



LAUREL PARK PLACE SPRING 2026 NEWSLETTER

SPRING IS COMING! Daffodils can be spotted everywhere!

For the benefit of newcomers, and in an effort to keep everyone informed and in the loop, it is necessary to repeat some information from Newsletter to Newsletter. Your patience and understanding in this regard are always appreciated.

Social Life:

*The holiday gathering at the Hendersonville Country Club was great fun and enjoyed by all who attended.



*Due to low attendance, the monthly get-togethers have been suspended.

*Save the date! A Pie Social is planned for May 21 in the SPP Cul-de-sac. Other trips that may be planned include a trip to Bullington Gardens Fairy Trail, and a possible winery visit. The Social Committee is always open to any suggestions.



Board News:

The Annual Meeting was held in December, with board elections taking place. The board members for 2026 are listed at the bottom of this Newsletter. A budget was approved for 2026, with monthly dues increased to \$250.

Some Hellos  and Good Byes:



We were saddened to learn of the passing of Jan Abrams, 120 LPP.

Landscape Life:



Our board has signed on with a new Landscape company, Mateo's. Mateo has done work in our community over the years and is familiar with our terrain. As always, at no time should the workers accosted by any homeowner. If a problem is perceived, please contact management directly.

NOTE: HOA approval is required for planting any shrub or woody plant. A hand drawing of preferred placement is required.

Pursuant to the recent plan which everyone received in February, the planned landscape improvements to common areas will be going forward.

Around the Community:

Gutter work has recently been completed by Yans, with improvements made to existing gutters, and notations made of gutters that need extra attention.

Of Local Interest:

For those of you who are Facebook users, there is a Hendersonville, NC page where much useful information of local interest is shared. You can often find recommendations of everything from hairdressers to electricians to massage therapists to pest control. This can be very helpful, especially to newcomers.

Spring in Henderson County brings many wonderful things:

*[24th Annual Tulip Extravaganza](#) - enjoy thousands of tulips in bloom all along Main Street during the month of April. The event includes a photography contest sponsored by Narnia Studios.

*[Hendersonville Farmers Market](#), located at the Train Depot in the Historic Seventh Avenue District, opens May 2nd and runs through October, every Saturday from 8 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., rain or shine. Ample free off and on street parking.

*[Henderson County Tailgate Market](#), 100 No. King Street, runs mid-April through October, 8 a.m. - 12 noon; local and organic produce, plants, herbs, baked goods.

*[The Rhythm & Brews FREE concert series](#) is held on the third Thursday of each month, running June through September, at the south end of Main Street. Live music and local craft beverages plus local food trucks. 5:30 p.m. -9:30 p.m.

*[Music](#) returns to Main Street with *Music on Main* running June through August. A free event, bring a chair and enjoy music and dancing. This event sometimes includes a classic car show hosted by Carolina Mountain Car Club.

*[Bearfootin' Art Walk](#) by Friends of Downtown Hendersonville will be held on May 6, with the unveiling of this year's collection of artistically decorated bears displayed all along Main Street until they are auctioned in the fall.

*[Garden Jubilee](#) - Coming to downtown Hendersonville over Memorial Day weekend, Sat. & Sun, May 23-24. Main Street is transformed into a vibrant garden marketplace for all kinds of plants, garden art and more.

*[Ecusta Trail](#) - the trail is officially open with the first 6 miles completed. It begins at the Henderson County Welcome Center, the trailhead. The Ecusta

Market and Café, located near the trail, is a family run store and café, serving breakfast and lunch.

*The Visitors Center on Main Street is also a good place to check for upcoming activities. Check out <https://visithendersonvillenc.org/> for details and information on activities in the area.

Helpful Suggestions & Info:



*Did you know...? A neighbor recently learned a lesson that a simple stuck chain in a toilet can result in a leak up to 250 gallons of water an hour. That added up to 1,340 gallons of water wasted from 11 p.m. - 8 a.m. and an increase in his water bill of about \$42.00!!

*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 Guardian 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.
- 3) A trustworthy and reliable handyman that has been used by several here in LPP is Brian Stepp, 828-551-3007. Brian is licensed and insured and is able to do electrical, plumbing, drywall, carpentry, flooring, masonry, windows, doors, remodels and more. I can personally speak to his work ethic and talent, having used him for three different projects.

WEBSITE! Remember to check out our website for lots of useful information. www.laurelparkplace.org. Gail Boyton keeps it updated with good information. .




*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. 828-692-2581.

*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.

Important Reminders Worth Repeating:

***Speeding!** PLEASE SLOW DOWN! We cannot speak to this enough...especially since there have been several incidents just since the first of the year of either direct hits or near misses of mailboxes and curbs. This is a  serious problem with a potential for tragic results - we have dog walkers and a toddler in our community. OBEY SPEED LIMITS & PLEASE DON'T TEXT & DRIVE! The Town of Laurel Park will be approached about the possibility of painting white lines along the sides of the road, in the hopes that this will help drivers, especially at night. Also worth noting, it is North Carolina law that whenever an incident causes \$1000 damage to personal property, it **MUST** be reported to the police.

*It is the policy here at Laurel Park Place that homeowners are to address any issues, complaints, concerns or requests for repairs or work to Guardian, **through the new portal**, who will then coordinate with the appropriate committee in an attempt to resolve same. This is a much better method of communication vs a phone call, because there is a record of it.

*It is important to remember that we own the footprint of our homes only; the area surrounding our homes is actually common area. It may be particularly difficult for those coming from single family home living to town home living to come to terms with the fact that it is not actually "your backyard", "your tree", etc. but HOA property. Any changes or modifications **MUST** be submitted to Worthy for approval by the Board. Homeowners may find themselves subject to fines for violations of these rules and covenants.

*Please don't park in cul-de-sacs. It makes it difficult for emergency vehicles or other large trucks to maneuver.


*Remember, grilling is **not** allowed on decks and patios. This is not just an HOA rule, but also a NC fire code regulation and is even more important in a community where units are in such close proximity to each other. You will not only be endangering your unit but also that of your neighbors. Grilling is permitted on driveways - an easy option by storing your grill in your garage and simply pulling it onto the driveway when needed.

*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, approval **MUST BE** obtained from management or the landscape committee, which works in conjunction with the Board. This includes any modifications to yards as yards are HOA property.



 *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 Airbnb are absolutely **NOT** allowed and are specifically prohibited under our Covenants.



*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.

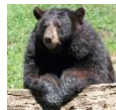
*Always, always submit requests for approval for any exterior changes, including plantings, railings, steps, etc. **PRIOR** to commencement of any work. Please put the request in writing. Your written request is an important matter of record-keeping for both your protection and that of the HOA.



***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. It would be a good idea to carry a bottle of water with you as you walk your dog - just in case it happens to relieve itself on someone's lawn, pouring the water on that spot can help dilute the urine and thereby preserve the grass. Also remember, leash laws apply to cats as well as dogs!!



*Trash and recyclables are picked up on Thursday mornings, often as early as 7:30 a.m. 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. For recycling, collectors request that you use the **blue** bags for all items that will fit (found at most grocery stores, Sam's, etc.). Our new trash vendor is rather strict, limiting recyclables to two bags per household, and each must be securely tied closed.



*When driving in the neighborhood, watch out for the wildlife - we have deer, the occasional bear, and lots of turkeys, who seem to think they own the roads!

Next Board Meeting : April - date, time & place TBA

A word of humor from your Editor:

Always borrow money from a pessimist; they'll never expect it back.



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