

Spring Edition Board Meeting Highlights

The HOA board continues to look into the possibility of getting lighting at the front entrance to Long Leaf.

The board is waiting for residents to vote on covenant changes, which were mailed out with self-addressed stamped envelopes for returns, as door-to-door collection was deemed unwise during the health crisis.

The board is following up on concerns regarding the proposed increased speed limit on Taylor Road with the Volusia County Traffic Engineer, Mr. Jon Cheney.

.....Key Information.....

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In residential areas, motor vehicles my not be parked in the front yard except on driveways.

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Homeowner,

The Board and I hope that you and your families are safe and well during these trying times. We must continue to keep safe distances from our neighbors until this virus passes.

By this time you should have received your voting ballots for the Covenant revisions and directions to answerbooth.com to access the revisions and vote. If you did not please call Teri Christopher @ 386-943-8812. I will be happy to supply you with instructions and a voting ballot. We have received many ballots to date and it is not too late to send in yours. All Homeowners of Long Leaf may vote whether you are a dues paid member or not. Soon we will be tabulating the votes along with two volunteer residents and will definitely let all Homeowners know the outcome.

The Fourth of July is just around the corner and hopefully we will be able to celebrate our traditional parade. We will keep you updated with flyers and emails.

Seven of our stop signs were recently replaced. Many of the post were deteriorated at the top and bottom. We were lucky to find a licensed and insured handyman to do the work.

We are still in the process to get better lighting on the northwest side of Stratford and East Taylor. Due to the virus things have slowed to a standstill but hopefully we will get some answers soon.

I encourage you to attend our next Board Meeting which will be posted at the north and south end of Stratford and an email reminder as soon as the virus restrictions have been lifted.

Stay safe,

Teri Christopher Teri Christopher

Chairman

*I have two resident volunteers and two Board members to tabulate the votes. We will be updating you by email on the results.

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FROM THE CITY OF DELAND

COVID-19 has been reported in Volusia County and elsewhere in the state by The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Florida Department of Health. It is important that we do our part to protect ourselves and those around us:

- —Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- —If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol -based sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- —Avoid close contact with people who are sick and stay home when you are sick.

For frequently asked questions from the Florida Department of Health, please visit:

https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/faq/

IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

I've always wanted to have a neighbor just like you.
I've always wanted to live in a neighborhood with you.

~Fred Rogers

One of the many reasons residents often say they chose to live in Long Leaf is the beauty and tidiness of the lawns, driveways, and homes in the neighborhood. One of the ways you can contribute to this is to remember to place your trashcans and recycle bins at the end of your driveway at dusk on Thursday evenings and remember to bring them back up by the end of the day on Friday. If you are unable to do this for any reason (travel or disability), please consider asking your neighbor to step in and help you out. And if your neighbor needs help...well, that's what good neighbors are for!



Please join us in welcoming our new neighbors to Long Leaf

Dr. Peter and Evon Yadanza

1073 Torchwood Drive

Randy and Marianne Birman

505 Black Ironwood Drive

Scott and Hope Herreman

502 Princewood Drive

SPRING GARDENING TIPS



From the University of Florida Extension Office: It's time to plant annuals that can handle full sun during the coming hot summer months, like vinca and coleus, as well as palms and heat-loving herbs such as basil, Mexican tarra-

gon, and rosemary. Butterfly lily and gladiolus will also do well in the summer.

In your vegetable garden, you can start planting okra, southern peas, Malabar spinach, and sweet potatoes. Halloween pumpkins can be started in July.

You can lightly prune your hibiscus, oleander, and crepe myrtles now. You can also prune your azaleas until the middle of July without harming next spring's buds.

Begin looking at your trees to prepare for hurricane season! It's not too early to trim branches away from your roof.

Using the St. John's Water Management District as a guide, remember to water your lawn only when it needs it. The amount of rainfall our area receives should dictate how often you water your lawn and how much water to apply. A hearty rain eliminates the need for watering for as long as two weeks. Irrigation during the rainy season is detrimental. Too much water encourages weed growth, fungus, and disease.

Be sure your sprinkler system is equipped with a working rain shutoff device, which overrides the system when enough rain has fallen. It automatically resets the system when the turf requires more water.

Water lawns during the early morning or early evening hours when temperature and wind speed are lowest. This reduces loss from evaporation that can occur in the middle of the day. This also allows the water to seep into the ground to the grass and plant roots, promoting healthier plants with deep root systems. Watering early also reduces the potential for disease development.

Odd numbered houses are allowed to use their irrigation on Wednesday and Saturday and even numbered houses may water on Thursday and Sunday.

STAYING HEALTHY DURING STRESSFUL TIMES

The COVID-19 health crisis has affected everyone by creating uncertainty and changes in all of our routines, and financial pressures and social isolation for some. The Mayo Clinic staff have prepared some recommendations for how to cope during the pandemic and in the future, for better mental health.

Take Care of Your Body

- 1. Get enough sleep
- 2. Participate in regular physical activity
- 3. Eat healthy
- 4. Avoid tobacco, alcohol, and drugs
- 5. Limit screen time, especially 30 minutes before sleep
- 6. Relax and recharge daily

Take Care of Your Mind

- 1. Keep your regular routine
- 2. Limit exposure to news media
- 3. Stay busy
- 4. Focus on positive thoughts
- 5. Use your moral compass or spiritual life for support
- 6. Set priorities

Connect With Others

- 1. Make connections, by phone and virtually if necessary
- 2. Do something for others

BAKED APPLE OATMEAL CUPS

Here is an easy and healthy recipe for breakfast, snack, or anytime that doesn't require flour and you can use any milk you like...regular, buttermilk, or almond milk! Tastes great warmed up with your favorite nut butter spread on top.



½ cup applesauce

chopped pecans

1 large apple, chopped

1/4 cup raisins, craisins, or

3 cups old fashioned rolled oats
1 teaspoon baking powder
16 teaspoon sinnamon

½ teaspoon cinnamon 1 cup milk

2 eggs, beaten

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Spray a 12-count muffin pan with cooking spray.

Mix the first six ingredients (through applesauce) in a large bowl until well combined.

Add the apple and other mix-ins and mix well.

Let it sit for a few minutes to allow the oats to absorb the milk. Spoon into muffin cups and bake for 25-30 minutes.

Enjoy!

(From the YouTube channel "Clean and Delicious")

YARDS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our Yard of the Month winners! Thank you for helping to make our neighborhood a beautiful place to live. Remember, only paid HOA members are eligible for this reward, so if you'd like to be considered, make sure you've sent in your annual dues of \$100. And be

a good neighbor and consider nominating a yard you love by calling John or

Teri Christopher at 943-8812.

March

Jurgen Baudenbacher 704 Black Ironwood Drive



April
Aaron and Holly Guess
909 Torchwood Drive



MayKenneth and Myong Lathrop 951 Torchwood Drive



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

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Our neighbor, Gloria MacKenzie, is making masks to protect us during this pandemic. If you have not already accessed one, she will provide one to you. Gloria advised she can place it in a plastic bag on your mailbox. All she asks is if you have any extra coffee bag clips, they make a great insert for the nose clip, should you choose to do that. (And if you have any extra clips, she'd love some!) Thank you, Gloria, for helping out our neighbors!



You may reach Gloria by email ggmack@att.net to inquire about a mask.

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