

# Long's Pond ESTATES

Homeowners Association Newsletter

[www.longspond.org](http://www.longspond.org)

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been a great year thus far with lots happening: we updated the entrance with new sod, flowers and trees; a new informational sign was installed at the top of the entrance; we will be increasing the amount of lighting along the entrance; we are looking at redoing the front entrance sign (information will be sent out and discussed at the annual meeting); we ended the contract with our old landscaper and have signed a contract with a new landscaper who is doing a stellar job for our development.

I would like to remind everyone that our yard sales are limited to spring and fall; any other yard sales need prior approval by the board.

While everyone enjoys fireworks, keep in mind our noise ordinance need to be adhered to, which stipulates that no fireworks can be set off after 10:00 pm. Also, clean up your firework debris. I have found live, unexploded ordinance in my yard.

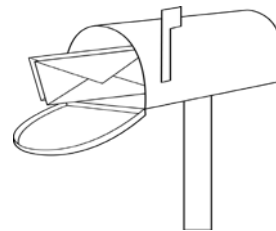
Everyone enjoys their pets; please clean up after them when they do their business. **THEY ARE YOUR PETS.**

I'm not sure why there are so many people speeding in our neighborhood. It is clearly posted 25 MPH for ALL streets in the development. These speed limits are set to protect everyone – from other travelers to walkers to our playing children, who could dart out in front of someone speeding that couldn't get stopped. Our streets are monitored by Lexington Co. While we don't want to put speed bumps in to slow those that have no regard for the set speed limit, it may be the direction we will have to go to slow this down. It all comes down to respecting others that live here.

Two seats are available on the board – if interested, you will need to get your information to the board soon as possible, since our annual meeting is coming up next month.

Jon Handrock  
President

## 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 (or you can just spray your mailbox with a solution that contains bleach – like Scrubbing Bubbles for the bathroom). 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](mailto:board@longspond.org) or the Architectural Review Committee. Thank you for keeping our neighborhood desirable.

**YARD OF THE MONTH**

The Yard of the Month for May goes to:

Calvin and Tina Turnage  
1445 Knotts Haven Loop

The Yard of the Month for June goes to:

Brandon and Stephanie Lawson at  
401 Knott's Court

The Yard of the Month for August goes to:

Russell and Lisa Thompson at  
333 Knott's Circle

Greg Garrett  
Yard of the Month Committee

**TRIVIA CORNER**

Unlike Looney Tunes cartoons, coyotes are actually more than twice as fast as roadrunners.

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In *The Wizard of Oz*, the Wicked Witch of the West is on screen for less than 2 minutes. She scared children in the test screenings, so producers slashed her screen time.

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They came up with the idea of Lucky Charms cereal by mixing Circus Peanuts into a bowl of cereal, looking for a new twist on Cheerios.

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Columbia was the United States' first planned city and South Carolina's second capital. Since its founding in 1786, the city has been a center of government, commerce and education within the Palmetto State. With much of its antebellum grandeur lost following the Civil War, Columbia grew into a New South city by the early 1900s. Today, Columbia is a diverse, livable city touted for its temperate climate, geography and historic neighborhoods.

**CLASSIFIEDS**

FOR SALE:

1994 Ford Escort LX  
4 cylinder – great gas mileage – runs good  
135K miles - Cold AC  
\$850 OBO

Leslie Shipp  
520-4007

**WELCOMING COMMITTEE**

Brice and Peggy Donaldson  
137 Knotts Rd.

William and Sarah Lorick  
157 Knotts Rd

Welcome to Longs Pond!

Doug Bolin  
Welcoming Committee

**COMMUNITY CORNER**

For the past few years, it has been my privilege to put together the Longs Pond Association quarterly newsletter [January, April, July, and October]. But the time has come to pass the torch. This will be my last issue.

If anyone in the community has any interest in continuing the tradition, please drop me an e-mail at [baddycoda@yahoo.com](mailto:baddycoda@yahoo.com), or any of the current board members, and you will be provided with the necessary information to continue this grand tradition. If not, the newsletter will be

discontinued and any information regarding the Association will be posted on the Longs Pond Estates webpage [www.LongsPond.org].

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It's time to get busy cleaning out your attic, closet, or garage, because **Saturday, September 27th** 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!