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## Letter from the Chairman

It's Spring and love is in the air! At least the love of our neighborhood and the beauty of this hidden gem. People who come through this neighborhood always speak highly of the beauty of the trees and lot sizes. As your Chairman, I agree, Long Leaf Plantation is unique in its appearance from the surrounding neighborhoods. It takes work to maintain this type of appeal. We recently finished up with the placement of landscaping on the newest name monument located at the western side of the Taylor Road entrance. We hope you enjoy it as you enter Long Leaf each day.

While the common areas are being maintained, it is also important that each homeowner also does their part by keeping lawns and shrubs trimmed and tidy. In addition, there are areas that are becoming eyesores, namely our mailboxes. Many of the homeowners have upgraded to the larger metallic mailboxes that give a look of stability. At the same time, there are many mailboxes that are falling apart. These are generally the wooden mailboxes. While one may not want to invest in the metallic mailbox, we ask that you DO invest in a new wooden mailbox, or a metal box with a wood surround, and paint it the matching color to your home. This serves your home value and the overall value of the neighborhood. I respectfully ask that those with shabby mailboxes make it a priority to update your mailbox this spring.

It has been almost ten years since we last increased our dues from \$50 to \$75 per year. With the volume of membership, we are finding it difficult to stay on top of the yearly expenses for keeping Long Leaf protected and attractive. There are two ways for us to address this problem: increase the volume of membership or increase the amount of dues. As residents of Long Leaf, you benefit from the beauty and attractiveness of the neighborhood. In return it would be helpful if you would support the neighborhood association by becoming a member. We have many residents who are not members for one reason or another; many of the reasons are unknown to the LLPHOA Board. It would be very helpful to know why you have not joined. We would like your feedback. Please send us an email at [www.longleafsentinel@gmail.com](mailto:www.longleafsentinel@gmail.com) and share your concerns with us. We will take every step possible to address your concerns with anticipation you would, in turn, become a supporter of the association.

We want to thank the members of Long Leaf who support the betterment of our community. You are very much appreciated. Everyone in Long Leaf benefits from resident support through the upkeep or their property appearance, including mailboxes and the yearly dues. This is returned through the increased property values as houses continue to sell in Long Leaf.

*Ron Derstine*  
Chairman

# Spring Long Leaf Community Yard Sale

Perfect timing for spring cleaning! The Long Leaf Plantation Community Yard Sale will be held on **SATURDAY, APRIL 16** from 7:30 am – 1:00 pm. The Association will place the advertising. All you need to do is gather up all those things you've been wondering what to do with, put prices on them, put them on tables inside or outside your garage and wait for those bargain hungry buyers!

## Dine Around

**Thursday, April 14 at 5:30pm**  
**Sinatra's L'aldila Ristorante**

Located inside the Cassadaga Hotel  
355 Cassadaga Road 386 218-3806

**Thursday, May 12 at 5:30pm**  
**Norwood's in New Smyrna**

400 East 2nd Avenue 386 428-4621

**Thursday, June 9 at 5:30pm**  
**Aunt Catfish's in Port Orange**

4009 Halifax Drive 386 767-4768



Scenes from January's Dine Around at the Campbell Residence

Our Dine Around coordinator Anita Campbell has told The Sentinel that between vacations and other commitments, she is looking for a volunteer to take over the location and booking of eating establishments for Dine Around. She needs someone to step in no later than May 16th. If you have an interest in doing this or have questions on what is involved, give Anita a call at 734-9224; she will be happy to chat with you.

## Architectural Control Board

We have completed the building of the ACB team. Mark Conway has been elected the new Chairman of the ACB by the newest members Don Day and Jim McNulla. This team will be the ones you go to for information about any changes you wish to make to your home or property; such as painting, putting in sheds or fences, or cutting down trees. Their contact information is located on the front of this newsletter. While Mark is an old pro with the ACB, we welcome Don and Jim to this important group of Long Leaf Plantation supporters.

## Mosquito Control

It's important that we all do our part when it comes to keeping our yards free of debris that collect standing water which creates breeding grounds for mosquitos. To find out more about what you can do to help fight against disease-spreading mosquitos, visit [volusia.org/mosquito](http://volusia.org/mosquito) or call Volusia County Mosquito Control at 386 424-2920.



