



NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

I regret that I must begin this Newsletter with complaints but many homeowners have complained about the children and their behavior while utilizing the community lot. Several complaints involve children climbing on trees, breaking or cutting down trees in the community lot, pulling up "No Parking" signs, digging holes to build skate board ramps, and the use of pellet guns.

Surrounding homeowners have complained of property damage from the children and the use of branches and trees being thrown into their yards, their animals are being taunted, and their landscaping damaged.

Some of the most concerning incidents have been children crawling in a storm drain and other children closing the top of the drain, with children still inside!!!! Another person witnessed a child climbing on the electrical box in the community lot, then climbing the fence into the adjoining neighbor's yard and that yard has a pool.

Due to these complaints, and our concern for children's safety, the Board of Directors has approved the installation of signs listing rules and regulations for use of the community lot. We hope to have these installed in the next few weeks. They will be posted under the "No Parking" signs and near the wooded area of the community lot. In this newsletter, you will find the list of the rules and regulations. We ask that parents review these with their children so they become familiar with them. We also have asked for parents to be with their children while on the community lot if the child is under 10 years old.

We also will be marking the lot lines with a sign indicating where the community lot ends and other homeowners' lots begin, so it is easily identified for the children as they play on the lot. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Connie Parson
President of the HOA 2009-2010

TREASURER'S REPORT

As most of you know, the HOA membership fees are due by May 1, 2010. At the time of writing this article, we only have 28 members paid, but we're expecting to receive the rest during the next week or so. If you are having some type of financial problems, please feel free to contact me or any other Board member and we will work out some type of plan with you. All requests are strictly confidential between you and the Board.

The updated budget report will be listed on the website and as always, a copy will be provided at the next open meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me and I'll do my best to answer them.

As some you know, the SC Department of Transportation is going to build a traffic circle at our front entrance. In the process, they needed to purchase some of our property at the entrance. After some negotiations, we all came to an agreement on the amount for the land. The Board decided to use this money to replace the entrance sign and spruce up the front entrance once the construction is completed.

Well, this is my next to the last article for the newsletter. As of September, my time runs out for my position as Treasurer. If anyone is interested in running for the HOA Board, please let the nomination committee know. Since William Douglas has come on board, it has really reduced the time commitment required for the Board

Randall Mungo, Treasurer

***** SAVE THE DATES *****

- Board of Director Meetings Sundays: May 23, July 18, August 15.

- General HOA meeting held at Red Bank Community Center: Thursday, June 24 at 7PM; and General Election September 16 at 7 PM.

- Spring Garage Sale and Picnic: Saturday, April 24.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Welcome to Joseph and Darlene Allmaras and family. They reside at 153 Knotts Road. We'd also like to welcome Merri Hoover. She resides at 332 Knotts Circle.

New Births:

Congratulations to Mike and Michele VanPatten on the birth of their son, Tate. He was born on April 6th and weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz.

Congratulations to Regina and Charles Hughes on the birth of their son, Charles Langston Hughes. He was born on April 12th and weighed 6 lbs., 12 oz.

Thanks –
Debbie Kessel, Sheryl Wood and Michelle Herman

THANK YOU

Hello Friends and Neighbors of Longs Pond,
My name is Angela Glenn, and I want to thank everyone who donated items in response to my request in the last newsletter. We have a mission team that currently goes out every Sunday with a prepared meal and clothing. Now that the winter months have passed, we are still collecting but are now focusing on lighter weigh articles of clothing. However, we will be happy to collect blankets, gloves, hats, scarves, sweaters, socks, long underwear (long johns), coats, shoes, tee shirts, etc. for next winter. I am asking for your help with all items that you have been meaning to get rid of and haven't. We collect mostly for adult men and women. I will come to your home and pick up the items or you can drop them off at 1516 Knott's Haven Trail. My home number is 356-2655. Thank you for your help.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

NEWSLETTER:

July 2010 – Publication Deadline July 15, 2010
October 2010 – Publication Deadline October 15, 2010

TREES AT ENTRANCE DESTROYED

As you all know, we have had 2 incidents with motor vehicles which have involved the loss of the Bradford Pear Trees at the entrance. The last incident was reported to the Highway Department and the board has

learned an arrest has been made. We are awaiting a final report from the police.

