

April 21, 2022

The pool at the main clubhouse (located on Meadow Oak) will open Friday, April 22, 2021. Pool 2 will tentatively open the beginning of May. We are replacing the fence around pool 2, once repairs are completed we will open Pool 2.

Adults Only Swim Hours are from 6am-9am

Regular pool hours are 9am-10pm

The pools are the property of all active HOA members. Please be courteous so the pools can be enjoyed by all! The actions and behavior of residents and guests fall under the responsibility of the homeowner whose key is used to enter. Please talk to your children and teens before taking them to the pool about rules and expectations.

NO SMOKING is allowed in or around the pool areas.

There are no lifeguards so please no horseplay that can result in self injury or the accidental injury of others.

Children under 16 must have a parent or adult over 18 at the pool to supervise at all times.

Clean up after yourself including food, drinks, pool toys, etc.

Please put chairs and tables back as you found them before you leave.

Children who are not potty trained need to wear swim diapers to prevent contamination.

Blue buckets will be placed at each pool for lost and found items.

We want everyone to be able to enjoy the pool so please remind older kids to be mindful of smaller children at the pool and give them appropriate space to play safely.

Do not prop the gates open. Those who enter should have a pool card to gain access.

There are active cameras at both pools and a card access reader at both entrances. While the cameras are not monitored 24/7, they are checked regularly and can be reviewed for complaints. The board reserves the right to revoke pool access for destructive behavior or unwillingness to comply with rules.

If inappropriate activity is reported and/or observed, those individuals may be asked to leave.

Those who do not follow rules are subject to having their pool cards deactivated for up to 60 days (following a notice and hearing).

If you have a complaint, please call or text the Laurelwood Line (601-421-5152) or contact a Board member directly. Let's have a great summer!

March 25, 2022

The Annual Meeting was held March 15, 2022 at the Clubhouse. per the bylaws, a quorum was not met so a second meeting was held March 17, 2022 to vote on open board member positions, Secretary and Treasurer. Below is a recap of what was discussed.

2022 Board Members:

Emary Walker- Re-elected

Peter Glover

Ken North

Blake Barnette

Todd Fillyaw

Henry Morgan- Re-elected

Lori Beth Smith- Elected

Elizabeth Smith- Elected Treasurer

Becky McClellan- Elected Secretary

Per the covenants, the Board met on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 and Emary Walker was elected President and Peter Glover was elected a Vice President.

Upcoming Events:

Easter Egg Hunt- April 9th, 11am, the Clubhouse. Thank you to those that took eggs at the meeting to fill. Please contact Emary Walker to set up a time to return them.

Laurelwood Day- May 21st, the garage sale will start at 6am, the crawfish boil will start at 2pm at the clubhouse. We are working on details to add a craft fair for our neighborhood artists. We are also looking for businesses that are interested in sponsoring the event, details will be available soon. We should have a finalized shirt design next week and will post a link to order.

Pool Opening- We will continue to monitor the weather and hope to have the pools open before the end of April. We will be making repairs or replacing the fence at Pool 2, We have completed bids for the project and will vote on the contract at the next board meeting. Keep an eye out for updates on the status of pool 2's opening as these repairs may impact the opening date.

Laurelwood Beautification Day: With the opening of the pools we are planning a spring clean up day! We invite all those willing and able to join us in cleaning up our common areas. Projects include, cleaning pool chairs, making sure other pool furniture is painted, painting the bridges at the lake, planting flowers in the pots around the pools, etc. If you know a group that needs community service hours we would love to speak with you about helping at this event.

Business Updates:

The fiscal year ends March 31, 2022. The financial report will be available after the yearly audit is completed by the CPA.

The board voted to increase dues at the 3rd quarter board meeting. This was effective January 1, 2022. Dues were increased 10% (\$24 a year). As always, we earmark funds annually for future projects to help protect residents from extreme special one-time assessments.

The Board voted at our 3rd quarter meeting to hire a web developer to help us add the pay online feature to our website (this is now active) and to help us clean up the overall appearance and ease of use of the website. We are hoping to relaunch the website in the next few weeks.

The Board voted at the 4th quarter meeting to exercise the 1 year extension clause in our landscapers contract. Kaminski Lawn Management has done a wonderful job over the past 2 years and we thank Mike for all of his hard work. Bids for the pool maintenance contract have been acquired and we will vote on this at the next board meeting. We are opening bids for the cleaning contract, if you are interested in bidding on this contract please let us know.

Reminders:

We have a pet database that helps us get lost pets back to their owners, please visit www.laurelwoodofms.org to register your pets if you have not already done so.

Parking on the street is a constant issue, while this is not in the HOA's jurisdiction it is a city ordinance and you could be ticketed for leaving vehicles on the road. Please also be mindful that parking at pool 2 is limited and we will begin to tow vehicles that park overnight at the pool, signs are clearly posted.

