

President's Note

The fascinating and sometimes troublesome thing about the American language is that one word or phrase can have several different meanings. For instance the phrase "what's up" can be used figuratively as a greeting, or very literally as a question about what is above. So what's up with our HOA? This election year is almost up and it's time to nominate people for the Board of Directors. The Palmetto trees and new landscape lighting is up. This newsletter is up. And you are up.

We are looking for volunteers for the nominating committee. Mr. Patrick Hedgepath is the chair of this committee. This short lived group will review nominations for board positions and present a slate of candidates for elections. Further in this newsletter you will find the job descriptions of the various board positions. This year we need to elect at least two new directors and one of them needs to fill the position of treasurer. Please contact Mr. Hedgepath if you would like to serve on this committee or if you have nominations.

I'm sure by now everyone has noticed the improvements at the entrance. New trees are planted, old gangly shrubs have been pruned and pear tree limbs have been cut back. There will be more improvements as SCDOT redesigns the intersection of Longs Pond Road and Nazareth road.

Now the HOA membership is up. The HOA is a very important part of your life in Longs Pond Estates. The Association can only be as strong as the members are active and engaged. We need more participation of the residents in the activities of association. The more you are involved the more cohesive and responsive the HOA will be to your interest.

Lastly, my term as a board member is ending and my position as President will end as well. It has been a great learning experience. I feel the Board and the HOA has made many great strides forward. I will share more of my thoughts and concerns at the next open HOA meeting in September.

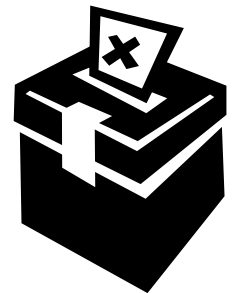
Stay Well,
Lindsey

Long's Pond Web Site News

New minutes have been posted to the website from the last several meetings. Please feel free to review these at any time. The minutes section has been reorganized so the list of minutes is not as long. This should make it easier to find the minutes you might be looking for. Each month during the summer we will be posting the name of the winner of yard of the month to the website homepage. June's winner was Pam Hoffman and July's winner was Brandon and Stacey McKinney. The forms and documents section has also been reorganized to make it easier to find the form or document you might be looking for. As always if you have any suggestions for the site feel free to email us at webmaster@longspound.org

Thanks,
Patrick J. Hedgepath

*Nominations due for
HOA Board of Directors.
Volunteers needed for
Nominating Committee.
Read more in the
President's Note.*



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News from the Welcoming Committee

Please keep John and Sandra Owens and family in your thoughts in prayers as they mourn the loss of their twin daughters, Savannah and Serena, who were born prematurely. They reside at 1430 Knotts Haven Loop.

We'd like to welcome the following people to the neighborhood:

Todd and Melissa Honour - 129 Knotts Road
Chip and Courtney Ridgeway - 1405 Knotts Haven Loop
David and Irene Ford - 105 Lynn Haven Court
Glenn and Caren Johnson - 312 Knotts Circle

New Births:

Congratulations to Jason and Brandy Vermillion on the birth of their son, Brody. They reside at 1321 Knotts Haven Loop.

Please notify the Welcoming Committee (808-1794) of any new births, as we don't want to miss anyone.

Debbie Kessel and Sheryl Wood

Financial Tidbit

The Fair and Accurate Credit Transaction ACT (FACTA) allows for all consumers to receive a free copy of their credit report from each of the three credit reporting bureaus every 12 months. Reports can be ordered through www.annualcreditreport.com or by calling 877-322-8228.

The 3 credit bureaus are:

Experian: 888-397-3742 www.experian.com

Equifax: 800-685-1111 www.equifax.com

Transunion: 800-680-7289 www.transunion.com



CALLING ALL MOTORCYCLES

Since the weather has been nice the past few weeks, I've noticed several people riding their motorcycles in and out of the neighborhood. I've finally gotten my bike running good and would like to get together and have a neighborhood ride one evening or a Saturday. I know a handful of people that ride and would like to get to know the rest of you. Email me if anyone is interested in heading up a ride, or if anyone would just like to ride one

afternoon. Maybe we can set a certain day every week or 2 weeks to meet and ride. You can contact me through the Longspond website at longspond.org.

