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LAUREL ESTATES 55+ COMMUNITY, N FORT MYERS, FL

# The Laurel Ledger

## 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.

### A note from your Editor...



I have tried all year to convey to everyone the deadlines for everything connected with the newsletter, yet every month it's the same thing -articles are late or do not show up at all. No one helps by volunteering stories, funny cartoons, recipes, etc. Even though I tell you every month when the newsletter will be printed, 4 hrs after they are delivered to the clubhouse, I hear complaints about there NOT being any. If activities are going to be planned, it would be nice to have the info before the last minute and make sure everything has been approved.

Regardless what the letterboard says outside, the newsletters are printed and in the clubhouse usually by noon on the 25th with the exception of Dec. Because of Christmas, it will not be printed until the 26th. There will be one final newsletter after this one for this season. Let's make the last one the best of all!

Let me know when your activities disband until the fall.

Sherry Stover, Editor 724-705-5654

### Information/ Reminder - Sherri Hinchman, Sec.

Laurel Estates has a website - [laurelestates.com](http://laurelestates.com).

The website has an abundance of park information.

Things like a calendar that has all the events listed for each week of the month. Don't worry about going to the club house to get you monthly newsletter. You can read it on the web as well.

Check out the history tab and read about information on the park. It is very interesting. Don't forget the resident information form is also available on the website. This allows you to update any phone numbers or addresses (personal or emergency) in an instant. Visit the website at [laurelestate.com](http://laurelestate.com) for all of your

Laurel Estates information

**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.

Thank You.

### HELP FOR OUR MILITARY FAMILIES

Ande Smith with North Fort Myers VFW Auxiliary is still clipping coupons for our military families overseas.

Please take what need from the paper and donate the rest if you can. There is a plastic box in the club house on the shelf or call me to pick up from your house if you can't get to the club house.

Thank you for your continued support . You can reach me at 239-656-2821 or 2743 Breezewood Drive.

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

The deadline for all articles for the newsletter is 2:00 on the 24th of the month prior to the month that the newsletter gets printed. Example: March newsletter - article deadline is the 24th of February. Printed on the 25th of February.

**Sherry S. - editor 724-705-5654**



The Blood Drive Bus will be at the clubhouse on Tuesday, March 23rd from 8-12pm.

Masks will be required. Signup sheets will be available in the Clubhouse 2 weeks prior.

Questions? Please call Ron or Nancy Spoth.

R - 636-448-7259

N - 636-208-0985

Thank You!



## Let's train both hemispheres of the brain

It's important to name  
the color, not read the words.

**YELLOW BLUE ORANGE**  
**BLACK RED GREEN**  
**PURPLE YELLOW**  
**RED ORANGE**  
**GREEN BLACK BLUE**  
**RED PURPLE**  
**GREEN BLUE ORANGE**

**REMEMBER!**  
do not go  
through the list  
reading the  
words. You  
must go  
through the list  
naming the  
colors.

# 90 PLUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!

**MARCH 7TH**  
**@2:00 PM**  
**COME JOIN US IN**  
**CELEBRATING 90+**  
**BIRTHDAYS.**

Decorate your bicycles or golf carts  
and meet at the clubhouse at  
1:45 pm

We will have a ride-by parade to  
help celebrate our 90+ yr. old resi-  
dents...COVID style.

## Poker

**We would like to get pok-  
er started ASAP. As of  
now, we have 3 interested  
people. We need at least  
one more. If interested,  
please give Janice I. a call  
at 239-747-3009.**

**Mon. at 6:00 pm**

## Happy March Birthdays

Wishing you a rainbow  
For sunlight after showers-  
Miles and miles of Irish  
smiles  
For golden happy hours-  
Shamrocks at your doorway  
For luck and laughter too,  
And a host of friends that  
never ends  
Each day your whole life  
through!