Spring time is right around the corner and this is the perfect time to spruce up your home and yard! The Covenant Committee will be sending reminders to some homes regarding mailboxes that need attention (post and box must be black), rotten wood, roof and paint appearance and

overall yard violations. We need to all work together to keep Laurelwood a premier place to live in Flowood and we ask that you take care of the appearance of your home.

As always we need your help!!! We would love for you to get involved and join one of our committees!

Architectural Committee

Covenant Committee

Event Committee

Welcome Committee

Lake Restoration Committee- this is our newest committee to assist the board in making decisions for the extensive erosion issue at the main lake. We are looking for individuals to help with bids, possible grant assistance knowledge or general knowledge of such issues.

If you want to get involved please comment or message us so we can add you to the contact list!

Questions asked from the general membership:

Question: Is there anything that can be done about the amount of rental properties in the neighborhood?

Answer: There is currently nothing in the covenants or bylaws that prevent rentals. In order to change them we would have to acquire 75% of the owners permission.

Question: Who handles the issue with cars parking on the street?

Answer: this is handled by the Flowood Police Department. If you have an issue please contact them.

Question: Why does the HOA pay for internet and Phone service?

Answer: there is internet service run at both pools, this is used to control the card access system and the security cameras. The cell phone is a central phone that houses our general email and takes calls/texts from residents. this phone is monitored by board members on a rotated schedule. Phone Number 601.421.5152 Email: info@laurelwoodofms.org

Question: Are the financial reports completed by a CPA? Why is the 2019-2020 report rounded off?

Answer: Yes, a CPA works with the HOA on a quarterly basis, he also completes the audit at the end of the fiscal year. The 2019-2020 report is not rounded, to view this report along with others please visit www.laurelwoodofms.org

Question: Who takes care of cleaning at the pool facilities?

Answer: We are currently accepting bids for the cleaning contract. We also have a contract with one of our wonderful residents, Ki, to take care of basics around the pools (taking the trash out, straightening chairs, etc.) If you see him out and about on his super cool bike please say hello! He does a wonderful job for our community.

Questions: Who handles the paving of streets?

Answer: This is handled by the city. They allocate funds to repave streets annually. There is a rotation and certain streets in our subdivision are paved each year. AdCamp was the company contracted this past year

March 5, 2022

The Annual Laurelwood Homeowners Association meeting will be held on March 15, 2022 at 6pm. If a quorum is not met we will meet again on March 17, 2022 at 6pm. If you are unable to attend and would like to vote you can use this [proxy form](#).

January 25, 2022

The Laurelwood Board voted to increase the annual assessment 10% (\$24 annually) in accordance with the bylaws, Book 611, Page 488, Section 5, Paragraph A. This increase will be effective immediately. The new assessment schedule will be \$264 per year, billed semiannually, due before the 15th of February and the 15th of August. Statements will be going out this week.

Due to Venmo now charging a service fee, we will no longer accept Venmo payments. For your convenience online payments will be available on the website beginning February 1st.

We feel that this is necessary to continue to keep our wonderful neighborhood beautiful as the cost for goods and services increases. This will also be vital to cover expenses for costly repairs that will be needed in the common areas in the near future.

February 19, 2021

The 1st assessment for 2021 are due, you can now utilize Venmo as a way to pay! Simply send payment with your address to @laurelwoodofms in the Venmo app. All payment received between February 15-20th will not be considered late due to the ice storm which caused bank closures.

We are tentatively planning social events for 2021. As we continue to adjust to Covid safety and social distancing protocol these dates may change.

Current Scheduled Events:

Annual Meeting- March 9th, 6:00pm

If a quorum is not met, we will meet again on March 11th at 6:00pm to vote on new Board Members and Officers.

Laurelwood Easter Egg Hunt- March 27th at 10:00am

Laurelwood Day- May 15th (Garage Sale and Neighborhood Cookout)

More information will be available soon regarding events!

Bids were taken to fix the leak under the dam at the main clubhouse lake. Bulldog Construction won the contract and repairs will begin in spring/early summer. The area needs to be dry in order for them to get to the dam. We are currently taking bids to address drainage and retaining wall issues at the lake. if you are interested in bidding on this project please contact the HOA at 601-421-5152 or email us at info@laurelwoodms.org.

The water interruption at the main clubhouse due to the storm has been restored. Minor repairs will take place over the next few weeks. We are hoping to open the pools under CDC guidelines in April.

The neighborhood's Little Library is up and running! please stop by the main clubhouse and take a book or leave one! We already have a wonderful selection! Thank you to those that have donated to get this project off the ground in our community!

Laurelwood now has a pet registry! Help us cut down on lost pets in the neighborhood by completing your pet questionnaire on the website, located under neighborhood information. Thank you to Ken North for working diligently on this project! We still have spots available for free pet tags and microchipping (at cost). Contact the HOA email or Ken North for more information or problems registering. You must complete the registration to receive the free pet tag, the deadline is February 22nd.

