



Winter Edition Board Meeting Highlights

Meeting was held at the home of Teri and John Christopher, at 494 Black Ironwood. Chairmans report – chairman established that Fimes Committee was established prior to this board’s term and committee can be called on when needed. Secretary’s report – minutes of Oct 6 meeting approved. Treasurer’s report – costs higher in November. Water leak fixed on East side entrance. Printing and mailing of covenant revisions and annual board elections. Total expenses: \$1,811.00. Treasurers report approved.

Architectural Control Board – period of 10/1-12/7/2021: 15 trees approval for removal, 1 denied, 6 new roofs approved, 3 new fences approved, 1 solar system approved.

Estoppel fee for homebuyers raised to \$250.00 effective Jan 2022. Motion approved. Insufficient votes at general meeting for board appointees. So board had to elect and nominate officers for 2022. Newest addition Duncan Mackenzie. Covenant revision ballot update: Only 58 ballots received so far. No action for review committee until sufficient votes have been received. Holiday decorating- 4 homeowners will receive gift certificates. Next board meeting set for January 20, 2022, 6:45pm, at Christopher’s home.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm .

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- Eastern Standard Time...Even house # Sun, Odd house # Sat

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Fellow Homeowners:

Happy New Year. We hope that you had safe and enjoyable holidays with your families.

Because we were a few votes shy of a quorum during our annual meeting to elect our new board members, the board has appointed two members for the 2022 - 2024 term and has appointed one member to serve out the remainder of an exiting board member 2021 - 2023 term. These members were appointed consistent with the majority vote of the community. We would like to welcome Duncan MacKenzie as our newest board member serving a 2022 - 2024 term. Also Teri Christopher was appointed and will continue to serve the 2022-2024 term and Lewis Nighswonger has agreed to serve out the rest of Brett Gibbs term, which ends in December of 2022. We would like to thank Brett Gibbs and Mitch Kolehmainen, who were unfortunately, unable to serve out the remainder of their terms. You will be missed.

Please note that our deadline for enactment of our revised covenants is rapidly approaching. If you wish to vote for some or all of these covenant revisions, please do so before January 31, 2022. If we do not receive 67% of votes by homeowners, the revised covenants will not pass, and the changes contemplated in these covenants will not occur.

As you know, we have a community like no other. However, the beauty of this community does not hold up without the support of its members. I am writing to request that you join our Home Owner’s Association in 2022. The \$100 annual dues (equal to \$8.33 per month) that you voluntarily pay today collectively helps to maintain our community standard. This small amount covers a variety of expenses such as maintenance of our median on Stratford, irrigation, the monthly electric bill for the lighting of our sign at the Taylor Road entrance, our annual board meeting, our website, Oktoberfest, mailing expenses for our dues statements, directories ,and various flyers, and legal services. For added convenience, you may now pay your member dues online via our website at llphoa.org.

If you are already a member, please continue your support of this community by promptly returning you payment to the address listed the dues letter. If you are not a member, please consider joining us this year to make this community better than it has ever been.

I look forward to seeing you all over the next year.

Sincerely,

Jeff Morris

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Chairman, Longleaf Plantation Homeowners Association

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WINTER GARDENING TIPS

Plant growth and needs diminish as cooler weather prevails. Take this opportunity to do "less" in the landscape, discourage active plant growth, and reduce winter losses.

First, plants need less frequent watering during the cool season when transpiration and evaporation are slowed. Extended periods of moisture promote weeds, pests, and diseases. Less water means less opportunity for garden nuisances to thrive while the landscape is napping. As temperatures drop in December, January, February, and sometimes November, adjust irrigation to every other week. Consider manually operating the irrigation system during the winter by turning the system to the off position and back on only when two weeks of no rainfall have passed. This will also help keep plants dry during freeze events.

Next, refrain from applying nitrogen-containing fertilizer until spring. Warm-season lawn growth slows after September and moves toward dormancy as the threat of frost approaches. The last opportunity to apply nitrogen-containing fertilizers was in September.

However, potassium is an option when applied correctly in fall. This macro-nutrient promotes a hardy plant cell wall and aids in root production.

Mow grass at the highest possible height to further insulate roots from cold. Iron is a greening option for the winter lawn, as well as annual ryegrass. Keep in mind that while ryegrass does not qualify for additional irrigation in Citrus County, it easily germinates with Florida's abundant nighttime dew.

Additionally, pre-emergent herbicides prevent the germination of several winter annual weed seeds. When properly applied, these products reduce surging weed populations and are less able to injure healthy slow-growing or dormant grass.