Randall Mungo



Monthly Budget: 4/1/2008 through 8/12/2008

The following table details the budget status as of August 12, 2008. As you can see, the Income is below the budgeted amount due to a few non-payment of dues. Please take note of the Capitol Reserve Account showing a negative \$9,832.98, this is due to the additional trees, bushes and lighting at the front entrance. This was not in the budget when it was created, but we had this amount in reserve from years past

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income:			
Association Dues	\$22,254.41	\$23,250.00	(\$995.59)
Total Income	\$22,254.41	\$23,250.00	(\$995.59)
Expense:			
Accounting	\$0.00	\$109.84	\$109.84
Bank Charges: [all]	\$5.00	\$0.00	(\$5.00)
Capitol Reserve	\$12,322.05	\$2,489.07	(\$9,832.98)
Community Events	\$641.02	\$626.01	(\$15.01)
Contingency	\$0.00	\$3,605.00	\$3,605.00
Copies	\$11.25	\$36.61	\$25.36
Hall Rental	\$200.00	\$292.90	\$92.90
Insurance	\$981.00	\$402.73	(\$578.27)
Landscaping : [all other]	\$3,005.50	\$3,901.20	\$895.70
Landscaping : Lighting Maint.	\$0.00	\$91.53	\$91.53
Landscaping : Sprinkler Maint.	\$325.00	\$221.45	(\$103.55)
Legal	\$140.00	\$183.06	\$43.06
Newsletter	\$635.01	\$487.71	(\$147.30)
Postage	\$217.33	\$330.44	\$113.11
Supplies	\$35.46	\$274.59	\$239.13
Taxes			
Taxes : [all]	\$0.00	\$146.45	\$146.45
Utilities			
Utilities : Electricity	\$307.22	\$377.63	\$70.41
Total Expenses	\$18,825.84	\$13,576.22	(\$5,249.62)
Expenses Not in Budget	\$9.99	\$0.00	(\$9.99)
Total:	\$3,428.57	\$9,673.78	(\$6,245.21)
Cash balance 8/12/08	27,009.55		

ARTICLE VIII

POWER AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the Association shall have the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the affairs of the Association and may do all such acts and things as are not by law or by the Declaration, this Association's Articles of Incorporation, or these By-Laws, directed to be exercised and done by Owners. These powers and duties shall specifically include, but shall not be limited to, the matters hereinafter set forth.

Section 1. Powers. The powers of the Board of Directors shall specifically include, but shall not be limited to the following:

- (a) to adopt and publish rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Areas, Limited Common Areas, if applicable, and facilities located thereon, Common Property and the personal conduct of the Members and their guests thereon, and to establish penalties for the infraction thereof;
- (b) to suspend the voting rights and right to use of the recreational facilities of a Member during any period in which such Member shall be in default in payment of any Assessment levied by the Association. Such rights may also be suspended for such time as may be determined by the Board of Directors after notice to the Member and hearing before the Board of Directors for any infraction of rules and regulations;
- (c) to exercise or delegate for the Association all powers, duties and authority vested in or delegated to this Association and not reserved to the Membership by other provisions of these By-Laws, the Articles of Incorporation, or the Declaration;
- (d) to declare the office of a Member of the Board of Directors to be vacant in the event such Member shall be absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Board of Directors; and
- (e) to employ a manager, independent contractors, accountants, attorneys, engineers, or such other employees or agents as they deem necessary, and to prescribe their duties;
- (f) to secure Officers and Directors Liability Insurance covering the Officers and Directors of the Association at the expense of the Association;
- (g) to borrow money to meet the financial needs of the Association and to mortgage the property of the Association and to pledge the revenues of the Association as security for such loans made to the Association in the proceeds of which loans shall be used by the Association in performing its authorized functions.

Section 2. Duties. The duties of the Board of Directors shall specifically include, but shall not be limited to the following:

- (a) to cause to be kept a complete record of all its acts and corporate affairs;
- (b) to supervise all officers, agents and employees of this Association, and to see that their duties are properly performed;
- (c) as more fully provided in the Declaration, to:
 - (1) fix the amount of the Annual Assessment, Special Assessments, Assessments for the use of Limited Common Areas against each property ownership from as defined in the Declaration not later than the first calendar quarter in each year;
 - (2) send written notice of each Assessment to every Owner subject thereto as soon as practicable after the fixing hereof;

- (3) enforce the lien rights against any Lot for which Assessments or costs are not paid within thirty (30) days after due date or to bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same;

- (d) to issue, or to cause an appropriate officer to issue, upon demand by any person, a certificate setting forth whether or not any Assessment has been paid. A reasonable charge may be made by the Board for insurance of these certificates. If a certificate states that an Assessment has been paid, such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of such payment;

- (e) to procure and maintain adequate liability and hazard insurance on property owned by the Association in the form and amount required by the Board of Directors;

- (f) to cause all officers, agents or employees of the Association having fiscal responsibilities to be bonded, with fidelity bonds in the form and amount required by the Association, and the premium on such bonds shall be paid by the Association;

- (g) to cause the Common Areas and Limited Common Areas and Common Property to be adequately maintained;

- (h) to review and amend, if appropriate, the annual budget as prepared by the Treasurer in accordance with ARTICLE X, Section 8 hereof.

