

# MANY THANKS TO OUR ADVERTISERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT!

{ Please patronize their business! }



**GLORIA EIDSON**  
Solar Energy Specialist

Corporate Headquarters: 1523 Ridgewood Ave., Holly Hill, FL 32117  
Office: 386.441.2299 Cell: 386.846.3888  
www.solar-fit.com gloria@solar-fit.com



Country Home Cooking... Where the locals go to dine  
**Greg Hanson, Owner**  
**Greg & Vicki Hanson — Owners**  
844 E. New York Ave DeLand, FL (386) 736-9340  
915 N. Spring Garden DeLand, FL (386) 734-9460  
1501 S. Volusia Ave Orange, City, FL (386) 774-5525



408 N. Spring Garden Ave. DeLand, FL 32720  
**(386) 734-6289**  
Fax (386) 734-4232



REALTY AND ACQUISITION SPECIALISTS  
"Serving your real estate brokerage and property management needs"

**Robert "Bob" Doyle**  
Licensed Real Estate Broker

555 E. New York Ave. DeLand, FL 32724  
bdoyleapp@bellsouth.net  
Off: 386-738-0577  
Cell: 386-717-1068  
Fax: 386-738-1124



**386-756-3344**  
**Mark Johnson**  
Licensed & Insured

**AUTHORIZED ROOF LIFE DEALER**

**NEW ROOFS**

**CLEANING OLDER ROOFS WITH BLACK STAINS**

## Grant Hearing Center

**Russell J. Grant, BS., NBC-HIS**



890 North Boundary Avenue, Suite 200  
(Corner of Boundary & Plymouth - 1 Block West of Hospital)  
DeLand, Florida 32720  
(386) 734-5870

"Listen to what you have been missing!"  
www.granthearing.com



1109 W. Euclid Ave.  
DeLand, FL 32720

Licensed Psychologists

Anita K. Sanz, Ph.D. (PY5640)  
Donald L. Sanz, Ph.D. (PY5066)

(386) 943-9040 Fax (386) 943-9937

sanzandsanz.com



**386-626-4163**

info@NikkisFurniture.com  
1150 N. Woodland Blvd., DeLand, FL 32720  
NikkisFurniture.com

Local Business Since 1975

## COLONIAL PLUMBING, INC.

1319 S. Woodland Boulevard • DeLand  
Mailing Location  
1742 S. Woodland Blvd., #401 • DeLand, FL 32720  
(386) 736-2607

**J. PATRICK SMITH** SUPPLIES  
Master Plumber CONTRACTING  
State Certified CFCO44176 REPAIRS



Direct 386-873-0264  
Fax 386-736-6701  
mmaniscalco@pageinsuranceagency.com

500 E. New York Avenue • DeLand, FL 32724

www.pageinsuranceagency.com  
Facebook.com/pageinsuranceagency

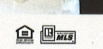


**Matthew Maniscalco**  
President

**Rebecca Verrastrò**  
REALTOR®

**kw HERITAGE**  
KELLERWILLIAMS REALTY  
386.310.2404

rebeccaVrealtor@gmail.com  
www.rebeccaVrealtor.com  
1150 Douglas Ave, #2020  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714  
Each Office is Independently Owned and Operated



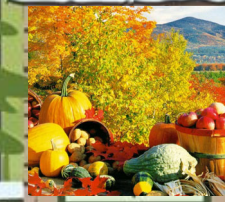
ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR EC0001542

## PAT'S ELECTRIC, INC.

104 WEST CEDAR AVENUE  
ORANGE CITY, FLORIDA 32763  
patselectricinc.com

PHONE: (386) 775-7776 JAY SMITH  
office@patselectricinc.com

Fall Edition 2020



Long Leaf Sentinel

## Fall Edition Board Meeting Highlights

Call to Order was at 6:25 PM

Minutes from the last meeting as well as the Treasurer's report and Maintenance report were read and approved.

Yard Sale signs will be put out now to give residents plenty of time to prepare. Sale date is October 29nd.

Much of this meeting was spent planning the Oktoberfest Celebration scheduled for October 22th. We are trying to make it the GOAT (Greatest of All Time).

The Tree Fund is available to all residents, not just HOA members.

