

Long's Pond ESTATES

Homeowners Association Newsletter

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COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE



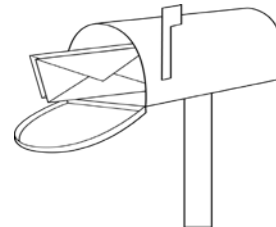
It's time to get busy cleaning out your attic, closet, or garage, because **Saturday, May 3rd** is scheduled as our Annual Long's Pond Estates Neighborhood Garage Sale day. The hours are between 7 am-12 pm. We have approximately 150 families in our neighborhood, and we will be advertising this information in **The State** newspaper.

For those of you on Facebook (and aren't we all?), why not mention the neighborhood sale to your Facebook friends? You never know, you might have just the treasure someone is looking for.

This would be a great time to get a jumpstart on spring cleaning, if you haven't already. Get your kids involved and set up a Lemonade or Kool-Aid stand. All of us can make a little money and get rid of that extra clutter. ☺

Make your sale stand out by placing balloons on your mailbox to draw in the crowds...everyone loves a party... AND you can use this opportunity to get to know some of your neighbors as well!

MAILBOX AND MAINTENANCE



Winter certainly can put a damper on things, including leaving us with a long list of spring cleaning projects. One of the most common issues regarding upkeep of Long's Pond Estates is the condition of mailboxes and/or posts. Unfortunately, the original mailboxes put up with our homes were not constructed with materials to last. The Board of Directors worked with the management company to send out notices for mailbox upkeep. Please take a moment to take a look at your mailbox and address issues that might result in a letter from the management company. Upkeep of our homes include e.g. cleaning of mildew, replacement of rotted or damaged material, painting, etc. Several homeowners have mentioned being successful at removing the mold/mildew using a simple bleach-water mixture with a scrubber. There are also local businesses who will provide their pressure washing services for a reasonable price and within each household's budget.

In addition to your mailbox check, please take a moment to inspect the outside of homes for any mold/mildew build-up.

If you have any questions regarding pre-approved mailboxes, please email the board at board@longspond.org or the Architectural Review Committee. Thank you for keeping our neighborhood desirable.

QUICK REMINDERS

It is that time of year, again, when we start cutting our lawns again. Please be sure to sweep or rake up the grass clipping left behind to help keep our neighborhoods enticing curb-appeal.

TRIVIA CORNER

Popular movies filmed in SC: *Ace Venture: When Nature Calls*, *Die Hard With a Vengeance*, *Forrest Gump*, *The Notebook*, *The Nutty Professor II*, and *The Patriot*.

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The first American library housed in a separate building was constructed in 1840 at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

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The average cat sleeps 16 hours a day.

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A palm tree isn't actually a tree...it's a type of grass.

## PET CARE

This Cat Age Conversion Chart will help you understand the physiological changes your cat encounters as she ages, as well as anticipate and forestall age-related health problems before they start.

Please keep in mind that several factors will determine the comparative physical condition of cats at any given age, including heredity, diet, veterinary care, and whether a cat is kept indoors only or allowed outdoors unsupervised.

In addition, as cats age, they may lose their sense of taste and smell, turning them into picky eaters. Feed mature adult cats smaller, more frequent meals and warm their wet food to help stimulate their senses and improve appetite. The combination of regular checkups with your veterinarian, well-balanced nutrition and routine exercise appropriate for your cat's age will help ensure a long and healthy life.

| Cat Years | Human Years |
|-----------|-------------|
| 3 mos.    | 9           |
| 6 mos.    | 13          |
| 1         | 19          |
| 2         | 28          |
| 3         | 30          |
| 4         | 38          |
| 5         | 45          |
| 6         | 48          |
| 7*        | 51          |
| 8         | 55          |
| 9         | 59          |
| 10        | 63          |
| 11        | 66          |
| 12        | 69          |
| 13        | 72          |
| 14        | 77          |
| 15        | 81          |
| 16        | 86          |
| 17        | 90          |
| 18        | 95          |

\*Indicates age when cat becomes a mature adult.