



Newsletter

January, 2026

www.laurelestates.com

From the President

Happy New Year to all! What a year 2025 was, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who volunteered with our many events this past year, and all who came out to support them. We have many fun events coming up in the next few months, so be sure to check the events listed on the board by the clubhouse, Facebook pages, and the newsletter calendar.

Just a few reminders for the upcoming year. If you have a set amount set up in the Rent Portal, be sure to update the maintenance fee to 112.94. If you have it set up to pay your current balance, no action is needed.

The January Board meeting will be on Thursday, January 8th at 7:00pm. The Lot Owners meeting will then be held on January 22nd. As a reminder, we are looking for residents for Board officers and members. Please contact any current board member if you have questions on the positions, or would like to run for a position. It is a great way to stay connected with the community!

Tami

SUPER SUNDAY

Mark **February 8th** on your calendar, as a fun filled day full of activities for Super Bowl Sunday. There will be tournaments for bocce ball, shuffleboard, and bags. Potluck with your favorite appetizers will be put out in the clubhouse, and games will be available inside all day. Watch the February newsletter for starting times for all the action.

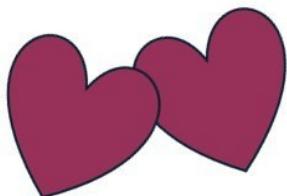
Lot Owners Annual Meeting **January 22, 2026 7:00PM**

Board Members and Officers are needed; if you're willing to participate in any of these important positions, please contact any Board member by January 15th

**The deadline for the
February Newsletter is
NOON ON
JANUARY 26TH**

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER:

A Valentine Gala



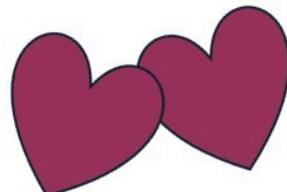
Looking for something to do for Valentine's Day? Come share a night of warm fuzzy feelings with your spouse, friend or mom. You will be served a 5-course dinner that includes a Champagne Toast to start the evening. Receive a souvenir charcuterie board to take home. Celebrate Valentine's Day, February 14, 2026, at the Laurel Estates Club House (doors open at 5pm). Relax and unwind as we lead you through.....

“A NIGHT TO REMEMBER”

This is your opportunity to get “decked out”. Ladies, bring out that gown you’ve been wanting to wear. Maybe buy a new one. Drape yourself in diamonds and/or pearls. Guys, you too. Many of you men would look very handsome in that tuxedo. Formal/cocktail attire encouraged but not mandatory. We will crown a King and Queen of the night, so dress to impress.

*Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased from
Sherri Hinchman,
or
Nancy Spoth*

Can't wait to see you there!



SCAVENGER HUNT

January 25,2026
at 2:00PM

Come join us for a lot of fun! You will have 45 minutes of locate items on the list you'll receive.

(Please don't go in the yards)

The entry fee is just \$2.00 per person, (exact change appreciated)

When you're done (or time has expired) Hot Dog, chips and water provided.

Laurel Estates

Presents

NEW YEARS EVE DANCE

WITH

DJ TAMI &



Door Prizes

**TAMI'S TUNES
FEATURING ALL
YOUR FAVORITES
FROM OUR
EXTENSIVE SONG LIST!**

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2026**

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

**Thank You for reading
and printing your
Newsletter online!**

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

SHUFFLEBOARD

Shuffleboard is

Monday 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

COFFEE CAFÉ

Mel and Bonnie Reid will be hosting Saturday's Coffee Café at the Clubhouse. Saturdays at 7:30AM..

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

Cost is \$2.00 per person

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 5:00PM

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

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

Just \$5.00 per person

**"Save
lives this
season.
Donate
blood."**



Change a life.
Donate blood.

Spend a few minutes of your time and save the life of another person. Your donation through the Lee Health Blood Center will stay in Lee County and benefit local residents and visitors in need.

All donors will receive **this limited-edition long sleeve t-shirt and wellness checkup** including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

For more information call (239) 343-2333.



**Laurel Estates
2760 Deerfield Dr.
N. Fort Myers, FL 33917**

**8:00 am to Noon
Tuesday, January 13th**

**To Sign Up To Donate Blood
Contact Nancy Spoth**

Wednesday Meals for January 2026

January 7, 2026

Hot Creamy Chicken Sandwich
Chips
Cookies
Soda & Water

January 14, 2026

Sloppy Joes
Chips
Dessert
Soda & Water

January 21, 2026

Pulled Pork Sandwich
Chips
Dessert
Soda & Water

January 28, 2026

Turkey
Potatoes
Dessert
Soda & Water

Prices and more menu details will be posted ahead of the dinners on Facebook and on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse.



Saturday February 7, 2026
from 7:00 to 10:00PM
Music by Decades John
Tickets just \$10.00



CHAIR YOGA

Chair Yoga will be held at 9 am in the Laurel Estates Clubhouse on Wednesdays and Fridays beginning

December 17th.

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

Theresa Koszarek

POKER RUN



The Annual Laurel Estates Poker Run will be Feb. 1st, Sunday, at 3:00 PM. There will be hot dogs, chips, water, and jello shots.

Cost will be \$5 per person.

A sign up sheet will be posted in the clubhouse in January.

SOCIAL HOUR

with a

TWIST

Laurel Estates Clubhouse
January 15, 2026 at 6:30PM

BANANA SPLITS

The following will be provided: Ice Cream, Banana, Chocolate, Caramel & Strawberry Syrup

Just \$4.00 per person

Please bring an Ice Cream Topping to share:
Nuts, M&Ms, Peanut Butter chips, Cherries, jimmies, toffee chips, strawberries, pineapple, Chady Bars, Whipped Cream.

