



Laurel Oaks Homeowners' Association Newsletter

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Hello fellow homeowners. This is the third quarter newsletter published for your information. We hope your spring and early summer have been pleasant and rewarding.

We have experienced a change in the representative that manages our neighborhood at Marvin-Floyd Associates. Our new representative is Sonia Marvin (sonia-marvin@marvin-group.com). She has a backup person, Kristen Raffaniello (Kristen-raffaniello@marvin-group.com).

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Reminders

Please remember any upgrade to your property, paint, fencing, outside porch lights, front doors, etc. must have board approval to assure uniformity in our neighborhood as outlined in the Laurel Oaks Covenants and Restrictions document. If you would like a copy of this document, please contact the management company and they will mail it to you.

As always this time of year, our yards take a beating due to heat and dry weather along with those pesky old bugs that

love our "grass roots". The management company periodically does a drive through our neighborhood to allow an unbiased set of eyes to take a look and identify any areas of concern with yards or homes that have fallen into disrepair.

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Carrabba's

Lynda Wood's (9584 Glenn Abbey Way) son, Erik Garcia, is the proprietor of the new Carrabba's located at 9965 San Jose Blvd. in Mandrin. Carrabba's is located north of I-295 on east side of San Jose in the same shopping center as Three Sisters

Chocolates and Trek Bicycles.

After five-years as a successful Carrabba's proprietor in Louisville, Colorado, Carrabba's retained Erik as a proprietor with a restaurant near his mother. This is the most modern

Carrabba's in Florida at it's opening on May 7th

Please join us in wishing Erik much success and mention Lynda's name to him when you visit his Carrabba's.

Steve Brakke

Pet Corner

Traveling

Are you considering a trip to Europe, the Caribbean, or even around the world – but you can't bear to leave without Fido, in tow? No need to fret ... the *Queen Mary 2's* "Pets on Deck" program will have you and your family members, especially those with four paws, traveling in style. "Pets on Deck" fees range from \$300 to \$500 per animal, depending on their size. All dogs receive perks including a complementary Cunard doggy jacket, fresh-baked biscuits, and a certificate from their trip. – Shelly Bueche, Paw Prints

Doggie Cookbook

When it comes to training, it helps to think of food as currency to your dog. The following is substantial pay for a hard-working dog.

Bacon Crumbles

Yields 40 crumbles

¼ cup unsalted natural peanut butter

¼ cup cream cheese

¾ cup peanut butter biscuits

4 pieces bacon, cooked and crumbled

1. Combine the peanut butter and cream cheese in a mixing bowl. Mix at medium speed using a paddle attachment until combined.
2. Place the biscuits in a plastic bag

and gently crush them into small crumbles with a rolling pin. Add the bacon and broken biscuits to the peanut butter and cream cheese mixture, and mix until just combined.

3. Wet your hands and shape the mixture into small cubes or rounds. Store the crumbles in a sealed container in the refrigerator for up to one week.

Noteworthy Facts

Anniversary Countdown

Celebrating a Wedding anniversary? Tradition dictates a specific present according to the number of years married. The following is a list of traditional gifts:

<u>Years Married</u>	<u>Traditional Gift</u>
1	Paper
4	Flowers or Fruit
5	Wood
10	Tin or Aluminum
15	Crystal
25	Silver
50	Gold
60	Diamond

Did You Know

In 17th-century Ireland, royalty often used lavender instead of grass to create a lush and fragrant lawn.

A tool library opened in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, in the 1940s, allowing locals to use their library cards to borrow gardening and home-improvement equipment. It's still in operation, and has inspired

similar programs throughout the country.

The world's largest cake was constructed in Las Vegas in 2005 in celebration of the city's centennial. The seven-layer cake was 102 feet long, weighted 130,000 pounds, and contained twenty-three million calories.

During Victorian times, rings were sometimes set with a series of stones that encoded a romantic message; for example: a diamond, emerald, amethyst, and ruby would symbolically spell out DEAR.

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Sudoku Puzzle

A Sudoku puzzle contains nine 3x3 squares inside a 9x9 square. The eighty-one small squares are called **cells**. A horizontal line of nine cells is called a **row**. A vertical line of nine cells is called a **column**. The entire 9x9 square is called the **puzzle**.

