

Long's Pond ESTATES

Homeowners Association Newsletter

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COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

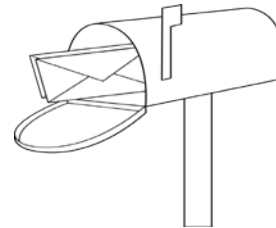


It's time to get busy cleaning out your attic, closet, or garage, because **Saturday, May 3rd** is scheduled as our Annual Long's Pond Estates Neighborhood Garage Sale day. The hours are between 7 am-12 pm. We have approximately 150 families in our neighborhood, and we will be advertising this information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

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! I look forward to seeing everyone.....'cause I like to cruise the neighborhood for those great bargains!

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 will work with the management company to send out notices for mailbox upkeep on or about March 17th. Please take a moment to take a look at your mailbox prior to this time 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@longspound.org or the Architectural Review Committee. Thank you for keeping our neighborhood desirable.

YARD OF THE MONTH

Once again, it was a difficult decision! There were many beautiful holiday displays.

The Yard of the Month for December went to:

David and Irene Ford
105 Lynn Haven Ct.

Remember, the YOTM recognition sign will be placed in your yard until the next month is awarded AND you will receive a \$25 Lowes Gift Card if chosen. So, it actually pays to get out and work in your yard.

Nominations for YOTM are always welcome at greganddebi@windstream.net

PET CARE

It's common knowledge that *dogs* age faster than people. But the conventional wisdom that one dog year equals seven human years is an oversimplified view of how old your dog is in human years. Although a dog's age averages out this way, there is quite a bit of variation. For example, dogs mature more quickly than children in the first couple of years. So the first year of a dog's life is equal to about 15 human years, rather than seven.

Size and breed also influence the rate at which a dog ages. Although smaller dogs tend to live longer than larger dogs, they may mature more quickly in the first few years of life. A large dog [more than 50 lbs.] may mature more slowly at first but already be considered elderly at age five. Small [20 lbs. or less] and toy breeds don't become "seniors" until around age 10. Medium-sized [21-50 lbs.] breeds are somewhere in the middle in terms of maturation and lifespan.

In the chart below, use these general ranges for dog size:

Age of Dog	Small Breed – Age in Human Years	Medium Breed – Age in Human Years	Large Breed – Age in Human Years
1	15	15	15
2	24	24	24
3	28	28	28
4	32	32	32
5	36	36	36
6	40	42	45
7	44	47	50
8	48	51	55
9	52	56	61
10	56	60	66
11	60	65	72
12	64	69	77
13	68	74	82
14	72	78	88
15	76	83	93
16	80	87	120

And for all you cat lovers, next time we'll provide a cat's age conversion chart.

TRIVIA CORNER

There are 31 people in the U.S. listed in the telephone white pages with the last name "Cucumber"...and they all live in North Carolina.

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To date, the University of Florida more than \$150 million in royalties for lending their school nickname "Gators" to Gatorade.

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When astronauts return from space, they are usually about two inches (2") taller.