



Board Meeting Notes

Meetings were held in January and February. Many community members attended the January meeting to express displeasure with a derelict car which was parked on Torchwood Drive for more than 6 weeks. Board members had spoken to the owners on multiple occasions. The board will talk to the VC Sheriff and Zoning Department and give the resident written formal notice of the violation. Capital improvements are needed and will be made this year. They include refurbishing the entrance and street signs. Options were discussed. There is an outstanding lien on one property that will be recouped when the home is sold. The budget was presented and approved at the January meeting. Membership as of January's meeting was 39.

The main focus of the February meeting was finalizing the cost of the signage. We secured a lower price for the repairs and board members volunteered their services regarding design and refurbishment, saving us a substantial amount of money. Total membership is now 89.

.....Key Information.

- POISON CONTROL.....800-222-1222
- DUKE ENERGY.....800-228-8485
- VOLUSIA COUNTY:
- ROAD & BRIDGE.....386-822-6422
- Report pot holes, drainage issues, signs & mowing
- ANIMAL CONTROL.....386-248-1790
- CODE ENFORCEMENT.....386-736-5925
- In residential areas, motor vehicles may not be parked in the front yard except on driveways.
- WV TRANSFER STATION.....386-423-3862

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Neighbors,

As this is my first Chairman's letter, let me introduce myself. My wife Kathy, daughter Rachel and I moved to this wonderful neighborhood in 2021 and I have served on the HOA board since 2023.

This year I assumed Duncan MacKenzie's position as chairman, while he'll continue to serve as a board member. Georgette Varela also stepped down from the board where she served as secretary. Thank you both for your service to the community. At our January meeting, the board voted to add Patrick Farrell to the team as secretary. We also had changes with the Architectural Review Board. Thank you for your support over the last year Jim Hermann. The HOA board will support the ARB until the position is filled. Please continue to report all requests or issues via the website.

As we discussed at the annual meeting in November, we are moving forward with a couple of improvements to our common areas along Stratford Dr. We have budgeted and are making the necessary repairs, replacements, and/or repainting of the signs at the entrance to the neighborhood. We have also budgeted and will repair the street signs on Stratford Dr.

Touching on covenant enforcement, I'm going to plagiarize a past Chairman, Jon Freeburg. Driveways are for parking, lawns are not. There has recently been an increase in cars (including unlicensed) parked in front yards and lawns, which is against county regulations. This not only inconveniences other neighbors but is unsightly. Please park your cars in your driveways, not on the lawn.

Thank you for supporting our HOA and making this community the best in Volusia County.

Sincerely,

Michael Company, Chairman,
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NEXT HOA MEETING
APRIL 16th

ANNUAL TREE GIVEAWAY

The City of DeLand will host its annual Tree Giveaway on April 18, offering residents an opportunity to beautify their properties and enhance the local environment.

The giveaway, which is done in partnership with the DeLand Breakfast Rotary Club, will take place beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 18, at the city's Public Services complex, 1102 South Garfield Avenue, with vehicles entering from the Amelia Avenue side. A total of 1,000 trees will be given away, with a limit of three trees per residence and a maximum of six per vehicle.



TREE FUND

Look at this beautiful tree behind these lovely ladies. Judy Black and daughter Sandy took advantage of the tree fund to purchase and plant this lovely tree. PS Judy immediately made a donation to the tree fund.

CORNERD BEEF & CABBAGE

Ingredients: 3# Corned beef,, potatoes, carrots, and cabbage



Place corned beef brisket and spice packet in Dutch oven. Add water to almost cover. Bring to boil. Cover. Reduce heat. Simmer about 2 hours until tender.



Add potatoes and carrots. Use small veg or cut into 3" pieces. Cook until tender (10 min). Add cabbage. Cook until tender—about 15 minutes.

Slice meet against the grain. Serve on plate or in bowl, depending on how much juice you like.

Open a Guinness and ENJOY



TREATING COLD-DAMAGED PLANTS



Does this poor plant look familiar?

WATER: Watering is key. Even injured plants need water.

FERTILIZER: While you may be tempted to add a little fertilizer to your plants to help speed their recovery hold off. If you fertilize too early you could encourage new growth before cold weather has gone. It's best to wait until spring to begin fertilizer application. Once the danger of frost has passed, an application of fertilizer can help speed recovery.

PRUNING: Don't prune cold-damaged plants right away. The dead foliage looks bad, but will help insulate plants from further injury. In the spring, assess the extent of the damage by scraping the bark with your fingernail. Cold-injured wood will be black or brown under the bark. To be certain where to prune, wait until plants begin to sprout new growth. Herbaceous plants like impatiens and begonias that are damaged by the cold may collapse. If this happens, it's best to cut them down and remove the plants to prevent fungal or bacterial problems from arising as they decay.

LAWN: Seeing your lawn turn brown during the winter can be worrying for some homeowners; however, this is a normal part of your lawn's winter dormancy. Come spring time your lawn should rebound and begin producing new green growth.

But when hard freezes hit, your turfgrass may be injured. If temperatures suddenly fall below 20 degrees Fahrenheit, your lawn may your lawn does not recover in the spring, you may have to replace some of the grass with sod pieces or plugs.

