



Newsletter

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President's Message

Well, so far the summer has been pretty predictable - always hot, sunny in the morning, and then our late afternoon/early evening rain and thunderstorms. So far nothing too severe, but we are hearing rumblings of the first tropical storm heading our way just in time for the 4th! Let's hope it fizzles out before it gets here.

While we are definitely in the rainy season, we do need to make sure that we are keeping up with our lawn care and the outside appearance of our homes. With many properties for sale in the park, first impressions are important for buyers, and having well-kept properties goes a long way in making the right impression.

As a reminder, here is what our Deed of Restrictions states about the exterior appearance of our homes:

"Lawns, landscaping, and exterior appearances of mobile homes shall be maintained in good condition by each owner. In cases where Management deems this restriction to be violated in its sole and absolute discretion, the owner will be notified in writing. Thereafter, if the condition is not corrected within thirty (30) days, then Management reserves the right to enter the property and correct the condition and charge a reasonable fee for its services."

Ultra 5 will be monitoring the exteriors and sending out letters to lot owners not in compliance. In all cases you have 30 days to be in compliance.



July Events

The summer here has been busy for our residents. Between holiday BBQ's planned by Patti Poe (thanks!), weekly crafting, cards at the clubhouse, water aerobics, monthly social hour and pool floating time, there has been something for everyone to keep busy. I hope wherever you summer, you are having a fun-filled summer and staying cool!

Mondays 6:30 PM—Cards at the Clubhouse

July 10 6:30PM—Social Hour at the Clubhouse
Hosted by Cindy and Todd Calvin—Bring a snack to share and a beverage

Tuesdays 9:00AM (every week) Women's Bible Study—contact Sylvia Verrill

Thursdays 1:00 PM—Chat n Craft in the Clubhouse.—Contact Sylvia Verrill for information

Pool Exercise - 10:00AM—Monday through Friday at the Pool

Newsletter Ads

In the June Newsletter, there was an article that suggested we provide advertising in the monthly newsletters for residents, service providers and tradesmen, The Newsletter is a cost to the Lot Owners' Association, and the intent is to help offset the costs while affording the trades people who generally work within the park exposure at a cost that is affordable and reasonable. We would like to limit the ads to a maximum of ten. A single payment of \$50.00 will cover the cost of an ad for a full Season (November through April inclusive) The form will also be available for download on the Laurel Estates Facebook pages as well as in the Clubhouse. Thanks for your help!

Newsletter Improvements? *How you can help*

In an effort to make the Newsletter better, you may have noticed that I've implemented a few things.

- Larger typeface—The older I get, the more I appreciate a larger typeface, so the size of the letters has been increased.
- Outlining each article so that it's easier to know where one ends and the next begins.

If you have any suggestions for improvement, please feel free to let me know

From Our Chaplain

You should see Annie's face (for those who don't know, that's our Boston Terrier. You may have seen her taking us for a walk – she walks, we bike.) Anyway, you should see her when we call her to come; maybe go for that walk. If looks say anything it might read, "You're kidding, right? I mean, I've got things to do and you want me to what? I'd like to think about this if you don't mind. Actually, even if you do mind."

Yah, she doesn't exactly look like one of those dogs whose ears go up, tongue gets floppy, tail turns into a helicopter, and feet barely hit the floor as they come running. That would be a rare, but not unknown, sight.

How is it with you? When our Father calls you to go for a walk with Him or just sit and chat, do you get excited; kind of warm all over? Do you pick up your Bible; open it; wonder at such great love, such words of encouragement? Do you get excited because He is telling about amazing things to come? Or might you say something like— "Catch ya later." – "I'm too worried about..." – "Too much to do right now." – "I'm just too tired. Sorry." Perhaps you've even said something like, "Really? I don't get half of what You're talking about and I don't have time to sit with You to try to figure it out!"

I've said all of these and more.

You know one of the things He often says?

"Come to me, all of you who are tired and have heavy loads, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28 (NCV)

Or He might be calling you deeper and say, "Come now, and let us reason together..." Isaiah 1:18 (KJV)

Now where did I put my Bible? Think I'll have a cuppa and chat awhile.

Sylvia Verrill—Laurel Chaplain



Installing a Generator in a Mobile Home Community in Lee County, Florida

If you're looking to install a generator in a mobile home community in unincorporated Lee County, FL, here's what you need to know and do:

Permitting and Regulations

1. You'll need a building permit. Installing a generator typically involves electrical (and possibly fuel) system work. Lee County requires permits for installing, altering, or replacing any electrical, gas, or mechanical systems—this includes generators.
2. Use a licensed contractor. For residential or mobile home permits, the work must be performed by a state-licensed contractor registered with Lee County (or you must file as an owner-builder).
3. Specific permit for mobile homes/RVs. Lee County has a permit process for manufactured/mobile homes and RVs. You can apply online via their eConnect system or in person at 1500 Monroe St., Fort Myers. You'll need plans, utility letters, and inspections.
4. Health Department licensing. If the community operates as a mobile-home park (lots not individually owned), it must be licensed by the Lee County Department of Health and inspected annually. Adding a generator may require plan review from the Health Department, building, and fire safety authorities.

Electrical & Utility Considerations

- Transfer switch required: You'll need a code-compliant transfer switch—not just plugging directly into circuits. The County (and City of Fort Myers) provides residential generator and transfer-switch guidelines.
- Coordination with Lee County Electric Cooperative (LCEC): They may need to approve service connection, especially if adding a generator to shared electrical infrastructure. They manage meter setups for manufactured-home parks.

Step-by-Step Action Plan

1. Engage a licensed electrical/generator contractor.
2. Pull the necessary permit via Lee County's eConnect (or paper) as part of residential/mobile home electrical upgrades.
3. Submit all required documents, including:
 - Electrical and fuel system plans
 - LCEC coordination documents (meter or service setup)
 - Transfer-switch specs
 - If in a licensed park, possibly additional review from Lee County Health
4. Schedule inspections: county building, electrical, and possibly Health Dept.
5. Final approval: after successful inspection, the generator may be signed off.

Safety and Code Compliance

- Portable generators must be outside, with proper ventilation and carbon monoxide safety.
- Ensure the generator location meets setback requirements and all NFPA 70 (National Electrical Code) standards.

Summary

Yes, you can install a generator—but only if you follow county regulations: obtain permits, work with licensed professionals, coordinate with LCEC, and pass required inspections (building/electrical/fire/health). It's a multi-step process but definitely doable.



Independence Day 2025

A terrific Independence Celebration at the Laurel Estates Clubhouse. A great turn-out and some really great food! We celebrated Maria's birthday, too. Many Thanks to Patty Poe and her chefs for organizing the celebration.

