



## January HOA Board Meeting Highlights

01/09/2018 – ACB chairman discussed covenant compliance re: exterior paint colors for houses, mailboxes requiring maintenance or replacement and issues related to ACB permission to remove trees. He also encouraged the planting of new trees. One resident spoke about the excessive tree removal & non-earth tone house colors. The chairman was given unanimous permission to represent LLP homeowners re: Victoria Oaks planned development.

There was a discussion re: the startup of a Facebook page for all LLP residents as a means to enhance communications. The importance of a newsletter was discussed and it was decided that it would be produced on a quarterly basis. Any newsworthy items should be directed to [carolnoyes@cfl.rr.com](mailto:carolnoyes@cfl.rr.com).

The next Board meeting will be announced by signage on the median.

## Letter from the Chairman

It's a new year, and a new start. After many years of superb leadership from Ron Derstine, our new Board will strive to do as well as he did in guiding our fine community for so many years.

The Homeowners Association faces two major challenges in the coming year:

1. Reducing Tree Cutting.
2. Achieving the minimal impact possible on Long Leaf Plantation from DR Horton's Victoria Oaks project.

We welcome your input on these issues. We have heard from many homeowners about them already, and will continue to listen to your concerns.

With this issue we resume publication of the quarterly newsletter. Better and more frequent communication has been requested by numerous homeowners, and the newsletter will help meet that wish. Other items on the agenda include: our semi-annual garage sales, the 4th of July parade, and the ever popular Oktoberfest.

Please join me in welcoming eleven new homeowners to Long Leaf. Together we will move forward, and our community will remain the best place to live in Deland.

Sincerely,

Chairman,

Long Leaf Plantation Homeowners Association, Inc.



## Membership

As you receive the 2018 annual dues statement, we sincerely hope you will join the nearly 75% of Long Leaf residents who are willing to carry their share of the load by becoming members of the Association. After you join the Association, you will receive a copy of our directory including listings of the various committees and contact information for the Board of Directors. Please provide your email if you would prefer to receive the directory in electronic form.

The annual dues cover a variety of expenses including maintenance of the median on Stratford, utility bills for median irrigation and Taylor entrance lighting, legal service consults, printing and distributing dues statements, directories and flyers, the cost of our annual events including the annual meeting, Oktoberfest and July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities and much more.

If you would like to get more involved in our community or have any questions about what happens during the Board of Directors meeting, please come to the board meeting. Your LLP board members want to hear your ideas and suggestions on how to make our neighborhood even more beautiful. ∞

**Suggestions Are Welcome** *This newsletter is back by popular request. There is a saying that "The best way has never been found, that the best method can always be improved." Suggestions on subject matter of interest in the community Newsletter, ways by which the content can be improved, its method of delivery etc., are always welcome. Your Newsletter volunteers are looking for suggestions, and yours will always be welcome. Feel free to email Carol Noyes at [carolnoyes@cfl.rr.com](mailto:carolnoyes@cfl.rr.com) or phone if email is not available at 386-943-8944 or 386-956-9461. We so appreciate being able to email newsletters. We do not share email addresses, so, if you'd be willing it would cut down on the hand delivery to some 50 homes by volunteers.*

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## Architectural Control Board

The LLPHOA Architectural Control Board is made up of volunteers elected to enforce the covenants that all homeowners have agreed to upon buying their home. We are bound by those covenants. Sometimes this involves the unpleasant task of informing a neighbor that they must obtain permission to cut down “that” tree, paint their trim certain colors, keep a boat outside their yard, etc. Long Leaf is a beautiful neighborhood that we all chose to move into knowing it is a Deed Restricted Community. Please abide by the covenants. Kindly notify an ACB member if you need another copy.

LLP residents seeking to remove a tree should call the ACB before an appointment is made with any tree trimmer. Please remember that ACB members are volunteers & not always available on short notice. Present ACB members are:

*Mark Conway, Chairman: 386.717.2964*

*Don Day: 703.850.3110*

*Jim McNulla: 386. 736-3982*

## Bulky Trash

Do you like to see mattresses, furniture and other items in yards at Long Leaf waiting for the trash truck? It is an unsightly distraction to our neighborhood. Items should not be put out until the night before pickup. Please think of your neighbors. The County website states you can put out up to 4 “bulky” items per week. They are to be put out on your regular garbage pickup day. Your regular driver will then notify dispatch that there are large items out for collection and a truck will pick them up by the end of the following day.



## Hey, did you know..?

Those hard plastic tops on drink and other recyclable bottles, both glass and plastic (numbers 1 thru 7), are not recyclable if still attached, as most of us leave them, can cause the whole bottle to be tossed in with landfill garbage. Tops should be discarded in with regular garbage. Please take an extra few seconds and remove tops before tossing bottles into your green bins. Thanks from our environment to all who do recycle!



