



Newsletter

December, 2025

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President's Message

The Holiday Season is upon us, and my wish is that everyone has a great holiday, wherever you are celebrating it.

December marks a month where more things are happening in Laurel. Please don't forget to support Jim and Kathy Morrison on Saturday mornings at the clubhouse for coffee and donuts.

As more people start to come down for the season, please remember to be respectful of walkers, bikers, and all others and keep your speed to 15MPH. Remember, the speed limit is set with the safety of all residents in mind.

As a reminder, the annual meeting will be the 4th Thursday in January, (January 22), and we will be electing new board members for the new year. There are many positions open, and if you have an interest or questions in filling one of them, please contact any of the current board members. The nominating committee members are Lana Dyerson or Cindy Calvin or myself. Please consider volunteering as a board member for our community-it is a great way to get to know your fellow community members. Happy Holidays to all.

Tami

Upcoming Events

December 8, Mondays 9:30AM—Fun Golf—
Meet at Clubhouse

Mondays 6:30 PM—Cards at the Clubhouse

December 10 1-3— Craft Sale at the Clubhouse
(See page 3)

December 11 6:30PM—Social Hour at the
Clubhouse Hosted by Cindy and Todd Calvin.
Bring a snack to share and a beverage Occurs
the second Thursday of each month

December 12 5:45—Bicycle Parade (pg 2)

December 17 9:00AM—Chair Yoga at the
Clubhouse. (continues every Wednesday)

December 18 10:00AM-Cookie Exchange

December 31 8:00PM— New Years Dance
with DJ Tami spinning the oldies.

Tuesdays 9:00AM (Weekly) Women's Bible
Study—contact Sylvia Verrill for information
and location

Tuesdays 6:30PM—Friendly Shuffleboard

Wednesdays 1:00 PM— Neighborhood Fun
Time (formerly Chat'n'Craft) in the Clubhouse.
-Contact Sylvia Verrill for information

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

January 8 7:00PM—Board of Directors
Meeting at the Clubhouse; Lot Owners are
invited to attend.

January 5-9:30AM— Shuffleboard

January 22, 7:00PM—ANNUAL LOT
OWNERS MEETING AND ELECTION OF
NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE
CLUBHOUSE

Here We Go a-Caroling

Event: Christmas Carols

Date: December 18, Thursday

Time: 6:00

Place: Laurel Estates Clubhouse

More than just a Sing-a-long!

Get out your guitar, banjo, spoons, flute, whatever you like to play. Join in for Christmas music jamming or solo! We have a pretty good variety for our sing-a-long. Leading on guitar- Sylvia Verrill

Bring one of your favorite snacks and your own beverage. Hot chocolate would be quite appropriate wouldn't it?! :) Enjoy while not singing!

To add to the fun, bring a wrapped/bagged gift to exchange! DO NOT BUY! I'm serious! We all have stuff. Grab a gently used or unused bit of treasure that you can part with (perhaps it is in a box on its way to the thrift shop). Around 6:30 someone will pass the gifts out randomly. Only swap if you get your own! If you have more than ample stuff (I mean treasures lol) bring two! This way, anyone who didn't notice this fun part will be able to participate.

Re: books, dishes, crafted things, plants, unopened hand cream etc., fudge, cookies, fruit, harmonica , flashlight, candle, screwdriver! You get my gist! lol

AND there will be a door prize, compliments of our local needle felter.

Here's to Jingle Bells and Peace on Earth

Sylvia Verrill

SHUFFLEBOARD

Shuffleboard will start up the first Monday of each month at 2:00 p.m. and Tuesday a.m. at 9:30 a.m. starting in January. These dates are open to anyone in the park. They will continue through March.

For additional information, please contact:
Phill Chilson

Thank You!

Thank you for reading and printing your Newsletter on the Laurel Estates Facebook Pages!

Sign up sheets for the Christmas Dinner are in the Clubhouse. It's important you sign up so the committee can be sure there is ample food and tables set up.

We look forward to seeing you!

Christmas Dinner
December 25th—1:00PM



Baked Ham

Potato Salad



will be served

**JUST BRING A SIDE DISH OR A DESSERT
TO SHARE AND YOUR PLACE SETTING.**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT BETTY ROSE
PLEASE SIGN UP BELOW!**

Merry Christmas

It's Cookie Time!

Please consider donating baked cookies or squares to Laurel Estates shut-ins, sick/ recovering & 90+ seniors.

