# LAUREL ESTATES LOT OWNERS JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

# POTLUCK

January 5th 5:00pm

Bring a dish to pass, beverage and utensils

# LOT OWNERS BOARD MEETING

January 5th 7:00 pm

#### ANNUAL MEETING

January 19th 7pm

# FROM THE PRESIDENT.....

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and may you have a most Happy and Joyous New Year.

This year has brought us challenges. The road issue and then Hurricane Ian. Stay strong and show that we can rise to any challenge.

As to the roads, we have retained the services of our Attorney. He will begin the challenge as to Ultra 5

LLC claiming the authority to charge us for any portion of the cost of road resurfacing. I am confident that we will prevail.

Our Annual Meeting will be Thursday January 19 at 7 pm. We will be electing Officers and Directors for 2023. I have chosen to not be on the ballot this year. It has been my privilege to serve on the Board these past 5 years, and as your President the past 2 years. I would like to encourage everyone to consider putting your name forward for our Board elections. It really doesn't take that much time and it's a great way to contribute to our Community.

May GOD BLESS,

Reggie Blough

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Good day, a brief update from the Nominating Committee. As of December 14 we have 8 ballot's.

Running for PresidentRon Spoth
Running for Vice PresidentTom Clark
Running for TreasureGail Goad
Running for SecretarySherri Hinchman
Running for the 2 Director seats we have 4 ballot's.
Patty Poe
Joy Hoard
Mike Freeman
Ray Holman
Best Regards,

Cheryl Urquhart, Mike Testa & Jon Verrill

#### WEDNESDAY DINNERS

4:00

JANUARY 4.....HOTDOGS

JANUARY 11.....BAKED PATATOES

JANUARY 18.....HAMBURGERS

JANUARY25.....TACO'S

# BECAUSE OF COST'S WE MAY MAKE A CHANGE BUT WILL POST IT ON THE BOARD

#### LOT OWNERS DUES 2023

Two person household \$12.00

Single person household \$10.00

Age 90+ resident -0-\*\*

Renters (Per Person) \$ 5.00

\*\*If more than one resident resides in age 90+ household and they have not reached the age of 90, they are to pay \$2.00 social activities fee.

Dues must be paid no later than March 31, 2023. Payments made after that will be \$1.00 extra.

PAYMENTS GO TO GAIL GOAD, TREASURER AT 2747 Indianwood Dr. Members who have not paid their dues by December 31, 2022 are NOT eligible to vote at the annual meeting in January 2024.

THIS MONEY IS USED FOR MANY THINGS

THE LIST IS POSTED AT THE CLUB HOUSE

PLEASE READ THE LIST

Gail Goad

#### **DEED OF RESTRICTIONS**

Food for Thought

Welcome to 2023, it is hard to believe that the New Year is upon us. I have thought about residents knowledge of the Deed of Restrictions for quite a while and I decided that I would start a short article each month to help all of us become better acquainted with the Deed. Laurel Estates is a "Deed Restricted" 55 and older community. In Florida that means that by virtue of buying and living in this community we all agree to live by the rules in this Document referred to as the Deed of Restrictions.

This document includes responsibilities for Owners as well as Residents, the document is registered with the county and is therefore a legal document that we live by.

Each month in this newsletter I will highlight a few items to look at so that we can all become better citizens of Laurel Estates.

To start the New Year I propose that we look at a part of the Deed to better familiarize ourselves with the Deed of Restrictions, so dig out your copy or ask me for a new one if you can't find yours. We are currently living with the 2008 revision of the Deed, one that was signed by Parrish Properties.

Check out Number 1, Page 1...pretty much establishes our Monthly Maintenance Fee and what we get for paying that fee. There are some mighty big responsibilities in this one.

Look at Number 42, page 14...this one is directly tied to Number 1, our Monthly Maintenance Fee cannot be changed.

As long as you are on page 14, read through Number 45, very interesting, Number 1 and Number 45, specifically the last sentence illustrate why the Board of Directors voted to go to court over the road project.

Here's hoping you find this useful, if you have questions, contact me. Merry Christmas and a Happy

2023.

Tom Clark

#### COUPONS AND POP TOPS

I am still cutting Manufactured coupons and mailing to our overseas Veterans and families for my VFW post 10127 N. Ft. Myers.

I know we aren't getting a lot anymore, but every little bit helps. You can put them in the containers at the club house (clubhouse white cupboard) or you can drop them off at my house and leave on the table in the carport or call me I'll come pick them up. I mail the last week of every month.