The board has decided to hold off on replacing these trees until after the traffic circle construction has been completed.

LONGS POND HOA ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

ONE PERSON'S JUNK IS ANOTHER
PERSON'S TREASURE

WHEN: Saturday April 24, 2010

WHERE: Community Lot

TIME: Sale Starts at 7:00 am

LUNCH: Hotdog Cookout/Social at 12:30 pm

The HOA will place an ad in The State newspaper and posters on the roads to promote the sale.

After the sale, around 12:30 pm, a hotdog cookout & social will be held on the Community Lot – BYOC (Bring Your Own Chair). Hotdogs, Chips and Drinks will be available at the Community Lot while they last.

YARD OF THE MONTH



HAPPY SPRING!

To all Long's Pond Neighbors and Homeowners

Spring is here with temperatures that have allowed us to venture outside again. Many of you have taken advantage of this weather to concentrate on your lawns. I would like to let everyone know that as of this month, they are all now “in the running” for YARD OF THE MONTH!

Does your yard need to be immaculate to win? **NO**, but it does need to adhere to some basic criteria to “make it” as a LPE YOTM. I will be looking for clean line, consistency in the up-keep, and uniformity in its elements. Here are a few guidelines that will help you better understand the judging this year, though much of them are the same as last year.

- No bare patches visible from the road;

- Clean edges on lawn and natural areas;
- No weeds in the natural areas;
- Matching mulch throughout;
- Mowed lawn;
- If you choose to prune your shrubs, they do not have to be perfectly rounded or squared. Just no “fly away” shoots jutting out;
- Like it or not, mailboxes factor into the overall appearance of your lawn. Make sure that they are painted, rust-free, have no rotted wood and are to code;
- House numbers should be complete and visible;
- Be consistent. I will view lawns throughout the month and consider the one that reflects the owner’s efforts ALL MONTH LONG; and
- Be up-to-date on your homeowner association dues!

Remember that the Yard of the Month gets a special recognition sign for a month, as well as a \$25 Lowe’s Gift Card. Yards will be judged starting in April through to September with special recognition on Halloween and Christmas. I will email out to those that express an interest and send me their email addresses, each month’s winner as well as the following 4 that were under consideration. That way you can see if your yard was in the top 5, and if you may need to take that extra step to “make it happen” in the following months!

I welcome any and all input from my neighbors. We should all take part in recognizing those in our community that help to set the standard! So please, email me your nominations for one or more yards that you feel warrant YOTM “status.” Be sure to place “YOTM” in the subject line, so that your email doesn’t get spammed or overlooked though I will take all nominations into consideration and really appreciate any time that you contribute in helping to make those hard choices just a little easier!

GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE!

Sincerely,
 Jenny Bullard
decorations@longspond.org.

TRAFFIC CIRCLE UPDATE

The traffic circle construction at the entrance of the development is approaching quickly!!!! This is the latest update from SCDOT. Bids for construction are in May, 2010, the bid is awarded to the contractor in June, 2010, and construction is set to begin in June, 2010. As you will recall from the general meeting, hours of construction will be Monday-Friday 9AM to 4 PM, Saturday and Sunday 9PM to 6 AM. Remember

these dates and times are tentative and still are subject to change.

During construction, slow down signs will be posted. You may have noticed the entrance has stakes where the construction will take place. Please check the website for further updates. This is where the board will post information as we receive it.

