

LAUREL COVE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2005 EDITION



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Laurel Cove, A Great Place to Live!

I am often asked, "Where do you live?" And, when I reply, "Laurel Cove", folks usually say, "Oh! That's a very nice neighborhood!" Of course, I'll agree... Laurel Cove is a great place to live!

My name is Robert Ianucci and I have been chosen to be your 2005 Civic League President. My wife, Debra, and I moved to Laurel Cove in 1998, and we love living here. I've always felt that the "people" make this neighborhood. It is often said by neighbors that this is a very friendly place to live. The 2005 Board of Directors and I plan to capitalize on that fact.

It is only with **YOUR** help that we can assure that Laurel Cove remains in the future the great place it is today! I am asking everyone who is reading this, young and not so young alike, to volunteer in the Laurel Cove Community today.

Does this mean you have to "quit your day job"? No! But, by helping in some small way, i.e.: volunteering for a committee, helping to deliver the newsletter, paying your dues early, providing aid to your elderly, disabled or sick neighbors, or even just keeping your own yard clean and well groomed, you are doing your part to make Laurel Cove not only a **great place**, but also, a **better place** to live!

Some goals for 2005:

- **Continue** to enhance the entrance and surrounding grounds. You may have already noticed new grass growing and mulched trees in the median strips. Previously, the entrance and median have remained virtually unchanged since the early 1970's when the Garden Club planted the Bradford Pears.

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- **Properly** light the U.S. Flag and brick sign, power wash the brick entrance and help The Beautification Committee to enhance the entrance with flowers and plants.
- **Develop** a committee, or expand the existing Neighborhood Watch program to assist our growing senior population in Laurel Cove. This committee could be comprised of able-bodied residents interested in helping LC residents who need minor home repairs or, even, just assistance with managing an overgrown bush or having a hedge trimmed. (Hey, it couldn't hurt to get off the computer or video games every now and then!).
- **Increase** neighbor participation in general civic league operation, functions and events. This means you!
- **Have some fun!** Increase the "fun factor" in LC by planning a neighborhood barbeque or block party. This is a **great** way to meet your neighbors and have some fun.

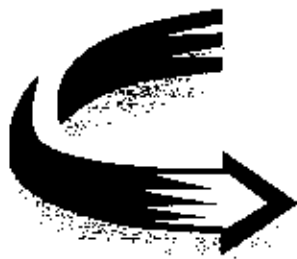
Finally, I would like to welcome your new Board and Committee members. Assembled is a powerful team of new and tenured residents whose passion is to keep Laurel Cove vibrant and alive! If you are asked to join a committee, please say YES!! Remember, we are all volunteers and cannot do it without you! The neighborhood needs you.

It's time for LCCL to step into the 21st century! In an effort to keep us all wired and connected, we will be putting together an LCCL e-mail list. My e-mail address ianucci@cox.net. Our team will be working hard over the next few months to gather email addresses from all Laurel Cove Residents. If you are so inclined and could take a moment now to send me your email address, please do so. It will be a great help in getting this project started, and will save our volunteers much time and effort. We will utilize email to notify you of all Civic League meetings, events and neighborhood watch concerns. **Only** civic league news and information will be sent from LCCL. **We will not send jokes, solicitations, Spam, etc.** Of course, I request that you show me the same courtesy!

My research shows that several civic leagues have successfully developed their own websites and publish their newsletters online. If you are able to assist us in implementing and/or maintaining a LCCL website, please contact me at your earliest convenience. I would very much appreciate assistance from someone with experience in this field.

Let's all work together to keep Laurel Cove "A Great Place to Live".

Sincerely,
Robert Ianucci
 LCCL President 2005



Please join us for
 the next LCCL
 Meeting Tuesday
 March 8, 7pm at
 Holy Family Church



*LAUREL COVE
WOMEN'S
CHRISTMAS PARTY*
Hosted by Meg Paulson
December 19



Welcome to Our New Neighbors



Rick and Tiana Winter
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Dr. Bruce Johnson
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Karen Buchanan
2249 Trant Lake Dr.

