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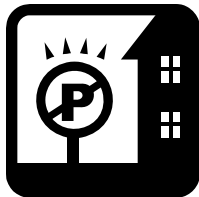
Dates / Days to Remember

- **Newsletter:** Prints February, May, August, November.
- **Neighborhood Yard Sale:** Held in May and September every year.
- **Annual Meeting / Cook-out:** Held every September on the Common Lot.
- **Next Board Meeting:** January 12, 2015 6:30 PM

Yard of the Month for Halloween

David and Barbara Veller
406 Knotts Court

Committee Member:
Greg Garrett



No Parking on Grass

Reminder - there is no parking on grass or in yard. You will receive a violation letter. Keep our neighborhood beautiful. Only park in your cemented driveway.

President's Remarks

Hello neighbors. My name is Doug Bolin and I am the new HOA President. I want to take this time to thank Jon Handrock for his service to our neighborhood. His offering his time voluntarily will continue as he will serve on the ARC committee. I would also like to thank his wife Kathy, for her volunteering her time to our quarterly newsletter.

Let me tell you a little about me. I am in the insurance services business. My wife and I have a daughter who is 9 months old and we have lived in the neighborhood for four years.

I am dedicated to making our neighborhood a desirable place to live.

Currently, we do not have a crime watch committee (any volunteers?) but the biggest crime issue we are hearing about lately are car break-ins. Most of the break-ins have simply been people leaving their cars unlocked

or their garage doors open / unlocked.

As you may have noticed, our front entrance sign was missing in action for a short time. This was so that the sign company could take the sign back to their shop to conduct much needed repairs. The board voted for a color change or keep the same colors and votes for same color won. You might have also noticed the addition of 61 LED lights at the entrance. Our power bill is estimated to be affected minimally if at all because of the energy efficient LED bulbs. We also have a new landscaper Mr. John Harrison. He has been on board since May. If you see him working on the grounds stop and say hello.

Please like our Facebook page. This is another avenue where we can communicate with all the association members. The link can be found at the top of this newsletter.

I want to welcome new neighbors to our subdivision and I look forward to meeting you.

Lexington County Sheriff's office did conduct another traffic study and a copy of the study is enclosed.

The holiday's are among us. Stay safe. Enjoy. Be aware that children are out of school for two weeks in December (December 22nd - January 6th).

The neighborhood yard sale in September was a success. Thanks to all who participated.

I would like to thank those who attended our Annual Meeting on the lot in September and congratulate the two households who won the \$50 Lowes gift cards! It pays to attend and participate in your neighborhood association.

Stay safe and Happy Holidays!

Welcoming Committee

Committee Member: Doug Bolin

Todd and Kristen Joyner

1332 Knotts Haven Loop

Todd and Kristen are recently married! (Congrats!) Todd works at Westinghouse and Kristen is a nurse.



Keith and Caitlin Sandroni

1341 Knotts Haven Loop

Doug will be by to see you soon! Welcome!

Drive Aware In The Hood

Please watch your speed through the neighborhood. We have many neighbors walking, jogging or biking on the roads. We also have several children that live in the neighborhood who could dart out at any moment chasing a ball or on their bikes. Be aware.

Also note just because you made it out of your driveway or into the neighborhood doesn't mean its okay to text or call on your cell phone or punch in that address into your GPS. Pedestrians and mailboxes thank you for this too! One text or call could wreck it all.



I Got a Letter From WHO?! @#*!\$!

Don't get upset if you receive a letter from our management company regarding a violation. It is not a conspiracy to target you but to simply ask you to correct the issue. Sometimes the homeowner just isn't aware of his / her violation and the letter is simply a helpful reminder. The management company / HOA is the best tool to protect the value of the neighborhood and your home. Some studies show that values in a subdivision with an inactive association can fall as much as twenty percent due to failure to enforce restrictions. Most purchasers in this neighborhood made the decision to buy here with the expectation that their property would be protected by deed restrictions and maintained to a certain standard by the HOA.

http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/article/Association/Value_Of_HOA

The Board of Directors is put in place by the homeowners of the neighborhood.

While we do have a management company to provide guidance and day-to-day operations, one of the duties of the Board is to manage which includes ensuring our neighborhood is desirable and pleasing to our fellow homeowners and the outside community. All members direct on a voluntary basis.

Doug Bolin - President / Welcome

Craig Viers - Vice President

Michelle Jones - Treasurer

Stephanie Young - Secretary / Newsletter

Don Hardy - Member-at-Large

Greg Garrett - Yard of the Month

Get involved! Make a difference! Contact us about several volunteer positions available.

