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## Letter from the Chairman

On Thursday, November 10th, the Annual Meeting of the Long Leaf Plantation Homeowners Association Board will convene at 7:30 pm with desserts being served at 7:00 pm. This is a special time each year for you to meet all the Board members, vote for new members and learn more about the actions of the Board through reports from the Committee Chairs for Treasury, Membership, Architectural Control, and Maintenance.

Approximately one-month prior to the meeting you will receive a mailing that includes a Meeting Notice, an Agenda, and a Ballot to vote for new Board members. It is very important to return your ballot as quickly as possible. If you cannot attend the meeting, please designate a proxy member to vote for you or, you can deliver your completed and sealed ballot to any of the Board Members. If a LLP member would like to make a presentation at this meeting, they must notify the Board at least two weeks in advance and provide information on their topic. Presenters will be given a maximum of fifteen minutes prior to the opening of the meeting. Those who do not provide notification prior to the meeting, may find their request denied.

As your Chairman, I urge all residents to attend this important meeting. The Annual Meeting serves as a perfect time to learn more about your community and to become involved by offering recommendations. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, November 10th at the Immanuel Presbyterian Church on Orange Camp Road at 7:00 pm. And Thank You for everything you do to keep Long Leaf a desirable community.

Regards,  
*Ron Derstine*  
Chairman

## Save the Dates

### NEIGHBORHOOD OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, October 8 starting at 6:00 pm  
on Red Mangrove Drive

### COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Saturday, October 15 starting at 7:30 am

### LONG LEAF PLANTATION HOA ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, November 10 starting at 7:30 pm  
at the Immanuel Presbyterian Church  
811 Orange Camp Road

# Annual Meeting

The Long Leaf Plantation Homeowners Association Annual Meeting will take place at 7:30PM on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at the Immanuel Presbyterian Church located at 811 Orange Camp Road (right across from the Oak Hill Road entrance onto Orange Camp). A Social Time will be happening prior to the meeting beginning at 7:00PM. For those new to the neighborhood, this is the perfect time to meet your Board and to learn the direction of the Long Leaf Plantation Homeowners Association. All members are encouraged to attend; however, we ask that if you have a topic you would like discussed during the meeting, you notify one of the Board members at least two weeks prior to the meeting date.



## Community Garage Sale

Now is the perfect time to clean out those closets and drawers. The Long Leaf Neighborhood Garage Sale will be taking place this year on Saturday, October 15, 2016, with opening at 7:30AM and closing at 1:00PM or whenever you choose. The HOA will be placing ads in various forms of neighborhood news; you do the selling!

# Yards of the Month

Congratulations to those resident whose lawns have earned them the designation of Yard of the Month.



July

Robin & Janice Thomas  
714 Black Ironwood Drive

August  
John & Anita Campbell  
1039 Torchwood Drive



September  
Aaron & Holly Guess  
909 Torchwood Drive

# Oktoberfest

The most popular of the neighborhood events will take place again this year on Saturday,

October 8th starting at 6:00PM on Red Mangrove Drive. A band will be making an appearance to keep us on our toes with popular music and Oomph's. The HOA supplies the Band, the Bratwurst (all beef hotdogs and buns), Soda and Beer, Kraut and fixings. To round out the food table, we ask that each attending member bring a dish to share. If you are not a member, but would still like to join in the fun, please make a \$5.00 donation to the guy grilling the bratwurst. It is strongly advised to bring your own chairs. Those who have tables to bring; your tables would be especially welcomed. It is requested that all dogs are left at home as not all folks are comfortable around animals. We look forward to seeing you for a night of fun, good food, music, and comradery.



4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY CELEBRATION!





## Orange Raisin Cake

A Nebraska Original Recipe, Serves 14-16

This recipe is courtesy of our neighbor Jan Seltman

### Ingredients:

1 Medium orange, including the rind	2 c. Flour
1 1/2 c. Raisins	1 tsp baking soda
1 cup Nuts	1/2 tsp salt
1/2 c. Oil	1 c. Buttermilk
1 c. Sugar	1 c. powdered sugar
2 Eggs	water

### Directions:

Grind orange, raisins and nuts together. Set aside 1/4 cup for glaze. Blend oil and sugar. Mix in eggs one at a time with flour, baking soda, salt, buttermilk and larger portion of the mixture. Bake in 13 x 9-inch lightly greased and floured pan for 30 minutes at 350 degrees. Let cool.

Glaze: Add powdered sugar to the reserved mixture and add enough water to make it spreadable. Spread or drizzle over cake.



