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A Word from the Board

Based on comments and feedback from a number of residents, it appears that changes and improvements made recently within Laurel Oaks are very much appreciated. The Board, along with our management company, Ameri-tech, and resident volunteers have been working hard to try to restore Laurel Oaks to what it once was. If you've been to the pool recently, you've seen how exceptional the new deck looks thanks to the excellent work of Florida Pavers.

In addition, Shannon, our on-site maintenance man has worked diligently to repair much of the wooden decking around the spa area. And it looks great. Also, several volunteer members of the Grounds and Building Committee, devoted the greater part of one Saturday, to planting and mulching the beds around the pool deck to help beautify that area. Thanks to all for their hard work in helping to enhance the quality of the pool amenity.

Finally, it should also be noted that Tarheel Roofing completed the pool house roof to match existing roofs, at no additional cost to the association. Tarheel also recently completed work on all roof dormers to ensure they remain leak-proof.

Starting this month you will see a new lawn service on the property. The board did not feel that In-Touch Lawn service was maintaining the property to our expectations. We made an extended effort to work with them unfortunately we did not see the improvements nor attention to detail we had hoped for. Our new lawn and landscape company John Evan's Lawncare came highly recommended through another property and Ameri-Tech. They

will be at Laurel Oaks on Wednesdays instead of Mondays so the premises will have a more groomed appearance on the weekends.

The board would like to remind residents and their guests that vehicles parked blocking fire hydrants and mailboxes, or on the grass is prohibited per our rules and regulations. Please observe these rules as vehicles may be towed from these areas as a result.

With regret, we'll soon be losing Jerry Costello, a dedicated volunteer, a member of the Board and Chair of the Grounds and Building Committee, who will be moving from Laurel Oaks to another Dunedin residence shortly (he's leaving us for a two car garage). Jerry has worked closely with the management company and has served this community well while he's been on the Board. Both he and his wife, Marlene, will be greatly missed, not only for their contributions to Laurel Oaks, but also for their humor, warmth and friendliness.

You're reminded that Board meetings are held the third Wed. of each month and are open to all residents and that minutes of each meeting are posted on our web site shortly after the meeting. Also, residents are encouraged to contact Ameri-Tech regarding any problems or issues observed within the common areas and they will do their best to correct the problem as quickly as possible and notify the board.

Rules and Regulations

In response to an inquiry from several residents, the Board recently passed the following new regulation:

GENERATORS. In the event of an extended power outage as a result of a named storm the use of generators is permitted. Generators are allowed to be placed in the following common areas after the storm has passed. Downstairs end units (Ashton), will be permitted to place generators outside their front doors but not obstructing the walkway or they can be placed behind their units. Upstairs end units (Brockton), may place generators outside their front doors but not obstructing the walkway. The townhouse units may place generators behind their units only. All generators must be removed from the aforementioned common areas within 24 hours of power restoration.

Please note: The entire listing of current rules and regulations can be found on the www.LaurelOaksatCountrywoods.org web site on the Rules & Regulations page.

Numbers to Know

Maintenance
Ameri-Tech 726-8000

Termite
Couches 725-4757

Trash/Waste
City of Dunedin
298-3215

Security
ADT 736-5677

Cable
BrightHouse 324-1009

Pinellas County Sheriff
582-6200

Committees

Following is a list of all current active committees in Laurel Oaks. Your support on one or more of these committees is welcomed. Should you be willing to serve, please contact the person named.

It is with the help of committed volunteers that we can hope to maintain the beauty and quality of life in Laurel Oaks and save association funds at the same time.

GROUNDS AND BUILDING: Debra Tedesco 734-2854
flyme52@earthlink.net

Responsible for regularly walking the grounds with the management company to note any items requiring attention; recommending landscaping and grounds enhancements; and enlisting volunteer support to help on various projects.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:
Ed Heitov 738-1566 eheitov@tampabay.rr.com

Composes, prepares and distributes the Laurel Oaks newsletter – *The Laurels* – bi-monthly and maintains and updates our web site www.laureloaksatcountrywoods.org on a regular basis.

ARCHITECTURAL: Roberto Sanchez, AIA 734-0078
rsanchezaia@hotmail.com

Oversees and ensures that the association standards for the common areas are maintained and reports to the Board any requests for deviation from those standards; meets with new residents and management representatives to review Association rules and regulations.

FINANCE AND BUDGET: Linda Domian
domian@mindspring.com

Works closely with the management company to maintain the financial records and annual budget of the association and reports status regularly to the Board.

SOCIAL: David Cibulas 734-2378 or Elizabeth Galvin 738-8739

Plans, organizes, and communicates plans for and various social events for residents and guests both on and off (e.g., restaurant outings) Laurel Oaks property.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS: Rosanne Nobile
rnobile@tampabay.rr.com or Ed Heitov 734-1566
eheitov@tampabay.rr.com

Prepares hurricane readiness plan for Laurel Oaks, implements plan, as needed, during and following any hurricanes.
NOTE: A volunteer is needed to head this committee.

**Laurel Oaks is on the web at
www.LaurelOaksatCountrywoods.org**

Social Happenings



Despite the uninvited liquid sunshine, approximately thirty Laurel Oaks residents and guests showed up for the pool deck rededication and social activities on Sunday, Aug. 7. We guess a lot more folks would have attended had it not been for the persistent precipitation. While most attendees enjoyed the good food and beverages inside, Jerry Costello (the "Grillman") continued to cook up some great burgers thru the rain. Thanks for your dedication Jerry. And special thanks to Karen Zachar, for opening her home last minute to allow the festivities to go on as planned. A good time was had by all. Think you might like to help with future social events? If interested, contact David Cibulas or Elizabeth Galvin. (See "Committees" Article)

Let's be good neighbors. Consider helping Katrina victims. Give to the Red Cross 1 800 HELP NOW or give online at www.redcross.org

From Mike's Perspective

We're currently working on the budget for 2006. The budget as approved by the Board will be provided to all residents at least 30 days prior to a community meeting to adopt the 2006 budget tentatively scheduled for Wed. Nov. 16 at the Hospice of the Suncoast.

The tennis court is being resurfaced and repaired and work on it will begin shortly.

A reminder, please contact my office via phone 726-8000 or email info@amertech.com should you have a maintenance question or concern. – *Mike Perez, Property Manager*



Community Directory

Unfortunately, due to the lack of sufficient response (fewer than 50% of residents replied) it was decided that the community directory will not be published at this time. Residents who may be interested in knowing who their neighbors are can refer to the Laurel Oaks web site (Residents by Building page) which includes residents names by building number and address.

New Neighbors

David Mason 2649 Sequoia Terrace
Harry and Deborah Lamb 2648 Sequoia Terrace
Iliana Cook 1479 Mahogany Lane
Robert Mason 2677 Walnut Dr.
Lori Olson 1486 Buckeye Lane