



Long Leaf Sentinel

Summer Edition Board Meeting Highlights

All Board discussions have been by email since our last meeting in March.

Current paid Membership-133 homeowners.

The Board mailed voting ballots and revised Covenants.

The Board approved and purchased answerbooth.com. The site will be renamed LLP HOA.org. Soon residents will be able to view Board meeting minutes, Covenants, Financial reports, ACB monthly report, Newsletter and Annual Budget, current and past.

The Board voted to charge \$100.00 to fill out Estoppel forms for Title Companies when a home is sold in Long Leaf.

The Board approved signage to be placed at Long Leaf entrance thanking Healthcare Workers and First Responders during the Covid crisis.

In June, two Long Leaf residents, Judy Black and Carol Noyes, and two Board Members, Teri Christopher and Don Day, reviewed all voting ballots. To date 101 ballots have been received.

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

- POISON CONTROL . . .800-222-1222
- W VOLUSIA CO POLICE, FIRE & EMS
- Duke Energy 800-228-8485
- VOLUSIA CO ROAD & BRIDGE 386-822-6422
- Report pot holes, drainage issues, signs & mowing
- VOLUSIA CO ANIMAL CONTROL 386-248-1790
- VOLUSIA CO CODE ENFORCEMENT 386-736-5925
- In residential areas, motor vehicles may not be parked in the front yard except on driveways.
- W VOLUSIA TRANSFER STATION 386-423-3862
- For recycling and household hazardous waste
- WATERING DAYS (before 10am)/Daylight Saving Time...
- Even house # Thurs & Sun; Odd house # Wed & Sat

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Homeowners:

This year has definitely been a challenge due to the virus. The Board has not met since March but we stay in contact via email with all Board members and continue to address any concerns.

The Architectural Control Board stays very busy meeting with residents or via email regarding their requests. A big thank you to Don Day, Preston McCready and Nancy Roeder.

This year we were unable to celebrate and participate in the July 4th parade due to the virus. It would have been too difficult to wear a mask in the July heat and keep a safe distance. We look forward to next year in celebrating our nations birthday.

Unfortunately it looks as though Oktoberfest/Fall Festival slated for October 24 will not take place. The German band or DJ have not been booked. We usually celebrate with 50 to 70 people and if masks are required and large gatherings are not allowed, then we must comply and wait until next year to celebrate.

I would like to address the trash containers visible from the street. Covenant III, D, states "Empty containers should be retrieved from roadside as soon as possible after pick-up and stored in a place not readily visible from the road." Your neighbors do not want to see your trash can sitting by your garage or on the side of your home. Please comply with this covenant and be a good neighbor.

As a final note, I would like to thank all the residents who took the time to review and vote on the revised covenants. Our priority is to keep our neighborhood beautiful and appealing to current and prospective residents as it ages. More voting ballots are needed to meet the 60% of the recorded property owners to alter, change or modify the current revisions. The Board will be contacting those residents who have not sent in their voting ballots. All residents are eligible to vote whether you are a dues paying member or not. If you cannot locate your voting ballot contact me at 386-943-8812. The ballot will instruct you to "answerbooth.com/proposed revisions." For those who are not computer savvy we have hard copies of the revisions available.

Stay Safe,

Teri Christopher
Chairman, Long Leaf Plantation
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ORGANIZING & DECLUTTERING

Downsizing, decluttering and the kids don't want what you've collected over the years? Why? A recent article in the News Journal gave some opinionated insights, a few of which follow. The generations that came after the baby boomers are less interested than their forerunners in the trappings of domestic life than the older generation. Gen Xers and millennials aren't predisposed to handwashing china, polishing silver and less interested in dark, heavy furniture, books, vintage linens or someone else's collection. This is not to say that "one size fit's all."

The Pandemic is affecting values. There's simply emptier wallets than pre-pandemic.

Need Help?

Personal Property appraisers, found through the American Society of Appraisers, or the International Society of Appraisers can be of help determining what might be worth selling. One can use e bay to estimate values, but you should check the most recent "sold" listing. Owners of sterling silver, china and crystal may be able to sell individual pieces to Replacements LTD., a tableware retailer that makes purchases through an online process. The value of books often can be established with an internet search or by visiting Biblio.com, a marketplace for rare, out-of-print and collectible books. Of course there are charitable organizations, friends and social media that are available. Do your research and make an informed decision if you're left with what the family doesn't want.

WHAT DOES FL LAW SAY ABOUT ATVs ON STREETS?

While it has not been a huge issue here in Long Leaf, you might be interested in what the Florida restrictions are for ATVs (small 3 or 4 tire single operator vehicles.) You are not permitted to operate an ATV or UTV (slightly larger) on any public road or street. You MAY operate them on unpaved roads with a speed limit less than 35 mph and the vehicle must be titled.

If you take your children under 16 off-roading, be sure you're aware of other restrictions governing the use of these vehicles, like helmet and boot requirements and the need to have a certificate of successful completion of a safety course (OHV) with you. And those under 16 must be under adult supervision while operating an ATV. Stay safe!

