



LAUREL PARK PLACE
FALL 2018 NEWSLETTER

It has been a busy time since the last Newsletter and we have much to talk about!

Some of you old time residents may notice items of interest repeated here from past Newsletters, but we have so many newcomers, I wanted to make sure to cover everything for everyone.

Our Thriving Social Life:

*The quarterly birthday luncheon was held June 28 at Olive or Twist restaurant downtown.



*The annual Ice Cream Social was pushed by Hurricane Florence to our rain date of Sept. 22. Kilwin's supplied the delicious ice cream.





*Mark your calendars and save the date...This year's holiday dinner party will be Wednesday, Dec. 12th, 6 p.m. at The Cedars! More details will be available closer to the date.

Speaking of Calendars, one of our Board Members had the good idea of incorporating a calendar of upcoming important dates/events, etc. I will try to do that in future Newsletters. Here is a start:

Sun., Nov. 4 at 2 a.m. - Daylight Savings Time ends (turn clocks back 1 hr.)

Wed. Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. - Laurel Park Place Holiday Dinner Party at The Cedars

December - Annual Meeting will be held - details to be announced

A Passing:

As many of you know, Jose Amaya, of JCA Landscaping, passed away recently as a result of injuries sustained in an on-the-job accident. Jose, along with JCA, has worked for years on many projects here in Laurel Park Place and has without doubt saved our HOA much money with the work they have done. The Board voted unanimously to make a \$200 contribution to Jose's family on behalf of Laurel Park Place. I am proud to be a member of this board, who recognized the need for compassion and without hesitation, responded in such a charitable and kind way. The Amaya family sent their appreciation through Marion for this kindness. Jose left behind a wife and two children.

Notable News:



*Because of the departure of Kathleen Fetherolf, we have a new Landscape Committee Chair, Kathleen Vard. Kathleen has been working very hard to make everyone happy (an impossible job!) and to keep our community looking like a place we can all be proud to call home. It is important to remember that all landscape issues need to be run through the proper channels, and to also remember that living in a community such as this calls for a degree of uniformity and compliance with rules that are in place for the good of all.

Kathleen would also like to alert everyone to the dangers of using the popular weed-killer, *Round Up*. This product has been known to cause cancer and other

health issues. There are other safer, more natural products available, one called *Scythe*. Also, several home-made remedies can be found on line. One such is a mixture of 1 gallon of white vinegar, 1 cup of salt, and 1 Tbsp. of liquid dish soap.

Helpful Suggestions & Info:



*If you need someone to do some work at your home and don't quite know who to call, here are some suggestions:

- 1) Ask a neighbor for a recommendation. There are even members of our community who are able and happy to do work 'on the side' and some of whom are licensed.
- 2) Call Worthy Association Mgt. for a recommendation. They deal with multiple associations and many contractors. We, and other associations, pay them for their expertise in finding good, honest contractors for all sorts of work.

Before making blind calls to plumbers, electricians, HVAC techs, or handymen, or if you are not sure if work such as duct cleaning or other work really needs to be done, check with a neighbor who might have had a similar experience.



*Are your **smoke detectors** more than 10 years old?

If your smoke detectors are over 10 years old or chirp when they shouldn't, it's time to do something. NEVER disable them as they are critical to your safety. Chirping is usually a sign that batteries need to be changed. But it could mean the smoke detector is beyond its useful life.

Valley Hill Fire Department will check the smoke detectors of anyone who wishes them to do so, and will also replace batteries and provide up to 4 new ones, all free of charge.

*Garage Doors - A power failure can cause a garage door to automatically open and this could happen when an owner is away. If anyone is interested in learning how to prevent this from happening, please give Eddie Leach a call - 828-692-2344.

Pending Work and Maintenance:



The Board and WAM are aware of the need for continuing maintenance and upkeep within our community. We ask for your patience as it is currently extremely difficult to get contractors scheduled. Contractors are running very behind; some of them had been involved in the extensive work with the Tryon Equestrian Center, and almost all of them are extremely back-logged because of the unprecedented rainy weather we have had all spring, summer and into early fall.