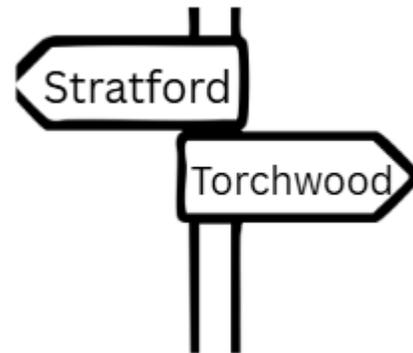
With a little care and patience you may be able to recover most or all of the plants in your landscape.

FEBRUARY YARD OF THE MONTH

Suzanne Ricciardi
983 Torchwood Dr.



Congratulations to our Yard of the Month winner! Thank you for helping to make our neighborhood beautiful! Remember, only paid HOA members are eligible for this award, so make sure you've paid your annual dues of \$100. Be a good neighbor and consider nominating a yard you love by calling Teri or John Christopher at 386 -956- 8895.



SPRING PROJECT - SIGNAGE

Have you noticed the large entrance signs on Taylor Road have been removed? They both have reached end-of-life and are being replaced. In addition, the ironwork framing the signs is being refurbished. Some of the rings were replaced and everything is being sanded and repainted. Posts and tops of street signs are also being replaced where needed. In order to save money, volunteers have been doing the sanding and painting. This is not an easy job!

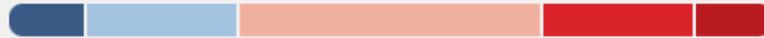
Many thanks to John & Teri Christopher, Teri & Al Whren, and Nada Acquaro for taking on this tedious project.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Volusia County



Very cool Cool Warm Hot Very hot



Volusia County **ranks #1402** nationally and is steady, with light activity.
Homes sell in a median of **92 days**.

Long Leaf Plantation

Two homes sold at the end of last year and one sold this month. Currently, we have 2 homes on the market; one is still actively seeking buyers. The other is under contract and should close in mid-April. Sales have slowed and prices have gone down slightly. Mortgage rates are now in the 5% range, which may help summer sales.

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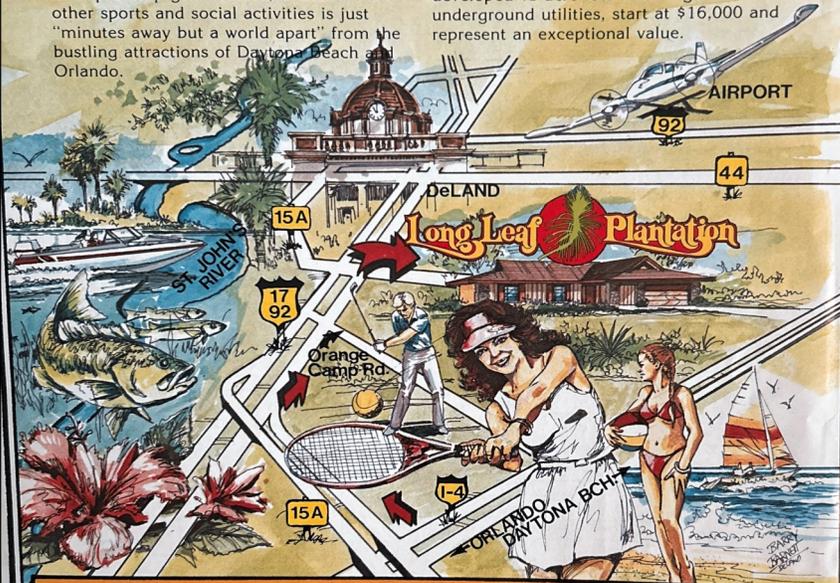
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Long Leaf Plantation at DeLand is ideally located in Central Florida. DeLand, with its quiet university town atmosphere, proximity to the St. Johns River, four area 18 hole championship golf courses, and numerous other sports and social activities is just "minutes away but a world apart" from the bustling attractions of Daytona Beach and Orlando.

Long Leaf Plantation, with its rolling hills and majestic pine and oak trees offers discriminating buyers relaxed and luxurious lifestyles in a rustic environment. Fully developed 1/2 acre lots featuring underground utilities, start at \$16,000 and represent an exceptional value.



Long Leaf Plantation is another fine community of restricted homesites offered by Dave Robinson Builder & Developer, Inc. We have a wide variety of luxurious home designs that can be customized to fit your unique lifestyle - priced from the mid \$60's.



Long Leaf Plantation

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Directions: Take I-4 To The Orange City Exit (15A). Follow Signs To 17-92 & Taylor Road In DeLand. Turn East On Taylor Road To Stratford, Turn Right On Stratford To Black Iron Drive. Follow To Model Home Center.



John and Leah Wittich led an impromptu Fourth of July parade in 1986 that has become an annual Long leaf tradition.

1987



This is a great flyer that **Nancy Grant** saved advertising our lovely neighborhood. I love the slogan "just minutes away but a world apart."

Still



BEACON PHOTO/LEE BALCO

Pride on parade

Residents of Long Leaf Plantation parade their patriotism during the neighborhood Independence Day celebration Saturday morning.

2004—Taylor Road East entrance finished



Ron and Pat Derstine pitching in.
2004