SUMMER GARDENING TIPS

August

What to Plant: Annuals/Bedding plants: The hottest days of summer limit planting now to heat-tolerant annuals, such as coleus, kalanchoe, and vinca. Bulbs: Aztec lily, butterfly lily, walking iris, and spider lily can be planted any time of the year, even late summer. Herbs: Herbs that can be planted from plants (not seeds) include bay laurel, ginger, Mexican tarragon, and rosemary. Vegetables: Tomatoes, beans, carrots and others can be planted for the fall garden.

What to Do: Palms: Check older fronds for yellowing as it may indicate a magnesium or potassium deficiency. Apply an appropriate palm fertilizer. Vegetables: Solarize the vegetable garden in preparation for fall planting if not done in July. Poinsettias: Pinch back poinsettias and mums before the end of the month to allow time for buds to form for winter bloom. Ornamental plants: Fertilize plants that show signs of deficiencies. Rapid growth and leaching rains may result in nutrient deficiencies. In some plants. Fertilizer Bans: Some municipalities in central Florida prohibit the application of fertilizer to lawns and/or landscape plants during the summer rainy season (June - September). See if such an ordinance exists in your area. Annuals/Bedding plants: Remove spent blooms, cut back, and fertilize flowering annuals and perennials to extend the bloom season into the fall months.

September

What to Plant: Annuals/Bedding plants: If summer beds need refreshing, try ageratum, coleus, celosia, zinnia, and wax begonia for color into fall. Bulbs: Add color, texture, and pattern to the garden with the many varieties of elephant's ear that are available. Herbs: Plant herbs that tolerate the warm temperatures of early fall, such as Mexican tarragon, mint, rosemary, and basil. Vegetables: It is hot, but numerous cool-season (as well as warm-season) crops can be planted.

What to Do: Lawn problems: Continue to monitor the lawn for signs of insect damage. Fall armyworms, chinch bugs, mole crickets, and sod webworms are still active this month. Perennials and bulbs: Divide and replant perennials and bulbs that have grown too large or need rejuvenation. Add organic matter to new planting areas and monitor water needs during establishment. Irrigation: Check that irrigation systems are providing good coverage and operating properly before summer rains taper off. Citrus: Fertilize citrus with a balanced fertilizer either this month or in October. If the weather has been rainy, do not use soluble nitrogen as rains will wash it from the soil too quickly. Fertilizer Bans: Some municipalities in central Florida prohibit the application of fertilizer to lawns and/or landscape plants during the summer rainy season (June-September). See if such an ordinance exists in your area. Vegetable gardens: Prepare the fall vegetable garden if not done in August. Using transplants from your local garden center will get the garden off to a fast start, but seeds provide a wider variety from which to choose.

SPEEDING



Please be aware of the speed you are driving in the neighborhood. Many families are enjoying the summer by walking and riding bikes with their children in the street. More of us are enjoying being outside instead of cooped up in the house social distancing. It would be nice due to increased traffic on Stratford to have the 30 mph speed limit reduced to 25 mph and reduced throughout streets in our subdivision. Drivers are driving much faster on Stratford than 30 mph. The Board is contacting Kevin Scott of Volusia County Traffic Engineering to review traffic and speeding on Stratford and to reduce speed limits to 25 mph in our neighborhood. All surrounding neighborhoods have 25 mph speed limits.

SOLICITORS

Soliciting has always been an issue here in Long Leaf. Last year the Board filed a Trespass Notice Authorization with the Volusia County Sheriff's department. All solicitors are subject to arrest. Simply tell the solicitor if they don't leave the community they can be arrested. If they don't leave you may call the non-emergency phone #386-736-5999 for the Volusia County Sheriff's Dept.

EASY SUMMER SMOOTHIE

- 2 c chopped fresh strawberries
- 1 peeled banana
- 10 oz plain nonfat Greek yogurt
- 2 c crushed ice
- Whipped topping



- Place strawberries, banana, yogurt in blender.
- Pulse til fruit is well blended, scraping sides of container, if necessary.
- Add ice; pulse til ice is well blended.
- Pour into glasses and top each with 2 Tbsp whipped topping.
- Serve immediately.

LONG LEAF CANCELLATIONS

Regretfully the board decided to cancel the Long Leaf October neighborhood sale, as well as the OctoberFest. Due to the continuing numbers of COVID 19 cases, it is safer to stay social distanced. We want to keep everyone Safe and healthy!



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 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.



June

Jill and Morris Sheldon
795 Torchwood Drive



July

Kelly and David Letter
542 Princewood Drive



BEAUTIFICATION OF LLP ENTRANCE

The view onto E. Taylor Rd from Stratford at the front entrance to Long Leaf is constantly hampered by very tall weeds on the west side of Stratford. The County of Volusia did cut the hanging vines down and mowed some of the weeds after receiving a letter from a resident and a call from the Board. We are currently in contact with Jeff Borden of Volusia County to continue to mow the slope so that it does not block the view of on coming traffic on Taylor Road.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO **Vote** !!!

The board is still missing quite a few votes on the Proposed covenant revisions for Long Leaf. This is your community, and we need and welcome your input. Please pull out that voting form and cast your votes. IF YOU MISPLACED THE FORMS, PLEASE CALL TERI CHRISTOPHER AT 386-943-8812, or email her at jfctc@hotmail.com, to get another copy. Thank you very much for your participation!

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