



Long Leaf Sentinel

Winter Edition Board Meeting Highlights

BIMONTHLY LLP BOARD MEETING—Held June 23, 2022 @ 6:15 PM

Rebecca Verrastro was proposed for Secretary and accepted. A motion affecting this change was made by Jef Morris and seconded by Duncan MacKenzie.

A resident expressed concern about the swale along the west side of Stafford being left unmowed. Our bylaws state residents have an obligation to maintain their property/mow grass, all the way to the street - including grass between the sidewalk and street. An email reminding resident(s) will be sent out.

Residents will be reminded that roof shingle and paint colors as well as any tree removal need ACB approval.

Minutes from the last meeting as well as the Treasurer's report and Maintenance report were read and approved.

Plans for the next newsletter as well as emails were discussed.

Need for volunteers is a priority.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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

- POISON CONTROL800-222-1222
- W VOLUSIA CO POLICE, FIRE & EMS386-254-4657
- Duke Energy800-228-8485
- VOLUSIA CO ROAD & BRIDGE386-822-6422
- Report pot holes, drainage issues, signs & mowing
- VOLUSIA CO ANIMAL CONTROL386-248-1790
- VOLUSIA CO CODE ENFORCEMENT386-736-5925
- In residential areas, motor vehicles may not be parked in the front yard except on driveways.
- W VOLUSIA TRANSFER STATION386-423-3862
- For recycling and household hazardous waste
- WATERING DAYS (before 10am)/Daylight Saving Time...
- Even house # Thurs & Sun; Odd house # Wed & Sat
- Eastern Standard Time...Even house # Sun, Odd house # Sat

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Summer Greetings,

I am pleased to inform you that our membership for 2022 has grown to 125, which is greater than our membership in 2021. If you have been a regular member in the past and have not yet paid your dues, it isn't too late to continue your membership. Those residents who are not members, please consider joining now to be part of a community of residents who are working toward rebuilding our tree canopy and who carry the weight of maintaining our beautiful median on Stratford Drive.

Irrespective of membership, all owners of property in Longleaf Plantation are required to abide by our covenants. Being a member of our association gives you an opportunity to select the board members who ensure community covenants are fairly and evenhandedly applied. These board members also plan our yearly activities. The right to elect your board members, who set the tone of our board, is of vital importance to our entire community.

For those who are current members, please consider running for our board in the upcoming election as we will have some vacancies in the upcoming term. Also, please consider assisting us on our various committees.

We have seen a number of community members who have been replanting to replace our tree canopy of dying laurel and water oaks. We cannot thank you enough for your efforts. If you have planted a tree recently on your property, please snap a picture and send it to board@llphoa.org. We will post it on our website so that others can see these efforts. Please also consider donating to our tree fund. 100% of your donation will go toward the repurchasing of shade trees to replenish our tree canopies. Once it is large enough, we will begin to distribute these funds. We currently have \$200, which will provide the funds to replace approximately six shade trees.

We are also working to improve our Oktoberfest this year to include additional activities. Please check back on our web blog to see what activities we plan as they are put in place.

We hope to see you at Oktoberfest this year.

Sincerely,

Jeff Morris

Jeffery Morris
Chairman, Longleaf Plantation Homeowners Association

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Lewis Nighswonger (July)
Lawrence Usher (August)
Teri Christopher (September)

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LONG LEAF TREE FUND

One of the greatest benefits of living in Long Leaf Plantation is the mature canopy throughout our neighborhood. In order to preserve this canopy, the Long Leaf Board recently created the Long Leaf Tree Fund. The goal is to encourage and assist any resident of our neighborhood to plant a new shade tree by matching funds a resident pays for a new tree, up to \$50. This program is funded in part by the voluntary annual membership dues, but also by the additional donations received by generous residents. Here are the guidelines for this program:

A new shade tree contributes to the value and beauty of the neighborhood for all residents and therefore this program is open to all residents of Long Leaf Plantation, whether or not they are a member.

The HOA will match funds for the purchase and planting of the new tree within Long Leaf, up to \$50.

To receive matching funds, the new tree must be a shade tree such as, but not limited to, a live oak, laurel oak, red leaf maple tree, elm... etc. The Long Leaf Board has final say in determining whether a tree qualifies as a shade tree.



In order to make the very limited funds available to as many residents as possible, we must limit requests to one per residence per calendar year.

If you would like to participate in this program, please reach out to the Long Leaf HOA through the website: <https://llphoa.org/contact-us>. We'll ask for a copy of the receipt and reimburse you up to \$50.

