



Long Leaf Sentinel

Fall Edition Board Meeting Highlights

Due to Covid 19 restrictions the Board continues to discuss items via email.

July Financials: Current paid membership is 134. Expenses for July were \$654.86.

Sprinkler repairs needed on 8/6/20 due to lightning strike on Stratford. Timer and solenoid replaced.

Chairman requested speed signs for Stratford on 8/10/2020. Awaiting results from Volusia County, traffic engineering department.

Annual Meeting set for Nov 5, 7:00 pm at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 811 Orange Camp Rd., Deland.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR MASKS AND MAINTAIN SIX FEET SOCIAL DISTANCING AT THE MEETING. THANK YOU!

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

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- WATERING DAYS (before 10am)/Daylight Saving Time...
- Even house # Thurs & Sun; Odd house # Wed & Sat
- Eastern Standard Time...Even house # Sun, Odd house # Sat

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Homeowners:

You may have noticed there were speed signs on Stratford placed after Black Ironwood and before Princewood. Speeding on Stratford has always been an issue. Our goal is to get the current speed limit of 30 mph throughout the neighborhood reduced to 25 mph which is common in most neighborhoods. Volusia County, in the past, has refused to install sidewalks on Stratford for children to walk to and from school. Besides our residents, people from other neighborhoods walk or ride bikes in Long Leaf. The Board will continue to address this issue with the County.

We are also staying in touch with Volusia County to keep the foliage cut back at the north end of Stratford and Taylor Road. This time they mowed east and west sides to help the drivers view of traffic when entering onto Taylor Road.

The Homeowners Association needs a few good men and women to run for the Board this year for 2020. There are four positions to fill as current Board members are not running again. We thank them for their service to this community. If you are interested please contact Teri at 386-943-8812 or email jfctc@hotmail.com. Also you can contact Nada at 954-681-1313 or email Nada.Acquaro@va.gov. Please respond by October 16.

There will also be a vacancy on the Architectural Control Board for 2021. Don Day has been a Board member for the last 5 years and chair of the ACB. We thank him for his service to Long Leaf. Preston McCreedy will chair for the ACB beginning 2021 along with Nancy Roeder. Please contact Teri Christopher at 386-943-8812 if you are interested.

I would still like to encourage those residents who have not voted for the revised covenants to vote. Board members have been reaching out to residents this month to encourage you to vote. You have the right to vote yes or no on each revised covenant or you can have a Board member vote for you. If you need explanation of the revisions contact any Board member. To date 105 homeowners have voted.

Pencil in November 5 on your calendar for the annual meeting. The meeting place is Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 811 Orange Camp Rd, Deland, at 7:00 pm. Unfortunately there will be no social hour with refreshments. The church is large enough for people to sit 6 feet apart and please wear a mask.

Teri Christopher
 Teri Christopher
 Chairman, Long Leaf Plantation
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FALL GARDENING TIPS

October

What to Plant: Annuals/Bedding plants: Even though temperatures are still warm, begin planting for the cooler months ahead. Dianthus, petunia, and pansy are good annuals for the fall garden. Bulbs: Plant agapanthus, rain lily, and many varieties of lilies now for blooms next spring or summer. Add organic matter to the planting bed for best results. Herbs: A wide range of herbs can be planted from seeds or plants this month. Some examples include parsley, cilantro, chives, garlic, and sage. Vegetables: Plant crops now that will grow and produce throughout the winter months. This includes broccoli, collards, kale, lettuce, and others.

What to Do: Lawn weeds: Control winter weeds in lawns before they appear. Preemergence herbicides must be applied at the right time to be effective. Apply when nighttime temperatures are 55°F–60°F for 4–5 days. Avoid "weed and feed" products. Ornamental trees and shrubs: Fertilize plants that are not performing as desired. Controlled-release fertilizer provides nutrients over a longer period of time. Lawn fertilization: Early October is the last time to fertilize the lawn. Choose a fertilizer (not a "weed and feed") with little or no phosphorus unless a soil test indicates the need for it. A fertilizer with controlled-release nitrogen will give longer-lasting results. Strawberries: Prepare beds and set strawberry plants this month. Strawberries also make a colorful and tasty container planting. Either way, water daily until plants are established. Winter landscapes: Plant evergreen hollies; their bright berries add color to the landscape when other plants have died back for the winter. Water well when planting and mulch to minimize weeds. Twig girdlers: Control twig girdlers by cleaning up and destroying fallen branches that young twig girdlers can use for harborage.

