

Spring Edition Board Meeting Highlights

The board met at Teri Christopher's home on April 22, 2021.

Several community members presented their observations, remarks, and suggestions to the issue of flags. The chairman thanked the members for their concerns and comments, and advised that the covenants are completely silent on flags and related fines which present an issue for enforcement. He explained that the board will publish a covenant revision proposal for feedback from LLP community.

The secretary's LLPHOA board activity report for 2/18/21 were approved. Minutes of Ithe board's 3/18/21 meeting were approved. Treasurer's report for March was approved. Water and sprinkler bill (overcharged due to county causing leak) were reimbursed by county

Maintenance committee: automatic bank draft for water bills put on hold, to prevent any future big water bills being charged in error. County fixed a pothole at Torchwood and Black Ironwood.

Architectural Control Board : Motion made and approved to accept Rick Studer's candidacy as an ACB member, joining Nancy Roeder.

Website committee: Motion made and approved to adopt a website committee with Don Day as chair and Jef Morris and Jon Claessen as members.

Median improvements: Teri Christopher and Nancy Roeder volunteered to change out some plants at the LLP Taylor Road entrance. Motion also made to approve posting of the proposed covenant revisions and a consecutive consult with an attorney once member feedback is processed. Motion approved.

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

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Happy Summer! I hope that this newsletter finds you well and in good health. I am pleased to announce that we will be resuming our neighborhood activities, beginning with our Fourth of July Parade. After such a long period of isolation, it will be nice to engage in our community activities and see the faces of our neighbors again. Please join us if you can, as we would love to see you. We will also be resuming our annual Oktoberfest. Please check back periodically on our website for more information on the upcoming activities.

We are still working to finalize the potential changes to the covenants. The Covenant committee will be re-convening on July 8, 2021 in a hybrid meeting (in person and via zoom) to finalize the potential revisions. Some of the highlights of the potential revisions are as follows:

- * Refining our rules regarding acceptable materials for construction of driveways;
- * Refining owner responsibilities for pets;
- * Loosening the "dusk" restriction for placement of trash and yard trash bins;
- * Clarifying the rules regarding the parking of boats, trailers, campers, and motor homes;
- * Refining the rules regarding the destruction and removal of our trees;
- * Codifying the prior ACB precedent of approving fence materials other than wood;
- * Revising our "political signage" covenant to allow the community to decide the issue of what type of flags may be flown in LLP and the number thereof;
- * Further revising our "political signage" covenant to allow the community to decide whether to allow residents to display a single small political sign immediately prior to an election, as is customary in other neighboring HOAs.
- * Codifying in our covenants specific language allowing LLP to fine residents for non-compliance with our covenants, and providing due process related to fines.

The current proposed covenant revisions can be located on our website at the bottom of the "board meetings" page. Please feel free to review them and offer your feedback through the "contact us" tab on our website. The board thanks all of the residents who have offered comment at our recent board meetings. Your involvement in our community the feedback you have provided has been invaluable. After the potential revisions are finalized, they will be forwarded to our counsel for review, then sent to ballot for voting.

Our website is an ongoing project, and I would like to personally thank Don Day for his time in creating and managing it. Our goal is for this website to be the primary mechanism for members and residents obtain information regarding our association and communicate suggestions, issues, or concerns with LLP. Please provide any suggestions you may have regarding the website via the "Contact Us" form. The online payment system for membership fees is now functional on our website. In order to mitigate losses to the association, the board voted to apply a convenience fee of \$3.20 for those members who elect pay online. You may still pay the \$100.00 fee (without a convenience fee) by mailing a check to the association PO Box if you wish to avoid this fee.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

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Jeffery Morris Chairman, Longleaf Plantation Homeowners Association

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WINTER GARDENING TIPS

July

What to Plant: <u>Annuals/Bedding plants</u>: Summer annuals to plant now include celosia, coleus, torenia, and ornamental pepper. <u>Bulbs</u>: Butterfly lily and gladiolus can be planted during the middle of summer. <u>Herbs</u>: While summer is too hot to start herbs from seeds, many do well if started from small plants. <u>Palms:</u> Continue planting palms while the rainy season is in full swing. Support large palms with braces for 6–8 months after planting. Nails should not be driven directly into a palm trunk. <u>Vegetables</u>: Start your Halloween pumpkins this month, but watch out for mildew diseases. Okra and Southern peas can also be planted.