Irish Blessing

Spoth  
Gwinn  
Hinchman  
Jernigan  
Barribeau  
Thurlow  
Bezilla  
Wilson  
Miller  
Wirick  
Bowman  
Poe  
Wall  
Clark  
Hoard  
Henry  
Fatayer  
Fatayer  
Smith  
Grooms  
Harvey

NANCY	2 KELLY	3 DON	7 DAVID	7	DOTTIE
	8 JODY				12 MARK
14 BELINDA		14 RITA			15 BOB
15 SARA		16 PATRICIA		17	PENELOPE
18 TOM		21 JOY		22	BECKY
22 KAMAL		23 MOHAMMED		23	ANDE
29 SUSAN	29 FLORA			30	
GARY	31				



# Valentine Dance



## *From the President's Desk*

I have an update on the drainage issue for the newsletter.

I spoke with Judy at Ultra 5. She told me that Manny has the okay to clean out the ditch. I walked the ditch and, in my opinion, the whole ditch does not require dredging to improve water flow. However, where the south drain flows into the ditch, there is heavy plant growth that I believe is slowing water flow, making it take longer for water to drain away. I met with Manny yesterday. We walked the ditch and agreed that he would deal with the growth that is around the south drain. He will either treat it or dig the growth out by the roots. That should make an improvement. I don't have a time frame when the work will be done. We're still in the dry season. Manny is aware of the approaching rainy season and will get it done before then.

Keep in mind, as growth is removed, it will come back. Vegetation removal will always be an ongoing concern and require attention perhaps twice a year. Also, when heavy rains occur, it is likely we will have water across our roads for a day or so. The drain system will handle average rainfall but during heavy rains, the system gets overwhelmed and needs time to catch up.

Reggie Blough

There's an illness that has been documented by poets for centuries. Its symptoms include a flushed face, increased heart rate, appetite loss, restlessness and daydreaming. It's spring fever, that wonderfully amorphous disease we all recognize come April and May. ~Christie Nicholson, "Fact or Fiction?: 'Spring Fever' Is a Real Phenomenon," *ScientificAmerican.com*, 2007



## Kenny(and Linda's)Crafts

Here are samples of some of the crafters' items that they created at their Tuesday class 12:00-2:00. I think they are quite lovely!

### March Schedule

3/2 –St Pat's door hanger

3/9 –Clay Pot lighthouse

3/16 - Lady in Red Painting

3/23 - Easter Wreath

3/29 - Easter Centerpiece

\$7.00 per project





**PLEASE HELP US PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE FOR OUR LESS FORTUNATE NEIGHBORS ONCE AGAIN. A BARREL HAS BEEN PLACED IN THE CLUBHOUSE & WE WILL BE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS UNTIL MARCH 29TH THEN WE WILL BE DELIVERING THESE ITEMS TO SUPPORT THE FAMILIES AT THE ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS SCHOOL IN NORTH FORT MYERS. MONETARY DONATIONS ARE ALSO ACCEPTED. ITEMS NEEDED ARE CANNED MEATS, PACKAGED POTATOES, PASTA AND SAUCE, SOUPS, MAC & CHEESE CEREAL, PEANUT BUTTER.....ANYTHING NON-PERISHABLE. PLEASE BRING TO THE CLUBHOUSE OR CALL FOR PICK UP.**

**THANK YOU RON & NANCY SPOTH**

**R 636-448-7259**

**N 636-208-0985**



Another dance is being planned for March. Remember to wear masks and social distance.

**St. Patrick's Day Dance**

**March 14th**

**Rain date March 21st**

**6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**Clubhouse Parking Lot**

**There will be a DJ**

**Bring your own chairs and drinks  
Admission: Donations accepted and  
bring non-perishable food item for  
food bank.**

**Debbie Fugate.**

The photo directories have been received from LifeTouch and as many as possible have been distributed. If anyone had their picture taken for the directory but has not received their copy of the directory, contact Jim Rudolph.





## SCAVENGER HUNT

March 6, 2021, beginning at 3pm with registration beginning at 2:30pm. The fee is \$5 per entry.

Walk, ride your bike or travel by gulf cart. Come join in the fun. Try to locate the list of items to win the game.

After the hunt a bagged meal consisting of a grilled hot dog, chips, cookie and water will be available for purchase beginning at 4pm for \$5.00. If you don't want to join the hunt come on over for a meal.

**NO EARLY BIRDS—ONLY WHILE SUPPLIES  
LAST**

50/50 tickets will be sold.

Event will be held outside. Please wear your mask, and observe social distancing when signing up and getting food. NO tables will be available for eating.

