

Explanation of Dues Reduction 2013

Regular yearly Homeowners Association dues are \$75. For the second year in a row the Board has voted to reduce these fees to \$50 to lower our overall balance. As expenses dictate throughout the year the dues amount will be revisited again at the end of the year.

The Treasurer's Report will be posted on our website for your information.

Some things your dues pay for:

- **Commons Maintenance.** Our largest expense is mowing (the amount of rainfall determines how often this is done) and dead tree removals.
- **Creek erosion control measures.** Plantings and cleanup. PLEASE DO NOT DUMP YARD WASTE IN THE CREEK! It is illegal and reduces both the health of the creek and our erosion control measures.
- **Earth Day Cleanup.** Our annual cleanup is done on a date close to Earth Day (April 22). Volunteers meet at the bridge and chores are chosen. A great opportunity to meet your neighbors and beautify our neighborhood!
- **Summer Picnic.** We book the shelter at Jaycee Park and provide the main course and drinks. Another way to get together with your neighbors.
- **Homeowners Directory.** This information is collected through your dues collection form. Once we have enough new entries we publish an updated directory. If you need to update your entry or need a copy of the current directory contact us at laurelwood.troy@gmail.com.

Mail Theft Incident

You may or may not be aware that a great many of the mailboxes in our neighborhood were robbed sometime overnight December 21-22. Several homeowners filed police reports and at least one reported the theft to the postal inspector.

Thanks to the neighbors who collected the bits of mail and tried to piece together holiday cards and pictures and return them to their neighbors.

Reports can be filed here:

Troy Police 248-524-3477

<http://www.cityoftroy.com/Pages/default.aspx>

Postal Inspector 877-876-2455

<https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov/>

Keep track of your billing statements and account information – you should have a heightened awareness of the possibility of identity theft as a result of this incident.

After your dog does his business, don't forget to do yours!



Even other dog lovers don't like to find that unwelcome surprise - please clean up after your pet.

New Website

We are currently moving our site to a new site (the old website will send you to this new address): www.laurelwood.weebly.com

Congratulations and thanks to our neighbors who are doing long-term maintenance on their properties.

Replacing driveways, landscaping, fixing chimneys and updating windows and doors are all part of our investment in our homes and our neighborhoods. You make us all look better to future home buyers and keep our property values up!

Please do your part to keep our neighborhood looking good!

Want to get involved?
Have an idea for a neighborhood activity?
Interested in joining the Landscaping Committee or the Board?

Contact any board member or email us at

laurelwood.troy@gmail.com

President	Wally Bojan
Vice-President	Mike McCarty
Treasurer	Susan McCarty
Secretary	Monica Parrish
Trustees	Mark Block
	Rick Hevelhorst
	Chris Lawson
	Wes McNaughton
	Dave Thomas

Sidewalk Access

PLEASE **DO** remove snow from all sidewalks adjacent to your property. City ordinance requires this within 12 hours of snowfall.

PLEASE **DON'T** block the sidewalk with your vehicle(s) – sidewalks must be fully usable to sidewalk traffic.

Sign Reminder

Political signs are considered temporary signs.

All temporary signs should be removed within 60 days of placement, according to city ordinance.