The rules are simple. Place the digits 1 through 9 in the cells so that each digit occurs once and only once in each square, row, and column.

See solution on page 4.

6	7		9			3		5
	9	3		8			7	2
5					3		9	
		4		3				1
	6	9	1		8	7	2	
8				6				
	8		3					6
9	3			2		1	5	
4		7			5		8	3

Puzzles

The Case

Stevie weighted about 100 pounds and stood about 6 feet tall. He didn't speak and could not see. He wasn't able to walk but he could run. He was spotted last January in Ely, Minnesota, but disappeared a few days later, never to be seen again.

The Mystery

Who is Stevie and why did he disappear?

The Clues

- Stevie often made people smile.
- Stevie smoked a pipe and never said a word.
- Stevie was pleasingly plump.

- Stevie perished in the snow.
- Stevie wasn't reserved, but some people thought he had a frosty side.

See solution on page 4.

Humor & Quotes

"What is a weed? A plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Airlines are now charging \$15 to check your first bag -- \$15 for the first bag, and \$30 if you ever want to see that bag again." —Jay Leno

"There's a salmonella outbreak, [and] they believe it's linked to tomatoes. Today I was forced to order a BLB ... bacon, lettuce, and more bacon." —Comedian Jimmy Kimmel

"For the first time ever, the national average price for a gallon of gas is over \$4. Which explains the new

nickname for gas — 'Starbucks for your car'." —Conan O'Brien

"A spokesman for United Arab Emirates Airlines says this summer it will launch nonstop flights from the U.S. to Dubai. The spokesman said, 'We want to give Americans a chance to visit their money.'" —Conan O'Brien

Household Hints

1. **Erase Scuff Marks.** With a utility knife, cut an X in a tennis ball and slip it over the end of an old broom handle. Rub the ball over scuffmarks on your wood floors; scuffmarks will come right off.
2. **Protect a Padlock.** Cut a slit in a tennis ball with a utility knife and slip it over an outdoor padlock to prevent water from getting into it and freezing.
3. **Remove a Broken Lightbulb.** The bulb broke off in the socket. Disconnect from electricity, then carefully clear away any shards of broken glass, then gently push a tennis ball against the light socket and twist it to remove the bulb's embedded stem.
4. **Cushion the Blow.** Cut an X in a tennis ball and slip it over the end of a hammer so you don't ding up walls, wood, or other fragile materials while you're pounding away
5. **Install a Parking Guide.** Hang a tennis ball from a string from the ceiling of your garage so that the ball touches the top left corner of the windshield when your car is property parked. Now you'll know how far to pull your car into your garage.
6. **Open a Jar.** Cut a tennis ball in half. Use the open end to grip and unscrew tight lids.
7. **Keep a Door Open.** Who needs a doorstep? Wedge a tennis ball between the door and the doorjamb instead.
8. **Make a Hitch Cover.** Make a long slit in a tennis ball with a utility knife. Slide the ball over the hitch of your trailer to keep it from scratching other cars, and protect it from getting damaged.
9. **Get a Better Grip.** Hold a tennis ball in each hand. Squeeze and release repeatedly to strengthen your hands.
10. **Collect Change.** Cut a slit in a tennis ball and stash spare change inside. Keep the ball in your car so you don't have to grope for your wallet when you're in need of change.

Community Headline Continued

As a result, letters will be sent as friendly reminders that your property may need attention. Please use these reminders as a positive reinforcement and a reminder that this neighborhood belongs to all of us and we all have a stake in maintaining the value of our property and that of our neighbors. Please use these letters as a positive concern and avoid any personal nega-

tive reaction, they are not meant to bully or harass anyone.

Thank you for taking the time to keep our neighborhood beautiful.

Puzzle Solutions

Stevie is a snowman and he melted.

6	7	8	9	4	2	3	1	5
1	9	3	5	8	6	4	7	2
5	4	2	7	1	3	6	9	8
7	5	4	2	3	9	8	6	1
3	6	9	1	5	8	7	2	4
8	2	1	4	6	7	5	3	9
2	8	5	3	7	1	9	4	6
9	3	6	8	2	4	1	5	7
4	1	7	6	9	5	2	8	3