MAILBOXES

As spring approaches please take a look at your mailboxes. Most of our mailboxes suffered wear and tear after the cold winter we experienced this year. You would be amazed what a coat of paint will do to spruce up your mailbox. If you need help with painting your mailbox please notify the board and we will be happy to assist you in finding someone in the neighborhood who could help you.

If painting your mailbox is a problem, please take a look around the neighborhood at several no maintenance mailboxes that meet the rules and regulations of the HOA. Once replaced, no further painting is necessary, just hosing down to get the dirt and grass off.

Our mailboxes are part of our house, and landscaping. Thanks for your help in keeping our neighborhood beautiful!!!!

CRIME WATCH UPDATE

As part of our last HOA meeting we were fortunate enough to have representatives from the Lexington County Sheriff’s Office (LCSO) provide a presentation on the establishment of a neighborhood crime watch. Although the turnout could have been much better there have been significant strides in the development of a crime watch program that will allow for the timely exchange of crime related information, e.g. break-ins, vandalism, “suspicious activity”, etc. This exchange of information can most effectively be obtained via the use of Internet email communication whereby participants will send an email to the crime watch program. The information will then be promptly distributed to all participants and logged/categorized for submission to the LCSO. As our program matures and consistent participation is established our interactions with the LCSO should provide additional benefit in obtaining other crime related information in and around our area of Lexington.

However, in order to make this happen we will need your help. We need all neighborhood homeowners to participate in this email notification system for this to work. We have had great success in obtaining the email participation from the people who have been asked via the door-to-door method, but this is slow

going. It would be of great benefit for anyone/everyone who is not already participating to send me an email at mhb1234@windstream.net stating that you would like to participate in the crime watch program and I will send further details. I look forward to hearing from all of you. Thanks,
Matt Bullard
326 Knotts Circle

Dog Owners:

There have been some concerns from homeowners regarding unleashed and barking dogs. The County of Lexington requires dogs be leashed when they are outside and not in an enclosed yard. Also, please be respectful of your neighbors and bring your dogs inside when they are barking. If you are having a problem with a nuisance animal, please contact Animal Control. Their information is listed below.

321 Ball Park Road

Lexington, South Carolina 29072

(803) 785-8149

animalservices@lex-co.com

WE WANT YOUR TRASH!

“One person’s trash is another one’s treasure”.

Hello! My name is Jenny Bullard, and I am a parent volunteer at two of our nearby schools...Carolina Springs Elementary School and Carolina Springs Middle School. With Long’s Pond’s Annual Spring Garage Sale coming-up in the next week or so, I though this might be the perfect opportunity to request help from our community.

I am sure that you are all aware of the pending school budget cuts, as well as, our struggling economy. What better time to get involved with our local schools and help out in whatever capacity possible...big or small.

With that said, this is what I am asking...if you happen to have small toys (new or used) i.e....happy meal toys, stickers, play jewelry, pencils, cards, yo-yos, small pic frames, books, etc...anything left-over at the end of garage sale day or even if you are not participating but have these items that you would like to get rid of, instead of tossing them in the trash or taking them to the Thrift store, would you consider donating them to our schools? These types of items are given out to students at all levels as rewards for

good behavior or a job “well done”. Students at both schools look forward to this type of positive reward system.

The CSE PTO and school have also implemented quite a few recycling programs over the past few years that we use to help raise money as well as educate our students on the importance of recycling. We would be delighted if any members of our community would like to help us in this venture by donating or volunteering their time!! We recycle the following items for cash:

- **Drink Pouches**- please, pull out the straw, cut a slit in the bottom “pouch”, rinse off and dry before placing in a Ziploc baggie. This is a VERY time-consuming project, but one that we feel is well worth the effort to educate our students on the benefits of recycling. They love to feel a part of it by recycling these during lunchtime!! To date, CSE has recycled OVER 6,000 pouches!
- **Elmer’s Glue Sticks and Bottles**-Rinse well, dry and place in a baggie.
- **Frito-Lay Bags** -Just empty these and lay flat....ANY SIZE!
- **Huggies Diaper Wrappers** -Try to tear open only the tops ;)
- **Cell Phones**-When getting a new one; give us your old one.
- **Printer Cartridges**-Send us your old ones and see if your office or place of work would be willing to donate theirs.
- **Writing Utensils** -Instead of throwing out those useless ballpoint pens, send them to us, and we will recycle them!
- Both schools collect **General Mills Box Tops** throughout the year!