There is a serious need for people to run for the Board as several positions will be vacated when the current member's term expires this year.

It was decided to have an October meeting on October 18th to finalize plans for the Garage Sale and Oktoberfest.

The Annual Meeting is November 3rd and mailers will be sent out soon.

ACB contact: October Duncan MacKenzie, November Lawrence Usher, December Rebecca Verrastrò

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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

POISON CONTROL.....800-222-1222  
W VOLUSIA CO POLICE, FIRE & EMS.....386 254-4657  
Duke Energy .....800-228-8485  
VOLUSIA CO ROAD & BRIDGE.....386-822-6422  
Report pot holes, drainage issues, signs & mowing  
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  
Eastern Standard Time...Even house # Sun, Odd house #

## LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Neighbors,

Happy fall everyone. We had another great Oktoberfest with some added amenities including a bounce house and games for the kids, a 50/50 drawing, beer, and a great new DJ this year to entertain us. Food and drinks were provided in partnership with Greg Hanson, one of our residents and owner of Gram's Kitchen. Many thanks to Greg for his help making this a success. Turnout was a bit less than what we had hoped, but those who were there had a great time. Hopefully we can bring the party back next year for an even better event.

Our annual meeting is coming up on November 3 2022 at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided from 7:00 - 7:30 PM. We hope to see you there. We are currently seeking volunteers to fill vacant positions on our board. If you would like to participate, 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 empty seats on our Architectural Control Board, our Fining Committee, and we welcome assistance on any of our other various committees.

Unfortunately, due to family commitments, I have not sought re-election to serve on the board or as your chairman for the next term, but will continue to assist the board as needed or appointed. It has been a pleasure serving this community as your chairman for the last two years, and it has been very nice getting to know many of you in the process.

I am very proud of the advances we have made over the past few years. The implementation of our website, including online payments for membership, and overall increased communication with our membership, the establishment of a tree fund, and maintaining our median and community standard as we always have are just a few highlights. However, there is still much work to be done. In my view, we have not done enough to maintain our dying tree canopy, which sets our community aside from everywhere else. If anyone needs a visual of what our community will look like with a bland, treeless landscape, simply take a drive to Victoria Oaks nearby. It is perfect image of what we chose not to be a part of when we purchased our homes in this community – more and more houses built without consideration for much of anything. This is not what we are or what was envisioned when this community was planned. We have lost good, thoughtful board members as a result of our inability to take necessary steps related to our trees, and this needs to change.

President John F. Kennedy said related to the moon mission:

*We choose to go to the moon... and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win...*

It is easy to drop a tree, cut it up, and have it hauled away, all while chipping away at the very thing that makes us stand out from the rest of the communities in this county and state. It is much harder to collectively plan to plant new trees to preserve this community for future generations. I would implore our community to do what is hard, because it is worth it. I would likewise implore future members of our board to consider changing the standard for tree removals to a "tree out, tree back in" policy as a condition for approval for all tree removals. This, in my view, would not require a covenant change; only a change in how tree removals are approved. This is the only way that we will be able to preserve and maintain our canopy for years to come.

Thank you for being members of the most beautiful neighborhood that Volusia County has to offer and for giving me the opportunity to serve as your chairman.

*Jeff Morris*

Jeffery Morris  
Chairman, Longleaf Plantation Homeowners Association

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Jef Morris, Chair**

386-624-8421

jefferyamorris@icloud.com

**Lawrence Usher, Vice Chair**

386-871-4961

lrusher129@gmail.com

**Rebecca Verrastro, Secretary**

386-310-2404

rebeccavrealtor@gmail.com

**Duncan MacKenzie**

386-873-7266

**Teri Christopher, Treasurer**

386-956-8895/ jfctc@hotmail.com

**Rick Studer**

rickstuder70@gmail.com

407-468-4326

**Lewis Nighswonger**

386-736-0030

lnighswonger@cfl.rr.com

\*\*\*\*\*

## ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL BOARD

**Lewis Nighswonger (July)**

**Lawrence Usher (August)**

**Teri Christopher (September)**

\*\*\*\*\*

### COMMITTEES

—Maintenance—

**Teri Christopher**

386-956-8895

**Lewis Nighswonger**

386-736-0030

—Membership—

**Nada Acquaro**

954-681-1313

Acquaro391@yahoo.com

—Yard Beautification—

**Teri Christopher**

386-956-8895

\*\*\*\*\*

## NEWSLETTER

**Teri Christopher**

**Rebecca Verrastro**

**Carol Noyes**

386-956-9461 /carolnoyes@cfl.rr.com

## EVENTS – PAST:

October was a busy month for Long Leaf.

