



Winter Edition Board Meeting Highlights

The board met at Teri Christopher's home on December 13, 2020.

The following members were unanimously elected to officer positions for the 2021 calendar year: Chairman: Jeff Morris, Vice Chairman: Lawrence Usher, Secretary: Jon Claessens, Treasurer: Teri Christopher. Note: remaining board members are the following: Lewis Nighswonger, Mitch Kolehmainen and Bret Gibbs.

The ACB members for 2021 are the following:

1. Chairman: Preston McCready.
2. Nancy Roeder
3. TBD

Teri Christopher stated she will mail a letter to homeowners whose mailboxes are in need of repair or replacement.

The Secretary's LLPHOA Board Activity Reports for the following months were approved: April 2020, May 2020, June 2020, July 2020 and September 2020.

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

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- 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

Dear Fellow Homeowners:

If you haven't yet today, I would invite you to take a step outside and look around. What you see speaks more than the words anyone can put on a page about how our community stands out from almost anywhere else in Florida. Even after all of what we have endured this past year as a community of neighbors, we have arrived in 2021 stronger, better, and more resilient than we ever were.

While it was sad to see the cancellation of our festivities such as our 4th of July parade and my favorite, Oktoberfest, please know that these difficult decisions are temporary and the best days of this community are ahead of us, rather than behind us. When we break through this cloud that has hovered over us for what seems like forever, we will be up and running as we were before with all of our community events.

The beauty of this community does not hold up without the support of its members. I am writing on behalf of the board to request that you join our Homeowner's Association in 2021. The \$100 annual dues (equal to \$8.33 per month) that you voluntarily pay today collectively helps to maintain our community standard. Our board did a great job last year holding everything together to ensure the continuity of our community standard, including lightning fast approvals of resident requests by our Architectural Control Board, maintenance of our common areas, replacement of several deteriorating stop signs, and careful and thoughtful consideration of resident concerns. We also established a Fine Review Committee pursuant to Florida Law in order to ensure an extra layer of due process for residents fined for violations of our covenants.

We can't rest on our past accomplishments. We have a lot of work to do in 2021. Because we have yet to receive enough votes on our revised covenants, they remain in limbo, and we will be urging residents who have not voted on these covenants to please do so.

In January, we will be moving forward with plans for implementation of our new website, LLPHOA.COM, in order to inform residents and ensure transparency of our board activities and committee decisions. We also must continue to maintain our common areas, and to fairly and evenhandedly enforce our covenants that make this community what it is. Finally, when this pandemic is safely in our past, we must resume our community activities that sets this community aside from others. Maintaining a community this beautiful does not happen without the continued support of all residents.

If you are already a member, please continue your support of this community by promptly returning your payment to the address listed in the letter you will receive soon. If you are not a member, please consider joining us this year to make this community better than it has ever been.

I hope that this year that we can project kindness to our neighbors like we never have before, as kindness is needed now more than it has ever been. I look forward to meeting all of you soon!

Sincerely,

Jeff Morris

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WINTER GARDENING TIPS

January

What to Plant: Annuals/Bedding plants: Plants that can be added to the garden during the coolest months include dianthus, pansy, petunia, viola, and snapdragon. Bulbs: Crinum, agapanthus, and gloriosa lily bulbs can be planted now. Provide a layer of mulch to protect from cold temperatures. Camellias: Select and plant camellias this month. Visit local nurseries now for the best selection of colors and forms. Vegetables: Irish potatoes can be planted now. Start with healthy seed pieces purchased from a local nursery or online seed catalog. Continue planting cool-season crops, including broccoli, kale, carrots, and lettuce.



What to Do: Deciduous fruit: Plant deciduous fruit trees now to give their roots time to develop before the warm, dry spring months. Prune and fertilize existing trees. Cold protection: Be ready to cover tender plants to minimize damage and be sure covers extend all the way to the ground. Frost or freezes are likely this month and next. Irrigation: Irrigate lawns and landscape plants minimally. This is their dormant season. Shrubs and trees: Prune non-spring flowering shrubs and trees this month to improve form. Arbor Day: Celebrate Florida Arbor Day (the third Friday of January) by planting a tree in your yard or community. Crape myrtle: Remove seed pods, crossing branches, and small twiggy growth to improve the appearance and form of the plant, if desired. Hard pruning is not required.

Pests: Apply horticultural oil to citrus, shrubs, camellias, and deciduous fruit trees while plants are dormant to control scale.

February

What to Plant: Annuals/Bedding plants: Plants that perform better in the cooler months include petunia, pansy, verbena, dianthus, strawflower, and lobelia. Protect from frosts and freezing temperatures. Bulbs: Many bulbs can be planted now. Provide adequate water for establishment and protect from cold weather with mulch. Some examples include Amazon lily, crinum, and agapanthus.

