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*Dates / Days to Remember*

- **Newsletter:** Prints February, May, August, November.
- **Neighborhood Yard Sale:** May 2016 (date TBD)
- **Next Board Meeting:** Nov. 11, 2015 6:30 PM



**Yard of the Month**

Halloween Edition

**Committee Member: Greg Garrett**

**409 Knotts Circle**

**Irving and Mary Domenech**

**Great job guys!**

**President's Remarks**

It's hard to believe that our state endured the huge floods just a few weeks ago. From what I can tell our neighborhood was lucky and did not sustain any damage. Other parts of the area and state were not so lucky. Remember these folks during the holiday time. It will be a very hard time with loved ones gone and homes destroyed.

Hopefully Halloween was a good time for your family. Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner. That means that 2015 is coming to an end fast.

Doug Bolin  
President  
Longs Pond HOA



In recent months there has been some vandalism throughout the neighborhood. Let's all be diligent in looking out for our neighbors yards and homes and report anything suspicious to the local police department.

Also, in response to the recent and on going vandalism in the neighborhood a Crime Watch Committee has been formed.

The Crime Watch Committee consists of Don Hardy & Travis Garris.

If you are interested in participating in the Crime Watch Committee please contact the HOA .

**Welcoming Committee**

**Committee Member: Doug Bolin**

Richard White  
125 Knotts Road

Charles and Jennifer Jones  
1513 Knotts Haven Trail

Joey and Sarah Hewitt  
360 Knotts Circle



### ***Holiday Lighting Safety Tips***



Check your light sets for cracked insulation, frayed wires or damaged sockets. Any of these could cause short circuits.

- ◇ Don't overload your string sets. Check the instructions on the package to find out how many light sets can be connected to each other.
- ◇ Avoid overloading circuits. Most home circuits can take 15 amps, or 1,800 watts.
- ◇ Cover each outdoor plug and connector joint with plastic wrap to protect it from rain; seal it with electrical tape.
- ◇ If you use staples instead of tape to secure lights, be sure that they're insulated staples.
- ◇ Make sure decorations pose no danger to children or pets. Don't leave cords dangling or strung loosely on the floor

### **Neighborhood Safety**

With winter setting in for the season please be sure to where your reflective gear when exercising or walking your pets so that those driving through the neighborhood can see you.



### **Anyone Looking For A Job?!?**

Our neighbor Jewel is looking for a homeschooler with extra time during the day or a teenager after school to help with younger children and some chores. If you are interested in helping Jewel you can contact her at [jewelhayoddo@windstream.net](mailto:jewelhayoddo@windstream.net)

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 / Newsletter / Welcome Committee

Greg Garrett- Vice President/ Landscape/ Yard of the Month Committee

Betty Fortin—Secretary

Michelle Jones - Treasurer

Don Hardy - Member-at-Large/ ARC/Crime Watch  
Jon Handrock— ARC

Matt Bullard— ARC

Travis Garris—Crime Watch

Your Name— please help out!

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

### ***Avoiding Thanksgiving Weight Gain***

Cooking carefully can help avoid that much-feared aftermath of the Thanksgiving Day meal: weight gain. Although you can't eliminate all calories from the feast, you can at least lower the fat content.

Remember to:

- \* Use no-fat or reduced calorie substitutes whenever possible
- \* Avoid butter or margarine when cooking vegetables. Instead, place the desired amount of non or low-fat butter substitute directly on your cooked vegetables, allowing it to melt naturally. Do not pre-melt non-fat spreads on the stove or microwave because coagulation may occur.
- \* Do not butter-baste the turkey while it is roasting, but rather, brush its skin with vegetable oil to prevent drying.
- \* Do not eat the skin, which contains much of the turkey's fat.
- \* Use skim milk in mashed potatoes, puddings and sauces.
- \* Use substitute sweeteners for desserts or at least replace half of the sugar.



### **Mailbox Maintenance**

If your mailbox is not looking so good. Maybe its time to clean it with some bleach. It might be time to paint it. In some extreme cases its time to replace your mailbox. To the ones who have taken care of your mailbox thank you!

This simple task will make your property and the neighborhood more appealing for everyone.



## **What would you like to see in the next newsletter?**

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