- (i) To enforce the Restrictive Covenants and rules and regulations and if necessary, bring an action at law or in equity, against the Member to enforce same or recover damages resulting from the violations.

- (j) To carry out and enforce the guidelines, findings and directives (fines, etc) of the ARB.

ARTICLE X OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. Enumeration of Officers. The officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board may from time to time by resolution create. The President, Vice President, Secretary and the Treasurer may be the same person or two or more persons.

Section 2. Election of Officers. The election of officers shall take place at the organization meeting of the Board of Directors following within ten (10) days after each annual meeting of the Members.

Section 3. Term. The officers of the Association shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors and each shall hold office for one (1) year and until their successors are chosen and assume office in their stead unless he shall sooner resign, or shall be removed, or otherwise be disqualified to serve.

Section 4. Appointive Officers. The Board of Directors may appoint Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers and such other officer as the affairs of the Association may require, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

Section 5. Resignation and Removal. Any officer may be removed from office with or without cause by the Board of Directors. Any officer may resign at any time giving written notice to the Board of Directors, the President or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein, and unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance or acknowledgement of acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 6. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office may be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors. The officer appointed to such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of the officer he replaces.

Section 7. Multiple Offices. The offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person or two or more persons. No person shall simultaneously hold more than one of any of the other offices except in the case of appointive offices created pursuant to Section 4 of this ARTICLE.

Section 8. Duties. The duties of the officers are as follows:

President: The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association. He shall preside at all meetings of the Owners and of the Board of Directors; shall see that orders and resolutions of the Board are carried out. He shall have executive powers and general supervision over the affairs of the Association and other officers. The President shall sign all leases, mortgages, deeds, contracts and other written instruments as required by resolution of the Board of Directors. He shall perform all of the duties incident to his office or which may be delegated to him from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Vice President: The Vice President shall act in the place and stead of the President in the event of his absence, inability or refusal to act, and shall exercise and discharge such other duties as may be required of him from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Secretary : The Secretary shall issue notices of all Board of Directors' meetings and all meetings of the Members and shall attend and keep the minutes of same. The Secretary shall have charge of all of the Associations' books, records and papers, except those kept by the Treasurer. The Secretary shall prepare minutes of the Directors and Members meetings and authenticate the records of the Association. The Assistant Secretary shall perform duties of the Secretary when the Secretary is absent.

Treasurer : The Treasurer shall:

- (a) have custody of the Association's funds and securities, except the funds payable to any management firm, and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Association, and shall deposit all monies and other valuable effects in the name of and to the credit of the Association, in such insured depositories as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors;
- (b) disburse the funds of the Association as may be ordered by the Board of Directors in accordance with these By-Laws, making proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the President and Board of Directors at the regular meetings of the Board of Directors, or whenever they may require it, an account of all of his transactions as the Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Association;
- (c) collect the Assessments and shall promptly report the status of collections and of all delinquencies to the Board of Directors;
- (d) give status reports to potential transferees on which reports the transferees may rely;
- (e) If directed to do so by the Board of Directors, cause an annual audit of the Association to be completed in a timely

fashion by a certified public accountant selected by the Board of Directors and the results of such audit shall be reported to the Board of Directors and the Members;

(f) In conjunction with the Association's accountant and such other persons as the Board of Directors may designate, shall prepare an annual budget for consideration, modification, if appropriate, and ultimate approval by the Board of Directors;

(g) The duties of the Treasurer shall be performed by the Assistant Treasurer when the Treasurer is absent;

(h) The duties of the Treasurer or Secretary may be fulfilled by a management firm employed by the Association, in which event such management firm shall have custody of the books of the Association.

ARC Guideline and Regulation Reminders

Recently, a homeowner brought to the Board's attention that they know someone who chose not to even consider buying a home in our neighborhood because they felt the yards looked very bad. The purpose of the ARC is to maintain all of our property values. Following these Guidelines will help.

It shall be the responsibility of each Owner to prevent the development of any unclean, unhealthy, unsightly, or unkempt condition on their Lot, including the failure to properly install or maintain landscaping.

Please refrain from throwing trash and cigarette butts on the ground. There have been complaints from homeowners about both being in front yards along Knotts Rd.

No passenger vehicle may be parked on any portion of a Lot, specifically landscaped areas, other than paved areas designed for that purpose. Please do not park on the grass. This kills the grass.

We are still having problems with speeding. Everyone please watch your speed. The seconds quicker you get in or out of the neighborhood isn't worth the risk of hurting a neighbor.

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to fill out an ARC application.

We would also like to remind everyone that if you don't get prior approval you are taking the risk of building something that may have to be taken back down. Here are some recent approvals. There have been no disapprovals.

