



Winter Edition Board Meeting Highlights

The main topic of the January board meeting was updating and in some places replacing the old irrigation system for our median. The Board is still in the process of getting quotes to repair the median irrigation. Suggestions are needed to keep cars from driving over the irrigation heads. Contact Vernon Linder (956-6854) if you have any ideas. The Board will continue this discussion at the next board meeting on Thurs, 2/7/19.

Mark Conway has resigned as chairman from the ACB committee. We thank him for his diligent work over the years.

Solicitors continue to visit our development, despite the posted signs. If they left their business cards, report them to the BBB or comment negatively on their website. Perhaps this will deter continued solicitation.

From the Newsletter Committee

Our intention is to keep you informed of what's happened, what's happening and what will happen. There are no limits as to what we can print, but there must be accurate sources of input. A few suggestions are: birthdays, anniversaries, births, gardening hints, interesting stories and jokes, crime watch news, neighbors helping neighbors, etc. Please note that no experience is needed and putting our newsletter together can be a lot of fun and rewarding. One drawback: the pay is lousy! Any suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Fellow Homeowners:

As we begin 2019, I am pleased to report that the Long Leaf Plantation Homeowners Association is in sound shape financially, and actively working to address issues currently affecting Long Leaf Plantation. A full agenda is planned for the new year, including:


- Repair of the sprinkler system in the median.
- Moving forward with proposed covenant revisions.

Since our last newsletter, the Association held its annual meeting on November 8, 2018. Unfortunately the meeting was hot, as the air conditioner was out at the church we meet at, but it was conducted as quickly as possible and accomplished its goals. A quorum was present, and elections were held. Don Sanz and Vernon Linder were newly elected to the board, and Don Day was re-elected. Please welcome our new and returning members.

At our December Board meeting Steve Roeder was appointed to the Architectural Control Board to replace Jim McNulla, whose term had expired.

Covenant enforcement is always a topic in the Chairman's letter, and this month I would like to emphasize parking. Driveways are for parking, lawns are not. There has recently been an increase in cars parked in front yards and lawns, which is against county regulations. This is unsightly, and makes the neighborhood seem unkempt, and not a place one would like to live. Please park your cars in your driveways, not on the lawn.

We had many newcomers to Long Leaf in 2018, and look forward to seeing them join the association and participate in association activities.


 Jon Freeburg
 Chairman, Long Leaf Plantation
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PLEASE HELP OUT

Long Leaf residents must abide by the covenants, but they have no legal obligation to affiliate with the Home Owners Association (HOA). Yet all residents benefit from the efforts by volunteers of the Association. A partial listing of improvements includes restored street signs, median plantings and sprinkler maintenance, community newsletter and communication with government authorities on matters affecting our area. These issues involve costs for supplies and materials, and always include many hours of time and physical labor by those who want Long Leaf to remain a first-class residential development. So, even though residents may elect not to participate in Long Leaf activities sponsored by the HOA, we maintain every homeowner should accept the modest membership dues of \$100 per year (much less than surrounding neighborhoods). Dues may be sent to Long Leaf Plantation Homeowners Association, Inc, Box 766, DeLand, FL 32721. Your membership is a tangible way of showing your appreciation for and support of our lovely neighborhood.

Current membership is 64 percent of our 208 homes.

LONGLEAF PROBLEM RECEIVED NATIONAL ATTENTION

The Wall Street Journal provided the following many years ago:

Neighbors who let their dogs

Use another's lawn for a can

Set yet another example of

"Man's inhumanity to man."

Masters, not dogs, commit

The breach of social grace

When they walk their pets

To someone else's place.



DINE AROUND



Missing Dine Around? Don't have a clue as to what that is? A few of us "long-timers" in Long Leaf are giving a shot at resurrecting this popular tradition. Our first attempt will be **Feb, 28, 5:30, at The Table (formerly Mainstreet Grill)**. Come enjoy getting to know some fellow Long Leafers and maybe experience a new restaurant. Call Nancy Roeder at 757-289-1137 if you're interested.

CLEAR IT OUT...TIPS FOR HOSTING A SUCCESSFUL YARD SALE

**Yard sales with a variety of objects attract more customers than ones with a single category, like books or baby clothes. However, there are exceptions. Tough sells typically include adult clothing, DVDs and anything damaged beyond repair. **Your front lawn isn't the best venue for expensive property like fine jewelry or high end appliances either. Not only do yard sale shoppers expect cheap prices, but your items may be stolen. **It is recommended selling valuables through online marketplaces and keeping cash on your person instead of in a box. Set fair prices. It is suggested pricing most things at 15 to 25% of what they cost new. Or check out local yard sales a few weeks prior to get a feel for going rates. ** On sale day, place items on tables, rather than on the ground. If you don't have tables, improvise with boxes and boards. And if you are selling clothes, pick a handful of pieces to neatly fold or hang up. **Seeing a mountain of clothing on a tarp is a turn off. If you select a few items of clothing that may draw people in; it makes it look like your stuff is worth more and that you took the time to set it up nicely. **Create separate sections, such as furniture, electronics, etc. Face movies, video games and books the same direction with the titles visible. As items sell, rearrange what's left to make your table look fuller. Eliminate anything stained, dusty or sticky. **Make it inviting. Safety should be the top priority. Clear the vicinity of tripping hazards like holes or extension cords. Once you've drawn in the shoppers, give them a reason to stick around and browse: Consider playing some background music.



