



Long Leaf Sentinel

Board Meeting Highlights

Meetings were held in May and July.

During this quarter, the dead hawthorns in the median were removed and 3 yards of mulch was added. A battery for a sprinkler node was replaced.

4th of July plans were made and dates for fall events (community yard sale and Oktoberfest), and annual meeting were established. The publication date for the next newsletter was discussed.

Again, most of the time was spent on covenant violations and ways to better communicate these rules to residents.

We now have 129 residents who have paid their dues for 2024. As our budget is based on 125 residents, we have exceeded that threshold. Unfortunately, that leaves nearly 100 residents who are not paying members of the HOA. The dues are nominal and easily affordable; therefore, money cannot be the issue. All residents benefit from the upkeep made possible by 50% of you. Please do not let petty issues keep you from paying your fair share. We invite you to come to a meeting and air your grievances.

The HOA Secretary and Vice President positions are open for 2025-2027 and will be voted on at the annual meeting in November. Please submit your resume to Nada Acquaro if you would like to run.

The head of the Architectural Control Board and newsletter committee are also open. Please consider volunteering.

.....Key Information.....

- POISON CONTROL.....800-222-1222
- W VOLUSIA CO POLICE, FIRE & EMS.....386 254-4657
- Duke Energy.....800-228-8485
- VOLUSIA CO ROAD & BRIDGE.....386-822-6422
- Report pot holes, drainage issues, signs & mowing
- VOLUSIA CO ANIMAL CONTROL.....386-248-1790
- VOLUSIA CO CODE ENFORCEMENT.....386-736-5925
- In residential areas, motor vehicles may not be parked in the front yard except on driveways.
- W VOLUSIA TRANSFER STATION.....386-423-3862
- For recycling and household hazardous waste
- WATERING DAYS (before 10am)/Daylight Saving Time...
- Even house # Thurs & Sun; Odd house # Wed & Sat

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Fellow Homeowners:

The Florida State Legislature recently passed and Governor DeSantis signed House Bill 1203, House Bill 59, and House Bill 293 which introduce a range of new requirements and regulations with which HOAs must comply. The HOA board is now working to review and incorporate these changes and the effect they will have upon life here in Long Leaf Plantation.

It is with regret that we have lost the services of Erica Usher as head of the Architectural Control Board. Her work will be now assumed on a monthly basis by members of HOA board until a new volunteer steps forward. The assignments are as follows:

- August – Teri Christopher
- September – Jef Morris
- October – R. Duncan MacKenzie
- November – Mike Company
- December – Nada Acquaro
- January – Rebecca Verrastro

It was a well-attended and happy Fourth of July Parade! Thank you to all the participants for your support of our community.

Duncan MacKenzie
Chairman
Long Leaf Plantation Homeowners Association

COMING EVENTS

OKTOBERFEST-October 19, 5-9 PM /1676 Red Mangrove

Come join your neighbors in this fall celebration. Once again, we will have a bounce house and games for the children and a DJ and beer for the adults. German food (meats) will be grilled and served. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Community-Wide Yard Sale-October 26, 7-3 PM

It's that time of year. Go through your garage and closets looking for items to sell. If it's got dust on it, it's probably should go.

Annual Meeting-November 7@ 7:30 PM /Imanual Presbyterian Church / 811 Orange Camp Rd. (around the back)

Doors open and refreshments are served at 7 PM. Come mingle with other residents before the meeting officially begins.

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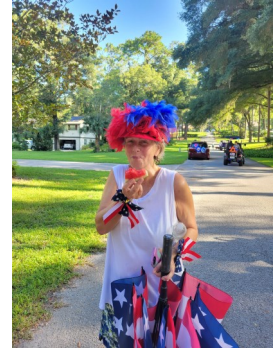
PATRIOTISM ON FULL DISPLAY *BY SANDY BLACK*

More than 40 Long Leaf neighbors and friends gathered bright and early on a sunny morning for the annual 4th of July parade. The parade included young riders on decorated bicycles and walkers who waved USA flags. Several golf carts driving the route were tastefully decorated in tinsel. Participants were fully decked-out for the 4th – from feathered festive hats, down to their printed socks. A few walkers carried umbrellas with stars and stripes, adding further color splash to the procession. Even the Grants' friendly dog Coco sported a USA bandana.