As the annual meeting approaches we are asking that questions regarding the community be sent in advance to cut down on the amount of time we congregate. We plan to hold the meeting outside of the clubhouse and attempt to keep people as spread out as possible. Please send your questions and/or concerns to info@laurelwoodofms.org. We are also looking for dedicated volunteers who would be interested in serving on the Board or helping with one of our wonderful committees, if you are interested please email or call!

We look forward to a brighter 2021 and can not wait to see how we continue to come together as a premier Flowood community!

August 12, 2020

The 2nd assessment for 2020 is due by this Saturday, August 15, before late fees will be added. There is a \$5/month late charge for all overdue accounts. If there is a hardship your family is experiencing at this time, PLEASE contact info@laurelwoodofms.org so the board can be made aware and arrangements made. Accounts in excess of \$250 will be turned over to collections in September.

The board has experienced some turnover in members whose terms were set to end in 2020. They were replaced with individuals who reached out to the board and expressed interest in being involved. Bobby McGuffie who served as VP was replaced by Peter Glover as board member and Vice President. Lori Beth Smith and Jennifer Todd were replaced by Christian Hall and Blake Barnett. Liz Smith has taken on the position of Secretary. These interim members will serve until a meeting can be held for a formal vote.

The HOA is currently exploring options for an interim Treasurer. Please contact Emary Walker via the HOA email info@laurelwoodofms.org to obtain job duties if you would be interested in serving.

We have a new Pool Manager named Ki who is a resident of the neighborhood. He is taking care of the trash disposal at both pools and ensuring the pool decks look good for residents when the pools open at 9. With that said, please don't allow children or others to view that as an excuse not to clean up after oneself.

With school restarting and greater limits on time, we are extending pool hours to 8pm. Social distancing is still in place. We have plans to reopen the clubhouse gym after a thorough cleaning. It will have a limit of 2 individuals at a time. You must be in good standing to access. You must bring your own sanitizing supplies and should clean equipment before and after use. Using the gym will be at your own risk. We will announce after cleaning is complete.

There have been intermittent issues with the pool gate and some cards' access. We have continued to work with the gate company to get these issues resolved as quickly as possible. Thank you for your patience. 2019-2020 financial and the 2020 budget have been loaded to the Laurelwood website. They will also be included in the newsletter. Date of mailing TBA.

Please be mindful that any renovations, additions or improvements made to the exterior of a residence (whether part of the HOA or not) should obtain approval by the architectural committee of all plans prior to construction. Please send address, photos, architectural plans, materials and colors to info@laurelwoodofms.org.

The board is seeking bids for repairs around the lake. If you know a licensed and insured company who can do drainage and rip rap retaining installation, please have them contact the board. 601-421-5152. There has been an influx of boats, trailers, jet-skis, etc. stored in driveways and front yards. Please remember that recreational equipment must be stored behind a privacy fence or off of HOA/Laurelwood residential property. We extended the amount of time these items can be left to sit idle in consideration of cleaning, repairs, loading, etc. Equipment that is being used or being prepared for towing should be moved within 3 days barring extenuating circumstances.

If you see issues that need to be addressed such as pool or lawn maintenance, covenant violations, etc. please contact the Laurelwood Phone (voicemail or text) at 601-421-5152 or send an email to info@laurelwoodofms.org.

We are continuing to monitor the situation with COVID-19 and current numbers in order to hold a meeting that can be incorporative of members with and without technology and that is held with the safety of residents in mind. Virtual options are being looked into in the interim; however, if you have specific questions at this time, please address those to the board.

May 22, 2020

We are excited to announce the CLUBHOUSE POOL OPENS TOMORROW, May 23, 2020! Chunky Dunks will also be at the Clubhouse between 3-6 to help us welcome summer!

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, Pool 2 will not be open until sometime next week. We will update you when the pool company has said it is cleared for use. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Due to the current conditions surrounding COVID-19, additional safety guidelines are being enforced (in addition to established rules) for the foreseeable future. Laurelwood HOA has adopted the following safety guidelines for pool use:

Pool hours are from 9am-7pm daily. The Clubhouse pool will have ADULT ONLY swim from 9-10 each morning.

Residents use of the pool is at their own risk.

No more than 20 people are allowed within the pool and sunning area at a time.

To maximize resident use, guests are not permitted at this time.

No one with a fever, recent fever over 100.4 or who is exhibiting flu-like symptoms is permitted entry.

Residents should be prepared with wipes or spray to sanitize loungers, chairs and tables before and after use.

Social distancing between those outside your household is required. Please keep loungers 6 feet apart within the taped guides at all times.

These guidelines are in addition to established pool rules from the HOA. Failure to comply can result in future closure of the pool or revoked individual access for up to 2 weeks. Guidelines are subject to change by decision of the Board of Directors. If there are concerns about guidelines not being followed, please contact the board at 601-421-5152 or info@laurelwoodofms.org.1

March 16, 2020

Board Update:

Due to new CDC recommendations the Laurelwood Homeowners Association's annual meeting has been postponed until further notice. A board update will be available soon regarding neighborhood business. We will also continue to work with local officials on the matter and will update the community as information comes in.