Jamie and Vicki Sands
2424 Laurel Cove Drive

Dan and Anne Derbes
2260 Trant Lake Drive



☛ Kids and parents: Please call or e-mail the newsletter editor (beachdarnells@msn.com /481-4203) if you have anyone to recognize in the Kids' Corner. We recognize academic, athletic, and community achievements for our Laurel Cove Youth. We would especially like to recognize honor roll students from 2nd grading period in the next newsletter.



**Babysitter or
Mother's Helper**

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GIRL SCOUTS

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Newsletter Committee Report

- ❖ Thank you to all of our LCCL Newsletter Delivery Volunteers from 2003-2004. You not only helped to bring the neighborhood news to our doorsteps, you saved our civic league thousands of dollars in postage by hand delivering. Those volunteers are:

**Susan Van Hook
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Gordon Jennings**

- ❖ Our apologies on the tardiness of this newsletter! The editor was on a Florida vacation first two weeks in January. Hope to be back on track for next issue.
- ❖ At the last civic league meeting a previous vote that determined our LCCL newsletter would be distributed four times a year was changed. A new vote stated we would continue with six issues per year.


Although it is flattering that neighbors enjoy the newsletter enough to want extra editions, the committee was only prepared to produce four issues. Also, new advertisers signed contracts for only four ads per year. The newsletter committee currently consists of two members, one writer/editor and one advertising liaison. In order to produce six issues per year, we will need to have some neighbors join this committee to assist us. Please call or e-mail the newsletter editor (Terri 481-4203/ beachdarnells@msn.com) if you can assist. If there are no more volunteers for the committee, we cannot guarantee six issues per year.

- ❖ Debra Ianucci volunteered to research the possibility of creating a Laurel Cove News website. Cape Story by the Sea neighborhood's newsletter *The Skipjack* can be found online. This is a big job for Debra to tackle. Anyone out there have connections with web design at a reasonable price? Let us know!



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It's LCCL dues time!

The envelope enclosed in this issue is for your convenience in mailing civic league dues. Our dues are \$15 as in 2004. Please send dues by March 1, 2005.

We will recognize early dues received in the March newsletter.

Also, Please enclose the member information form when mailing your dues. We would like to update the neighborhood directory for our residents and make these available to residents at no charge. We will use this information on the member info form to do so.

Laurel Cove Civic League Member Information Form

✕ Please include with annual \$15 LCCL dues

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Children's Names and Month/Year of birth _____

How long have you lived in Laurel Cove? _____

I am available to help on the following committees:

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- Beautification /garden club
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| Ash | 3 | 2.5 | Colonial | 02-17-04 | \$271,000 |
| ---- | 4 | 2.5 | Colonial | 01-31-04 | \$276,000 |
| Willow | 5 | 2.5 | Colonial | 01-21-04 | \$277,000 |
| Birch | 3 | 2.0 | Ranch | 08-31-04 | \$285,000 |
| Cedar | 4 | 2.5 | Colonial | 05-30-04 | \$293,000 |
| Ash | 3 | 2.5 | Colonial | 08-04-04 | \$307,000 |
| ---- | 3 | 2.5 | Colonial | 10-13-04 | \$310,000 |
| Cedar | 4 | 2.5 | Colonial | 08-10-04 | \$315,000 |
| Cedar | 4 | 2.5 | Colonial | 12-30-04 | \$319,500 |
| Willow | 5 | 2.5 | Colonial | 08-12-04 | \$340,000 |
| Cedar | 4 | 2.5 | Colonial | 10-02-04 | \$358,000 |

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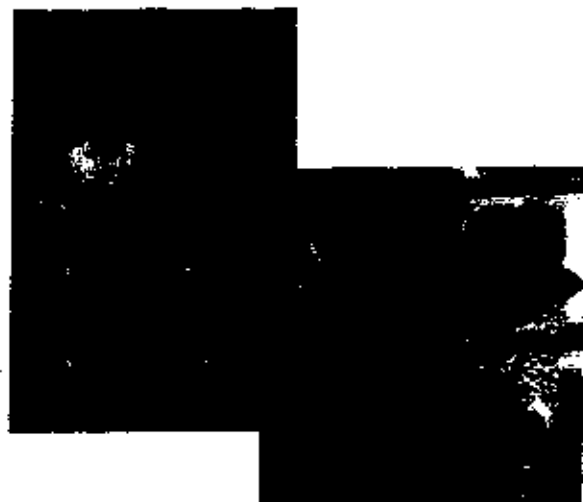


