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## *Splinters from the Board*

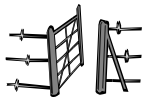
*by Reid Franks*

It's a splendid time of year in Laurel Valley. The air is clear so the mountains appear in all their glory. The autumn colors are brilliant in spite of the dire predictions of drought-induced dullness.

The autumn party at the golf club house was a delightful chance for neighbors to get together, and all enjoyed themselves. A special thanks is due Susan King, who, along with Janet Latham and Chris Curtis, prepared a delicious meal for the gathering even though the restaurant had closed. We appreciate her generously taking on that burden and doing such a spectacular job of it.

I hope all property owners in the area the first weekend in December will be at the Christmas party at the Trail-head. Specific details and a reservation form appear later in this Echoes.

Susan King has asked that the residents refrain from putting brush in the burn pit and the shale pit. It goes without saying that we should not be dumping brush on someone else's property without permission.



## *Closing of Snow Road Gate*

*by Bud Hopkins*

After assessing our security in Laurel Valley, the board has decided to close the snow road gate to through traffic. Access to Laurel Valley on the snow road will be restricted to property owners only. Contractors, renters and other unauthorized personnel will not be able to gain entrance through this gate.

An automatic gate opener will be installed in October and the gate will be closed permanently on November 15th. Access will only be available with a secure card that cannot be duplicated. These cards will be available for property owners only and will be available for purchase for \$10.00 each. Property owners with this card will have access to Laurel Valley through this gate 24 hours a day.

Those interested in purchasing the cards can contact Bud Hopkins either by phone or email. 865-448-0652 or [bhopkins@laurelvalley.org](mailto:bhopkins@laurelvalley.org)



## "Laurel Valley Wildlife Sanctuary"

The Board of Directors has voted to create an Ad Hoc Committee to collect and collate the pros and cons of such an entity for Laurel Valley. The Board's additional charge is to develop a road map of steps which would allow a "Wildlife Sanctuary" to evolve if the pros outweigh the cons. The Board voted Elmer Treat to chair this committee. The Committee needs volunteers of interested persons to assist. If motivated to serve, please send your name to [etreat@laurelvalley.org](mailto:etreat@laurelvalley.org).



## Fall Clean-up Dumpster

by Judy Doyle

On October 1st we brought in a construction dumpster for non-household garbage. It was at the compactor site for 10 days and we filled it up in no time! The plan is to put the construction dumpster at the compactor site twice a year, once in the Spring and once in the Fall, which will be announced in the Echoes prior to the dumpster's arrival. Unless the dumpster is at the compactor site, you must take your large items to the dump in Maryville. Let's keep Laurel Valley beautiful!!



## Serenity Salon and Gift Boutique

We have new neighbors and a new salon/gift shop in Townsend! Patty and Noel Holland have moved from Florida and set up house on Hawk View Drive. Patty has brought 35 years of salon experience with her. They offer all hair services and are looking for someone to do manicures and pedicures. They have a lot of really great unique gifts you won't find anywhere else in this area in their boutique. Ranging from French soaps to baby gifts, home decor, pet boutique and jewelry. They are located in Trillium Cove shopping village and are open Tuesday thru Sat 9-5. You can contact Patty at 448-6833. Welcome and Good Luck Patty & Noel!



## Combining Lots

by Reid Franks

If you wish to combine two or more of your lots, following are the steps to do so.

1. Have a surveyor prepare a new plat showing both lots as one. That cost is between you and the surveyor you chose, probable about \$250.
2. Sign the replat as the owner of both lots.
3. Take the replat to the Environmental Health Department and get their stamp, cost \$50.
4. Then take the replat to the Blount County Planning Office. They will approve it at no cost.
5. Take the replat to the Register of Deeds Office. They will record it for \$17.00.

After doing that please call the president or the treasurer, and give the book and page number where the replat is recorded. As you can see the expense will be recouped in the savings of one year's dues.

The disadvantages of combining are you lose votes on association matters. Separating the lots may be impossible because the septic requirements of the Environmental Health Department have gotten more stringent. If you later separate the lots you will be liable for all the annual dues that were not paid on the combined lots.

Please mark your calendars

**The Laurel Valley Ladies Christmas Luncheon** is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on December 11, 2007 at The Trailhead Restaurant in Townsend

Menu choices will be:

1. Tuna with a Wasabi sauce
2. Petite Sirloin
3. Chicken Breast Marsala

Haricot Verts, Scallop Potatoes, Salad and fresh baked French bread

Dessert Choices: Tiramisu or Chocolate Cheese Cake

Cost is \$20.00 per person

Please make your reservation, menu and dessert choices through Blanie Scroggins at [blaniescrogg@yahoo.com](mailto:blaniescrogg@yahoo.com) or 448-3221 before December 3, 2007

Reminder: Please bring a small holiday ornament for the gift exchange and a book for the Townsend Elementary School.

An e-mail reminder will be sent at a later date.

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Laurel Valley Property Owners Association cordially invites you to its annual  
**CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**  
Saturday, December 8, 2007

The **TRAILHEAD RESTAURANT** in Townsend

Social Hour 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM – BYOB (Beer will be available for purchase)  
Dinner seating begins at 7:00 PM

**Entrée Choices**

1. Filet of Delmonico á la Bordelaise (Please advise your cooking preference – rare, med. rare, med., well)
2. Supreme of Chicken Wellington Marsala
3. Halibut with Lime Butter Sauce

All entrées served with: Rice Pilaf, Snow Peas, Fresh Green Salad and Fresh Baked French Bread

Assorted Holiday Desserts

Cost \$25.00 per person

**Reservations are limited!**

The first 100 individual reservations submitted on or before **November 29<sup>th</sup>** will be honored.

**Christmas Social**

Please choose one entrée for each individual reservation. Thank you.  
Questions may be directed to Beth Charette 448-2058 or Cam King 448-1551.

**Number of Reservations:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Names:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Entrée choice #** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Please pay by check, payable to LVPOA and mail to Cam King, 402 Laurel Road, Townsend, TN 37882. Thank you.**