December 18th, Thursday, 10:00 am

Laurel Estates Clubhouse

Bring your baked goods to the clubhouse
December 18 at 10:00 am

We will package and deliver shortly thereafter.

If you know anyone that is shut-in, sick/
recovering or 90+

Cheryl Urquhart – Facebook messenger
Cheryl Reid Urquhart

Thank you for your support

*Please sign up in clubhouse if you are willing
to participate in baking items!*

*Bakers will also be able to take a variety plate
of baked items home!*

COFFEE CAFÉ

Jim and Kathy Morrison will be hosting Saturday's Coffee Café at the Ckubhouse starting on December 6 at 7:30AM..

Coffee will be served and there will bw the opportunity to meet and talk with other residents of Laurel Estates.

***Final Day for the Christmas Card
Box is December 18. Cards will be
delivered to residents of Laurel
Estates. (No Postage Required)***

BINGO

Bingo is back at Laurel Estates. The first Bingo Night at the Clubhouse will be:

January 7, 2026 at 6:00PM

Paper Sales start at 6:00PM

Come with a friend for a night of fun and meet fellow residents.

CANCELLATION

**Please Note that the December
2025 Board of Directors Meeting
has been cancelled. There will not
be enough Board Members here
for a quorum.**

Thank you.

Laurel Estates

Presents

NEW YEARS EVE DANCE

WITH

DJ TAMI &

TAMI'S TUNES

FEATURING ALL

YOUR FAVORITES

FROM OUR

EXTENSIVE SONG LIST!

BYOB & Snacks

NEW Sound System!

Wednesday, December 31

8:00pm until 12:15am

Laurel Estates Clubhouse

2760 Deerfield Dr.

North Fort Myers

Tickets for this event
are only \$10.00 per
person and are
available from
Betty Rose or
Vanessa Lovenguth



**HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2026**

Newsletter Stuff

I have tried to make the Newsletter easier to read by using a slightly larger font than in past years. Quite honestly, I need the larger font as I get older). I have also used outlined text boxes to delineate and separate individual stories.

If you have suggestions for other improvements, I'd like to hear them. This is your Newsletter and I'd like to accommodate as many requests as I can.

You can send or provide your requests, suggestions and articles to me using any of the following:

Email or

Leave your article in the basket located near the carport steps or

Short messages and requests may be left on my telephone

I appreciate your kind comments and contributions

MUSIC BINGO

...at The Clubhouse

Sunday, March 1st, 2026

1:00 to 3:00 pm

...a lot of fun for five bucks

BYOB & Snack

Tickets on sale from
Cheryl Urquhart

or Facebook Messenger Cheryl Reid Urquhart

Just \$5.00 per person

CHAIR YOGA

Chair Yoga will be held at 9 am on
Wednesdays and Fridays beginning
December 17th.

All are welcome to come and start your day
with some stretching.

Theresa Koszarek

**Deadline for the January,
2026 Newsletter will be
December 26 at Noon**

***Social Coordinator Notes
December 2025***

Thank you to all the volunteers that are hosting
activities for this season.

We need chairpersons for:

February Coffee Café

Easter Dinner

If you have any new activity/event, changes,
additions or corrections to the calendar, please
contact me:

Theresa Koszarek, Social Coordinator



Neighborhood Fun Time

December 17- Stocking Game- *extra fun!*

Bring a pair of new stockings.

Stuff one sock with goodies (including mate) and tie with ribbon, string, whatever!

Keep cost down (Max \$15 including socks. Dollar Tree here we come!

Also a good time to check your stash of collected treasures and home-made goodies!)

Numbers will be attached and the game will begin. Pretty much like a Yankee Swap.

What I like is that the only thing you KNOW you will get is the pair of socks! So, if you choose to swap with another player you will be choosing by color or style but the things within will simply be curious lumps and bumps!

Thank you, Susan Hallas for organizing this!

**Please Note that there will not be a
Neighborhood Fun Time on
December 24th**

Neighborhood Fun Time

**(most every) Wednesday 1:00to 3ish
(No Neighborhood Fun Time on Dec 24)**

Dec. 10, 1:00-3ish-SPECIAL-CRAFT SALE

Residents- come to Neighborhood Fun Time and grab a table. Set your well loved, hand-made- by- you crafts and/or yummy foods out to sell. No fee. No stress. Pleasant company.

