



Fall Edition Board Meeting Highlights

4 Board members were in attendance, 3 absent.

Answerbooth.com is updated. Cassandra Poertner, Jon Freeburg and Mark Conway will meet to discuss amount of electronic storage needed.

Teri Christopher will set up a meeting with the Planning Board regarding DR Horton development (Victoria Oaks), since no response was received to Jon Freeburg's April letter to Mike Holmes. Discussion points with the Planning Board should be:

1. When and how was retention pond approved.
2. Long Leaf property values.
3. Nuisance of emergency vehicles driving through Long Leaf neighborhood.
4. Developer taking advantage of Long Leaf regarding emergency access through pump house.
5. Other vehicles driving through our neighborhood.
6. Incline of pump house.

Teri Christopher volunteered to chair the Oktoberfest committee. Jon Freeburg will help.

Suzy Smith will put together a collection of acceptable color options to help residents when it is time to paint. There will be a wide variety of colors to choose from .

Joyce Monaco will give Jon Freeburg a brief list of covenant restrictions given out when she was on the Board and a list of Ron Derstine's duties regarding LLP median maintenance.

Marilyn Olmstead contacted Duke Energy regarding a street light outage on Torchwood Dr.

There was a discussion of covenant violations regarding a trailer parked in a driveway, a painted metal roof on a shed, chain link fencing, and plain metal mailboxes.

Teri Christopher, Nada Acquaro and Jon Freeburg will be on the nominating committee. Term limits are up for current Board members, Cassandra Poertner, Suzanne Ricciardi and Don Day. ACB needs new members.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Fellow Homeowners:

It is with great pleasure that I am able to report that your homeowner's association has been positively active on many fronts.

First, we had a very successful 4th of July parade, as described in another article in this newsletter. Please mark the following dates of upcoming association events on your calendar:

Oktoberfest: October 13th

Fall Yard Sale: October 27th (Rain Date November 3rd)

Annual Meeting: November 8th at Immanuel Presbyterian Church on Orange Camp Road

See you there!

In April the Association sent two letters to the City of DeLand expressing our concerns regarding DR Horton's proposed Victoria Oaks development that will abut our subdivision. In May we received a constructive response stating our concerns had been noted, and that copies of our letters had been distributed to both the City Planning Board and City Commission. On August 28th three Long Leaf Plantation Board members met with DeLand's Community Development Director, Director of Planning, and a Senior Planner. The meeting was cordial, informative, and set the stage for our concerns to be included in the planning process when an actual plan is submitted by the developer.

The best news was that a third entrance from Victoria Oaks onto Taylor Road close to Long Leaf is expected to remove the need for an emergency access road through the city's pumphouse property on Torchwood. Nothing is final, however, until an actual plan is

submitted and approved. Your Association will remain vigilant and make sure our concerns are addressed at the appropriate time.

Covenant enforcement is always a topic in the Chairman's letter, and I would like to remind homeowners that Architectural Control Board approval is always required when you paint your house, trim, garage door, shed, etc. Even if you are repainting with the same color. This is because the current color on the house many not have received approval when it was initially painted. So please make sure you obtain proper Architectural Control Board approval when you paint.

I am really looking forward to Oktoberfest this year, it's our annual block party, and a whole lot of fun. I'll be there early and hope to see you there, too.

Jon Freeburg
Chairman, Long Leaf Plantation
Homeowner's Association

JULY 4 PARADE

Long Leaf Plantation's Fourth of July parade was a big success. Thirty-two (32) people walked or rode, and if you include the dogs and horse, we had about 40 marchers. It was a good turnout, and it was especially nice to see all the children and new families participate. It was also heartening to see all the homeowners out in their yards waiting for us and that waved to us as we walked by. We waved back!

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JULY 4 PARADE cont.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped organize the parade, provided watermelon, water to drink, and water balloons. In particular, a special thanks to Russ and Nancy Grant for hosting the event, Cassandra Poertner for organizing and coordinating the occasion (with the able help of husband Josh and children Katie and Grayson), Rita and Ralph DeMattia for providing a table, supplies, and for driving the parade route with music, Teri Christopher for the delicious watermelon, and to Mitch and Stephanie Kolehmainen for leading the parade in their patriotically decorated golf cart. And a special thanks to Suzy Smith for bringing the horse!

It was cool and cloudy, perfect weather for marching in Florida in July. A slight shower towards the end of the parade kept us cool; but dampened the planned after parade festivities. So, we'll bring the glow wands and face painting kits for the kids to Oktoberfest instead.

It truly was a lot of fun, with lots of smiles, and good friendliness. Long Leaf Plantation continued a great tradition; and knows how to celebrate the Fourth of July!

BEWARE SNAKE



Poisonous Eastern diamondback rattlesnake found and killed by a surveyor in our neighboring property, soon to be Victoria Oaks. Displaced wildlife must go somewhere.



Jason & Rhonda Vaughn
900 Torchwood Dr
David & Denise McManaman
424 Black Ironwood Dr
Bret & Brittany Gibbs
769 Torchwood Dr
Jeff & Katie Rouhselange
1018 Torchwood Dr.
Chris Barfield & Melissa Stalzer
623 Princeswood Dr
Mark & Paula Efrid
1065 Torchwood Dr

LONGLEAFERS MAKE FRONT PAGE NEWS

Hope you caught the great article which made page one of the August edition of the West Volusia Beacon. Two of our longtime neighbors, Joyce Moran, 94, and Florence Spanninger, 83, have been buddies for years. Joyce asked the Beacon to feature her friend, who has been sewing teddy bears for foster care children for over 20 years. There were colorful photos of some of the bears and the 2 pals. Florence told the Beacon that her friend Joyce also was an amazing woman, who has been playing in a band and plays piano at nursing homes each week. The friends both enjoy being active and helping others. Hats off to Joyce and Florence! They are both great role models.

