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## Note from the President

The American culture is rife with holidays and celebrations. There are only ten federal holidays in America. We have recently celebrated Presidents Day, Martin Luther King Day, and New Years Day. Soon we will celebrate Memorial Day. There are a host of other regional, secular, ethnic and religious holidays. Among the secular holidays are Valentines Day and St. Patrick's Day that just passed. As far as religious holidays go, we are in the Christian Lent season that culminates on Resurrection Sunday.

But there are two holidays that do not exist in America. One is a holiday from our families and the other is a holiday from our personal property upkeep. In spite of how busy and hectic our every day life is we should never allow our family time to suffer neglect. The same is true of our homes and property. Home ownership is a great privilege that carries with it a great responsibility.

In recent months we have all been reacquainted with the Guidelines and Regulations of Longs Pond Estates. If you have not read these documents yet I strongly encourage you to make time to at least skim over the section headings. You will find a lot of good, helpful, and perhaps surprising information there. In these newsletters we will try to present excerpts from these two documents just to peak your interest and keep the community abreast of situations that may be overlooked or ignored.

In this newsletter I want to bring your attention to two issues. Habitual parking on the street or on the lawns is not acceptable. The second thing is that any property visible from another lot is to be well maintained and cleaned. These two items are further discussed below. It is the hope of your Board that a simple reminder in this newsletter from time to time will encourage us to all stay in compliance with Guidelines, Regulations and Covenants.

## Board of Directors

We are sorry to announce that Brian Paulen has resigned his position as treasurer. Brian was a valued member of the Board and will be missed. Thank you, Brian, for the time you volunteered for your community.

Lindsey Sturkie -- President  
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[secretary@longspond.org](mailto:secretary@longspond.org)

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[director1@longspond.org](mailto:director1@longspond.org)

We would like to fill the vacant Board position. The term for this position ends in September of 2008. If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact any one of the Board members.

There will be a meeting of the members at the Nazareth Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall on April 9th at 7:30 p.m.

## Architectural Review Committee

The HOA Board will no longer be acting as the ARC. The new ARC members include:

Bob Handley      Todd Pound  
Marvin Parson – Chairman

The mission of the committee is to work with you, the members of the community, within the framework of the guidelines and regulations, to maintain and enhance property values and the quality of life within our community. Please remember that any changes to landscaping and any exterior changes, improvements, or construction must be approved in writing by the committee before the delivery of any materials and before any work is started.

The committee has traditionally met once per month and will continue to meet regularly, de-

pending on the needs of the community. We encourage you, however, to contact the committee by email through the link on the website as necessary, ([www.longspod.org](http://www.longspod.org)). We will respond promptly to questions and requests for approvals. Copies of the Architectural Guidelines, the Regulations, Applications, and Application Instructions are available to all residents through the website.

If you are unable to access the website, or if you are unable to send email, please send a text message to, or leave a voicemail message at, 467-8168 and we will contact you to make arrangements to make the necessary forms and information available to you.

Sincerely,  
Marvin Parson  
ARC Chairman

## Landscaping Committee

### Maintaining Established Lawns

#### Mowing

Always keep your mower blade sharp. A dull blade tears the grass instead of cutting it and will make your lawn unhealthy. Never cut more than the top 1/3 of the grass' height. This will also make your lawn unhealthy.

#### Fertilizing

Make sure when buying fertilizer to read the label and buy the correct fertilizer for your lawn. Make sure you wait until after noon to fertilize when the lawn is dry and water very well afterward. If you fertilize while the lawn is wet the fertilizer will stick to the blades and burn them.

#### Watering

You should water less often and for long periods of time. This will promote deep root growth. If you water frequently and for short periods of time you will promote shallow and poor root growth. The best time to water is early in the morning. This gives the grass longer to dry, helping to prevent disease. This will also help use less water.

### Fertilizing for more Blooms

The secret to making your flowering trees, shrubs, annuals, and perennials bloom more is in the fertilizer. The analysis numbers on the package represent the percentage of each chemical the fertilizer contains. For example, 12-12-12 would contain 12% nitrogen for leaf development and vivid green color, 12% phosphorous for root growth, and 12% potassium for root development and disease resistance.

To encourage more bud production you can apply a fertilizer that contains a small percentage of nitrogen, a higher percentage of phosphorous, and a small amount of potassium. A 5-30-5 fertilizer would be ideal. You can use a liquid or granular fertilizer, but a liquid fertilizer will absorb through the roots and foliage causing it to work quicker.

## From the Treasurer

Below is the budget review through March of this year. You should also be receiving invoices for your HOA dues soon. They will be due by April 30th.