## Slow Cooker Copycat Olive Garden Pasta E Fagioli Soup

*Makes 10 to 12 servings*

### Ingredients:

- 1 lb ground beef or turkey
- 1 sm onion, finely diced
- 1 c shredded or diced carrots
- 1 c finely sliced celery
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 can (28 oz) crushed tomatoes
- 2 (8oz) cans tomato sauce
- 3 T beef bouillon granules + 3 c water
- 1 15 oz can great northern beans with liquid
- 1 15 oz can red kidney beans with liquid
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1 tsp dried basil
- ½ tsp dried thyme
- ½ tsp pepper
- ½ c apple juice
- 8 oz ditalini pasta

### Directions:

1. Brown ground beef in a skillet over medium-hi heat til no longer pink, lightly season with salt & pepper. Drain, then add to a large slow cooker. Add onions, carrots, celery, garlic, crushed tomatoes, tomato sauce, broth, beans & seasonings.
2. Cover & cook on low for 6 – 8 hours, or til veggies are tender.
3. Add apple juice (may substitute wine).
4. When soup has 10 minutes left to cook, cook pasta in salted boiling water til just under al dente. Drain, then add to soup & let cook for about 5-10 minutes.
5. Salt & pepper to taste. Then season with garlic powder, oregano & basil if needed.
6. Ladle into serving bowls & top with Parmesan or mozzarella cheese.

◀ Welcome and a big thank you to our 2018 board members and volunteers. Sometimes a thankless job, these unpaid positions are so important to the continued high quality and desirability of Long Leaf. Please offer your support and gratitude to these folks.

## Spring Yard Sale

Perfect timing for spring cleaning, The Long Leaf Plantation Community yard sale will be held on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 am until 1:00 pm (*rain date, April 14<sup>th</sup>*). The Association will place the advertising. All you need to do is gather up all those things you're wondering what to do with, price them, put them on tables or tarps inside or outside your garage and wait for those bargain hungry buyers. We are also planning to have another yard sale in the fall, probably in October or November.

### *Yard sale reminders:*

1. Please be considerate of your neighbors' sprinkler heads & offer to put up stakes along the edge of your neighbors' yard. They will appreciate your thoughtfulness.
2. Don't nail signs into our street or stop signs. They should be placed out on Taylor Road across from the entrance sign.
3. Please remove signs promptly after your sale is done.

## Winter Blues

Yes, it's possible! As many as 1 in 20 people suffer from Seasonal Affective Disorder or the Winter Blues, and it's more common the further you are from the equator. While 10% of the people in New Hampshire suffer from SAD, only 1% of Floridians do. But, for that 1% fighting the Winter Blues is no fun. Here are some ideas on how to brighten the Winter Blues until sunny days return:

1. Go outside to reset your biological clock. Natural sunlight counteracts SAD.
2. Try eating more hot soups and stews.
3. Exercise to bring warmth to your body.
4. Connect with optimistic people.
5. Do volunteer work to get out of the house and be helpful to others. Any random act of kindness is appreciated.
6. Put something orange on your table or desk. The color orange is cheering.
7. Simplify your home of clutter. Save those items for the next community yard sale in Spring or donate to a worthwhile nonprofit group.

*For more information on SAD, you may contact our Long Leaf neighbors, Drs. Anita or Don Sanz @ Psychological Associates at 386.943.9040.*

## Scams and Identity Theft

We all are aware that identity theft is a growing crime. Are you aware that your home deed could be at risk? Real estate deed fraud can be a "Real" risk! Just Google Home Deed Theft and review the various informational sites, including the FBI. In short, be aware that your home deed could be stolen and you wouldn't be aware it was happening. It is worth researching and forming your own opinion if you are at risk.

## Holiday Lighting Contest Winners

The residents of LLP outdid themselves this year with beautifully decorated houses, making it very difficult to narrow the selection to 4 homes. This year's winners for the Christmas Lighting & Decorating Contest were:

<b>Bardo Lagunas</b> 606 Torchwood Drive	<b>Dale Caverly &amp; Richard Volinsky</b> 535 Black Ironwood Drive
<b>Sheila Fuller</b> 791 Torchwood Drive	<b>Anita &amp; Don Sanz</b> 1088 Torchwood Drive

Thanks to all who decorated. This is an annual event & open to all paid homeowners association members so be sure to join in 2018.

## Gardening Tips

Spring will soon be here and warm weather is just around the corner. This means that Feb. is the time to start trimming those woody plants, such as Crepe Myrtle. While it is tempting to cut dead foliage, your plants will do much better if you wait.

## Welcome to our Newest Residents

A special welcome to our new neighbors!  
We hope you love Long Leaf as much as we do.

- Seth Weisheit @ 840 Torchwood Drive
- Jake & Amanda Gingerich @ 799 Torchwood Drive
- Alberto Aguirre & Brenda Mahn @ 872 Torchwood Drive
- Bardo & Felicia Lagunas @ 606 Torchwood Drive
- Mitchell Kolehmainen @ 629 Torchwood Drive
- Jason & Susan Jackson @ 709 Torchwood Drive
- James Talbert @ 990 Torchwood Drive
- Eric Baith & Jessica Reehl @ 1061 Torchwood Drive
- Gary & Harriette Brown @ 493 Princewood Drive
- Debbie & Stephen Kurthausen @ 405 Black Ironwood Drive
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**We need your help!** While walking or driving, please report any concerns regarding covenant compliance to an ACB member. If we do not have your current email address, please forward it to: Pat Derstine at patrond@cfl.rr.com. All of us benefit from a well-maintained median & two entrances, so if you have not yet paid your 2018 dues, please send a check to P.O. Box 766, DeLand, FL 32721.