Azaleas: With azaleas in full bloom this month, now is a great time to select varieties to add to the landscape. Vegetables: Numerous warm - and cool-season vegetables can be planted this month. Protect cold-tender veggies if a frost or freeze is predicted.



What to Do: Palms: Give cold-damaged palms proper care to encourage their recovery. Citrus: Check citrus trees for scab disease. Apply a copper fungicide when new leaves appear and again when two-thirds of the flower blossoms have fallen. Roses: Prune roses this month to remove damaged

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canes and improve the overall form. After pruning, fertilize and apply a fresh layer of mulch. Blooming will begin 8-9 weeks after pruning. Shrubs: Fertilize shrubs by spreading fertilizer evenly over the soil surface and watering it in. Follow with a fresh layer of mulch to conserve moisture and reduce weeds.

Lawn: Apply a preemergence weed killer (not a "weed and feed") to lawns this month to prevent germination of warm-season weed seeds. Apply when temperatures rise to 65°F for 4-5 days. Timing is important for good control. Citrus and other fruit trees: Fertilize now if not done in January. Frequency and amount of fertilization depend on the age of the tree.

March

What to Plant: Annuals: Replace declining winter annuals with varieties such as angelonia, gazania, and salvia that will provide color now and into the summer months. Bulbs: Plant caladium for a showy tropical display all summer. Herbs: In addition to their culinary value, many herbs are ornamental and attract butterflies to the garden. Vegetables: Warm-season crops, such as beans, peppers, squash, and others can be planted now.

What to Do: Azaleas: Prune azaleas just after plants finish blooming to shape or produce a fuller plant. Shrubs and trees: Prune when new growth begins after the end of the dormant season. To guard next season's blooms, begin pruning after the last flowers fade but before the new buds set. Palms and shrubs: Fertilize palms, azaleas, camellias, and other ornamental shrubs if needed. Irrigation: Check sprinkler systems for efficient water use.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

Ken and Myong Lathrop -951 Torchwood Drive

Rick Studer-933 Torchwood Drive

Jake and Amanda Gingerich-799 Torchwood Drive

Charles and Mary Heacock-1034 Torchwood Drive

Each winner received a \$25.00 Publix Gift Certificate. Congratulations!

WHITE CHICKEN CHILI

2 cans navy beans, drained/rinsed	1 t. fresh ground black pepper
1 large sweet onion, diced	1 t ground cumin
1 stick butter	1 ½ t chili powder
2 four-ounce cans diced green chilies	1 t Tabasco sauce
5 boneless skinless chicken breasts (2 lbs)	2 cups grated Cheddar Cheese
¼ cup all purpose flour	½ cup sour cream
2 cups half and half	
1 ½ t salt	

Instructions:

In medium skillet over low heat, slowly cook onions in 2 T of the butter until softened and lightly browned, about 10-15 minutes. Cut off and discard any fat or membrane from chicken, cut into ½" dice. Set aside. In 6-8 quart stockpot, melt the remaining 6 T butter over low heat, and whisk in flour. Cook roux, whisking constantly, 3 minutes. Stir in onion and gradually add broth and half n half, whisking constantly. Increase heat to high and bring mixture to boil. Add chicken pieces, reduce heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes. Stir in salt, pepper, cumin, chili powder, and Tabasco sauce. Add beans and chiles (drained) and simmer over low heat, stirring occasionally, for 20 minutes. Add grated cheese and stir until melted. Stir sour cream into chili. Garnish bowls with chopped fresh cilantro if desired. (I have shared this recipe with many friends over the last 20 years, and it is always a hit!!!)

SPRING



Get ready for Spring cleaning by participating in the Long Leaf Community Yard Sale on Sat, March 20th, raindate March 27th. Please save the date. The HOA will place the advertising in local papers and online. All you need to do is gather up all those things you're wondering what to do with, price them, put them on tables or tarps inside or outside your garage and wait for those hungry buyers!

Please remember not to post signs in the median. All signs should be posted out on Taylor Rd across from the entrance signage.

PLEASE EXERCISE SOCIAL DISTANCING DURING YOUR SALES, AND WEAR MASKS TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE. THANK YOU!!

FRIENDLY REMINDER TO OUR NEIGHBORS

Neighbors, please remember to wait until dusk to place your trash can and recycling bins to the curb on Thursday evening.

Also, please do the same on Sunday evenings, when you are placing leaves, cuttings, yard trash to the curb .



Thank you for your understanding!!

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.

October

Lee & Stephanie Bennett
534 Black Ironwood



November

Sharon & George Smith
967 Torchwood

December

Helena Braithwaite
1026 Torchwood



Please join us in welcoming our new neighbors to Long Leaf

Jennifer Arthur and Phyllis Arthur
918 Torchwood

Anne Bonilla and Rolando Valentin
872 Torchwood

Catherine Recicar and Shalynn Murray
652 Princewood

James and DJ Campbell
1064 Torchwood

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