Suzy Smith led the way on her horse Mac, who brought smiles to the faces of all participants. Long Leaf residents of all ages joined in the parade. Honored participants were Jack, who walked the route in his first responder shirt, and his wife Floss, who enjoyed watching the parade from their patio. Congratulations to Jack and Floss who recently celebrated 70 years of marital bliss. In keeping with another Long Leaf tradition, Ralph DeMattia aired patriotic music from his red van, and shared stories of his US military service. Spectators enjoyed the patriotic displays and pieces of Americana.

A US flag of several square yards proudly hung above the road in front of Russell and Nancy Grant's home where participants enjoyed watermelon at the end of the route. Even Suzy's horse Mac ate some as he patiently posed for photos.

Special thanks to the Grants, as always, for kindly hosting the parade.



MEET MUSASHI

BY MANNY & MYRNA

Have you been curious about a beautiful canine who lives in Long Leaf? Well, his name is Musashi. Musashi's breed originated from Maline, Belgium, hence the name Malinois. Belgian Shepherds are of the herding family. These dogs were extensively used for herding and protecting livestock against wolves and other predatory animals. There are 4 types of Malinois; Musashi is of the short-haired type.

Malinois are born with protective instinct and are very aggressive which is one of the reasons that law enforcement agencies and the military are their primary users. Malinois have very high-prey drive and are very active and athletic. They are highly intelligent and eager to learn. Properly trained, these dogs make great companions. Musashi was sired by Sako and Whiskey from the Gatorland Malinois kennel. Ted Hoppie is the owner. Musashi's blood lines came from Chaos Devanti's Kraus's - a three-time Belgian Street Ring National Champion (a dog protection competition); Chaos' offspring is Sako, Musashi's father.

Musashi's training started with "potty training" when he was 9 weeks old. He accomplished this in a very short period. Then came basic obedience. His biggest hurdle was the command 'STAY'. Next was advanced obedience training, which he really liked. Musashi understands and responds to verbal and hand signals. Off-leash training was a breeze for him. Musashi is trained in Handler Protection, Carjacking, Home Invasion and other protection methods up to level three. Musashi understands friendly and aggressive behavior and responds accordingly. Socializing him with other dogs and people was accomplished with the help of our neighbors and their dogs. Belle and Elliott were his early friends, then came Maddie, Finn, Abby and Maverick, Coco, and Layla to name a few.

Malinois are very fierce, loyal and almost fearless. Fireworks, thunder and lightning do not bother them. In the dog world they have only two ways of coping, Fight or Flight. Belgian Shepherds are known to fight rather than flight. So, when you see us out and about in the neighborhood, say "Hi" and scratch Musashi behind his ears and on top of his back but avoid touching his flanks, which he does not like.



YARDS OF THE MONTH

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

MAY

JUDITH BLACK

867 Torchwood Dr.



JUNE

Doug and Tammy Phillips

1093 Torchwood



JULY

Sally McNulla

844 Torchwood Dr.



COVENANT CORNER-TREES

Q. My tree vendor told me that it is ok for me to remove a tree from my property today. Do I still need ACB Approval to remove a tree?

A. Yes, the ACB must approve all tree removals over a size that is articulated in our covenants. Because of the nature of our community, our ACB and HOA are aggressive about tree enforcement. You can be fined for removal of a tree without prior approval and can also be subject to further injunctive enforcement for violating our covenants related to removal of trees. That said, the approval process considers several factors, including but not limited to the dangers to you or your property related to the request. Please get approval prior to removal of any tree and consider planting elsewhere on your property to replace any removal to keep preserve our community standard.



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