City Update:

Effective immediately the City of Flowood will close all City Parks.

February 21, 2020

Laurelwood's annual meeting will take place Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at the neighborhood clubhouse. If a quorum of the neighborhood is present, the vote for the 2020-2021 officers and board members will take place. If a quorum isn't present, the vote will take place on Thursday, March 19, also at 6:30. All Laurelwood HOA members in good standing are welcome and encouraged to attend!

The following positions will be voted on:

- 2 full board placements (3 year terms)
- 1 special election board placement (2 year term)
- 1 special election board placement (1 year term)
- Secretary (1 year term)
- Treasurer (1 year term)

We are interested in hearing from individuals who want to get involved! Please contact any of the following to get more information on duties and responsibilities involved with the various open positions:

[Emary Booth Walker](#)

[Bobby McGuffie](#)

[Lori Beth Smith](#)

Gary Evans

[Ken North](#)

Jennifer Todd

[Laura Walker](#)

If you cannot attend and would like to have a proxy vote, please complete the [proxy form](#) with proper documentation.

February 20, 2020

NOTICE: LHOA is taking bids for our 2020-2022 landscaping contract. This is an all-inclusive contract that includes regular grass maintenance, lake vegetation management, pine straw and more. All materials must be included for a successful bid. Interested bidders should plan to meet at the Laurelwood Clubhouse on Friday, February 28th, at noon OR Saturday, February 29th, at 10 am for a neighborhood tour and complete bid details. Contact 601-421-5152 or email info@laurelwoodofms.org with inquiries.

February 15, 2020

6:45pm

FLOOD UPDATE: from Kathy Smith

Over the next 6-7 hours, people should see approximately a 2'ft. rise in any standing water levels

connected to the river. The reservoir is opening its gates to match incoming flows, as they are out of storage. This is what we have expected to happen since early this week.

The best information we have now is that this will result in a 38' river. We are currently at a 36' river and the surface elevation increase in most places will be very close to a 2' increase as that overall flow increases.

Wherever water is now it will rise no more than two feet VERTICALLY. We do not anticipate water in houses in Laurelwood. Sandbags are available for those people on the Laurelwood 2 lake, as this area would be affected first, if at all.

3:30pm

FLOOD UPDATE: From Kathy Smith

The increased amounts of water being released should NOT affect us. This will allow the river to crest (still projected at 38 feet) 24 hours earlier.

We are still projecting homes will not be impacted in Laurelwood. This will help with the anticipated rainfall that is to come.

The flood gates will open no later than 6pm tonight. Officials will continue to monitor the situation and we will announce any updates provided to us as we hear them.

February 14, 2020

5:30pm

Flood update: From the City

At this point, the predicted river crest is 38', below you will find picture of an engineered drawing we had done years ago for this very purpose. The drawing shows in blue the projected reach of the water, which stops outside of any houses or streets in Laurelwood. The black squiggly line shows approximate surface water elevation, in this case, 281. These maps are not exhaustive, but they are the best information we believe anyone has.

In addition, we have elevations on many slabs throughout Laurelwood and it does not appear that at this time, there is anything to worry about either with roads or with homes getting water in them.



If we get additional rain or the situation changes somehow, this information could change quickly. Please encourage anyone with questions to reach out and we'll give them as detailed information as we can. My email is pforster@cityofflowood.com for anyone who might need information.

3:29pm

Update: As of now, Laurelwood homes are not expected to be impacted by the flood water but we will see water rising in the surrounding area.

Sandbagging locations:

601 Marquette Road

Lakeshore Park

Liberty Park by the Flowood YMCA

Limit of 10 bags per person - all locations will be open from 8a-8p

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February 13, 2020

The Laurelwood HOA has been in contact with city officials and told, as of now, waters will rise but are NOT expected to enter homes in Laurelwood. We will update as more information becomes available.

January 17, 2020

NOTICE: Laurelwood Homeowners Association Annual Meeting will take place, Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be at the Laurelwood Clubhouse. This meeting will include community updates, information regarding budgets and election of board members and officers. If a quorum isn't reached, voting will take place on Thursday, March 19, 2020, also at 6:30 p.m. All members of the association in good standing are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you cannot attend and would like to have a proxy vote, please complete the [proxy form](#) with proper documentation.

December 31, 2019

BE ADVISED! The Flowood YMCA will be hosting a wellness run on January 1, from 10 am to noon. Residents are encouraged to come out and cheer on the racers. Some of the courses will venture through our subdivision. It may require extra time to get out of the neighborhood during this time so please plan accordingly! The run is free if anyone is looking to participate. Visit the [Flowood YMCA Facebook page](#) for more details!

[Click here for maps.](#)

December 13, 2019

Quarterly Meeting Update (December 3, 2019)

The sewer issue Laurelwood has experienced is the result of a 5-foot solid waste grease blockage that plugged a 36-inch pipe. The plan according to WRUA is for the pipe to be cleared, new pipes installed at the site and reconnection to be complete mid-December. The board has been in contact with Southeastern Pond to perform testing on Lake 1 by the clubhouse.