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The following is correspondence to LCCL after our donation to Children's Transplant Organ Donation Fund:

Dear Laurel Cove Civic League,

Thank you so much for your contribution towards my niece Emily's campaign. With a daunting task of raising \$500,000 it is nice to know that there are people and organizations that care and are willing to help. There is so much negativity in the world today, but this campaign has shown me so many positives through the kindness of others. Your contribution puts us one step closer to getting Emily her new set of lungs and provides her with a "Breath of Hope." Once again, on behalf of Emily's family, friends, and volunteers, I would like to thank you for your gift.

Sincerely,

Patty Grimes

Emily's Aunt and Campaign Coordinator



WELCOMING OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

We are asking Neighborhood Watch Block Captains to help inform our new Hospitality Chair, *Rachel Bivins*, when a new family moves in on your block. In the past the LCCL President has greeted new neighbors and was the only source for finding when out when a new family arrived. As you can imagine, it was nearly impossible for one person to be aware of every moving truck arriving in Laurel Cove!

The committee is seeking members to serve on a hospitality/ welcome committee that will greet new residents. It's up to the committee to decide how to welcome people. Some thoughts include delivering a thoughtful gesture like home-baked cookies or bread and a complimentary neighborhood directory when the welcome committee greets new neighbors. Please give Rachel a call (481- 7338) if you can help welcome a new family in 2005.

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Our condolences...

Laurel Cove lost one of our best neighbors in 2004. Evy McGinness of Parkside Place, formerly of Conrad Lane (1977-1992) was active in the LCCI, Civic League and Garden Club. Those who knew Evy remember her as a Girl Scout Leader and Leader Trainer, an avid Master Gardener, a parent school volunteer at John B. Dey, Great Neck Middle, and Cox High Schools, an environmentalist, a gentle and kind social activist, an enthusiast, and a make-the-world-a-better-place-ist. She is wife to Robert, mother to Molly and Ryan, and grandmother to Roman. Evy was a successful garden website editor, a friend, confidant, and mentor to MANY. The world lost a lovely person when we lost Evy McGinness.

Evy has a web site memorial through her garden website at www.emilycompost.com/memorial.htm if you would like to remember her beautiful life.



A Word About City Code Enforcement

When I accepted the position of LCCL President at the December civic league meeting, I was excited: excited to be able to "give back" to a wonderful community. In keeping with that spirit, I would like to let it be known that neither the LCCL Board nor myself will act as a code enforcement task force or police force. **Period!** With that said, we do not want to see the neighborhood in any way deteriorate either.

Laurel Cove is well known throughout the city as a safe, desirable place to live. It has really never been necessary to police our fellow neighbors. That is one of the many benefits of living here.

Many LCCL residents have professional lawn care service and home security systems. Along with a well-established **Neighborhood Watch Program** and just plain old-fashioned pride of ownership, we have created a virtually crime free environment in Laurel Cove.

If you see a home or a situation in Laurel Cove that is of concern, you can **always** turn to me and/or the LCCL Board for advice. We will do our best to assist you or to direct you to the proper authority.

However, please note that private citizens can call in code violations, even minor ones, without the knowledge of the LCCL Board.

The City of Virginia Beach acts **confidentially** on your behalf in the event of a "real" Code Enforcement Violation. The City of Virginia Beach also works closely with other city agencies such as Zoning, Permits and Inspections, Fire, Police and Health to ensure Virginia Beach citizens have safe housing and quality neighborhoods. Please call 427-4421 for any questions or **valid** complaints. You can also refer to VB Code Enforcement at: www.vbgov.com.

Finally, if you observe a sick or elderly neighbor who is having trouble with property maintenance, i.e.: taking out the trash, minor home repairs, yard work, etc. simply ask them if you may help. Isn't that what "being neighborly" is really all about?" Plus, it will most certainly make you feel good to know that you made a difference.