LONG LEAF PET OWNERS BEWARE!

With the abundance of development surrounding us, as D.R. Horton builds new neighborhoods and encroaches on the habitats of wild animals, these animals may be escaping to our community, and can endanger our beloved pets.

Nikki Bridegroom, our neighbor on Black Ironwood, shared her harrowing story of the near loss of her 10 lb poodle, Lucy. Lucy had gone out at 1:30AM, for a bathroom break, and was attacked by a predatory bird, believed to be an owl. The owl sank its talons into Lucy's sides, all the way into muscle. Thanks to the vet's care, flushing wounds to avoid infection, and many stitches later, the prognosis is that Lucy will be OK. But this was a really close call!

These wild animals have no choice but to evacuate their homes, as D. R. Horton rips out all the trees, and builds homes at our back doors. This was a heartbreaking event for Nikki and her sweet pup, Lucy, and she does not want anyone else to experience this tragedy. We must be aware now of the repercussions of all this development and become extra vigilant when we take our dogs or cats outside.



Long Leaf residents mourn the loss of our neighbor, Brad Strickland, who collapsed while jogging in August. Brad was a very active member of the DeLand community and leaves behind his wife, LeAnn and 2 young sons. The DeLand Beacon published a wonderful tribute to this amazing man several weeks ago.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE

OKTOBERFEST: Sat, 10/13/18 from 6 to 9. Featuring the Bavarians, a genuine German polka band. Brats, hot dogs, soda and water will be provided. Thanks to Greg Hanson, owner of Grams Kitchen and a LLP resident, for helping us purchase the food items. Please bring a covered dish and any adult beverage of your choice. Tables and chairs will be available. Fun for all on Red Mangrove. There will be face painting for the kids. We need helpers for setting up and cleaning up on the day of the event. Please contact Teri Christopher @ 386-956-8895 or 386-943-8812.

ANNUAL LLPHOA MEETING: Thurs, 11/8/18
7 pm social gathering including refreshments at Immanuel Presbyterian Church— 811 Orange Camp Rd., DeLand
7:30 annual meeting

The election of members of the Board of Directors is the main order of business. Being a Board member requires attendance at monthly meetings, participating in discussion, and decision-making with regard to items that come before the Board and helping to preserve the integrity of our community. Please consider volunteering to be a Board member or helping on a committee. Your voice and support are truly needed to help us maintain our community to today's standards. Send nominations for yourself or others to any Board member.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING AND LIGHTING CONTEST

4 winners will be picked for the best decorated houses during the week before Christmas. *Prizes will be awarded.*



LONG LEAF NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE!!!

Saturday, October 27, 2018 —7:30am. to 1p.m.

(rain date November 3rd)

You have it at your house and we will do the advertising

Here is your chance to clean out your closets, drawers & garages!

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS Thanks to Marilyn Olmstead for painting her neighbor's mailbox.....Thanks to all the neighbors watching nearby homes when residents are away for any reason.....If you have any examples of helpful neighbors, please call or email anyone on the newsletter committee. We would like to recognize all random acts of kindness.

YARDS OF THE MONTH

John & Teri Christopher have agreed to perform the duties of selecting the yard of the month recipients, as of July. Thank you, John & Teri for your community support. Previously, Ron & Pat Derstine performed that duty for many years. We can't thank them enough for all that they've done over the years.



July

Morris & Diane Goodwin
662 Princewood

August

Rick Studer
933 Torchwood



September

Mitchell & Stephanie Kolehmainen
629 Torchwood



LONG LEAF SAYS GOOD-BYE TO AN "INSTITUTION"

Long time Long Leaf residents Pat and Ron Derstine are leaving us for a new home on the other side of DeLand. As many of you know, this couple has been a mainstay of our community in obvious and often not-so-obvious ways. We all know and appreciate the care Ron has given our median and the entrance sign areas for over 24 years. Those of us who lived here before Ron, remember the median as a gravely weedy area with no attractive trees or plantings. Under his care we now have a beautiful median and lovely "gateways" into our neighborhood. What you may not be aware of are the MANY times Ron went out to repair sprinkler heads which were constantly being run over, often at night, or to replace spotlights that had burned out. You may also not be aware that Pat OFTEN helped out, trimming, weeding and flower planting. You may also not be aware that many of the flowers, including lovely poinsettias at Christmas time, have been bought by the Derstines for the enjoyment of all of us.

Pat has headed Oktoberfests, July 4th festivities, neighborhood yard sales, Christmas lighting contests, beautification committee, preps for annual meeting, including mailing ballots and newsletter distribution among other activities, and for years WAS the membership committee and "welcome wagon". She and Ron visited new residents, greeted them, found out a bit about them and made sure they had copies of the covenants. As most of you know, Ron served us for several years as President of the Homeowners Association, always putting first the best interests of Long Leaf.

Long Leaf is losing a treasured piece of our history with Ron and Pat leaving. No one else knows EVERYONE in Long Leaf like these folks do. And no one has cared more for our wonderful community than they have. We wish them much happiness in their new home and will miss them tremendously! (Especially this writer, who has loved living next door to them for all these years and who has enjoyed many samples of Pat's cooking).

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