What to Do: Trees: Prepare for hurricane season by checking trees for damaged or weak branches and pruning if needed. Hire an ISA-certified arborist. Lawns: Determine the cause of any lawn problems before taking action. If an insect is the culprit, treat only the affected area. Rule out disease or sprinkler malfunction. 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 garden: Use summer heat to solarize the vegetable garden for fall planting. It takes 4-6 weeks to kill weeds, disease, and nematodes, so start now. Azaleas: Prune no later than mid-July to protect developing buds for next spring's bloom. Irrigation: Install an inexpensive rain shutoff device to save money by overriding an irrigation system when it rains. Pests on ornamental plants: Inspect the leaves of azaleas and ornamental plants for small white dots that may indicate lace bugs at work. Spray forcefully with water to help control this pest. Citrus: Check citrus trees for damage to fruit or leaves and take action to minimize the effect of insects and/or disease on developing fruit and the overall health of the tree.

August

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

September

What to Plant: <u>Annuals/Bedding plants</u>: If summer beds need refreshing, try ageratum, coleus, celosia, zinnia, and wax begonia for color into fall. <u>Bulbs</u>: Add color, texture, and pattern to the garden with the many varieties of elephant's ear that are available. <u>Herbs</u>: Plant herbs that tolerate the warm temperatures of early fall, such as Mexican tarragon, mint, rosemary, and basil. <u>Vegetables</u>: 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 leach it from the soil too guickly. 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.

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Please join us in welcoming our new neighbors to Long Leaf

> Diane and Chris Stelly 739 Torchwood Drive

William (Bill) Pearson

724 Black Ironwood

Caitlin and Joel Jason 1052 Torchwood

Daniel Phillips 422 and 442 Princewood

TOMATO AND FRESH MOZZARELLA PASTA SALAD

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

1/3 cup olive oil

2 tablespoons white wine vinegar

1 small shallot, minced

8 ounces dried fusilli pasta

2 cups halved grape tomatoes

2 cups diced fresh mozzarella

1 cup torn fresh basil leaves

Instructions:

- 1. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil.
- 2. Whisk together the olive oil, vinegar, shallot, 1/2 teaspoon salt and a few grinds of pepper in a large bowl.
- 3. Add the pasta to the boiling water and cook according to the package directions. Drain and rinse under cold water to cool; add to the bowl with the dressing.
- 4. Add the tomatoes, mozzarella and basil to the bowl and toss to combine. Season with salt and pepper. The pasta salad is best if served right away.

JULY 4TH PARADE IS BACK!

Come join in the fun celebrating our country's 245th birthday. Kids, decorate your bikes with red, white and blue. Parents, wave your flags or decorate golf carts or vehicles. Mr. DeMattia, a Vietnam veteran, will lead our parade blaring patriotic songs from his vehicle. We start at Russell and Nancy Grants home, 1676 Red Mangrove, head north to Torchwood and turn left, march across Stratford around Torchwood to Princewood. Head east on Princewood all the way back to Red Mangrove. There will be refreshments for all and prizes for the kids. Residents, we hope you will join us but if not come out and cheer the marchers on. We meet on July 4th at 8:00 AM.

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 386-956-8895.

April Conrad & Karen Nuthman 979 Torchwood





May Michelle Cechowski 493 Princewood

June Dr. Matt Marzullo & Bonnie Lindberg 695 Black Ironwood





It's time to celebrate the neighborhoods old tradition of Oktoberfest. The date has been set for October 16, 2021, from 6:00 pm till 10:00 pm. Russell and Nancy Grant are kind enough

to lend us their yard and grill for Oktoberfest. There will be music, dancing in the street along with brats and sauerkraut, hotdogs, chicken, soda, and water. Residents who attend usually bring a side dish or desert. This is free to members, \$5 for non-members and guest. If anyone is interested in helping with the event please contact me, Teri Christopher at 386-956-8895 or email <u>jfctc@hotmail.com</u>. We need volunteers to help set up and breakdown lighting, tables, and chairs. Look for future emails regarding this event. Let's make this the best Oktoberfest ever.



LONG LEAF FALL YARD SALE!!! Sat, Oct 23, 2021 – 7:30 am to 2 pm Rain date—October 30

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