We had a Board meeting on October 18th to finalize last minute preparations for Oktoberfest. The board worked very hard to ensure there was something for everyone to enjoy. We had a bounce house, popcorn machine, and yard games for the kids as well as cards and board games for adults. We “upgraded” the DJ and in the true spirit of Oktoberfest provided a keg of beer for the adults. We also held a 50/50 drawing which added \$40 to the Tree Fund.

Our semi-annual Yard Sale was held October 29th from 7:30-1:30 PM.

Lastly, the Annual Board Meeting was held November 3rd at Immanuel Presbyterian Church. The turnout was slim but better than last year. In all, 75 ballots were cast, more than the 64 needed for a quorum. Rebecca Verrastro and Michael Campany were elected to the board in “landslide” victories – each getting all 75 votes.

## EVENTS – UPCOMING

The next Board Meeting is December 7th at 6:15 PM at the Christopher’s – 494 Black Ironwood.

Don’t forget we have our annual Holiday Decorating Contest in December. It is open to all LLP HOA members.

Four winners will be picked, each receiving a \$25 gift card. Let’s make our neighborhood shine.

## PLEASE GET INVOLVED

We desperately need more volunteers to maintain our neighborhood standards – the reason we all chose to live here. I am sure we have very talented residents who could volunteer a little of their time/expertise. You could start by coming to our next board meeting December 7th to see what goes on.

## REAL ESTATE (GOOD) NEWS

For many of us, our home is our biggest asset. Despite many dire predictions regarding the real estate market, it is still a sound investment and faring better than most other forms of investment. Here is what has been happening in the neighborhood these past 2 years:

In 2021, 10 houses were Sold in Long Leaf. There have 4 sales so far this year (2022) with 1 Active listing and 1 Pending listing.

I am happy to report, prices have continued to increase this year compared to last year. On average, houses are selling for 98% of asking price and the average price per square foot for a pool home has increased from approximately \$179 per square foot (2021) to \$218 per square foot (2022). No home has sold this year that did not have a pool.

As you all know, our neighborhood is unique with the beautiful tree canopy and large lots. The new communities are clear cut of all trees, and many homes are being built on 40’ wide lots.

Let’s continue to give our neighborhood the love and respect it deserves. Join the Board, plant a tree, or volunteer for a committee. We need you.



## NADA’S FAMOUS OATMEAL CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

- 1 ½ cups of all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon of baking soda
- 1 teaspoon of baking powder
- 1 teaspoon of salt
- 1 cup of vegetable shortening
- 1 cup of granulated sugar
- 1 cup of light-brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract
- 2 cups of old-fashioned oats
- 2 cups of Rice Krispies cereal
- 1 cup of sweetened flake coconut
- 1 bag (6 ounces) of semisweet chocolate chips (I use 12 oz)

1. Heat oven to 350 deg F. Place parchment paper on baking sheets and set aside.
2. In large bowl, beat shortening and both sugars on medium-high speed about 3 minutes or until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla.
3. On low speed, gradually add flour mixture and beat until just combined. Stir in oats, Rice Krispies, coconut and chocolate chips.
4. Form balls with 1 tablespoon of dough and place 2 inches apart on prepared sheets. Bake at 350 for 15-20 min or until golden color on the edges of cookies. Cool on sheets for 5 minutes then transfer to cooling rack to cool completely.
5. Once cookies have cooled, place them in a closed container with a cut up piece of white/wheat bread to keep cookies fresh. Remove bread after 3-4 hours, otherwise cookies become too hard/dry



## 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

### JULY

Robert and Cheryl Flowers  
1636 Red Mangrove Dr.



### AUGUST

Randy and Marianne Birman  
505 Black Ironwood Dr.



### SEPTEMBER

Russell and Jon Freeburg  
852 Torchwood Dr.

