

Welcome to the Spring 2026 newsletter for Laurel Acres and Whippoorwill Estates. We hope you find a lot of useful information here. We plan to do 1 paper newsletter per year and quarterly email newsletters. If you haven't signed up for our email list, go to www.laurelacrores.org and sign up.

Welcome to all the new residents in Laurel Acres and Whippoorwill Estates! Have you stopped by the community beach between 610 and 612 Laurel Drive? We also have the ball field, pickleball/basketball court, and the playground on Lake Shore Drive between Waldo Road and Dorchester.

Calendar of Events

April 4th – Easter Hunt @ 12:00 PM at the ball field – looking for some egg hidens at 10:30 AM

April 16th – Community Meeting @ 7:00 PM at the beach (weather permitting)

April 25th – Spring Clean Up at the beach @ 11:00 AM (rain date April 26th)

May 29th – Community Social at the beach @ 6:00 PM

June 26th – Community Social at the beach @ 6:00 PM

July and August – No Meetings

August 10th – Dumpster at the Community Ball Field

September 17th – Community Meeting @ 7:00 PM

September 19th - Pig Roast @ 2:00 PM

October 23rd – Community Meeting – Location TBD

October 24th – Trunk or Treat at the ball field @ 4:00 PM

November 19th – Community Meeting - TBD

December 10th – Holiday Party at the Rumor Meal @ 6:30 PM

Dumpster at the Community Ball Field

We will have a dumpster delivered to the community ball field on August 10th early in the morning. The county has changed its policy so we will get ONE

dumpster, and it will be removed and not replaced once it is full. We have no control over this. Please make sure when loading the dumpster, you fill all the way to the back first so that others are able to use this privilege. Do NOT place any of the below items in the dumpster: hazardous waste, junk automobiles, trailers, boats, gas and propane tanks, tires, oil drums or tanks, paint, liquids, refrigerators or air conditioners.

Boat Ramp Replacement

We are now in the fundraising phase of the boat ramp replacement to complete the project. The community is responsible for paying to replace the boat ramp. We will be running a capital improvement campaign, and we will be looking for residents to commit to donating for three years to meet the financial obligation. We are forming a committee, if you would like to join, please email webmaster@laurelacrores.org.

Where do my dues and ramp fees go?

We are a non-mandatory community, and we rely on the goodwill of our residents to pay their dues. The community must pay for the following things using the community dues and fees:

- Yearly property insurance on all community properties.
- Yearly maintenance on community property, including, but not limited to: dead tree removal, mowing of the ball field and community beach, tree trimming and general property clean up, repairs as needed to the community pier, community playground, community basketball/pickleball court
- Technology: yearly renewal of the domain, e-commerce website, and email address (these items are provided to the community at a very discounted rate by Treebranch Group Hosting and Web Design) and includes website maintenance and updates,

and the Constant Contact email distribution platform.

- Long-term projects: Replacement of the community boat ramp – this is an ongoing project that we have permits for and we must now finance the project. We are looking for residents to join the committee to explore our options for replacement. Please reach out to webmaster@laurelacrores.org if you can assist in this effort.
- Long-term projects: Erosion control at the community beach – this is tied to the boat ramp replacement and we are currently in the funding phase.
- Long-term projects completed: Revamp of the community ball field, replacement of the playground equipment, resurfacing of the basketball court, installation of new basketball poles/hoops.

We also provide the following amenities and events to residents through dues and ramp fee collection:

- Yearly events: Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Parade, Holiday Party
- Community Socials throughout the warmer months
- Port a potty at the community beach during the warmer months
- Yearly dumpster at the community ball field

In addition to dues and ramp fees, we supplement funding of community events/amenities through multiple fundraisers throughout the year, such as:

- Superbowl Donation Pool fundraiser
- Raffles such as cooler bags and gifts cards – ideas for additional fundraisers are welcome
- Restaurant Nights
- Yearly events such as the Community Pig Roast

All of these are coordinated by community volunteers. We are always looking for new ideas and feedback. This community is for everyone in it,

please reach out to volunteer your time or ideas to webmaster@laurelacrores.org.

Funding for Capital Improvement Projects and Maintenance

We cannot stress enough that community property must be maintained and improved as required. We are struggling to continue to make the minimal required maintenance with our volunteer dues structure. We are currently investigating options for moving toward a mandatory HOA.

Please remember, if you have purchased a boat ramp key DO NOT SHARE your key. This is a privilege extended to residents and charter members. Violators will lose their key privileges. Please also remember to shut and lock the gate every time you come in or out.

In Anne Arundel County, Maryland, it's generally required that dogs be on a leash or under the direct control of their owner when they are off their property. This is outlined in § 12-4-905 of the Anne Arundel County Code. The code prohibits domesticated animals from being at large, meaning off their owner's property and not leashed and under control. Violations of this law can result in fines, with a range between \$50.00 and \$500.00.

Dues for 2026 are now due.

Resident - \$85

Resident (25+ Years) - \$60

Boat Ramp Key - \$85

***WISHING EVERYONE A SAFE AND
HAPPY SPRING AND HOPE TO SEE YOU
AT AN EVENT!***