To sign up, call or text
Cindy Calvin or
Sherri Hinchman

So we are certain to procure adequate ice cream!



I met Phil walking on the street this morning, ever a ready smile. He had been noticing a tree whose leaves were fallen' but this morning he noticed something rather spectacular. You may have guessed if my picture made it into the newsletter. A Plumeria was the tree he was looking at and high above, at the top of the naked tree, rose a a bouquet of beautiful flowers. I thought, what a perfect analogy for the newsletter. Christmas is behind us as you read this, but consider: Jesus left the beauty of heaven, the power and majesty of being the Creator of this earth, Gen. 1:1, John 1:1-3, to be born as a helpless baby, diapers (or such as they make have used) and all! Talk about green leaves being stripped! And yet, how He bloomed!

Then once again, on a cross, it would seem His leaves were stripped and all hope of blooming gone. But "then came the morning"! Praise God!

Do you ever feel like your leaves have been stripped? God sees. Your Father and mine; He sees. He loves. He cries. But also He tells us a better day is coming and He says, "Hold on, I will walk this walk with you if you will just hold onto Me. I will hold onto you."

Philippians 4:4-7 (NKJV)

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

5 Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

May the New Year find you at peace.

Sylvia Verrill,
Laurel Chaplain



Soup Cookoff

Date: January 18, 2026

Time: 3:00PM until 5:00PM



Dust off your Mom's best soup recipe or Uncle Ed's French Onion, and enter your masterpiece by January 15, 2026.

Your entry will be picked up at
2:15 on January 18th

Questions Please email John and Judy Omara:

Bowls for your soup will be available for \$1.00
per bowl until we run out.



Dance Night at Laurel Estates Clubhouse

Friday March 13, 2026

7:00PM to 10:00PM

Music provided by Steve Cipriano

Tickets: \$10.00 per person



'Tis The Season Christmas Decor Results



First Place—Frank & Beth Fitzhugh,



Second Place—Paul Lozier & Jody Thurlow



Third Place—Gayle O'Brien & Joe Pereira

Thank You to ALL Who Participated



There's something going on at Laurel Estates. Check the calendar and plan on coming to the Social Hour at 6:30PM on January 15th—also, an Ice Cream Social this month!



Neighborhood Fun Time (almost every) Wednesday 1:00to 3ish

Yep. We had a fun time! The stockings filled with little surprises encouraged laughter and conversation. For those who missed it, perhaps you will have another chance next year!

Hope to see more of you on Wednesdays at 1:00-3:00. We have Rummicub and a few other games. A puzzle is always being worked on. Some bring a craft to work on. Whatever we do - solo or together - we share, laugh, and enjoy each other's company.

If you have nothing better to do, COME JOIN US!

Sylvia V

TALKING TERMITES

By Scott Kight, ACE

January 22, 2026, at 8:30 am

Scott Kight, ACE, Associate Certified Entomologist from Fort Myers Pest Control, Inc will be at Laurel Estates to share his knowledge and educate us about termites. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board, please sign up by January 20th, so they know how many donuts they will need to bring. Scott was here last April, but many had already gone home and asked that he come back again this year.



Christmas Dinner 2025



Social Coordinator Notes

January 2026

Special thank you to Joan Hinterschied for hosting the Thanksgiving Dinner and to Carol & Rick Todd for hosting February Coffee Café.

I am still looking for someone to host the Easter Dinner on April 5, 2026.

The January calendar and weekly events will be posted in the Clubhouse and on the Laurel Estates Website. I will also post weekly events on Facebook.

If you need to make any changes to your scheduled event, please let me know so I can make the changes to the calendar.

We are always interested in having new events, if you have one in mind let me know!

There will be a Breakfast this season, hosted by Tami Stockero on February 28, 2026, 8-10 am.

I'm looking forward to another fun season, thanks to all who make it happen!

Theresa Koszarek

LUMINARIA IN LAUREL

A big “Thank You” to the crew who prepared, distributed , lit, collected and disposed of the Luminaries after they went out. It made a great atmosphere in the park



LAUREL ESTATES

JANUARY 2026

*All events held at the Clubhouse unless otherwise posted

*If interested in helping with any event please contact the organizer listed

WEEKLY EVENTS

January 2026

Monday

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| 9:30 am | Fun Golf | George Henry |
| 10:00 am | Water Aerobics | Patty Poe |
| 2:00 pm | Shuffleboard | Phill Chilson |
| 6:00 pm | Cards | Just Show Up |
| | | Cards: Poker, Hand/Foot |

Tuesday

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| 9:00 am | Bible Study | Sylvia Verrill | Various Homes |
| 9:30 am | Shuffleboard | Phill Chilson | |
| 10:00 am | Water Aerobics | Patty Poe | When Pool Opens |
| 6:00 pm | Cribbage/Euchre | | |
| 6:30 pm | Shuffleboard Fun Night | Todd Calvin | |

Wednesday

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| 9:00 am | Chair Yoga | Theresa Koszarek | |
| 10:00 am | Water Aerobics | Patty Poe | When Pool Opens |
| 1:00pm | Neighborhood Fun Times | Sylvia Verrill | |
| 4:00 pm | Weekly Dinner | Sue Taylor | |
| 6:00 pm | Bingo | Tami Stockero/Karen Angersola | |

Thursday

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| 10:00 am | Water Aerobics | Patty Poe | When Pool Opens |
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Friday

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| 9:00 am | Chair Yoga | Theresa Koszarek | |
| 10:00 am | Water Aerobics | Patty Poe | When Pool Opens |

Saturday

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| 7:30 am | Coffee Café | Mel/Bonnie Reid | Cost \$2 |
| 9:00 am | Bocce Ball | Tom Clark/Keith Ketterer | |