If you can take the coupons you use and bring me the rest of the paper, I'd appreciate your help

I am also collecting pop tops from cans. Those go to Ronald McDonald House.

You can reach me at 239-656-2821 leave a name and message I'll get back to you.

Thank You, Andie Smith - 2743 Breezewood Dr

#### SOCIAL COORDINATOR NOTES

We have the following openings for chairpersons, if you are interested in any of these events, or any new events please let me know.

Ice Cream Social

Mahjong

Easter Dinner

Sausage Gravy Breakfast

The January calendar and weekly events will be posted in the Clubhouse and also on our

website, WWW.LAURELESTATES.COM

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Theresa Koszarek

2767 Deerfield Dr

608-780-6162 (Text or Call)

koszarek@charter.net

#### SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE

Since Phill and I will not be down until after Christmas, shuffleboard will start back up on Mondays at 2:00 pm. and Tuesdays at 9:30 am. This is open to all residents. There will be NO travel shuffleboard league for the 2023 season.

Phill and Donna Chilson

#### JUST FOR FUN SHUFFLEBOARD

Every Tuesday at 6:30 pm come to learn or join us for the fun of it. Everyone is welcome. The sticks and pucks are provided.

# WATER AEROBICS

#### **TIME CHANGE**

Water aerobics is back, weather permitting and it must be 70 degrees.

Monday through Friday......<u>10:00 am to 11:00 am</u>

Hope to see you there.

Patricia Poe

#### SOCIAL HOUR

January 8th at 5pm.

Everyone is Welcome, just bring your beverage, smiles and a lot of stories. You can bring a snack to share if you would like. Hope to see you there. We love to meet new people.

Thank you

Todd and Cindy Calvin

#### **BLOOD DRIVE**

January 10<sup>th</sup> 8am to 1pm

To sign up to donate blood contact

Nancy Spoth 636-208-0985

There will also be a sign up sheet in the club house

#### POKER RUN

January 15th at 3:00 pm.

A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the club house. Phill and Donna Chilson

# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

January 21

7:30 TO 9:30

Sharon Babcock will be selling tickets. More information will be posted on the board

#### LAUREL ESTATES CRAFTERS BAZZAR

Craft and Food Sale

Thursday, January 26. 12PM to 4 PM Tables will be reserved for residents of Laurel estates at \$10 per table. Crafts must be homemade.

There will also be a food sale. Sandy Alman will be taking donations for the food sale. These items also must be handmade.

We will also be selling food and snacks from the kitchen.

Set up begins at 11 AM.

To reserve a table call Sylvia Verrill at 207-739-9942.

We had a lot of fun last year and hope to do the same this year. Question remains as to non-resident activity.

# **CRAFTING BEE**

The Crafting Bee will now be held every Thursday at 1 o'clock. Bring your own craft; get ideas from each other!

We have miscellaneous supplies free for our use, courtesy of Jan Ignakowski and Sondra Clark (for Beth Thompson). So if you're wondering what to do or have an idea but don't have the supplies, come on over on Thursday and we'll see if we can help with that.

Perhaps some of you have miscellaneous crafting things laying around that you know you're not going to use anymore. If you would like to donate them to our craft cabinet,

let me know. We have limited room so obviously can't take everything but we'll be happy to eliminate some of your surplus supply if you like!

Our numbers are few but we have a good time chatting and sharing. There is no cost for this gathering except for a smile. We hope you'll come and join us.

Thank You

Sylvia Verrill

#### SCAVENGER HUNT

January 22,2023 2:00 to 4:00

Weather Permitting. Save this day!!

You will be able to locate all items from the road. No need to get on residents lawns. We will have 3 groups, bike's, carts and walkers looking for items. 1 prize per group. More information will be posted on the bulletin board.

Patricia Poe

# SAVE THE DATE

March 5,2023

Ladies Lunch, March 5, 2023, at the clubhouse, beginning at 11:30 am. Theme "Tea Party". Come join in on the celebration of US "women".

The event starts out with appetizers - served butler style. Sit down to enjoy tea sandwiches and scones. A few hours of relaxation; our very famous servers will treat you like royalty (well, maybe).

Prizes, 50/50 and games to keep you laughing. Wear your pearls and a fascinator (a prize for the most original).

Everyone will receive a special something for attending and to remember this special day. Tickets will go on sale shortly, stay tuned for more information. -Sherri Hinchman