If you would like to donate your yard sale “leftovers” or any of the above items, please, phone or email me, Jenny Bullard, and I will be happy to collect them at the end of the day or at your convenience and distribute them to the schools.

Thank you so much for your support!

Jenny Bullard

356-6930 home 7-7978 cell

WANTED: We are looking for infant child care. If you are interested or know of someone who is, please contact me at 843-709-0494 or at donnarhughes@yahoo.com. Thanks.

Regina Hughes

bryjen2598@windstream.net

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR USE OF THE COMMUNITY LOT

1. Usage time: 10AM-8PM (9PM in the summer months (April-September))
2. Children 10 years or younger will need to have parental supervision to be on the lot.
3. No smoking or alcoholic beverages allowed on the lot.
4. No firearms or weapons allowed on the lot. Examples of these are knives, pellet guns, rifles or other guns. No fireworks allowed.
5. No matches or lighters allowed.
6. Climbing of trees, structures, or entry into storm drains in the community lot is strictly prohibited.
7. No cutting down of trees or branches located in the community lot will be allowed.
8. Parents will be held responsible that their children or friends who may accompany their children abide by these rules. Parents will be held financially responsible for any damage to the community lot caused by their children.

PLEASE REVIEW WITH YOUR FAMILY. WE APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S COOPERATION. THANK YOU.



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JUNIOR SECTION

HAPPENINGS AT CAROLINA SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL

I can not believe we are in the final nine weeks of school. We just returned from a great Spring Break and now it is full speed ahead. Many interesting things will be happening there is the Carolina Springs Middle School Honor Choir Spring Concert on April 29. We will be having choir competition on April 23 at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church and after that is done we get to go to CiCi 's Pizza for lunch!!!!!!

Interim reports come out on May 3, then it is study hard for final exams!!!!!! June 1st is eighth grade graduation then it is off to White Knoll High School for me. Our last day of school is June 3.

For one week beginning June 7, 39 students and I will be going on the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. and Williamsburg Virginia. I can not wait; it will be so much fun.

That's all for now!!!!

Victoria Osborne

Trivia Answers: 1. Ostrich; 2. Alexander Graham Bell; 3. Mercury; 4. Huskies; 5. Nucleus.

HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS GET SPORTING CHANGE

>> By JOEY HOLLEMAN
> Posted on Friday, Apr. 09, 2010

The youngsters playing for the Providence Panthers spend more time at home than most high school athletes, but they don't have a real home court or home field.

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Now they finally have a chance to compete on the high school level through the year-old Providence Athletic Club.

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Home-school students in the Midlands have had few chances to compete in athletics in the past. The S.C. High School League doesn't allow students to play on a high school team unless they attend the school. Legislative efforts to change those rules haven't gained traction.

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Read More at

<<http://www.thestate.com/2010/04/09/1236263/home-school-students-get-sporting.html>

Jennifer and Mitch Aurenik always keep us informed about the PAC activities for our home school students. For more information please visit www.pacpanthers.com.

DID YOU KNOW?????

May is **National Bike Month**

May 4th is **Teacher Appreciation Day**

May 8th is **NO SOCKS DAY!**

May 9th is **MOTHER'S DAY!**

May 10th is **Clean Up Your Room Day**

May 30th the Ice Cream Freezer was patented in 1848 by William Young

Trivia:

1. What is the largest bird?
2. Who invented the telephone?
3. What is the closest planet to the sun?
4. Which dogs pull sleds?
5. What do you call the middle of an atom?