The Laurelwood line answering service line (601-919-2005) has been disconnected. The current methods to reach the board are by calling or texting 601-421-5152 or emailing info@laurelwoodofms.org.

Santa will be at the clubhouse on Saturday, December 14, at 10 a.m. There will be a craft available and treats with Santa. There will not be a parade this year so that we have more time to work with the city to create a true parade experience in 2020. Due to scheduling conflicts, the lightshow on Westport Way won't be set up this year. We are thankful for the families who participate and put so much time and effort into this lightshow for the community and look forward to its return next year.

There are a lot of Christmas events happening around Flowood. Be sure to visit Winner's Circle Park and enjoy the lights and festivities. Flowood Baptist Church will have a drive through Nativity December 13-15.

The monthly fee on late dues will decrease from [\\$10](#) to [\\$5](#) per month beginning in 2020. The next assessment will be due in February.

There have been complaints regarding covenant violations. Please take the time to repaint mailboxes black if they are showing wear and remember that trailers which are not "in use" for more than 3 days must be stored in a carport or garage or behind the confines of a privacy fence per the neighborhood covenants. If you wish to report a violation, please email WITH PHOTOS and ADDRESS to info@laurelwoodofms.org.

November 27, 2019

Due to schedule limitations, the next Quarterly HOA meeting will be held THIS coming Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30pm. Please let your friends and neighbors know who may not see this message.

The board president (Emary Walker) has been in regular contact with Kathy Smith regarding the sewage backup. The blockage is reported to be substantial so it will still be a couple weeks for WRUA to complete the fix. However, the bypass is working well to keep the system flowing. Emary has also been in contact with DEQ regarding drainage going into Lake 1 and the Board has reached out to several organizations about lake testing in addition to conversations with a Laurelwood resident who has offered to potentially test the water at no cost to the HOA.

The Laurelwood Line Answering Service has been disconnected. This means 601-919-2005 is no longer a working number. If you need to reach someone on the board, please call or text 601-421-5152 or email info@laurelwoodofms.org. Disconnecting the answering service will come with a cost savings of approximately \$180/year.

Santa will be at the clubhouse on Saturday, December 14 at 10 a.m. There will be refreshments and activities for the kids to come enjoy. There will NOT be a parade in Laurelwood this year to give the board and events committee more time to build partnerships for greater participation in 2020.

Genny Heller, who has served as Laurelwood's Secretary since March, has resigned. The board will announce an interim secretary who will serve until the March 2020 annual meeting.

September 24, 2019

[View Minutes from Quarterly Meeting.](#)

August 12, 2019

Friendly reminder that the second installment of HOA assessments will be considered delinquent after Thursday, Aug 15. A \$10/month late fee will be assessed on delinquent accounts until balances are paid. Payments need to include owner name and address and may be sent to the PO Box or dropped at the clubhouse dropbox. If you need to contact the Board regarding payment, please email info@laurelwoodofms.org

July 29, 2019

Event Committee Meeting

Planning meeting for those interested in the Events Committee is scheduled for this Thursday, Aug 1, at 6:30 pm. Meet at the Clubhouse. The plan is to identify events and set dates for the rest of 2019 and 2020 and create action items for the committee to spearhead. Look forward to seeing you there!

July 17, 2019

Joe Shanahan has sold his home and will be moving soon; therefore, he has resigned as VP and from his position on the Board. We are thankful for his service over the past several months. Ken North was unanimously voted in by the remaining Board to serve in Joe's place until the next Annual Meeting in March. Bobby McGuffie was unanimously voted to fill the VP position.

Common Area improvements: Laurelwood has a new pool company and we have seen a quality increase in the maintenance of the pools. The lakes and walking trail are also looking better following the removal of several downed trees. Signs have been ordered and will be installed soon reminding residents and visitors that motorized vehicles of all kinds are prohibited on the

lake sidewalk and the walking trail. Handicap accessibility improvements have been made at the clubhouse and pool 2. Both now have painted reserved parking and signs designated to the space. Please be considerate of these accommodations when parking in these common areas. Handrails have been purchased will be installed in both sets of bathrooms soon.

The second annual assessment of 2019 should have hit everyone's mailboxes this week. Assessment payments can be mailed to the PO Box or placed in the clubhouse dropbox. Assessments are due by NO LATER than August 15. Individuals who are two assessments behind will have liens placed and will be turned over for collections. If there is an extenuating circumstance for delinquency, please contact the Board at info@laurelwoodofms.org so we can work with you.

Meetings will be planned for the respective neighborhood committees. We apologize for this delay. Keep a lookout for interest meeting times.

Updates have been made within the past couple weeks and months to the Laurelwood Sub. Facebook group under the description and rules. The goal is for this private forum to be a place where people can connect with neighbors for support and information. Please be respectful with your comments and posts or they will be removed. Also, if you have a concern or need to report a problem or violation to the Board, please use the Laurelwood Line (601-421-5152) or neighborhood email instead of the Facebook group. THANK YOU for your help with this.