EVERYONE- come browse and buy, play games, work on puzzle, enjoy your craft, visit!

I will try to keep updates on our resident Facebook page as to sellers and their wares.

Sylvia V

LAUREL ESTATES LOT OWNERS PRESENTS



The History of Rock'n'Roll

January 24, 2026 at 7:00 PM

One Show Only

Tickets: \$15.00

BYOB

Concession Stand will be open

**For Tickets Contact
Cheryl Urquhart**

Facebook messenger Cheryl Reid Urquhart

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

I was riding my bike around the park this morning when a thought came to me about the diversity of plant life we have here in the park. There are palm trees and other kinds of palm trees; Plumeria, (you may call them laie trees - how do you spell that one?!) of so many beautiful colors. We have evergreens and deciduous trees. Varieties of bushes and flowering plants abound. Then there are grasses and weeds that keep us busy.

So much diversity makes this beautiful to behold. Oh, but then we see weeds and tall grass and dying trees and brown leaves. Not so pretty. But these are all part of where we are. To one degree or another we do our part to groom, to nourish, even to extricate. But we still say- "beautiful, thank you ,Father."

We, the people in this park, are also very diverse. We come in different sizes and different colors. We come in different faiths. We come in different levels of education. We are doctors, nurses and Indian chiefs; how did that rhyme go? (Maybe I don't want to know!). When it comes to personalities, we are all over the spectrum! We are beautiful!

My mind is taken to this scripture:

Romans 12:18 (NKJV).

" 18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men."

May we be like the plants living in close proximity and in harmony with one another. And if there is any weeding, pruning, or cutting down to do, may we check our own hearts first. Then May we ask for wisdom and love from the Master Gardener. **John 15:1 (NCV)** 1 "I am the true vine; my Father is the gardener."

Reading assignment: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Blessings to you all,
Sylvia V, Laurel Chaplain

LAUREL ESTATES GOLF CART/BICYCLE PARADE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12th

5:45 p.m - Meet at the Clubhouse

Parade will start at 6:00 pm SHARP!

Wear your festive attire...

Decorate a little or alot.

Let's show our park how it's done!

(Wearing lights will help you be seen!)

Join in for a ride around Laurel Estates Park ringing bells and singing carols and just bringing lots of JOY! Throw candy canes, candy, small pkgs of cookies, small bags of chips, give out treats of your choice (only if you wish).



The January, 2026 Board of Director's Meeting is postponed until
Thursday, January 8, 2026.

The Annual Meeting of Lot Owners is postponed until **January 22, 2026**

Wednesday Night Dinners

Wednesday Night Dinners will commence on Wednesday, January 7, 2026. As in the past, the menu for January and the cost will be in the January Newsletter which will be available on the Laurel Estates Facebook Pages on December 26.

Thanksgiving Dinner 2025



All Photos on this page and the next page are courtesy of Judy Omara. A big "Thank you" to Judy for the great photos



2025 Thanksgiving

LAUREL ESTATES

DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Food Drive Begins 12/1 – 3/31 Ron/Nancy Spoth					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
				Social Hour 6:30pm Cindy/Todd Calvin	Christmas Golf Cart Parade 5:45 Cheryl Urquhart	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
				Christmas Card Box Ends Joy Hoard Cookie Exchange 10am Cheryl Urquhart Christmas Sing-along 6pm Sylvia Verrill		Christmas Deco- rating Contest 6pm Bee Wilson
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			Luminaries 4pm Al/Sharon Babcock	Christmas Dinner 1pm Betty Rose		
28	29	30	31			
			New Years Eve Dance 8:15 Vanessa Lovenguth			

Monday

9:30 am	Fun Golf	George Henry	
10:00am	Water Aerobics	Patty Poe	
6:00 pm	Cards	Just Show Up	Cards: Poker, Hand/Foot

Tuesday

9:00 am	Bible Study	Sylvia Verrill	Various Homes
10:00 am	Water Aerobics	Patty Poe	
6:00 pm	Games		Euchre, Cribbage
6:30 pm	Friendly Shuffleboard	Cindy Calvin	

Wednesday

9:00 am	Chair Yoga	Theresa Koszarek (Starts Dec 17th)
10:00 am	Water Aerobics	Patty Poe

Thursday

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Friday

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10:00 am	Water Aerobics	Patty Poe

Saturday

7:30 am	Coffee Café	Jim/Kathy Morrison
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