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Dates / Days to Remember

- **Newsletter:** Prints February (printed), May (online), August (online), November (online).
- **Neighborhood Yard Sale:** May 14 2016
Sept. 2016 (TBD)
- **Next Board Meeting:** March 8, 2016 6:30 PM



Yard of the Month
Christmas Edition

Committee Member: Greg Garrett

Charles and Jennifer Jones
1513 Knotts Haven Trail

(The Christmas Story leg lamp put you over the top)

Great job guys!

President's Remarks

Since our last newsletter a few things have changed with our Management company. We have a new property manager. Her name is Kayla Stokes. She will be helping us with the day to day operations of the HOA. Documents governing the neighborhood and contact information for our property manager and board members can be found on our website www.longspond.org. This is the only official online form of communication for the BOD and HOA.

I also would like to thank folks who have used the website to contact the board and management company with complaints and ARC request. Taking time to complete forms in this manner ensures that we document and

handle request as quickly as possible.

The BOD has voted to have future newsletters posted online not mailed out. This will save the association around \$340 per year.

In closing we did have three more incidents of vandalism at the front entrance since November.



Republican Primary:
February 20, 2016

Democratic Primary
February 27, 2016

7:00am—7:00pm

Doug Bolin

President

Longs Pond HOA

2015-2016



Upcoming March Events Near Lexington



- ⇒ Columbia Train Show March 12th 9am-3pm @ National Guard Armory near Williams Brice Stadium.
- ⇒ St. Patrick's Day in Five Points March 19 in the Five Points Business District. Race in am, live music, food, parade and a battle of the bands later that night.
- ⇒ 32nd Annual Sportsman Palmetto Classic March 18-20 at SC State Fairgrounds. Duck Dynasty star John Godwin, Extreme Raptor Show, Bass Tub, many other outdoor activities. Online ticket purchase puts you in drawing for a YETI giveaway!

“Tis the season for.....pruning!

Light pruning and dead branch removal can be done at anytime. However, pruning when trees are dormant is the most common practice. It will result in bursts of new growth in the spring and increase the overall health of the tree. Proper pruning depends on the age of the tree.

For younger trees(3-7 years old) use the following tips.

- * Cut off root suckers and water sprouts in the crown.
- * Thin excessive branches to deduce competition for light, water and nutrients.
- * Remove co-dominant leader.
- * Eliminate branches that rub together or grow in an undesirable direction.

- * remove narrow angled branches (typically 30 degrees or less)

For mature trees, here are some tips,

- * Lower limbs should be pruned off to raise the bottom of the crown out of the way of traffic (people, mowers, cars, etc.) Branches do not move upward as a tree grows taller. A branch 6 feet off the ground will always be 6 feet off the ground.
- * Higher branches can be pruned back to maintain the line of the tree's canopy.
- * Inspect the tree to see if you need to remove a branch or two for even spacing.

Proper pruning will increase the tree's chances to withstand heavy winds, rain, ice, and drought. Make sure your pruning tools are clean and sharp.

This will decrease the opportunity for disease. Proper maintenance pruning will save you money and give you a healthier, safer, and more beautiful tree in the long run.

Source: *Home Scape Journal*



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, Cedric Wright & Darwin Sanquintin—Crime Watch

Your Name— please help out!

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

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. Mailbox violations will be enforced in the coming months. The upcoming nice weather should help folks in the repair of their mailboxes.

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

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President@LongsPond.org