This past month, several cases of the Zika virus have been found in northern Miami, and the first recorded death from the virus was found in Texas.

While we do not wish to cause a panic of any sort, we do want to see our neighborhood using better mosquito control. Mosquitos breed in standing water, so please take the time to walk around your lot to make sure all potential areas for standing water are eliminated. These would include old tires, drums, bottles, cans, pots, pans, boat tarps, long standing water in bird baths, unfiltered swimming pools, and broken appliances. Turn over any item that is holding water for more than a day at a time, and always wear mosquito repellent with a high level of DEET (25% or greater) whenever outside where mosquitos may be present. Please protect yourself and your neighborhood.

## Getting to Know your Neighbors

We asked Nada Acquaro to provide us with a little background on herself and consent to being our 'Neighbor' for this quarter's issue of The Sentinel. We were so inspired by her story that it was decided to reprint her submission as it was presented...

*Some of our newcomers in Longleaf may know me from visiting you with Ron Derstine when you first moved into your home.*

*I was raised in Europe and came to the U.S. in 1975 at the age of 16. Grew up in Bosnia, Croatia and from age 10-16 y/o in Vienna, Austria. My family emigrated to the U.S. as political immigrants. We were so very blessed to have the opportunity to come to this wonderful country. Freedom of speech has a special meaning when you come from a communist State. Since immigration seems to be in the news lately I want to take a few minutes to explain what it took for us to come to the U.S. First, we had to have a sponsor. My father had a friend he grew up with in Bosnia who lived in St. Louis MO. The sponsor helps immigrants find shelter, work, and supports them while they acclimate to their new home country. My family applied for political asylum to the U.S. while we lived in Vienna. We had to complete many pages of forms through the American Embassy. We then had to have two separate interviews as a family at the American Embassy. The whole process took eleven months. You may think that just about anybody could claim to be persecuted in their own country and come to the U.S. right? Not quite as easy. My father spent nine years as a political prisoner of the communist state in the former Yugoslavia and had the paperwork to prove why he was imprisoned. This justification was what allowed us to come to the U.S. A cousin of ours applied at the same time and he was not approved as he just wanted a better life (economic immigrant). Some may ask why we didn't just stay in Austria? We enjoyed living in Austria, however, Austria is politically neutral country and will give up any non-citizen without*

*question to their former country if requested. My father was deported twice from Vienna back to Yugoslavia at the request of the Yugoslavian Communist State. The fear of being sent back a third time is what prompted my parents to request political asylum in the U.S. I am grateful to be here and I'm very proud to be an American Citizen.*

*My parents, my brother and I started our new life in St. Louis MO where I finished High School. I then joined the Military and completed four years in the U.S. Army. I very much enjoyed my military experience. I had the opportunity to be stationed in Frankfurt, Germany where I met my wonderful husband, Tom, who was stationed there as an Army officer. After leaving the Military I went back to St. Louis and enrolled into College. I completed a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing and an MBA to follow. Tom and I were married after my first year of college. I went back into the military as a Reserve Air Force Officer after completing my education. Our civilian jobs took us to Massachusetts for 14 yrs and then to South Florida for 7 yrs. We moved to our beautiful Long Leaf neighborhood in 2008. I retired from the Air Guard in 2012 and am content to just have one job now. Tom worked for municipalities as a Human Resource Director for many years and retired a couple of years ago. You may notice the lawn is a little greener since he retired and our two cats are a lot happier with Tom at home. I worked as a nurse in various hospitals for 25 yrs and now I work with our veterans. I work in a VA doctor's office in Orange City. Any veterans in our neighborhood eligible for VA Health Care please come and visit our clinic.*

*Along with Ron I welcome new residents to our neighborhood. I also send the annual membership dues and an updated directory when you join the Association. Please let me know if I missed sending you a directory. I apologize in advance. My phone number is: 954-681-1313.*

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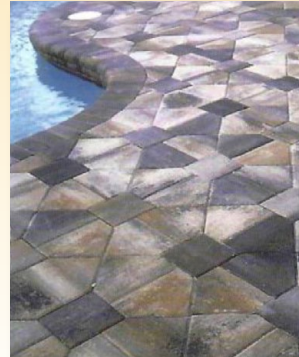
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Volusia County Public Works (report roadside litter) – 386 822-6422

## Volusia County Watering Restrictions

Even House #'s: Thursday & Sunday during Daylight Savings  
Odd House #'s: Wednesday & Saturday during Daylight Savings  
Do not water between 10am-4pm and no more than 1 hr per zone.

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