



# Long Leaf Sentinel

## Board Meeting Highlights

The HOA has been busy this year with meetings almost every month. A good portion of the meeting time is still taken up with covenant violations. Please remember, you must get Architectural Control Board (ACB) approval before making any changes to the outside of your home, cutting down a tree, or constructing any structure on your property – even mailboxes. The covenants are listed on the website (lphoa.org). If you download the covenants to your computer, the document will be searchable (Alt+F), making it easy to find a particular word. It was decided that ACB approval will be good for only 6 months and then a new request must be submitted.

One of my duties is to check the HOA online mailbox. I try to check it at least once a day. I have coined a new idiom, along the lines of "A watched pot never boils." Mine is "A watched mailbox will receive no mail." I can check everyday and find nothing; but if I forget, sure enough, mail with flow in. In fact, the number of emails received seems to be directly related to the number of days I have not checked. Please be patient when submitting a request. Remember, we are all volunteers and have many other responsibilities.

The meetings usually last 1 to 1-1/2 hours. At every meeting, we read the minutes from the previous meeting and the treasurer presents her monthly report(s). We then hear from all the committees and attend to old and new business. We ask for community member comments if anyone is in attendance. We welcome community participation and input. Feel free to attend.

Good news: Our total membership is now at 125, which is great because that is the number of members our budget is based on. Bad news: That means nearly 80 residents have not joined the HOA. Imagine the improvements we could make with \$8000.

### .....Key Information.....

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- Duke Energy .....800-228-8485
- VOLUSIA CO ROAD & BRIDGE .....386-822-6422
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- 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:

This morning I was sitting with my wife and our neighbor from across the street on our porch, enjoying the morning, the bird song, and the temperate breezes. Since the planting of a butterfly attractive Red Porterweed in our front yard last year, we were able to watch as a hummingbird, two Monarch and some Sulphur butterflies availed themselves of the plant's nectar. The Magnolia trees in ours and our neighbor's yards scented the breeze. I once again thanked my lucky stars for having found the serenity of Long Leaf Plantation. As I wrote last spring it is my wish that you all have time and a chance to enjoy our beautiful unique community. I also hope you are able to enjoy a walk or the simple pleasure of sitting in your outdoor area and enjoying our most special place.



Photo credit - Deb Buzzell.

And please, do not forget the July 4th parade.

Duncan MacKenzie  
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## NEWSLETTER

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## IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR...

Yes, I'm talking about Hurricane Season. Officially, Hurricane Season runs from June 1st to November 30th. Due to warm sea surface temperatures in the Atlantic and the La Nina effect, an active season is predicted. Twelve facilities have already issued their predictions with NOAA announcing their predictions on Thursday, May 23rd.

Most of us are veterans when it comes to hurricane preparedness, but for the newbies, here is some sage advice. Long Leaf has underground utilities, but unfortunately the power lines leading to our neighborhood are above ground. So, it's a good idea to prepare for a power outage. Remember, the best time to prepare is BEFORE the season begins.

1. Put together an **"emergency kit"** to get you through the entire season. It should include: a battery-powered radio and extra batteries (better yet, a portable crank or solar-powered radio with USB charger for your cell phones), flashlight, manual can opener, and a loud whistle in case you need to summon help.
2. Water (1 gallon per person).
3. Canned and nonperishable food for you and your pets – enough for days. Keep in a cool dry place.
4. Filling a bathtub with water for washing and flushing is still a good idea.
5. Make sure you have all your medications on hand.
6. Put important documents, such as your homeowner's insurance policy, in a waterproof container or bag. Have electronic copies on your computer, if possible.
7. Inventory your home and take pictures to document damage.
8. Emergency contact information and CASH.



After the storm, stay off the roads as much as possible until they have been cleared. Try not to drive through puddles as you can't be certain how deep the water is or what might be hidden in them. Due to the rolling nature of our neighborhood, we have sustained very little flooding in past storms. We have lost some trees. A good way to minimize tree damage is to have your trees trimmed/thinned prior to a storm. We have many tree trimmers in the area. Give one a call.

Stay Safe my friends.



Source	Date	Named storms	Hurricanes	Major hurricanes	Ref
<i>Average (1991–2020)</i>		14.4	7.2	3.2	[1]
<i>Record high activity</i>		30	15	7†	[2]
<i>Record low activity</i>		1	0†	0†	[2]
TSR	December 11, 2023	20	9	4	[3]
ACW	March 27, 2024	20–25	8–12	4–7	[4]
CSU	April 4, 2024	23	11	5	[5]
MFM	April 5, 2024	21	11	N/A	[6]
TSR	April 8, 2024	23	11	5	[7]
UA	April 8, 2024	21	11	5	[8]
MU	April 12, 2024	26	11	5	[9]
NCSU	April 16, 2024	15–20	10–12	3–4	[10]
TWC	April 18, 2024	24	11	6	[11]
UPenn	April 24, 2024	33	N/A	N/A	[12]
SMN	May 6, 2024	20–23	9–11	4–5	[13]
TWC	May 15, 2024	25	12	6	[14]

The following list of names will be used for named storms that form in the North Atlantic in 2024.<sup>[16]</sup> This is the same list used in the 2018 season, with the exceptions of *Francine* and *Milton*, which replaced *Florence* and *Michael*, respectively.<sup>[17]</sup>

• Alberto ( <i>unused</i> )	• Helene ( <i>unused</i> )	• Oscar ( <i>unused</i> )
• Beryl ( <i>unused</i> )	• Isaac ( <i>unused</i> )	• Patty ( <i>unused</i> )
• Chris ( <i>unused</i> )	• Joyce ( <i>unused</i> )	• Rafael ( <i>unused</i> )
• Debby ( <i>unused</i> )	• Kirk ( <i>unused</i> )	• Sara ( <i>unused</i> )
• Ernesto ( <i>unused</i> )	• Leslie ( <i>unused</i> )	• Tony ( <i>unused</i> )
• Francine ( <i>unused</i> )	• Milton ( <i>unused</i> )	• Valerie ( <i>unused</i> )
• Gordon ( <i>unused</i> )	• Nadine ( <i>unused</i> )	• William ( <i>unused</i> )

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual 4th of July parade. This year, the 4th falls on a Thursday. We always meet up at 8 AM at the home of Russell and Nancy Grant, 1676 Red Mangrove. The route covers approximately half of the neighborhood. Please show your patriotism by decorating yourself, bike, stroller, dog... anything that you will take to the parade. Neighbors wave from their front yards as the parade passes by. We end back at the Grant's for watermelon and prizes for the kids. A good time is had by all and it's a great opportunity to show our love and gratitude for our country.

## Seen Around the Neighborhood



Eclipse viewing



## 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.

### FEBRUARY 2024

Don Day  
1627 Red Mangrove



### MARCH

Charlie Johnson  
1045 Torchwood Dr.



### APRIL

LeAnn Strickland  
823 Torchwood Dr.

## REAL ESTATE NEWS

Sales have really slowed down. We have only had one home sell this year, but it was a record breaker. We officially went over the \$500,000/\$200 per-square-foot mark proving that sales may be slow but prices continue to rise. Good news for all of us.



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