



Spring Edition Board Meeting Highlights

Meeting was held at the home of Teri and John Christopher, at 494 Black Ironwood. Chairmans report: No report presented. Secretary's report: Due to Secretary's absence, The report was sent via email for board's review and approval. Report approved.

Treasurer's report presented and approved. ACB report: due to no ACB member in attendance, Chairman read the ACB report submitted. Summary for summer: 7 tree removal requests, 1 roof Replacement, 1 tree removal denial, 1 fence replacement approval. Maintenance committee Report : sprinklers are currently turned off, due to wet weather, some foliage at East side entrance Needs to be replaced. Board approved. Membership report: 2 more board members still needed

To serve on nomination committee. A replacement is needed to fill position on fining committee. Also We still need a 3rd person on the ACB.

New Business: A tree removal company soliciting for business in Long Leaf, and telling homeowners They do not need ACB permission to remove trees. An advisory will be listed in the next newsletter to Dispute this. Covenant revisions finalized and sent to attorney for legal review.

Oktoberfest/Fall Festival - DJ has been hired, to replace the Bavarian band used previously. Grams Kitchen providing food and non alcoholic beverages. No keg this year, it will be BYOB.

Resident inquiry on "Little Free Library" program in Long Leaf. Financial aspects discussed by board and multiple financial options will be reviewed in the future, to fund the project. Potential costs: up to \$500

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm. Next meeting: 6:45 pm on 9/23/2021 at Teri Christopher's home.

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

- POISON CONTROL.....800-222-1222
- W VOLUSIA CO POLICE, FIRE & EMS.....386 254-4657
- Duke Energy800-228-8485
- VOLUSIA CO ROAD & BRIDGE.....386-822-6422
- Report pot holes, drainage issues, signs & mowing
- VOLUSIA CO ANIMAL CONTROL386-248-1790
- VOLUSIA CO CODE ENFORCEMENT.....386-736-5925
- In residential areas, motor vehicles my 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
- Eastern Standard Time...Even house # Sun, Odd house # Sat

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Neighbors,

Happy fall everyone. We are excited to be bringing back our annual Oktoberfest Block Party on Red Mangrove Drive on October 16, 2021. Please join us from 6-10 for food, music and fun. The event is free to dues paying members and \$5 for non-members and guests. Food and drinks are being provided in partnership with Greg Hanson, one of our residents and owner of Gram's Kitchen. Many thanks to Greg for your help making this a success. Residents are requested to bring a covered dish to share with the neighborhood. Because we were unsure whether we would be having the event this year, we were unable to book our polka band far enough in advance, and have instead booked a DJ. Feel free to bring your own beer to celebrate Oktoberfest in its traditional fashion, but please be responsible.

Our annual meeting is coming up on November 4, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided from 7:00 - 7:30. We hope to see you there. We are currently seeking to fill vacant positions on our board. If you would like to run, please contact the chair of our nominating committee, Nada Acquaro, any board member, or submit your interest through our "contact us" page on our website. We are also seeking to fill an empty seat on our Architectural Control Board, our Fining Committee, and welcome assistance on any of our other various committee.

We have continued to improve our website, lphoa.org. On it, you can find pertinent information related to our community. We are now able to accept membership payments online. It is still not too late to pay your membership dues. You may pay online or make your check for \$100.00 payable to Long Leaf Plantation Homeowner's Association, Inc and send it to PO Box 766, Deland, FL 32721-0766. Online payments are subject to a small convenience fee.

Our final revised covenants are now posted. You will be receiving a ballot soon so that you may choose whether to move our covenants and community forward, or to keep things in the status quo. It is our goal to allow for covenant ballots to be received by regular mail, or in person delivery at our annual meeting.

We recently had a tree service vendor soliciting their services in our community who has advised residents that it is not necessary for residents to obtain approval for removal of trees. This vendor is mistaken, and the misinformation they are providing to our community members is untrue. All owners are required to obtain approval for removal of any trees and the ACB and board will continue to enforce our covenants for unapproved tree removal. Moreover, solicitation is prohibited in LLP. If you become aware of solicitation in the community, please contact the Volusia County Sheriff's office and ask them to enforce our anti-solicitation rules.

Thank you for being members of the the most beautiful neighborhood that Volusia County has to offer.

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Jeffery Morris
Chairman, Longleaf Plantation Homeowners Association

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FALL GARDENING TIPS

October

Add plants for migrating butterflies. Zebra Heliconia, Monarchs, and Gulf Fritillary butterflies are all on the move.

Plant plumbago, pentas, lantana, and salvia for nectar meals. Add host plants for the butterflies you want to attract.

Plant evergreen shrubs. If you like to trim holly branches for the holidays, plant a couple of these red-berried, glossy leafed beauties.

Gather pine needles for mulch. If you have pines in your area, you have access to natural, local, and plentiful mulch. Add a thick layer around perennials, shrubs and trees to help maintain moisture levels. Mulch makes beds look better too.

Plant herb seeds. Can you ever have enough herbs? Plant annual herbs such as cilantro and basil for quick and flavorful additions to salads and soups.

Make up Halloween containers. Tuck flowering kale and mums into containers for porches and patios to give an autumnal feel. If you planted pumpkins or gourds, add them to baskets and tabletops.

November

Add cool-weather annuals. Brighten up your entryway with a swath of pansies or violas. These cool-weather beauties will last all winter.