Lastly, when installing cold-sensitive plants, choose protected locations. Find or create areas that are shielded from frost and cold winds. Consider spots near or between structures and under the tree canopy. Avoid locations at the bottom of slopes or small basins. Scientists focus on cold hardiness when breeding plants. Benefit from their efforts by selecting the right plant for the right place.

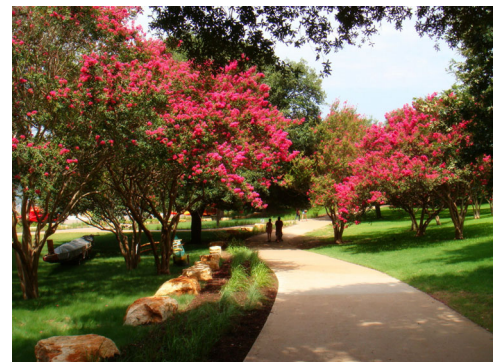
Landscapes need time to rest as temperatures cool. Forcing landscapes to actively grow and demanding green lawns in Florida winters contributes to plant injury and costly renovation. Applying nutrients during the appropriate months, selecting the "right plants," and conducting proper seasonal care will reduce plant losses during North Central Florida winters.



Crapemyrtle Trimming Tips

In Central Florida , late January or February is the best time to trim crapemyrtles. Crapemyrtles bloom on new growth, so it's best to prune them in the late winter or early spring just before they come out of dormancy and send out new leaves and branches. Some gardeners prune in the fall, but this can remove the year's new growth as a buffer against winter damage. Crapemyrtles grow flower buds on new growth, so you should still get blossoms as long as you leave enough time in the growing season. If leaves haven't yet or have just barely appeared, it should be safe to prune your plant. It's possible to prune as late or even later than May without harming the tree. However, pruning this late will probably delay your bloom time. Pruning before leaves sprout on the tree is also helpful because you get a clearer view of which branches to cut. Keep in mind that you can remove flowers when they fade in the summer to encourage a second bloom, as well.

Determine what shape and size you want the crapemyrtle to be. To keep a crapemyrtle healthy and beautiful, you want to prune with an eye toward opening up the middle of the tree to allow air to flow through more easily. Don't over-prune by lopping the trunks close to the ground. That's called crape murder. Aside from those guidelines, you can prune your crapemyrtle to a shape and size that works for your yard. Crapemyrtles can grow about 1 to 2 feet (30-40 cm) per season, so prune based on your desired tree height. For example, if you want your tree to be about 6 feet (2 m) tall, you will want to prune back to 4 to 5 feet (121 cm to 166 cm). Keep in mind that new growth will sprout from the pruned areas.



WILD RICE SOUP

- 1 cup wild rice mix
- 2 pack /32 oz. vegetable stock (64 oz)
- 1 cup milk
- 2 T cornstarch
- ½ c. white onion, finely chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped or minced
- 1 small piece ginger, finely chopped
- 2 stalks celery, in chunky pieces
- 2 medium carrots, in chunky pieces
- 1 large potato, yellow cut into chunky pieces
- 10 baby portabello mushrooms, quartered
- 1 cup Kale chopped
- 1 T olive oil
- 1 bay leave
- ½ t rosemary
- ½ t oregano
- ¼ t turmeric powder
- 1 t salt
- ½ t black pepper
- ¼ t paprika

Wash and soak the wild rice mix until ready to use. Meanwhile work on the vegetables. Saute' bay leaf, onion, garlic, ginger, celery and carrots, for 2 minutes. Next, add the soaked wild rice and the rest of the vegetables. Hold the kale back to add later. Add thyme, rosemary, oregano, turmeric, salt and black pepper, paprika, and vegetable stock. Stir well, and cook on low until rice is cooked well. Prepare the slurry of cornstarch and milk, an mix well with a whisk. Cook for 10 more minutes, and add kale at the last. Serve with crusty bread. Yum!



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.

October

Carol Gilbert
504 Black Ironwood Dr.



November

Charles and Linda Hicks
1077 Torchwood Dr



December

Evelyn Delaney and Maurice Heuss
856 Torchwood



LONG LEAF CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulaions to our homeowners on their creative and beautiful Christmas decorations. Each received a gift certificate for their efforts. Thanks everyone, for spreading the holiday cheer.

Rick and Margie Carrillo

779 Torchwood

Amanda and Jake Gingerich

799 Torchwood

Jeffrey and Cynthia Dolezal

855 Torchwood

Scott and Hope Herreman

502 Princewood

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