November

What to Plant: Annuals/Bedding plants: Create a display of fall colors with cool-season plants. Some examples include pansy, viola, snapdragon, dianthus, cape daisy, and alyssum. Bulbs: Many bulbs like to get their start in cool weather. Bulbs to plant this month include amaryllis, crinum, and daylily. Herbs: Continue planting herbs from seeds or plants. A wide variety of herbs prefer cool, dry weather, including cilantro, parsley, sage, and thyme. Vegetables: Continue planting cool-season crops, such as beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrot, kale, and lettuce.

What to Do: Perennials: Divide and replant overgrown perennials and bulbs now so that they establish before the cold weather arrives. Lawn disease: Watch for brown patch and large patch. These fungal diseases cause areas of grass to turn brown. Since treatment is difficult, prevention with proper cultural practices is key. These diseases become active when the soil temperature, measured 2–4 in. deep, is between 65°F and 75°F and go dormant when the

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weather warms in May. Scale insects: Take advantage of lower temperatures to apply horticultural oil sprays to control scale insects. Irrigation: Turn off systems and water only if needed. Plants need less supplemental watering in cooler weather. Poinsettias: Watch for hornworms on poinsettias planted in the landscape. This pest can quickly defoliate the plant; handpick or treat only the infested area.

December

What to Plant: Annuals/Bedding plants: To add color to the winter garden, plant masses of petunia, pansy, and snapdragon. Bulbs: Amaryllis is a popular plant for the holiday season. It can be forced to bloom now or planted outdoors for spring blooms. Herbs: Plant herbs that thrive in cool weather. Some examples include parsley, thyme, sage, dill, fennel, and cilantro. Vegetables: Reliable cool-season vegetables to plant this month include celery, cauliflower, lettuce, cabbage, and carrot.

What to Do: Poinsettias: Enjoy one of the most popular indoor holiday plants. Protect it from cold until spring, and then plant it in the garden for next year. Cold protection: Prepare now to protect tender plants should cold weather threaten. Lawn disease: Continue to watch for brown patch and large patch, fungal diseases that cause areas of grass to turn brown. Since treatment is difficult, prevention with proper cultural practices is key. These diseases become active when the soil temperature, measured 2–4 in. deep, is between 65°F and 75°F and go dormant when the weather warms in May. Houseplants: Inspect regularly for pests on indoor plants. Keep in mind that plant-specific temperature, light, and humidity are key to ensuring that indoor plants thrive. Soil test: Consider performing a soil test if plants do not perform as desired or if new plantings are planned. Compost/mulch: Use fallen leaves to provide the carbon ingredient needed for successful composting and also to make a good mulch.

Landscape and garden pests: Continue monitoring and treat as needed. While cooler weather generally means fewer pests, some populations actually increase at this time of year.



AMISH-STYLE BAKED OATMEAL WITH APPLES, RAISINS AND WALNUTS

- 2 cups old fashioned oats
- 3/4 cup light brown sugar
- 1 cup chopped walnuts, divided
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups milk
- 4 Tablespoons unsalted butter, melted, plus more for greasing the dish
- 3 tart yet sweet baking apples (Honey Crisp), peeled and cut into 1/2 inch chunks
- 1/2 cup raisins (or craisins)
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 325. Grease a 8 or 9 inch baking dish with butter. In a medium bowl, combine oats, brown sugar, 1/2 cup of nuts, raisins, baking powder, cinnamon and salt. Mix well. In another bowl, break up the eggs with a whisk, then whisk in the milk and vanilla until well combined. Add the milk mixture to the oat mixture, along with the melted butter. Scatter the apples evenly on the bottom of the dish. Pour the oatmeal mixture over the top and spread evenly. Sprinkle remaining 1/2 c nuts on top. Bake for 40-45 minutes, until the top is golden and the oats are set. Serve warm or at room temperature.



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 943-8812.

August

Greg and Debra Howard
402 Princewood



September

Bonnie Morrisset and Marilyn Caruthers
696 Torchwood



OCTOBERFEST

Just a reminder, unfortunately, due to COVID, our annual Oktoberfest is cancelled! We are so sad to miss it, but it's best to keep us all safe. We are all looking forward to picking up our "normal" lives when this horrible virus is over.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

COVID isn't going to stop us from enjoying the holiday decorations and lights that usually light up our neighborhood, to our delight! Four homes are chosen (paid dues members only), and each winner is given a \$25 Publix gift card. Please channel those creative energies, make it a family event, let's make Long Leaf sparkle with holiday spirit!



Please join us in welcoming our new neighbors to Long Leaf

Daniel and Codia Ditaranto
523 Princewood

Miranda and Michael Slaughter
947 Torchwood

Kelly Walb
1628 Wild Indigo

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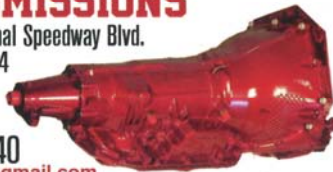
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