Natural Gas Option

Sharon Jones with SCE&G presented to the Board during their last meeting on 11-3-14 the possibility of gas expansion into Long's Pond Estates. Infrastructure would need to be implemented into three stages within our neighborhood based on homeowner interest. A feasibility study, based on interest, would then be conducted by SCE&G as to whether to bring gas into the neighborhood. The first step to this process is for every homeowner to fill out a survey and

have it returned to Artise Irving with SCE&G (sample enclosed). Those customers interested in gas as an option at their property line, would need to have a running gas appliance within 60 days of line being buried. Those appliances include logs, stove, water heater, dryer, furnace, etc. Not included are outside gas grills, generators, or pool heaters. Those would be a separate charge / issue to be coordinated with SCE&G. There are also rebates available for each appliance (rebate form can be seen attached to 11-3-14 minutes on LongPond.org). Boring would be how the installation

to the neighborhood would take place with little disturbance. The process will take a little while but the survey is the first step in this process. Any questions can be directed to Artise Irving at 803.217.7250, airing@scana.com. SCE&G will even come out and meet with homeowners to discuss in detail if invited. If you are interested in a meeting, ask your neighbors if they are interested in organizing a small group at a time and contact Artise at the number / email above.

Let's PARTY...

Recently, there have been a number of complaints regarding loud parties carrying over until the early morning hours.

Please be aware of the Regulations we are to follow regarding **Quiet Enjoyment**:

TV's, radios, stereos, etc., shall be played at reasonable levels at all times and the same shall not be played so as to be heard outside of the home between 11:00 PM and 9:00 AM.



Community Corner

Email Your Submissions To:
Secretary@LongsPond.org

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Lexington County Sheriff's Department *Traffic Division*

Knotts Road

Speed Study Summary

Between September 16, 2014 and September 30, 2014 the Lexington County Sheriff's Department Traffic Division conducted a speed study on Knotts Road due to complaints of speeding on this roadway. A total of 9674 vehicles passed through the survey area averaging 691 vehicles per day. Data was collected from vehicles travelling both to and from Nazareth Road. The results of the study are as follows:

Posted Speed Limit: 25 Miles per Hour

Average Recorded Speed: 24.2 Miles per Hour

85th Percentile: 28.6 Miles per Hour

Percentage of Vehicles Speeding in a Credible Enforcement Zone: 1.43%

During the study only 9 vehicles (.09%) were recorded speeds greater than 40 miles per hour

Based on the data from this study, and two prior studies (2008 & 2009) it is the opinion of the Traffic Divisions that while we do show evidence of motorists violating the speed law, there is no evidence of extraordinarily high speeds, aggressive driving, or chronic speeding. We believe that the best deterrent would be random speed enforcement patrols in the area as opposed to dedicating a deputy to work the area as a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Complaint.

Yes!

I am interested in having natural gas for my home.

Please fill out the form below and mail within 10 days.

Rebates up to **\$500** when you choose natural gas

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____

Which of the following best describes your residence:

Single family home Condo Apartment Other
(please specify) _____

What is the square footage of your home? _____

Do you rent or own your home? Rent Own

What appliances would you replace or connect with natural gas and what is your time frame?

Water Heater	<input type="checkbox"/> 0-6 mths	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 yr	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-3 yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 3+ yrs
TANK	<input type="checkbox"/> 0-6 mths	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 yr	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-3 yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 3+ yrs
TANKLESS	<input type="checkbox"/> 0-6 mths	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 yr	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-3 yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 3+ yrs
Heating System	<input type="checkbox"/> 0-6 mths	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 yr	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-3 yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 3+ yrs
Range/Oven	<input type="checkbox"/> 0-6 mths	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 yr	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-3 yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 3+ yrs
Clothes Dryer	<input type="checkbox"/> 0-6 mths	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 yr	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-3 yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 3+ yrs
Logs	<input type="checkbox"/> 0-6 mths	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 yr	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-3 yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 3+ yrs
Grill	<input type="checkbox"/> 0-6 mths	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 yr	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-3 yrs	<input type="checkbox"/> 3+ yrs
Other	_____			

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Here are a few reasons for choosing natural gas for your home.

1. Higher energy efficiency. Because natural gas burns so cleanly and efficiently, natural gas appliances give you more energy for your money.

2. ENERGY STAR® qualified appliances. Conventional and tankless natural gas water heaters are now available with ENERGY STAR® ratings for added energy efficiency.

3. More hot water faster. Natural gas water heaters recover twice as fast as electric units. Plus, many natural gas water heaters keep working even when your power is out.

Annual cost of water heating*

Electric tank **\$527**

Natural gas tank **\$353**

Natural gas tankless **\$241**

*Based on SCE&G's electric and natural gas rates as of 4/1/13. Your actual energy costs may vary.

4. Lower energy bills. Natural gas offers better value than both propane and electricity. Many existing propane appliances and furnaces can be converted to natural gas.

Annual cost of home heating*

Propane **\$1,452**

Electric heat pump **\$777**

Natural gas **\$386**

*Based on SCE&G's electric and natural gas rates as of 2/1/14 and a propane rate of \$4.13/gallon. Your actual energy costs may vary.

