the middle of summer, I wrote a letter which was posted in the clubhouse and sent via email, if I had your address, and some were sent in Messenger. I was asking for activities that you all got involved in, while cooped up, that you would like to share. I, then, repeated it in a notice on the website in September. Here is what I got!



The Chilsons are not having a great summer!

(according to Donna) Shortly after Phill and Donna returned north, Phill ended up in the hospital and had bypass heart surgery. 7 weeks after that, he was out golfing. Improving every day.

Toward the end of June, Donna fell and broke her wrist when working in her garden. It needed surgery. But Donna said, "At least the last weed in my flower bed got pulled before I fell."

In August Phill played in a men's club outing and came in 4th over all for the Senior age group and came in 1st in the low net division! Great Strides!

Cecil Fugate has been busy in his wood shop!



Louise Burns Looks like Louise is a very crafty lady, making several Raggedy Ann dolls for her great granddaughter and knitting baby sweaters. She also made masks for donation. And on Thursdays she meets her friends at the Niagara River which is near her. FUN!

Penny Wall

Here are three felting pictures I've done over the summer, a great way to pass the time. My friend Bev, here, got me started and then Sylvia at Laurel.



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The Spoths Nancy and Ron were busy over the summer canning—pickles (hot dill), beets, tomatoes and spaghetti sauce. Since they are not vegetarians, Ron went out and caught some trout for dinner too. (Just kidding.) All work and no play makes Ron a dull boy.

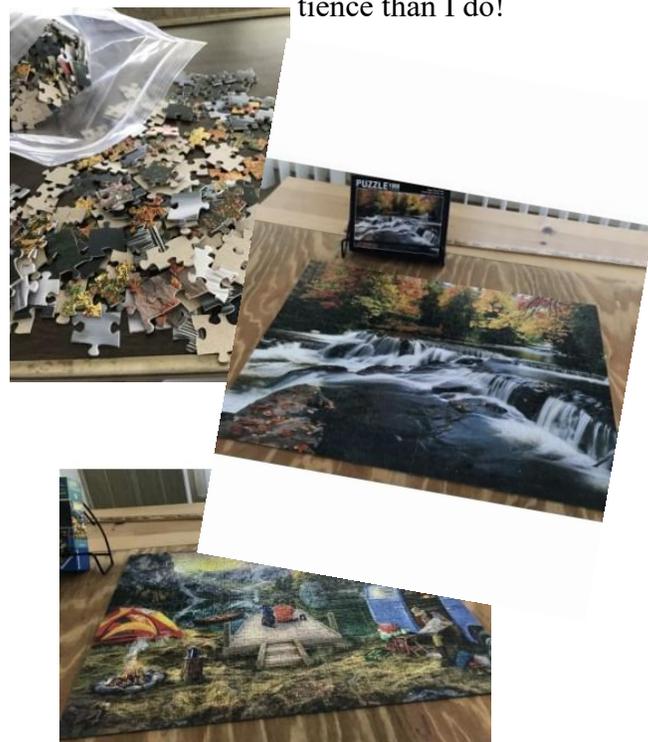
Deb Weidenhamer One of our local TV stations sponsored 11 murals, 11 counties, 11 days in North East Indiana. So, my friend and I have been trying to see them all. Here are 6 of the 11, so far. We like to take day road trips to see things in our area.



Sherry Stover Seems like I was either at my sewing machine or had a paintbrush in my hand since March. First I made some masks for Chuck and myself. After that I made 7 valances for our living room and dining room windows. After I was done with those, I started painting the master bedroom. It had been in bad shape. Did the best I could with what was there.



Myrna Stroble Myrna was (and still is) hard at work on her jigsaw puzzles during her time at home in the past 8 months. She's got more patience than I do!



When that was finished, I painted the closet doors in the small bedroom and gave the furniture in that room a new coat of paint and new hardware.



Working on another project now.

