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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 the Editor....

**A Happy New Year to everyone!** I want to remind everyone that I am interested in all kinds of submissions for the newsletter - simple recipes, favorite poems, reminiscences, anecdotes, etc. So, please, if you have something of that nature that you would like to share in the newsletter, send it to me in a text or an email or neatly written so I can find a good place for it. Deadline is the **24th of the month**.

I would like to WELCOME all the new residents to Laurel Estates. I received some new and revised information on some of the residents, but I feel there is more to come.

**Please read this new information regarding ads/announcements for the newsletter.** About a year ago, I was asked if I would be interested in doing the newsletter. I said I would as I had done the newsletters at my place of employment. This is a newsletter. It is not a newspaper or a magazine. So everything that is put in here should be as short and concise as possible. I allot about 1/6 of a page for any ads for social events. I try my best to keep the events all together and in chronological order. If you feel your event **requires** more space than that, then I must have those ads by the **15th of the month** to avoid completely having to rearrange the newsletter to accommodate it. For the most part, a quarter page will be the max. There IS a cost for printing these newsletters and a lot more when they are in color. Color seems to have pleased the majority here at Laurel Estates.

*Sherry Stover*

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**There are new wall pockets in the clubhouse, on the wall between the entrance and the kitchen door, for the Newsletters and other important papers.**

## Nametags



Every year time, energy, and money are put into making nametags for the residents here at Laurel Estates. There are various reasons why a nametag may be supplied, but it seems the best reason would be so new people will know your name and we can get to know who the new residents are or even older residents that we have yet to meet.

Please get in the habit of wearing your nametags to any meetings and events you may attend here in the park. Thank You

## Auld Lang Syne....What does it mean anyway?

'Auld Lang Syne' is the title of a 1788 Scots poem by Robert Burns, typically sung on New Year's Eve around the world. The phrase 'auld lang syne' literally means 'old long since,' and basically means, 'days gone by.' The original, five-verse version of the poem essentially gets people singing, 'let's drink to days gone by'—an appropriate toast for the New Year.

Sometimes deemed the most famous 'song that nobody knows' by music historians, "Auld Lang Syne" is a piece of the long oral tradition of getting drunk and singing. The nostalgic phrase has appeared in Scottish song as early as 1588, but it was poet hero Robert 'Rabbie' Burns who gave us the version we prefer to butcher

## Volunteers for Photography for Laurel Estates Events

We Want **YOU, You, YOU,**  
and **YOU!**

If you are attending an event - Dinners, Potlucks, Dances, Games, Sports, Birthdays, Parades, Decorating, Etc. -All you need to do is take one or more pictures and email the pictures with a short explanation of the picture so they may "possibly" be published in either the newsletter or Laurel Estates website.

Send picture and writeup to -  
Jim Rudolph -

[jim@laurelestates.com](mailto:jim@laurelestates.com) or

Sherry Stover -

[slstover51@gmail.com](mailto:slstover51@gmail.com)



# shuffleboard

The Traveling Shuffleboard Team's schedule will be starting with its first meet against Lake Arrowhead on **January 8** at **1:00** here at **Laurel Estates**. The remainder of matches for January are as follows:

1/15/20 - Windmill Village	Away
1/22/20 - Del Tura	Away
1/29/20 - 6 Lakes	Home



## BINGO



There will be no BINGO  
on

January 22 due to a conflict in scheduling.



# Repeat Message

(from November Newsletter)

We are changing the way notices will be posted in the Clubhouse. **Effective immediately, there will be no Notices or Signs permitted on the glass doors at the Clubhouse.** If you have signs to post, they may be posted on the bulletin board on the North Wall of the main room. This will greatly enhance the appearance of the exterior of the building and will allow residents to sign up for various events.

## Super Bowl Game Day

As you all know by now, we will not be having a Silent Auction this year and our Game Day was held the same weekend. Unless there is a volunteer or volunteers to take the Game Day over, that, too, will be cancelled.

**What do you say?**

**Any takers?**

If interested, call Sherry at 724-705-5654

# Blood Drive



January 6, 2020

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Sign-up sheet in the clubhouse

Please give if you are able.



## Happy January Birthdays

Michelon	JOSEPH	6
Kinslow	ROSE MARY	9
Reid	BONNIE	10
Koszarek	THERESA	11
Bosteter	ZERO "Zeke"	12
Forsythe	JERRY	12
Suhr	SUE	14
Barber	LINDA	15
Fellows	MARY LOUISE	18
Schlundt	JUDY	20
Dick	ELMER	21
Swick	JACK	22
Routzahn	BOB	23
Norris	PHILIP	24
Gwinn	NORMA	27
Mitchell	CARL	29
Reid	MEL	30
Jacobs	DEBRA	31

## Annual Lot Owners Meeting

The annual Meeting of Laurel Estates Lot Owners, Inc. is Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the clubhouse. Election of Officers will occur at this meeting. If you are interested in any of the following positions please contact Jim Rudolph or Gene Senecal prior to January 9 at 7:00 pm:

**President, vice-president, secretary and 2 at-large Directors.**

**Everyone is encouraged to attend!**

## New Year's Eve Dance

**December 31**

**8:00 pm - 12:15 am**

**\$15.00/person**

Join us to ring in the NewYear!

