

# Laurelwood Line

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## Keep it Beautiful

A big thank you goes to all the Laurelwood residents who are keeping their yards mowed and trimmed. The covenants state that each owner shall maintain the appearance of his or her lot in high quality condition. The grass, flowers and shrubbery must be mowed or trimmed at regular intervals so as to maintain them in a neat and attractive manner. There have been few violations of this covenant.

Our streets have taken a hit during this long and hot summer however, and we must help do our part to keep the streets from coming apart. The way we trim our yards can help with maintaining the streets! Be sure to edge the grass off the curb when trimming, as the grass that grows over the curb will undermine the street and make pot holes and cracks to appear. Also, leaving trimmings in the streets will let it wash into the drainage which is bad for the lakes. The city of Flowood has patched several streets lately, yet more really need patching.



## Dead Bushes!

There are very few houses in Laurelwood that did not lose shrubbery or trees to the extreme draught of this past summer. If you have a few or just one or two, there may be questions about what to do about it, which is why we have this article in this month's newsletter.

Winter is the best time to replace those dead bushes. Use loppers to remove the branches of the shrub a little at a time until you finally get to the stump. Then use a spade to dig away soil until you can see a root. Use the loppers to cut the root. It helps a lot at this point to have someone pull on the stump while you cut the root. Continue in this fashion until the stump lifts out of the ground.

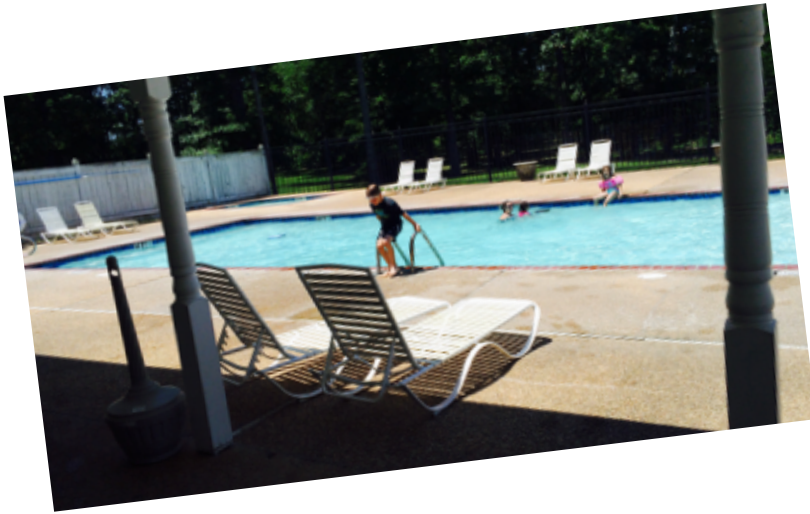
Choosing new plants may seem intimidating to someone who doesn't know much about them. How will you know which one to pick? The answer is, you don't have to know the names of any plants, just the name of a good nursery. Get out your measuring tape and measure your planting space. You may want to take a photo of the area showing the surrounding plantings. Be sure to note the exposure--sunny, shady, north, south, east or west.

A final word about planting your new shrub. The planting hole needs only to be as deep as the container the plant comes in, but it should be three or four times as wide. Before planting the plant, gently slide it out of the container to be sure it is not totally root bound. When you place the plant into the prepared hole, spread the roots out as much as possible. It might be necessary to actually slice down the side of the root mass with a knife in a couple places to release the roots. You want them to spread outward as they grow, not grow in a circle eventually strangling the plant. Even if the soil is damp when you plant, always water in your new occupant to make sure there are no gaping air pockets near the roots.

Good luck, and happy planting!

## Election Day is November 3

It is a privilege to live in a free country and have the opportunity to vote for who ends up in governmental offices. Please take advantage of that liberty. JUST AS A NOTE OF INTEREST: Our covenants do not allow us to place any signs in our yards except one sign advertising our house for sale. Therefore, please comply and do not put a political sign in your yard.