Hopefully we have seen the peak of the issues with the card reading system. We are continuing to work with the company to look into issues and will also be looking for long-term solutions. If you have an issue with your pool card not working, please call or text 601-421-5152 or email info@laurelwoodofms.org.

The next Quarterly Meeting is set for Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 6:30. If you have an issue you would like to address, please send an email to have it added to the agenda. The tentative date for the Christmas Parade and Open House (which will serve as the 3rd Quarterly Meeting) is Dec. 14. More details will be coming soon.

June 26, 2019

Thank you to everyone who came out to the meeting last night. We are very excited to see so many people being an active part in making our neighborhood great!

Updates from last night's meeting:

The 2019 Board has established 3 main goals: 1) to be more transparent with increased communication utilizing newsletters, social media and the Laurelwood website with regular updates 2) invest back into the community with more ways to bring people together and maintaining and updating common areas 3) be more neighborly in our interactions with one another and encouraging all residents to take that extra step to be a good neighbor.

Laurelwood Day was a great success. We had attendance of over 300 residents and were able to reduce overall costs by \$3,200 over 2018.

After combing through the budget and filling new contracts, the HOA has been able to cut expenses by \$2300 per month which provides for better upkeep of our common areas and amenities.

The clubhouse renovations are complete and included deck remodel, new fence, outdoor columns, replacement of gym window, new ceiling on back patio, roof replacement and updated lighting and fans. Handicapped accessible parking will be redone at both pool locations, weather permitting this week.

We have a new event happening this weekend called Popsicles and Patriots. Children are encouraged to decorate their favorite riding toy in red, white and blue and participate in a parade led by Flowood Police and the Flowood Fire Department. The route will start at the clubhouse, turn left down Olympic Drive, will turn up Hemlock drive and will complete the route down Meadow Oak to end at the clubhouse. Participants should line up at 9:30 and the parade will begin at 10. Following the completion of the parade, popsicles and lemonade will be provided to residents sponsored by local State Farm Agent Malcolm Houston. Kids will also receive a free grab bag and adults will receive a mini American flag to wave during the parade. Please come out and show your support for our little patriots!

The Board is working hard to get a solution for the issue with the pool card readers. We appreciate your patience. If you have an issue with your pool card, please send an email with your name and address and which pool you tried to access and we will work to get you taken care of as quickly as possible. We are also working to address the cleaning and maintenance of the pools. We expect to have a new company and contract in place beginning July 1.

Please use the HOA phone number and/or email to report all concerns or questions you have. This allows the Board to keep a more accurate record and ensures that issues don't slip through the cracks. You may call or text 601-421-5152 or you may email info@laurelwoodofms.org. If you have a specific complaint about a covenant violation, please use the email and provide a photo and address for the violation.

Please remember the pool closes every night at 9:30 and children under 16 must be supervised by an adult. There is now ADULT ONLY swim available at both pools from 6am-9am and general access opens at 9 each day unless otherwise posted for maintenance. The weight room now opens at 5am.

Officers from FPD attended last night's meeting. There has been an increase in complaints from neighborhoods across Flowood regarding individuals parking on the streets so units have begun issuing citations. There is a city ordinance in place that permits FPD to issue citations if a vehicle parking on the street is deemed a hazard and impedes the flow of traffic. If you have questions for FPD, please email Captain Shelton at dnshelton@flowoodpd.com.

Spraying around the lakes is scheduled to begin in the next few weeks. This is specifically to target the alligator grass. Further clarification on where the lakes will be sprayed will be addressed before spraying begins. If you live on the lake and are concerned about having the aquatic grass sprayed near your property, please email info@laurelwoodfms.org with your name, contact number and address.

There has been concerns raised about the bugs around the clubhouse. The HOA has entered into a contract with Mosquito Authority which will spray around the clubhouse, pool and far end of the lake every three weeks to help combat the issue. A bug zapper has also been installed. We have currently not been able to find yellow tinted lights that fit the exterior patio can lights but we will look for solutions as possible.

Questions about the walking trail were raised. Fallen trees and a lot of debris has been removed. We have been advised by the city that the area between Lake 1 and Hemlock drive is considered protected wetlands, which limits what we are able to do to the land without significant penalty. We will be back in touch with city authorities for further clarification.

We are still making progress on committees including welcoming, covenant and events committees. If you are interested in getting involved, please email the HOA.

June 13, 2019

Laurelwood Event: Popsicles & Patriots

Calling Laurelwood's tiny patriots! Get your wagons, bikes, trikes and scooters ready to show your love for the US of A! Laurelwood will host a mini kids' parade escorted by Flowood's finest at 10:00am on Saturday, June 29. Don't forget to deck out your ride in red, white and blue! Following the parade, State Farm Agent Malcolm Houston will treat residents to lemonade and popsicles for the kids. Come out and show your American pride!