<b>Expense</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 07</b>
Newsletter	1200.00	0.00
Hall Rental	800.00	0.00
Accounting	300.00	0.00
Property Taxes	700.00	0.00
Legal Fees	2000.00	10.00
Postage	1200.00	0.00
Copying	700.00	0.00
Supplies	500.00	0.00
Checking	25.00	0.00
Insurance	1300.00	0.00
Landscaping	8500.00	2415.00
Water	0.00	0.00
Electricity	1000.00	95.16
Sprinkler Maint.	600.00	135.00
Lighting Maint.	100.00	0.00
Contingency	1250.00	0.00
Capital Reserve	3075.00	0.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>20175.00</b>	<b>2655.16</b>

## New Committees

We would still like to see a number of new committees started. Some of these committees include Welcoming, Community Events, Crime Watch and Communication. We would love to see some volunteers. If you are interested please contact Chad Keller at vice-president@longspond.org.

## New Web Site

The Board of Director's are currently discussing ideas for the new website which can be found at [www.longspond.org](http://www.longspond.org). Currently you can download ARC documents and forms as well as past newsletters. If you have any suggestions for the website please email them to us at [webmaster@longspond.org](mailto:webmaster@longspond.org)

## New ARC Approvals/Disapprovals

We would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to fill out an ARC Approval Request. We hope to see this become a more regular occurrence. Remember we should all be getting an ARC approval for any changes we make to the exterior of our homes and yards.

### Approvals

Sheds - 3

Clubhouse - 1

Fence - 1

Concrete Patio - 1

### Disapprovals

Pool - 1

## Regulation Reminders

Habitual street side parking is not allowed. This presents a safety hazard for both drivers and pedestrians.

We have several residents that are not obeying the speed limit. The speed limit throughout the entire neighborhood is 25 miles per hour.

It is each Owners responsibility to prevent the development of any unsightly or unkempt condition on their Lot, including the failure to properly install or maintain landscaping.

There are still quite a few mailboxes that need painting and/or repair.

Parking on any grass, including the vacant lot, is not permitted. Please park cars in the driveway.

When you are walking pets, please remember to pick up after them.

## Local Events

### **April 12, 2007**

11th Annual "Tee It Up For Teens" 2007 Golf Tournament sponsored by Leadership Lexington County to support the activities of Youth Leadership Lexington County. Thursday, April 12, 2007 at Charwood Country Club. Registration at 8:30 a.m. and Shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. For sponsorship opportunities and to register a team contact: Robert Rice at 803-996-0212.

### **April 13-14, 2007**

Overnight at the State Museum! Moms! Dad! Grandparents! Kids! Sleep with the sharks....and astronauts and aliens and dinosaurs and all sorts of "characters!" Sign up now for "Overnight at the State Museum" family camp-in! Cost: \$25 per child/ \$20 for State Museum members and \$20 per adult/ \$10 for State Museum members. For more information call 803-898-4989 or email [campin@museum.state.sc.us](mailto:campin@museum.state.sc.us)

### **April 21, 2007**

Welcome Back to Tennis – FREE - - At 9 a.m. – noon (lunch included) at LCTC. For people 50+ who used to play tennis but stopped playing or who would like to get started. This FREE 3 hour event that includes socializing, music, food and drinks, advice on new racquet technology, safety, warm and

cool down activities, on court tennis activities, prizes and sign up opportunities for continuing tennis programs. For more information, please contact Karen Holzschuh at 803-951-0980.

### **April 22, 2007**

The Central South Carolina Mustang Club presents the **29th Annual Mustang and Ford Car Show**. Sunday, April 22, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Located at Ben Satcher Ford, 1201 West Main St.(Hwy 1) in Lexington SC. Registration from 9:00 a.m. til 12 noon. Free to Public. For information contact: Deborah at (803) 788-6117 or Jackie and Dana (803)356-0904 or [www.centralscmustangclub.com](http://www.centralscmustangclub.com)

### **April 29, 2007**

#### **Mt. Horeb presents Larnelle Harris**

Sunday 7pm. at Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church After more than 18 albums, 5 Grammys, 11 Dove awards, and 19 number one gospel hits, Larnelle consistently manage to maintain a sound and identity distinctly his own while remaining a hugely popular part of the ever-evolving picture of popular music. CCM Magazine praises Larnelle's passion for sharing the gospel. Tickets are available online at <http://www.concertsatmthoreb.com>

**DON'T FORGET THE HOA MEETING AT THE NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL ON APRIL 9TH AT 7:30 PM. WE HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!**