Get ready for spring cleaning. Giving ample notice for our upcoming Long Leaf Community Yard Sale on **March 23rd, 2019, rain date**

March 30th. Please save the date. The Association will place the advertising in local papers and online. 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. Yard sale reminders:

- ◆ Please be considerate of your neighbors' sprinkler heads and offer to put up stakes along the edge of your neighbors' yards. They will appreciate your thoughtfulness.
- ◆ Don't nail signs to our street or stop signs. Signs should be placed out on Taylor Rd across from the entrance sign. No signs are allowed in the median.
- ◆ Please remove signs promptly after your sale is done.

PROTECTING YOUR CREDIT

Atty. Karen Bryant's Advice (Taken from Facebook)

Read this and you might want to make a copy for your files in case you need to refer to it someday. A corporate attorney sent this out to the employees in his company.

DO NOT SIGN THE BACK OF YOUR CREDIT CARDS. Instead, put "Photo I.D. required".

When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accts., DO NOT put the complete acct. no. on the "For" line. Instead, put the last 4 numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through their processing channels won't have access to it.

Put your work phone number on your check instead of your home phone. If you have a P.O. Box, use that instead of your home address. If you don't have a P.O. Box, use your work address. Never have your SS# printed on your checks. You can add it if it is necessary. But if you have it printed, anyone can get it.

Place contents of your wallet on photo copy machine. Copy both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of your account numbers and phone numbers to cancel. KEEP THE PHOTO COPY IN A SAFE PLACE. Carry a photo copy of your passport when travelling here or abroad. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a name, address, SS#, credit cards, etc.

We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately, but the key is to have the toll free numbers and your card number handy. Know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.

File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc. were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation.

Call the 3 national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a freeze alert on your name and also call the SS fraud line #. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information,

and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit. Here are the numbers you always need to contact if your wallet has been stolen:

◆ Equifax:
1-800-525-6285

◆ Experian
(formerly TRW):
1-888-397-3742

◆ Transunion:
1-800-680-7289

◆ SS Administration (fraud line):
1-800-269-0271



A special welcome to our new neighbors:

Allison and Michael Lindsey

729 Torchwood Dr

Jill Sheldon and Jeff Morris

795 Torchwood Dr

Thomas Gignac and Tracey Greer

840 Torchwood Dr

We hope you love Long Leaf as much as we do.

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 to John & Teri for your community support. Thank you all who continuously work hard to keep your property tended & looking well groomed. A well-maintained landscape reflects a well maintained home & helps boost resale value.

October

Terry Jones
962 Torchwood



November

Henry Trott
966 Torchwood



December

Patrick and Marjoree O'Brien
429 Pricewood



January

LeAnn Strickland
823 Torchwood

CRANBERRY WALDORF SALAD

MAKES ABOUT 3 1/2 CUPS

If you're using frozen cranberries, cook for 1 to 2 min. longer. Use the large holes of a box grater to shred 1 apple. Don't worry if the relish looks thin, it thickens significantly as it cools. If you're making the relish ahead of time, add the walnuts when you're ready to serve it.

¾ c apple juice

½ c sugar

1/2 tsp salt

12 oz (3 c) fresh or frozen cranberries

2 apples, peeled and cored; 1 cut into ½ inch pieces and 1 shredded

2 celery ribs, chopped fine

¼ c golden raisins

½ c walnuts, toasted and chopped

Bring apple juice, sugar and salt to a boil in medium saucepan. Add the cranberries, chopped apple, shredded apple, celery and raisins and simmer over medium heat til slightly thickened and 2/3 of the berries have burst, about 5 min.

Transfer to serving bowl and let cool completely, about 1 hr. Stir in walnuts. Serve. Relish can be refrigerated for up to 1 wk.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING WINNERS

Kudos to all that decorated their homes and yards to make Long Leaf look extra festive.

The 4 Christmas Lighting Contest Winners were: Mitchell and Stephanie Kolehmainen @ 629 Torchwood Dr. . . . Don and Anita Sanz @ 1088 Torchwood Dr. . . . Charles and Mary Heacock @ 1034 Torchwood Dr. . . . & Rick and Margie Carrillo @ 779 Torchwood Dr.

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