

Long's Pond ESTATES

Homeowners Association Newsletter

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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Board of Directors of Longs Pond Estates hopes all homeowners had a great holiday season and would like to wish everyone a happy new year. I'm looking forward to encouraging greater neighborhood involvement and improvements to community.

This has been a very uneventful last quarter with all of the significant issues (front entrance, sign, contracts, etc.) being completed in the previous quarters. However, with regards to the front entrance, I have had several homeowners make mention of the fence (the one blocking the view of the cemetery) being in need of some maintenance and repair. I took a few minutes to check the condition and it does need some work – I'm thinking a pressure wash, weather treatment staining, and screwing back some loose boards and posts. I believe this is something that could be done by volunteers from the neighborhood and if anyone is interested please contact me at your convenience. I can get access to a pressure washer and have the galvanized screws and tools to make the repairs. We'll just need some stain, brushes and people to put it on to make the fence last another ten years.

Also, I would like to thank all of the people that have taken the time and effort to contact the Management Company and/or Board on issues impacting the quality of the neighborhood. Taking the time to fill out the forms located on the website is an invaluable part of the process for ensuring complaints and ARC requests are documented and handled in the most efficient and reliable manner possible. Ensuring the quality of our neighborhood requires the help and support of

everyone in the community and the Board is very appreciative of your help. Please remember that all of the documents governing the neighborhood and contact information for the Management Company, Board and Committees can be found on the website. <http://www.longspond.org/>

Matt Bullard
President – Longs Pond HOA
2011-2012



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 7:30 PM
Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 7:30 PM
Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 7:30 PM
Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at 7:30 PM
Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at 7:30 PM

GENERAL HOA MEETINGS LOCATION: Red Bank Community Center

Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 7:00 PM
Thursday, June 14, 2012 at 7:00 PM

ANNUAL MEETING:
Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 7 PM

COVENANTS AND ARC GUIDELINES

Please take a minute to review our Covenants and ARC guidelines. They can be found at www.longspond.org. These covenants were put in place to protect the character and value of the neighborhood. One of the many committees is the Architectural Review Committee, which is responsible for the review of building requests to ensure they comply with the covenants. Any resident considering exterior improvements or modifications to their property is required to complete an application for approval, which is located on our website. Click on Forms and Documents on the home page. From there, you can find the Covenants and Bylaws, along with the ARC Guidelines and Application for Approval Instructions and documents.

Matt Bullard
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CRIME WATCH

I'm pleased to say there have been no car break-in incidents reported since the last newsletter. The only incident was a report of gas theft from a vehicle on Knotts Haven Trail just a few days ago. The homeowner reported that they noticed their gas gauge read empty upon leaving for work in the morning but they knew for sure they had half a tank of gas when they arrived home the night before – note: they have an older vehicle that doesn't have a locking gas cap. They also reported this may have happened other times previously but they weren't sure because they couldn't be positive about how much gas they had the night(s) before. So this may be a recurring type of theft and people are just unaware because the criminals only siphon out a small amount. Please be sure to purchase a locking gas cap if you don't have a locking door for your gas tank access.

Also, please do not hesitate to contact me with ANY type of activity you feel may be crime related. If we stay on top of the little stuff, I believe we will have a much greater chance of preventing any serious crime.

Matt Bullard,
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YARD OF THE MONTH

A big thanks to everyone in the neighborhood who put up Christmas lights and decorations. There really were lots of great yards and it was very difficult to choose just one winner.

Congratulations to Eric Holt at 1333 Knotts Haven Loop for his Yard of the Month award in December. Our neighborhood does a great job celebrating the holidays with yard decorations.

Note: Lowes had their leftover holiday lights and decorations for 50% off and there were still some really good items available, so please keep that in mind for Halloween and/or Christmas next year.

Jenny Bullard
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WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Tom and Sheri Marsden
109 Lynn Haven Court

Tom & Sheri moved in a few days before Christmas. They have three kids: Steven 14, Sadie 13 and Katherine 11. Tom and Sheri are originally from CT. They both work in the field of nursing.

Doug Bolin