## Fabulous job on the pools !

The excessive heat has keep many people out of the pools, yet they are still available for your use until no one is using them. The pools have really stayed very clean this summer, and kudos goes to the people who have been servicing them for us. We did not have the complaints about the pools that we did in the past, and that makes life much easier for the guys who check on them for you.

## Recreational Equipment

With Hunting Season approaching, please note that 4 Wheelers are not to be driven on any Laurelwood common grounds including the woods around the lakes. We realize that they are quite an asset to those folks who hunt, however they nor their hauling trailers should be parked in your driveway or yard unless it is behind the privacy fencing.



Saturday, October 31st is Halloween, and we will likely have bunches of children in our streets. The Flowood Police will be on patrol but please be careful when getting in and out of the subdivision.



# November 26, 2015

The Meaning of the Colors of Thanksgiving  
By Maria Woehr

## Brown

Brown is the dominant color of Thanksgiving because the main course at a Thanksgiving meal is turkey. Turkey, however, may not have been eaten when the Pilgrims hosted the first feast in 1621, according to [History.com](#). It is debated that the Pilgrims and Native Americans ate deer or even eel instead. Besides representing turkey, brown also reflects the color of leaves in deep autumn before they fall.

## Yellow

Yellow is the color of corn, one of the most popular symbols for Thanksgiving because the first Thanksgiving feast celebrated the Pilgrims' first corn harvest, according to [History.com](#). The Native Americans taught the Pilgrims how to grow corn to survive the brutal winters. Corn comes in a variety of colors: yellow, orange, red, white, blue, even brown. The various colors of corncobs also make them attractive for decoration. Ornamental corncobs are found in wreaths and cornucopias, popular seasonal decorations, according to [InteriorDesignBusiness.com](#).

## Orange

Pumpkins are also a popular staple at Thanksgiving dinners. Whether as pumpkin soup or pumpkin pie, orange adorns almost every Thanksgiving table. The pumpkin is an important symbol of the harvest festival, according to [TheHolidayspot.com](#). Native American Indians used pumpkins as a staple in their diets. The Pilgrims were said to have invented pumpkin pie, according to the [PumpkinPatch.com](#).

## Red

Red, also a Thanksgiving color, represents cranberries, which are one of only three fruits native to North America. Cranberries were eaten by Native Americans who believed they had medicinal value. Cranberries were mixed with meat as sweetening. It is thought Pilgrims later added maple sugar to cranberries to create cranberry sauce, according to [FoodHistory.com](#).

Just an interesting  
bit of information  
I found to share!



# Veteran's Day is November 11, 2015



## Flying Colors

- ✓ Don't display a flag at night unless it's illuminated.
- ✓ Don't fly your flag in the rain or other inclement weather.
- ✓ Do be sure the union (the blue field) is at the top if you hang the flag from a staff projecting from a window or building.
- ✓ Do position the union so that it is at the farthest point from the building.
- ✓ Don't allow the flag to touch anything beneath it.
- ✓ Do retire frayed or worn flags as they no longer serve as a symbol of our country.

For Concerns call :  
601-919-2005

Option 1 – Pools & Clubhouse

Option 2 – Billing

Option 3 – Covenant Concern

*When calling the  
Laurelwood Line  
(601)-919-2005  
Please speak clearly and  
leave your name and  
number at the beginning  
and again at the end of  
your message.*

## Projects

There are no new projects, yet progress is being made on the continuing jobs.

- ◆ Cleaning of Lakes
- ◆ Rebuilding of bridges
- ◆ maintaining walking trails

## Laurelwood HOA Board Members

President – Scott Montgomery  
Vice President – Gary Evans  
Gene Reynolds  
Brad Outlaw  
Lulu Intan  
Sec/Treasurer – Jenny Trouard

## "By the Way"

Just as a reminder if your dues are not yet paid, there will be a \$10.00 per month (each month) late charge until they are paid, so please take care of this important item TODAY!