Plant mums in containers. Moveable feasts of color, mums add dashing color wherever you place them. Add them to containers with flowering kales and little gourds and pumpkins.

Plant bulbs for the holidays. If you love those trumpet-shape amaryllis blooms for the holidays plant now. Add crinum in your borders and beds.

Plant a vitamin garden. Cool weather, antioxidant-rich greens can be grown now: kale, spinach, arugula. Cooler temps mean your garden needs less water. Adjust irrigation schedules.

Plant flowering trees and shrubs. November's cooler temperatures are ideal for planting camellias, azaleas, and citrus trees.

Bring houseplants indoors. Before cold weather sets in, bring summering houseplants back indoors.

December

Check houseplants for pests. Inspect houseplants for hitchhiking pests if they summered outdoors. Wipe leaves clean. Repot if rootbound.

Clean up garden beds. Remove spent vegetable plants, clip up perennials, and change out annuals to freshen up before the New Year.

Add holiday color. Add traditional live greenery to your porches and dining rooms this month. Ivy, rosemary trees, and orchids all make festive holiday décor.

Your Soil

The state of Florida has an official state soil. It's called Myakka. While Myakka soils can vary from clay like to sandy, the makeup of the soil is generally mostly sand. The fine sand-soil of Florida is great for beaches but not so beneficial for gardeners. Sandy soil has little organic material so it has few nutrients and doesn't hold moisture well. Most soil should be improved with some organic material such as compost. If you want to garden in containers or raised bed, you can fill both with potting soil, which is rich in both nutrients and organic materials

THE RIGHT TO CLEAN WATER

Carole Gilbert, our Long Leaf neighbor, has provided this information to keep us well informed and giving us a "voice" to make a difference on some important issues. Below is the info on the 5 petitions hoping to get enough signatures to be placed on the ballot, including the Right To Clean Water.

Guest commentary by Jim Durocher in Weekly Edition July 8 - 14, The Beacon, alerts us to the website of FL5.org, with 5 petitions for the consideration of Registered Florida Voters: Right to Clean Water, Iconic species protection, Captive hunting ban; Wetlands protection and Toll Roads Ban. The goal is 900,000 signed and dated petitions before November 30, 2021 to be placed on the 2022 ballot. Download, sign, date, mail --- 1 or all 5. Then forward to family, friends and kindred spirits to regain and maintain pristine water for all Florida's living creatures.

VOLUSIA COUNTY WATER RESTRICTIONS



Volusia County does have water restrictions for watering your lawn. When daylight saving time changes, the first Sunday in November, watering your lawn will change to once a week. Odd addresses water Saturday and even addresses water Sunday. The County also restricts watering between 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

LONG LEAF PLANTATION ANNUAL HOMEOWNERS MEETING

Don't forget the annual Long Leaf Plantation meeting on Thursday, November 4 at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 811 Orange Camp, Deland. Refreshments will be served prior to the meeting from 7:00 to 7:30 pm.



BROCCOLI POTATO SOUP



Turn a bag of potatoes into a comforting and delicious meal with this yummy soup.

½ Tablespoon canola or vegetable oil

1 cup diced sweet onion

1 teaspoon minced garlic

5 cups vegetable broth

6 cups chopped potatoes

1 10 oz. bag frozen broccoli or 3 crowns of fresh broccoli, chopped

Juice of one lemon

Pinch of pepper

Optional: 1 15 oz. can chickpeas, drained and rinsed

In a medium pan, over medium low heat, heat the oil. Add the onion and garlic and saute' for 5 minutes or until onion becomes tender. (Optional: add celery, chopped, for a nice complexity).

Add broth, potatoes, broccoli, lemon juice, and pepper.

Bring to boil.

Boil until the potatoes are cooked all the way through, 10-15 minutes.

Remove from heat. Puree' half of the soup, using a blender, and working in batches. Return the pureed soup to the pot and combine with the remaining soup.

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 your annual dues of \$100. And be a good neighbor and consider nominating a yard you love by calling Teri or John Christopher at 386-956-8895.

July

Peter and Evon Yadanza
1073 Torchwood



August

Heather and Neil Greiner
604 Black Ironwood



September

Ronald & Elizabeth Hurbitise
602 Princewood

Welcome New Neighbors

Please join us in welcoming our new neighbors to Long Leaf

Daniel & Katrina Flood
674 Black Ironwood

Paulino & Wanda Delgado
938 Torchwood



It's time to celebrate the neighborhoods old tradition of Oktoberfest. The date has been set for October 16, 2021, from 6:00 pm till 10:00 pm.

Russell and Nancy Grant are kind enough to lend us their yard and grill for Oktoberfest. There will be music, dancing in the street along with brats and sauerkraut, hotdogs, chicken, soda, and water. Residents who attend usually bring a side dish or desert. This is free to members, \$5 for non-members and guest. If anyone is interested in helping with the event please contact me, Teri Christopher at 386-956-8895 or email jfctc@hotmail.com. We need volunteers to help set up and breakdown lighting, tables, and chairs. Let's make this the best Oktoberfest ever.



LONG LEAF FALL YARD SALE!!!

Time to clean the closets and cabinets out with those items you would like to sell. Our Fall yard sale is on **Saturday, Oct 23, 2021 – 7:30 am to 2 pm...Rain date October 30.**

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