You may donate to the Tree Fund at: <https://llphoa.org/pay-dues-or-donate/ols/products/tree-fund-donation>

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

The Little Free Library is up and running, or rather up and sharing!!! The biggest thrill was the first comment in the notebook stating "This was a good idea!" Yes!!!!

Kellie Hobbs, a retired teacher and LLP resident, created and donated the beautiful and varied bookmarks which are in the plastic case. Please take one to go with the books you've selected!

Many thanks to all who've donated books to keep the selections fresh. There is also a wooden bin as a deposit box for books at our front door.

You may not know that all libraries, such as our own, and kits are made by Amish craftsmen, who take great pride in their workmanship. Our LFL is eco-friendly, made from plastic lumber from recycled milk jugs. We've had a couple really good downpours and every time the books have remained safe and dry!

There are now 150,000 Little Free Libraries across the world!! Soon, we plan to add landscaping, painted pavers and wild

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flowers around the library to make it more welcoming and stand out even more!

Regarding the notebook: Our goal is to have books for readers of all ages, so please don't hesitate to add a note about your favorite authors, book titles or subjects that you'd like to see included. Ideas on how to make our LFL even better? Excellent!!! Include those comments, too, or email me at: carolej.gilbert@gmail.com

Come by to share books and ideas at our LLP neighborhood LFL!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

LLP ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION — OCTOBER 22, 2022

Just a reminder to everyone in Long Leaf that October is not too far away. In order to accommodate the many young families of Long Leaf, the Board has chosen an earlier time frame for this event - 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The HOA will provide food, drinks and music. More details regarding the annual event will be coming soon. It's not too late to make suggestions. Feel free to email any of the Board members or fill out the contact form found on the website: <https://llphoa.org/contact-us>

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE — OCTOBER 29, 2022 7:30 AM to 2 PM (Rain date 11/5/2022)

"One man's trash is another man's treasure". Start looking for those hidden treasures.

ANNUAL HOA MEETING — NOVEMBER 3, 2022

Please mark your calendars and try to attend. Last year we did not have enough residents to form a quorum, making it impossible to make any changes to our bylaws. Let's do better this year.

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL YARD/GARAGE SALE

Here are a few hints to make your next yard/garage sale successful:

The whole experience is a lot more fun with friends and family.

Shoppers want to see a wide variety of goods. Tools, kitchen gadgets, sporting goods and camping gear are often the best draws. Be sure all items are clean and in working order.

Expect to spend several hours collecting, sorting and pricing articles. Suggested pricing is one quarter to one third of new cost; in some areas 10% to 20 % of original cost is often the norm. Procure change ahead of time: quarters, singles and a few larger bills.

Borrow tables and clothes racks to keep things off the ground. Group like items together and toward the end of the sale, create bundles of items, slashing prices.

The homeowners association will do all your advertising and post signage. We welcome additional signs on Taylor Rd and Orange Camp Rd. Covenants do not allow signs on the median.

HELP WANTED

We desperately need volunteers to keep the HOA running smoothly.

Architectural Control Board (ACB):

Rick Studer and Nancy Roeder are both resigning from the ACB. They have been doing a wonderful job of maintaining community standards and will be sorely missed.

Ideally, the ACB should have 3 members. We have been operating with 2 for a while now and come July 1st will have none. The Board will be filling in until we find volunteers willing to accept those positions. The point of contact for each month is found on Page 2 of the newsletter. Any ACB request can be handled by contacting the "board member of the month" directly – or by filling out the contact form on the website:

<https://lphoa.org/contact-us>

Newsletter:

Nancy Roeder has been putting our newsletter together but will be moving soon and has resigned her position. We are missing her already. Teri Christopher and Rebecca Verrastro will be handling our newsletter until we find a brave soul to fill this position.

Alternatively, we are most appreciative of anyone who wishes to submit content for the newsletter. We only ask that it be informative and uplifting. I know we have lots of talent here in Long Leaf. Feel free to send in gardening tips, travel news, recipes, craft ideas, summer activities for kids, etc. Let's make the newsletter something we all look forward to reading.

We encourage all residents to become more involved in our community. Come to a meeting. The next scheduled one is August 9th. Feel free to contact any board member. We welcome your input. Let us know what you think would improve the neighborhood. Lastly, don't forget about the Contact Us form on the website.



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 your annual dues of \$100. And be a good neighbor and consider nominating a yard you love by calling Teri or John Christopher at 386-956-8895.

April

Doug and Tammy Phillips
1093 Torchwood Drive



May

Rick and Phillipa Ramirez
543 Princewood Drive

June

Michael and Kathy Company
872 Torchwood Drive



4th of July Celebration Photos



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