Dear Laurel Estates Residents

We feel that it is Laurel Estates responsibility to help flatten the coronavirus curve and keep us all safe. The restrictions at this time, and no one knows when it will change, are The Clubhouse is open daily from 8am to 5pm. Limited to 10 or less people. Masks are required. Therefore line dancing, movie afternoon, crafts, cards would be encouraged as long as there is only a maximum of 10 people participating. While we are still as dedicated as ever to bringing you some outdoor events, pool exercise (limit of 10), bocce, shuffleboard and horseshoes are recommended.

We want to thank everyone who has been involved with the planning process and apologize for not being able to see birthday parties, potlucks and dances come to life. We appreciate all of the hard work and time you've put into all these events. Your dedication to our shared events inspires us to be the best version of ourselves as we work through these difficult times.

Even though we had to cancel a lot of our events, there will be more to come. So far there will be a Christmas house/yard decorating competition for December and a Carport/Yard Sale for the end of January. We hope to see you participate.

In the meantime, thank you for all that you've done and please stay safe.

Unfortunately the border between United States and Canada remains closed, I am unable to drive to Florida. I will work from here to help assist in getting some events scheduled with our fun loving group of valued helpers that do make it to Florida this year.

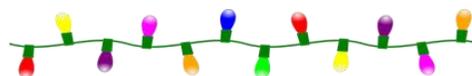
Sincerely,

Cheryl Urquhart
Social Director



Mark Your Calendars

Christmas Light/House decoration contest - Get your Holiday Spirit on! December 22 between 8:00pm and 10:00pm judging will be held. Traditional, Modern or The Nightmare Before Christmas, all decorations are welcomed and encouraged. Dress up and be part of your decorations. Award will be given for first, second and third place best decorated house. Winners will be announced on December 23rd via post on the club house bulletin board. Get your thinking caps on, let's light up our community with Christmas spirit.



Community Yard Sale - January 30th



between 8:00 am and Noon or 1:00pm (will be decided as date gets closer). Tables are available for rent, for a small fee of \$5.00 They will be delivered to your house on

Friday evening or early Saturday morning. Tables will be collected immediately after the sale. Setup and Clean up of your items is your responsibility. There will be no special trash pickup afterward. If you need a table please email Sherri at slhinchman@gmail.com

or call at 856-776-9151. We plan to sell breakfast items during the morning at an outdoor coffee/donut bar at the club house. Sharon Babcock has graciously agreed to bake her famous rolls. If anyone is interested in cooking a boxed lunch for the park to sell during the lunch hour please let me know at the email or number listed previously. Items like hotdogs, hamburgers or maybe sloppy joes.

You make the menu. Plenty of residents will be available to help, we just need a chairperson for this task.



Warm Birthday Wishes for those
Celebrating in November

Hay	JACK	1
Smith	LYLE	1
Gibson	WILMA	3
Perry	PAULETTA	3
Yandow	SUSAN ANN	4
Gausman	JORJANNE	4
Pritchard	HAROLD	7
Chilson	PHILL	7
Bierbusse	JOSEPH	12
Stamatkin	LARRY	14
Todd	CAROL	16
Urquhart	MARTIN	16
Waters	GARY	16
Thompson	BETH	17
Byrne	KAREN	21
Sanborn	JO	22
Lozier	PAUL	23
Scheddel	SUE	24
Utter	DONALD	25

**We have lost quite a few neighbors
since springtime.**

- 3/4 - Pamela Green
- 3/23 - George Zimmer
- 4/15 - Phil Frank
- 6/29 - Peter Alvarez
- 8/3 - Carol "Shorty" Louchart
- 8/23 - Thomas Smith
- 9/12 - Sylvia Wojcik
- 10/5 - Gary Barribeau



Former Residents

- Chet Anthony
- Dick Samuelson
- Mila Grindle
- Madeline Lorenz
- Jerry Raatz
- Del Kohn
- Betty Groves

*No one ever really dies as long as they took the time to leave us
with fond memories. ~Chris Sorensen*

Fall Word Search



ACORN
APPLE
AUTUMN
CHESTNUTS
CHILLY
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OCTOBER
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VOTE

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