Entertainment by **Paul Mesich**

Please bring Hor D'Oeuvres/snacks to share

BYOB

Sign-up sheet for tables in clubhouse

Contact Denise Straley, Rosemary Hemenway, Jim Morrison, Edie Smith or Cheryl Urquhart for tickets.



## *Potluck Dinner and Birthday Celebration*

**When: January 9 at 5:00 pm**

Bring a favorite dish or dessert and your place settings.

Birthday celebration to follow dinner for those with birthdays in **Jan, May and Sept.** The **cloggers** from **Bayshore Elementary School** will be the evening's entertainment.



**Everyone is welcome!**

## *Please Read*

If you have not that you would like to receive 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.



**Time to take  
down the holiday  
decorations.**



**Help Needed**

**When: January 3**

**Time: 8:00 am**

Always sad to see them come down!

## *Ice Cream Social*



**When: January 19**

**Time: 2:00 - 3:00 pm**

**Cost: \$3.00**

Please join us for some yummy ice cream and conversation and some chuckles here and there between mouthfuls!

## *Pancake Breakfast*

**When: February 1**

**Time: 7:30 am - 9:30 am**

**Cost: \$5.00/ person**

**Tickets: Sharon Babcock**

**315-681-1782; 2735 Indianwood Dr.**

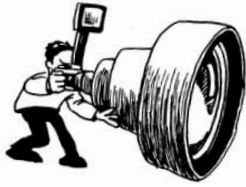
**Pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice and coffee**



*Delish!!*

Thank you.





## Lifetouch Photograph Laurel Estates Park Photo Directory

Life Touch Photographers will be here on the following days:

January 22/20 – Wed. (12:00 - 7:00)

January 23/20 – Thurs. (12:00 - 7:00)

January 24/20 – Fri. (9:00 - 4:00)

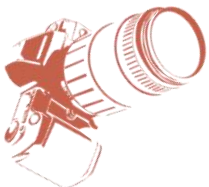
January 25/20 - Sat. (9:00 - 4:00)

Life Touch will take professional pictures for our park's photo directory. This will be for updating pictures for those who have participated in the past, for all new residents, for those who were unable to get their pictures taken the last time, and anyone else who would like to have a professional picture taken. All are encouraged to participate Cheryl Urquhart and some residents of Laurel Estates will help coordinate the sign-up for appointments.

Photos may be purchased for yourself or other family members. Once Life Touch completes the updated books, **participants only**, who get their picture taken will receive a free 8x10 portrait of your choice and a photo directory book.

Please sign up on line (website is below), or I can email/text link, or I can personally help you. **Cheryl - 239-599-4008**

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b65kj57g/>



## I'd Love Your Help!

### Manufacturers Coupons for Overseas Military

Welcome back everyone. I am still cutting and mailing coupons to our military on behalf of the North Fort Myers VFW Auxiliary. I have been averaging 8000 or more each month. November's coupons came to 14,347 worth \$30,456.26.

If you can help, please take what you need and leave the rest uncut in the booklet and place in the plastic box in the clubhouse marked COUPONS. Note that we cannot take coupons like Publix, Target, etc. Thank you to all of you who have been leaving them throughout the summer. It is greatly appreciated. Call me if you have any questions.

### Pop Top Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

As of last year, I am also collecting the pull top rings from pop cans, beer cans and other canned foods that have a pull top, on behalf of the VFW Auxiliary. PLEASE no beer caps. We have a member who has been taking them for the VFW and distributing them for us. It is for a great cause! He gave over 300 pounds of tabs last year.

If you have been donating, thank you very much. If you have any questions please call me, Andie Smith at 239-656-2821.

### Sudoku #571 (Easy)

7			6	2	5		4
	5			8		3	7
			3				
7	1			5	8		
	4	8					
2		6	4	1			
		9	6		2		
						5	
5	8						



### Christmas Cookie Elves



December 18th was a huge "Sweet Cookie" success but certainly would not be possible without the bakers of Laurel Estates.

Thank you all so much for all your hard work and until next year, stay safe & healthy.

Merry Christmas & Happy New year.

Cheers, Cheryl Urquhart

### It's a BEACH PARTY



Calling all Jellyfish, Sharks, Squids and Mermaids, too...  
This is going to be an adventure and we'd love to share it with you!

You're O-Fish-ally invited to come...

January 25, 2020 7pm

Come Catch a Wave with

Music by: ShBOOM

Open Dance floor

Elimination Dance

Door & Gift Prizes

50/50

**Tickets \$10 ea.**

**BYOB & Bring Nibblies to pass**

Take off your shades and get ready to Boogie!

Let's make this dance party a splash and have a whale of a time!