



Long Leaf Sentinel

Spring Edition Board Meeting Highlights

The treasurer will look into transferring some of the checking and savings accounts into CD's or money market accounts.

As of Feb 6, we have 88 members in our HOA. Directories have been given to all members.

The ACB has been very busy approving tree removals, new fencing, new windows, painting and re-roofing.

All board members present signed certification forms declaring that they have read the covenants, articles of incorporation, bylaws and current rules and policies.

The maintenance committee received 8 quotes and has decided to hire Central Irrigation Specialists to repair the median irrigation system.

Looking for an Architectural Control Board volunteer. Eric Graveling has resigned from the HOA Board, to be replaced by Sheryl Flowers.

The Board discussed covenant violations (cars parked on the grass, non operating cars parked in driveways, barking dogs and mailboxes needing paint or repair.

The Board will work on covenant changes and follow up with the LLP electronic file.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Fellow Homeowners:

In May, Volusia County voters will be asked to pass a sales tax increase. The increase is not justified. After years of over-development and developers not paying the actual cost their projects impose on the community, we are being asked to bail out local government's mismanagement of growth. Approving the increase will only lead to more development, such as the DR Horton development going in adjacent to Long Leaf Plantation that so many members of our community opposed at public hearings.

Recently the issue of tree cutting came to the fore again when the Architectural Control Board denied the removal of all the trees requested to put in a pool. The Board did approve removal of the trees that needed to be taken down in order for the pool to be built, while at the same time preserving several mature Live Oaks that contribute to our canopy and neighborhood beauty. The Architectural Control Board has the responsibility of balancing homeowners' rights and the needs of the community. The preservation of our neighborhood is integral to maintaining the appeal of Long Leaf as a desirable place to live.

Speaking of the Architectural Control Board, we are still looking for a third member. The summer can be a busy time for the Board, and we would like to be able to respond to homeowner requests in a timely manner. If you are interested in serving, please contact any member of either the ACB or the Board of Directors and let them know.

The Covenant Revision Committee has completed its work, and will be recommending changes to our covenants at the April Board meeting. If approved by the full board, the revisions will be reviewed by legal counsel, then published and circulated for a comment and review period before being put to a vote later this year.

The repairs to our sprinkler system in the median on Stratford should be completed in the near future, restoring the system to operability, and the community just completed another successful yard sale.

No Chairman's letter would be complete without urging all residents of Long Leaf to join the Homeowners Association and participate in our communal governance and activities. We need your participation and input on the issues our community faces.

Our next major community event will be the 4th of July Parade. Put it on your calendars, have the kids start thinking about decorating their bikes and wagons, and let's plan on having some good old summertime fun!

Sincerely,

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Chairman, Long Leaf Plantation
Homeowner's Association

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RECYCLING

You've probably read about neighboring cities discontinuing their recycling programs. The main reason is that many don't do a very good job at recycling. It is too costly to pay workers to separate non-recyclables or remove caps from plastic bottles. China used to buy much of our recyclables but have pulled back

because so much is "contaminated". Don't just put everything you "think" should be recycled in your bin.

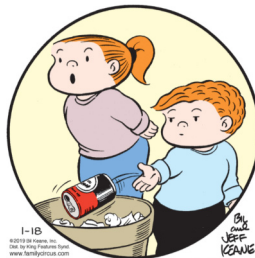
A few things not to be put in recycle bins:
NO:

- ◇ Coat hangers
- ◇ Plastic bags (Publix takes them)
- ◇ Styrofoam (Publix takes this)
- ◇ Light bulbs

Starting with just these tips will make a difference. DeLand is trying to educate us on recycling instead of giving up. Let's do our part.

DOGS

Hey, dog walkers! Don't be embarrassed to carry a little bag to pick up Fido's drops in a neighbor's yard or in the median (where many of us walk to keep from getting run over). It is much more embarrassing to be caught in the act of "dumping" on your neighbor's lawn. Bread bags or newspaper sleeves make great picker-uppers. No need for a shovel; just put your hand in the bag, pick up the present and slide the bag up around it. Simple and thoughtful. Thanks to those of you who already do this. We appreciate you and your pooch.



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DINE AROUND IS BACK!!



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Let's get together at Brians Bar-B-Que and Restaurant for a great meal, Nickel Beer (yes, that's right), and fellowship with our neighbors. May 6, 6:00PM. Address is 795 N. Spring Garden Avenue. Please RSVP by May 3, only to Nancy Roeder, nroeder2@gmail.com or 757 289 1137. Nancy will make sure we have reservations for our group. See you there!!!

ARE YOU A GOOD NEIGHBOR?