C-Spire Project

The C-Spire project is expected to deliver the neighborhood a faster, better-quality internet service and as with most positive things, there are some growing pains. Let it be noted, the network expansion was NOT an HOA decision but hopefully this will be a great thing when it is all said and done.

Each residence should have received a notice on your door or porch last week regarding the fiber installation, what to expect, and who to contact with problems or concerns.

The C Spire Project Manager is Arthur Kyles and he can be contacted at 601-717-4341 with any issues or concerns.

May 31, 2019

The Laurelwood I pool (near the clubhouse) will be closed at 7:00pm on Sunday, June 2nd to be drained and refilled Monday morning. The Laurelwood II Pool will be closed Monday, June 3rd at 7:00pm to be drained and will reopen Tuesday once it is refilled.

May 29, 2019

You've asked, and we listened! Laurelwood pools will now be open for ADULT ONLY quiet swim exercise from 6-9am. The weight room will also open at 5am to accommodate our early risers. Thank you for providing us with feedback on how we can better meet the needs of the neighborhood!

May 23, 2019

We've had several complaints come in regarding the pools so please take a few moments to read below.

The pools are the property of all active HOA members. Please be courteous so the pools can be enjoyed by all! The actions and behavior of residents and guests fall under the responsibility of the homeowner whose key is used to enter. Please talk to your children and teens before taking them to the pool about rules and expectations.

NO SMOKING is allowed in or around the pool areas.

There are no lifeguards so please no horseplay that can result in self injury or the accidental injury of others.

Children under 16 must have a parent or adult (not 16yo) at the pool to supervise at all times.

Clean up after yourself including food, drinks, pool toys, chairs, etc.

We want everyone to be able to enjoy the pool so please remind older kids to be mindful of smaller children at the pool and give them appropriate space to play safely.

Do not prop the gates open. Those who enter should have a pool card to gain access.

There are active cameras at both pools and a card access reader at both entrances. While the cameras are not monitored 24/7, they are checked regularly and can be reviewed for complaints. The board reserves the right to revoke pool access for destructive behavior or unwillingness to comply with rules.

If inappropriate activity is reported and/or observed, those individuals may be asked to leave. Those who do not follow rules are subject to having their pool cards deactivated for up to 60 days (following a notice and hearing).

If you have a complaint, please call or text the Laurelwood Line (601-421-5152) or contact a Board member directly. Let's have a great summer!

May 15, 2019

You should have a [newsletter \(click here to access pdf version\)](#) in your mailbox by tomorrow following a snafu with our vendor. Delivery was anticipated well before now! However, we do have all newsletters posted on the website under the Laurelwood Line tab. You can also find it below. We ask for your grace and patience as we continue to work through processes to make things timelier and more efficient. There is a LOT of important info in the newsletter so please take time to look it over and let your neighbors know who aren't on social media or on the web.

May 7, 2019

Few updates about Laurelwood Day... thanks to everyone who ordered t-shirts! We'll be picking them up on Friday, May 17. If you aren't able to come to LWD, we will send an email to arrange how and when to get yours. There are a limited number of extra shirts, please contact the Laurelwood Line if you are interested in purchasing. Zach Polzin, Laurelwood resident and owner of [Mostly Mattresses](#), will be sponsoring a limited supply of beer for the event. (THANK YOU, ZACH!!!) Make sure to go by and see him during the festivities. He'll also be raffling off a bed to one lucky homeowner. You are still welcome to BYOB (no glass!) If you said you want to provide a door prize (or haven't and now want to!), please get with a board member to make that donation by May 15. We will be looking for volunteers (teens welcome) to help for 30 min-1 hour shifts so everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the day. Please email volunteers@laurelwoodofms.org to volunteer. If you need to settle your account to be able to participate, you must do so by May 13. Come out, meet neighbors and enjoy food and fun. We'll see you May 18!

April 26, 2019

MORA will be hosting a 5K tomorrow morning, April 27, starting at 7:30 am. The route will run through Laurelwood and may cause delays getting out of the neighborhood.

Thank you to the Flowood Police Chief and Department staff for keeping us informed.

April 23, 2019

Homeowners! If you are in need of debris removal please email roaddeptadmin@rankincounty.org with your address and contact info and the city will be happy to pick it up!

Construction around the clubhouse will begin today! Work should not inhibit use of the workout room or clubhouse rentals. Please stay clear of work areas. Thank you for your cooperation!

April 18, 2019

25th Annual Laurelwood Day is May 18! T-shirts are available for pre-order through May 1. We will be passing out order forms to each residence over the weekend or they can be downloaded from the LW website. Only members of the HOA in good financial standing are able to attend. If you are behind on your dues, they must be submitted by May 13 to participate. Payments will not be accepted the day of. Due to financial reasons, guests are not permitted at Laurelwood Day.

Crawfish, Burgers, Hotdogs and more will be available for you to come enjoy. This year's event is BYOB-please no glass.

The newsletter should be ready next week and will be mailed out to everyone. Board meeting updates will also be uploaded to the website so they are accessible to those not on social media.

Clubhouse gate was malfunctioning and has now been repaired.