Shed
Well
Privacy Fence
Deck
Clubhouse

Receive Your Newsletter by Email!

The Homeowners Association would like to offer some new services to the members. These services will be delivered by e-mail and should make communication easier as well as save us all a little money. If anyone is interested in receiving one or all of these services let Chad Keller know. Also, let us know if you have any other ideas. These services are: Electronic Newsletters, Electronic Notifications\Reminders of Meetings and Website updates.

Chad Keller vicepresident@longspound.org

Events Around Town

August 21-22, 2008

Sportsarama Games at Airport High School Stadium

Aug. 21, 2008 -- 1st game -- Airport vs. Pelion ---- 2nd game -- Airport vs. Batesburg

Aug. 22, 2008 -- 1st game -- Lexington High vs. Swansea High -- 2nd game -- Brookland/Cacye vs. White Knoll

August 23, 2008

6th Annual Ronald's Charity Ride--The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Columbia will be hosting it's 6th Annual Ronald's Road Rally Charity Ride. There will be live entertainment, tons and tons of awesome door prizes and food and beverages for all. Jack's Custom Cycles of Columbia will be where the ride begins and concludes and participants will have the opportunity for a chance to win a custom bike from Jack's. Call 803-254-0118.

August 23, 2008

WILD Summer's Night Auction and Wild Game Feast -The event, The Wild Summer's Nite Auction, & Wild Game Feast, begins at 6 p.m. when doors open for food, spirits, socializing, games and more. A silent auction kicks off the evening at 6 p.m., followed by a live auction beginning at 8 p.m. Emceed by Columbia's own David Stanton with WIS-TV. Benefactor tickets are available for \$150. A Benefactor ticket includes two guest tickets into the event and one chance in the grand prize drawing for \$5,000! Individual Guest tickets to the event are \$50 each. Get tickets at the door or purchase ahead of time on our website www.scwf.org Contact Erika Hamilton at 803-256-0670.

August 30, 2008

Main Street Celebration - Live music, food and fun for the whole family. For more information contact Britt Poole at 803-951-1665.

August 30 - September 1, 2008

Chapin Labor Day Festival - Parade, beauty pageants, arts, crafts, carnival rides, live entertainment and kiddie rides to celebrate Labor Day. Contact: Town of Chapin, PO Box 183, Chapin, South Carolina 29036. For more information, please call 803-345-2444, ext. 106.

September 10, 2008

Badcock Center -- FREE COMMUNITY EDUCATION SEMINAR --"Managing Market Volatility" featuring Mike Oana of Team Oana Financial Consultants. He will be providing very useful information for protecting individual investments during these trying economic times. Session are open to the public and will be held at 2725 Banny Jones Avenue, West Columbia. Contact Kristy Harmon at 799-1970 ext. 124 for more information.

September 11, 2008

Rally for the Cure Golf Tournament -- presented by Golf for Women Magazine --supporting the promise of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Time: 1:00p.m. -- Format -Captain's Choice. \$60 per person at the Ponderosa Country Club. Call to register to play (803)532-3472

September 12-13, 2008

Gaston Collard Festival - This is a family festival with a live auction, parade, beauty pageants, festival rides and games, and live entertainment located in Gaston. For more information, call (803) 796-7725.

September 19 & 20, 2008

Lexington Funfest- Outdoor festival begins Saturday with the DooDah Parade and includes carnival, food, entertainment, crafts and fun for the whole family. Visit us at www.lexingtonfunfest.com or call Beth at (803) 609-4486.

September 20, 2008

2008 Beach Sweep/River Sweep sponsored by South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium. Call Bill Marshall or email him if you need information regarding the Beach Sweep/River Sweep or if you want us to forward your name to a site captain in your area. 803-734-9096 or at marshallb@dnr.sc.gov

September 26-27, 2008

Irmo Okra Strut - The festival is a two day event featuring a street dance, parade, arts and crafts, rides and amusements, petting zoo, and lots of festival food. Attendance for the celebration is estimated at 55,000 annually. The festival is managed by a board of commissioners appointed by the Irmo Town Council and we are proud to say, "we are the nation's original celebration of Okra." For information contact the festival office at (803) 781-6122.

September 30, 2008

3rd Annual A Fine Affair at 7:00 p.m. -- CMC Steel of SC and the Marriott Columbia proudly present A Fine Affair pre-tournament gala and silent auction. Chefs from Columbia, Charleston and the Upstate will be presenting samples of their signature dishes for more than 300 guests on Tuesday night at the Marriott. Be sure to bring your dancing shoes as live entertainment will be playing to keep you moving around the auction tables piled high with luxurious vacation packages, spa packages, jewelry, art and sports memorabilia. Call 803-254-0118.