Some Hellos and Good Byes:



We have many new owners to welcome:

Spencer Morgan - 164 LPP, Ann Adam - 631 EPP, Thomas & Ann Goff - 325 LPP, Jane Claypool - 329 LPP, Timothy Taggard - 248 LPP, Frank Habershaw - 193 LPP, Michael and Dianne Gay - 860 SPP, Gary Giniat - 182 LPP, Nancy & Joaquim Rosgado - 365 LPP, John & June McClure - 651 EPP, and Donald Godehn - 212 LPP.



We also bid farewell to Jeffrey & Marilyn Harris, George and Kathleen Fetherolf, Mark and Katherine Whitfield, Elise Cavicchio, Lester and Rosemary Klotzbach, Patricia Frasier, Tony Molless, Norman Betty, Victoria Simmons, and Helen Grammer.

Important Reminders Worth Repeating:

*If there are homeowners/residents among us who are unable for any reason to keep up with any yard or home matters, let your Association know... there may be volunteers among us willing to lend a hand. 

*We are fortunate to have several residents who have contributed their time and effort into beautifying common areas within our community. It is much appreciated. Always remember, though, before doing anything in or to a common area, permission MUST BE obtained from the landscape committee. 



*Remember to check your dryer vent for lint accumulation. This is not just an efficiency issue, but also a fire/safety issue. An ounce of prevention - always worth it!

*Live-in caregivers are permitted under the Covenants of Laurel Park Place. However, residents must register caregiver information, identity, etc. with management, and care-givers must park in that unit's guest parking spot. Vacation rentals, such as VRBO and AirB&B are absolutely **NOT** allowed and are specifically prohibited under our Covenants.



***PLEASE** be considerate and watch your speed driving within Laurel Park Place. Speed limit signs are posted for a 15 mph speed limit. It can be a danger to both other drivers and our frequent walkers. Try to set a good example!



*In the interest of keeping our property and lawns looking tip-top, please refrain from parking on grassy areas, and kindly ask your guests to honor this as well. If you need extra parking at any time, check with a neighbor - someone is usually willing to "lend" their space on a temporary basis.

*When requesting permission to do modifications, additions, or the like, you must put your request in writing. Verbal conversations can be lost, forgotten, or misinterpreted. Your written request is an important matter of record-keeping for both your protection and that of the HOA.



***IT IS ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED** that owners pick up after pets when walking them. This is not optional and does not mean tossing waste into the woods! Besides being a rule, it is simply common courtesy and also a part of responsible pet ownership. We are fortunate that pets are allowed at LPP so please do not take this for granted. Dog owners are asked to walk their dogs either along the road or in common areas as much as possible to prevent spotting on lawns. Also remember, leash laws apply to cats as well as dogs!!



*Trash and recyclables are picked up on Thursday mornings. If at all possible, please put trash out that morning no later than 7:30 a.m. and it is recommended that a hard sided trash container be used. This is especially important when placing trash at the curb the night before. Crows or other critters will tear into trash bags as they sit at the curb and it makes quite an

unsightly mess to have to pick up. Also, you may have seen on the news recently the story of the woman being attacked by a bear in her front yard around 10:30 p.m. when she took her dog out. The mother bear and her cubs were attracted to the Asheville neighborhood by trash put out the night before. For recycling, collectors request that you use the blue bags for all items that will fit (found at most grocery stores, Sam's, etc.). We have a new hauler that has been getting here later in the day but as they become more familiar with the route, it may be earlier.



*And please remember - **DO NOT FEED THE WILDLIFE!** This is a dangerous practice and can result in not just annoyance, but injury! Some of the neighborhood turkeys have reportedly become aggressive on occasion. And bird feeders are an open invitation to bears - take them in at night and be vigilant if you have them out during the day...bears forage during the day as well as at night.



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