There was damage to the clubhouse fence in yesterday's storm, please do not enter the pool area or cross the caution fencing. You will also begin seeing work done around the Clubhouse soon to have it all ready for Laurelwood Day!

Next quarterly HOA meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 25, at 6:30 pm. Mark your calendars and please plan to attend!

April 8, 2019

A change was made on the Board last night: Lewis Lafferty submitted his resignation as president and membership of the Board, effective immediately. Emary Walker stepped into President and Joe Shanahan as VP. Lori Beth Smith was elected by the remaining Board members present (Emary Walker, Joe Shanahan, Jennifer Todd, Gary Evans, Laura Walker) to fill that position until the next Annual Meeting in March 2020.

An Architectural Advisory Committee was proposed and accepted last night. Those members will serve in a confidential capacity and make recommendations to the Board Chair on architectural plans submitted for approval. Those members nominated and accepted will be contacted, hopefully, later today.

Plans for Laurelwood Day are underway. The Garage Sale will take place May 18 from 6am-noon. Laurelwood Day festivities begin at 4pm and the pools will open that morning as well. Due to budgetary and liability concerns, there will not be a beer truck provided; however, residents are welcome to bring your own beverages (please no glass). Coke products will continue to be provided. Due to heavy congestion in the area, we will not have the train but several kid-friendly activities will continue or be added. Crawfish and other food items will remain the same. HOA members must be in good standing to attend. This event is for HOA Homeowners and their immediate family residing in the home. Please contact info@laurelwoodofms.org to check your status. Jennifer Todd will be heading up our

Laurelwood Day planning and we will be reaching out to individuals who said they would like to get involved for further contact information.

Work is still being done toward creating additional committees. Thank you to everyone who has shown interest in participating.

Covenants Update:

This is the perfect time of year for improvements and renovations—please be sure before you begin major exterior renovations (including paint color or material changes) that you submit those plans to the Architectural Board. Submissions should include a photo of the residence, address, description of submitted changes, exact materials to be used including paint color or building materials, and architectural drafts or plans for residential or ancillary buildings. Those may be emailed, placed in the Clubhouse dropbox or mailed to the PO Box.

If your grass has not already had a date with your lawn mower, please make plans to do that this week. If you are unable to care for your yard, there are a number of individuals in the neighborhood who provide lawn care at a reasonable expense. Also please attend to dead or overgrown shrubs and damaged fencing visible from the street.

Mailboxes are to be BLACK with solid BLACK posts. Several homes have replaced their posts but have not painted their treated wood or have painted the post a different color. If your mailbox needs a little TLC or a sleek black makeover, please make plans to do that ASAP.

Nuisance animals are prohibited in Laurelwood. There is a major feral cat problem-PLEASE do not feed stray animals as that only attracts more strays and possibly other wildlife. If there is a problem in your area, please contact Animal Control or let the Board know the area so we may do so. Also, if you have an animal that is allowed to roam and it creates a nuisance reported to the Board, you may be subject to penalties. If you feed feral animals, those will be considered in your ownership and you will be responsible for issues they may cause. Please do your part to control the pet population and respect of your neighbors' property in regards to your animals.

Other updates:

There is a city ordinance that pertains to parking vehicles in the street for extended periods of time. If a vehicle impedes the flow of traffic it is subject to citation by FPD. If there is a parking concern that creates traffic congestion or hazardous conditions in your area, please contact FPD or you may contact Alderman Kathy Smith at 601-573-6692 to report the address.

The Board is working to create signed contracts with each contractor serving in the neighborhood (landscaping, clubhouse, pools, etc.) that stipulate obligations and payment schedules. This is for their protection as well as Laurelwood's.

There are a number of pool cards that were turned in or never picked up from the Board. If you are missing yours, please submit an email inquiry with your name and address. If a replacement card is required, there will be a \$25 activation fee.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact info@laurelwoodofms.org or 601-421-5152.

March 28, 2019

Wanted to update everyone about a few things from last night's board meeting. Lewis Lafferty is our 2019-2020 board president and Emary Booth Walker is our new VP. Thank you both for stepping into these leadership roles!

LWFOA Officers:

President- Lewis Lafferty
VP- Emary Walker
Secretary- Genny Heller
Treasurer- Lori Beth Smith

Board Members:

Gary Evans
Lewis Lafferty
Bobby McGuffie
Joe Shanahan
Jennifer Todd
Emary Walker
Laura Walker

The board is in the early stages of creating several new committees and would love to get people involved (welcoming committee, architecture committee, Laurelwood Day committee). We need lots of help to pull this off! If you are interested in getting involved, please let us know.

Laurelwood is getting an official email for questions, concerns, and making clubhouse reservations! More details are coming soon. We are also launching a Laurelwood business page on Facebook to offer more real-time updates and information. This will not replace our LW group for notices about lost pets, complaints, questions, etc. As soon as that is ready, we'll let everyone know to go and LIKE 🍷 it!

If you have suggestions that will help serve our community, please reach out and let us know.