As the election season is well upon us, we remind you that political signs are prohibited from being displayed in our neighborhood. *Thank you!*



## Sour Cream Coffee Cake

### Ingredients:

- ½ C Butter or Oleo
- 1 C Sugar
- 3 Eggs
- 2 C Sifted Flour
- 1 tsp Baking Soda
- 1 tsp Baking Powder
- 1 C Sour Cream
- 1 tsp Vanilla

### Topping:

- ¾ C Brown Sugar
- 2 T Flour
- ½ tsp Cinnamon
- 2 T Butter or Oleo
- ½ C Chopped Pecans

### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease and flour bundt or angle food cake pan.

Cream butter and sugar together. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition.

Sift dry ingredients together – add alternately with sour cream and blend well. Add vanilla.

Mix brown sugar, flour and cinnamon together for topping.

Cut in butter with pastry blender or 2 knives. Add pecans.

Pour ½ batter in greased and floured bundt or angel food cake pan. Sprinkle with ½ of topping.

Add other half of batter and top with remainder of topping.

Bake 50-60 Minutes.

*Welcome to our Newest Residents*

A special welcome to our new neighbors, Bonne Lindberg & Matt Marzullo at 695 Black Ironwood. We hope you love Long Leaf as much as we do!

## Gardening Tips for Spring Spruce Up

We all want to have an appealing look to our property, both for aesthetics and curb appeal. Some things we can do to keep our homes looking attractive is to manage the rampant growth that Florida is known for in the Spring time. Here are a few tips to keep in mind:

- Now is the time to trim those Crepe Myrtles. Use the ones in the median as an example if you're unsure how to trim.
- Rake dead grass and leaves from your gardens and lawns.
- Spread weed and feed on your lawn for a greener and healthier lawn.
- Plug and/or sod the bare spots in your yard.
- Water your yard according to the Volusia County Watering Schedule for our neighborhood (included on the back of our newsletters). If it has rained the day of or the night before your watering days, turn off your sprinklers. This not only helps your lawn it also helps your wallet and protects our precious water supply.
- Trim your Azaleas within three weeks after they are done blooming and then fertilize and mulch them. Waiting too long to trim Azaleas will reduce the volume of flowers you will get next year.

*Happy Gardening!*

## Yards of the Month

Congratulations to this quarter's Yard of the Month Winners! Thank you for helping to make our neighborhood beautiful!



**January**  
Janice and Ron  
Simonik  
914 Torchwood Drive

**February**  
Suzi Adams  
and Ed Crain

696 Torchwood Drive



**March**  
Gary and Joan  
Tessero  
1052 Torchwood Drive



## Getting To Know Your Neighbors

We are starting a new item for our newsletter that allows Long Leaf Plantation residents to get to know their neighbors a little better. Ron and Pat Derstine have agreed to be the first in line. You most likely know Ron and Pat from all the activities they perform as our Board Chairman and 'good neighbors'. Pat is also very well known by all the dogs in the neighborhood as she carries doggie treats with her most of the time!

Pat and Ron were both born and raised in the southeastern portion of Pennsylvania. They were married in December of 1956 in Pennsylvania. From there they lived in Oklahoma for a while as Ron served out a four-year term in the United States Air Force.

They have quite a large family with three beautiful daughters: Jacie who lives in Palm Bay; Jenelle lives in Towanda, PA and Brenda, who lives in Holiday, FL. These daughters blessed them with five grandchildren; Rori, Brody, Keaton, all who reside in NY; Rachel and Amy, both Florida girls. Rachel and her husband serve as missionaries in Lima, Peru. These five

grandchildren provided even greater blessings for Pat and Ron through five great-grandchildren!! Pat loves traveling to Peru and Orchard Park, NY to see her great grandchildren.

Ron and Pat attend the Volusia County Baptist Church in Orange City. They moved to Long Leaf in 1995 from Winter Park, where Ron and Pat owned an automotive repair business for 20+ years. Although they are 'retired', Ron serves as the Chairman of the LLPHOA in addition to being the man who keeps Long Leaf Plantation common areas looking beautiful. You will see Ron working in the median most any day. He's not an all work and no play type guy though as he gets in as much golf as he can. Pat loves to scrapbook and uses her talent to provide beautiful memory books for almost all members of her family. Pat also is a major source in keeping things in order as the 'woman behind the man' in her behind the scenes work with members of the LLPHOA Board. She's also a great cook!!

The love that Ron and Pat have for the Long Leaf Plantation neighborhood is known by many. We are very grateful for neighbors such as these.

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## Volusia County Watering Restrictions

Even House Numbers: Thursday & Sunday during Daylight Saving Time

Odd House Numbers: Wednesday & Saturday during Daylight Saving Time

Do not water between 10am-4pm and no more than 1 hour per zone.

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