- Robert Ianucci

November Yard of the Month

Bernard + Pat Wise-Green
1300 Whisper Ct



November Runners-Up:

| | | |
|-----------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Agnelli, | Tony | 2220 Trant Lake |
| Belger, | Wayne + Beverly | 2321 Trant Lake |
| Benante, | Steve + Carol | 2217 Laurel Cove Dr |
| Carrier, | Kevin + Mary Ellen | 1309 Willowood |
| Fogelman, | Mark + Beth | 1333 Whisper |
| Kelly, | Tom + Renee | 1299 S. Schooner |
| Kilkenny, | Joe + Mary Anne | 2437 Laurel Cove Dr |
| Smith, | Chris + Lisa | 1301 Willowood |
| Willie, | Gilbert + Diana | 2245 Trant Lake |



December Yard of the Month
Mike + Cathy Iacobellis
2306 Trant Lake Dr

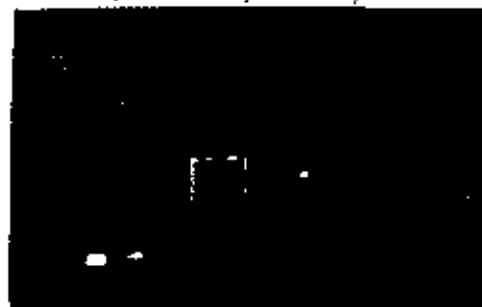


December Runners Up:

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| Adelson | Mike + Linda | 1317 Willowood |
| Cameron | Larry + Mini | 2237 Laurel Cove Dr |
| Murphy | Lee + Mary | 2229 Laurel Cove Dr |
| Nacey, | Tim + Marley | 1329 Cornea |
| Paulson, | Bill + Meg | 1305 Whisper |
| Rose, | Mike + Susan | 1336 Roberts Place |
| Shank, | Ron + Missy | 1328 Roberts Place |
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SUMMARY OF LAUREL COVE CIVIC LEAGUE MINUTES...

- LCCL General Membership Meeting was held Wednesday, 12-1-04 at Holy Family Church.
- Co-President Robert Ianucci called meeting to order.
- A quorum (26 members were present) plus 6 officers present.
- No speaker or refreshments (as hospitality chair moved).
- Members introduced themselves stating where they lived in LC
- Reading of past minutes not required (summarized in newsletter)
- Treasurer's Report given: Newsletter fund of \$2588.15 and General fund balance of \$4888.45 to date. Membership at 243 (68% of homes in Laurel Cove).
- Newsletter Report: Pros and cons of 4 issues per year discussed. Newsletter editor Terri Darnell stated volunteers would be needed to do more than 4 issues per year. Debra Ianucci volunteered to help on this committee. Possibility of bulk mailing was discussed vs. hand-delivery. Board of Directors will discuss at upcoming meeting. The board will explore Website development for LCCL Newsletter also.
- Neighborhood Watch Report: NWPC binder given to Ginny Fox from previous officer. No crime stats available. NW has plenty of block captains, and program is running well.
- Beautification Committee: Chair Sandy Breeden seeking new membership. Grass was planted at entranceway and mulch was placed around trees. The possibility of a floodlight shining on the front entrance sign/US flag is being explored. New, better quality Yard of the Month signs and 2 community announcement signs will be purchased.
- President: Mr. Ianucci announced some of his plans for 2005 including e-mail use, web-site, increasing membership, activities, etc. Further discussion at Board of Directors meeting.
- Unfinished Business: A motion was passed to donate \$50 to Food Bank of South Hampton Roads and \$50 to Va. Beach Rescue Squad. A thank you note was received for the \$100 donation from COITA (Children's Organ Transplant Association).
Carl Hertzler moved to give a free resident directory to all members attending LCCL meetings. Motion was passed.
- New Business: Due to some resignations of board members, elections were held for 2005-2006.
Slate of officers
PRESIDENT-Robert Ianucci
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HOSPITALITY- Rachel Bivins
The slate was approved and the new board for 2005-2006 was adopted.
- Sam Miles moved to purchase a plaque recognizing service of John Parmele (\$100 limit). Motion approved. Plaque to be presented at March GMM.
- Raffle held. Winners of the Farm Fresh gift certificates were Jim Screno and Robert Saunders.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm. Next GMM of LCCL will be announced in Newsletter.

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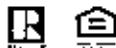
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