We're lucky to have good neighbors in Long Leaf. Many of us are blessed with neighbors who share food, check on our homes while away, pick up things from Publix for us. You may fall into this category, but if you also are a dog owner who is gone a lot and leave your dog outside or in a screened area, you may not be aware that your dog may be barking quite a lot while you are gone. There are several residents that fall into this category. (Most of our dog owners do not do this, thank you!) This is the time of the year many folks like to open doors and windows or sit outside on a porch but a barking dog makes this impossible for those of us who still have our hearing. PLEASE, PLEASE, leave your dogs inside while you are gone. And if you're home and they are outside barking, please be thoughtful of your neighbors and bring them in. If you are being disturbed by a barker, try speaking to the owners. They may be unaware their pet is carrying on while they are gone. The next step is to call Animal Control @ 386-248-1790, who will send someone out to speak to the owners. No one likes to do this, but if we want to keep Long Leaf a beautiful AND peaceful place to live, it may be necessary. Think about it; if you were looking at a home in Long Leaf and noticed the neighbor's dog barking up a storm, might you think twice about living there?

Be a thoughtful neighbor. And many thanks to all our great and responsible dog-owner residents!

CITY OF DELAND TREE GIVEAWAY



Beginning at 8am, Saturday, April 21, Deland residents will be able to pick up 4 trees each from the City's Public Works Complex, 1102 S. Garfield Avenue. Vehicles will enter from Amelia Ave, and follow the signs to the giveaway area.

People are asked to bring proof of residence, while those picking up trees for others are asked to bring person's written request and a copy of the other person's proof of residence. Maximum of 8 (eight) trees per vehicle.

Residents are asked to have the giveaway form filled out to make the process easier. The form may be found on www.deland.org/news/tree-giveaway. There are about a dozen species of trees; quantities and types of trees are subject to change and some are more limited than others.



Please join us in welcoming to Long Leaf, our new neighbors

Michael and Kristy Powell

502 Princeswood Dr.

Aaron and Jani Price

734 Black Ironwood Dr.

Bod and Natalie Warren

643 Princeswood Dr.

Adam and Chambry King

942 Torchwood Dr.

ARE U AN ACTIVE MEMBER?



Are you an active member, the kind who would be missed or are you just contented that your name is on the list? Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock, or do you merely stay at home and criticize and mock? Are you sincerely active to help the work along or are you satisfied to say "who me? I just belong". We all should think this over; we know right from wrong. Are we true active members, or do we just belong?

Long Leaf neighbors, does this sound like you? If you're a member, why not get involved? If you are not a member, PLEASE JOIN US! This is your community; please help us keep it the neighborhood you fell in love with when you bought your home.

CHOCOLATE: THE ORIGINAL HEALTH FOOD

Stop feeling guilty about eating chocolate in moderate amounts. The antioxidants that chocolate contains offer health benefits and may actually lower the risk of heart disease, reduce blood pressure and reduce cholesterol and atherosclerosis.



Good quality dark chocolate is nutritious, offering soluble fiber and a lot of healthy minerals. Recent studies show that chocolate stimulates the release of endorphins, those "feel good" chemicals produced in the brain. Numerous scientific studies confirm that chocolate may improve brain function, increase good cholesterol while lowering the bad, protect your skin from sun damage and boost the immune system.

FENCES: A FEW THINGS TO HELP IN PLANNING

A fence serves many purposes, including landscape enhancement, security and value added to one's home. Long Leaf HOA has rules and there are also governing ordinances that residents must follow in Long Leaf since we are part of unincorporated Volusia County. A few things to consider:

- **Covenant RULE:** No fence or hedge shall be erected, placed, altered, maintained or permitted to remain on any lot in the subdivision until the height, type and location thereof have been approved by the ACB. No fence, wall or hedge will be permitted in the front of any dwelling. No fences may be erected that are metal (specifically chain link fences are prohibited). All walls and fences shall be harmonious with the external design and coloration of the dwelling.
- A permit is required. It is obtained in room 203 (second floor) Growth & Resource Management Building & Zoning, 123 W Indiana Ave. Phone: 736-5959.
- A fee will be assessed for the permit. The amount is based on the price of the project.
- You will have to bring a home survey and define the location of the fence.
- Prior to issuing a permit, the property will be inspected to make sure there are no Gopher Tortoises on the property.
- A notice of commencement will be issued that is to be signed by the owner and notarized.

YARDS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our Yard of the Month Winners! Thank you for helping 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. If you have a yard you'd like to nominate, call John or Teri Christopher @ 943-8812.

February

Tammy and Doug Phillips
1093 Torchwood



March

Steve and Nancy Roeder
954 Torchwood



April

Robert and Fleda Mulkey
1030 Torchwood



Thank you all who continuously work hard to keep their property tended & looking well groomed. A well-maintained landscape reflects a well maintained home & helps boost resale value.

GET READY



Since the next newsletter won't be published til late summer, we thought we'd give you a heads up regarding thinking about decorating (bikes, motorcycles, atvs, cars, horses, dogs and other pets, strollers, wagons or walkers) for our infamous 4th of July parade. Anything red, white and blue will be acceptable. This will be our 34th annual Independence Day stroll. In keeping with tradition, it will be informal, modest and joyfully chaotic. The parade will form at Russ Grant's house (1676 Red Mangrove) at 8 am. Emails and fliers will be distributed with more details prior to the parade.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Friday, July 4, for our annual 4th of July Parade and festivities.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

People are like tea bags; you don't know their strength until they are in hot water. A lot of people who buy on time don't pay that way. Worrying about the past is like trying to make birth control pills retroactive. The best things in life are free, but you can enjoy them more if you have money.

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