



Laurel Valley Echoes

September 2005

July Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held on July 9th at the Highland Manor Motel. The minutes are included with this mailing. Ann Hughes and Tim Stringfellow were elected to the board. Immediately following the annual meeting, the new board met and elected officers as follows: President – Susan Pasquini; Vice-President – Lou Charette; Secretary – Judy Turner; Treasurer – Ann Hughes. Bud Hopkins continues to be responsible for Security and Jerry Roper for roads and dumpsters. Tim Stringfellow is our new webmaster and keeps track of our database.

There's not much to report yet on any of the issues discussed at the annual meeting. Those in attendance voted that 24-hour security be reconsidered and Bud Hopkins is working on a cost analysis to be presented to our membership.

The amended by-laws and restrictions were not put to a vote at the meeting, as the total proxies and member present did not equal the required 322 votes needed for passage. The discussion, however, did point out areas of concern and the by-laws committee is going to continue working on the revisions and, hopefully, produce some changes that encourage enough affirmative votes for passage.

DUMPSTERS – Again!!

An LVPOA newsletter would not be complete without a mention of the dumpsters. **PLEASE** - latch them securely, don't throw things on top,

and don't leave the lids open. A great big thanks to everyone who has helped keep the area clean. The Board continues to look for ways to improve the dumpster situation.

Architectural Control Committee

The new chairman of the ACC is Lou Charette. The other committee members are Joe Rizzo and Dave Stillwagon. Joe, Dave and Lou will divide the work of monitoring construction and reviewing the community for any violations of our restrictions, hopefully not finding any.....

We currently have 11 homes under construction with 6 new homes started since July 1. There are also several additions and/or renovations on existing homes.

We welcome all our new residents and hope they will enjoy the valley as we all do.

If you are building a new home or doing an addition that will change the footprint of your house, you must submit a "Request for Architectural Review" to the committee. These forms are available on our website laurelvalley.org or from Lou at 448 2058. You can also email lcharette@laurelvalley.org with any questions. Please make certain you have the proper approval before you begin construction to avoid any issues later.

We recently have had some complaints to the board concerning violations of our restrictions. These include but are not limited to trash on property, overgrown weeds and landscaping, trailers on properties visible to the road, and exposed propane tanks. Please review the restrictions. We will be notifying owners of

violations and taking action if needed. We have a beautiful community, but we all need to work to keep it that way. Thank you.

Laurel Valley Security

Please take a careful look at this information, as we have tightened up our security procedures – please don't inconvenience your guests by neglecting to keep the gate house informed of their arrival.

The Laurel Valley gate house is manned between the hours of dusk to dawn. The snow road gate will be closed fifteen (15) minutes before the hours of operation. The two gates to the shale pit are now open at all times. There was one report of an attempted break-in to a part time resident's home resulting in a broken door frame. No one was at home and entry was not successful. This is the only incident we are aware of this quarter.

Voice mail has been added to the gatehouse phone. Please allow the phone to ring 5-6 times until the message comes on. The voice mail capability permits residents to inform the guards that you will be having visitors. All residents or those who have homes but are not full time residents can call (865) 448-9857 and leave a message to include your name, the names of your visitors, and approximate time of arrival. Property owners who allow friends or relatives to use their homes without being present must call the gatehouse and provide the names of your guests and time of arrival. Also any property owners who will be allowing contractors on your property after normal business hours will have to inform the guards or leave a message to let us know that the contractor has permission to be in Laurel Valley. Failure to provide this information will result in your guests or contractors being denied entry to Laurel Valley.

During hours of operation, admittance to Laurel Valley will be restricted to those who have

Laurel Valley property owner stickers (green), visitors or contractors who have been cleared by the homeowner, or renters who have the a pass issued by the rental agency. All others will be denied admittance.

We have had reports of illegal discharging of weapons in Laurel Valley. It is illegal to fire weapons or hunt in Laurel Valley. If you are aware of any acts of vandalism or theft or any other illegal activity, please call the Blount County Sheriff dispatch at 983-3620. Also contact Bud Hopkins, the Director of Security, 448-0652, so we are aware of unlawful incidents.

THE RULES STATED ABOVE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. If you have questions or issues concerning security of Laurel Valley, you can contact Bud Hopkins, Director of Security, at (865) 448-0652.

Let's Party!!!

Get ready for the fall party at the Lily Barn. It will be October 14th, at 6:00, and there will be no charge. Bring a dish to share, and your own alcohol. The social committee will provide everything else. Good food and good company = a great evening!

Mark your calendars now for our annual Christmas party, which will be on December 10th at the Laurel Valley Country Club. Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share, your beverage of choice, and join us for some holiday cheer.

Fall Party Time!

October 14:

6:00 PM

The Lily Barn

Bring a dish to share—and an appetite.

Soft drinks available

Bring your own alcohol.

Hope you can make it!