

Long's Pond ESTATES

Homeowners Association Newsletter

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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to another summer season and with that we look to September and the election of new Board members. We are looking for people to volunteer for two Board positions. One a three year term to replace Randall Mungo as his term ends on the Board. The other position is a two year term left vacant by the resignation of Jason Hentz.

We ask every homeowner to please consider running for the Board. The time commitment is a monthly Board of Directors' meeting that usually lasts one hour. For the most part, there is no Board of Directors' meeting when there is a general HOA meeting which occurs four times a year. You also need to have computer/e-mail access where we discuss issues that may come up in between Board meetings. Since William Douglas has been hired to be our management company the time commitment required by Board members has decreased.

At this point, the Board of Directors, and I personally would like to thank Randall Mungo for his three years of hard work and service to the Home Owners Association. He has been a professional, knowledgeable and efficient treasurer. He was instrumental in finding William Douglas to be our management company. He assisted in the improvement of our entrance and assists with our landscaping committee. He has helped new Board members, and me personally, in regards to the neighborhood and the running of the Board. His presence on the Board will be missed.

In closing, if you are interested in running for a position on the Board, please contact Laura Murray, chairperson of the nominating committee at director@longspound.org and she will provide you with more information. Our annual general election meeting will be Thursday, September 16

at 7 p.m. at the Red Bank Community Center. Hope to see all of you there.

Connie Parson
President of the HOA 2009-2010

TREASURER'S REPORT

Well, this is my last article for the newsletter as Treasurer for the HOA. As I think about the last few years, it seems that the time passed quickly. When I joined the HOA Board, there was a lot of work that needed our attention and it seemed like we were discussing some situation daily. Now we have William-Douglas as our management company and the time commitment has declined significantly. I would like to thank the Board members that I served with for their time and dedication that they volunteered for the neighborhood. It wasn't always easy, but we tried to do our best at all times.

As I review the ending balances over the past several years, we are currently more financially stable than in the past. This is after an expensive landscaping improvement to the front entrance, hiring a management company and no increases in the dues since the inception of the association.

My main agenda to being on the Board was to have some events for the neighborhood. The yard sale has been a success and participation has grown every year. The annual cookout hasn't been as big of a success as the yard sale, but it has held steady.

In closing, I would like to challenge each homeowner to become involved in the HOA, and to thank those that have volunteered for the different committees. It's like everything else, the more you participate, the better it becomes.

Randall Mungo, Treasurer

***** **SAVE THE DATES** *****

- Board of Director Meeting Sunday: August 15.

- General HOA General Election at Red Bank Community Center, September 16 at 7 p.m.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Please join us in welcoming the following new families to Longs Pond Estates:

Craig and Elle Dyal and their two beagle dogs – 1508 Knotts Haven Trail. They moved here from Charleston.

Ronald and Anita Gunzelman – 420 Knotts Court. They moved from Columbia. They now live across the street from their daughter and (2) grandchildren.

Rick and Shannon Groseclose, Jr. and their son Rickie – 129 Knotts Road. They moved here from Las Vegas.

We are also looking for any ideas folks might have for the baskets. If you have a business card or trinket for your business that you'd like to have included, please let us know.
(welcome@longspond.org)

Also, please let us know if you are interested in helping on the Welcoming Committee. Debbie Kessel will be resigning from the committee this month.

Debbie Kessel, Sheryl Wood and Michelle Herman

DATES TO REMEMBER:

NEWSLETTER:

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BRADFORD PEAR TREES

The Board has received questions regarding the maintenance of the Bradford pear trees which line Knotts Road. The Home Owners Association is responsible for the care and maintenance of the trees which are at the entrance of the development. The other trees which line Knotts Road are the responsibility of the home owner where the trees are positioned. This responsibility includes pruning and fertilization of the trees.

If you need assistance in pruning the trees, you can contact the Board and we will attempt to assist you in finding people in the neighborhood to help you, or give you names of tree service companies.

We hope this information has answered this question.

YARD OF THE MONTH

This year's yards are looking PRETTY AWESOME throughout the whole neighborhood, so it has made it difficult to pick just one yard each month! I do have a list that I "go by" of yards that I would like to pick, but just haven't had enough months to award everyone.

With that being said, it is my opinion that our community has never looked better and more inviting to anyone driving through. Keep up the great work everyone! If you are interested in nominating one of your neighbors for YOTM, nominations can be sent to Jenny Bullard at bryjen2598@windstream.net.

Here is the list of the winners so far this spring. Keep in mind, though, that July, August and September yards are "up for grabs" to include a Lowe's gift card as well as sign recognition...and don't forget that HALLOWEEN and Christmas yards receive special sign recognition, though unfortunately, no gift card.

April YOTM winner: Mike & Linda Branham
1414 Knott's Haven Loop

May YOTM winner: Chip & Courtney Ridgeway
1405 Knott's Haven Loop

June YOTM winner: Bill Van Tine
1442 Knott's Haven Loop

Congratulations & Thank you to all of our hard-working neighborhood lawn care "professionals!" You are making our community one of the bet-looking ones around!

Sincerely,
Jenny Bullard
decorations@longspond.org.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee has been formed for gathering names of potential nominees for our 2 open Board positions. The focus of the nominating committee is to gather names of people who wish to run for the Board and give them information and interview these candidates. [Laura Murray](#) is the chairperson of the committee. There are 4 other people on the committee. If you would like to run for the Board, or would like to nominate some one else please e-mail [Laura](#) at board@longspond.org. Please remember the election is at our annual HOA meeting in September.

Running for the Board

If you're considering running for the Board, we ask that you take a few moments to ask yourself the following three questions:

Do I have the time? As a Board member, you will need to devote at least several hours of your time each month to association business. In addition to regular monthly Board meetings, you will need to be active in e-mail discussions and occasional special meetings. During special projects, you may need to spend a little extra time on association business. Some Board members may also spend a little more time than others if they work with a committee.

Can I make tough decisions when it's required? The primary role of the Board is to conduct the business of the association. This doesn't just mean approving the budget, but also developing and enforcing policies. Board members are required to step outside their immediate circle of family and neighbors and make decisions based on the greater good of the community.

Can I do all this and have fun, too? It isn't all about policies and tough decisions. Our community is only as good as we make it, and establishing and maintaining a sense of community is a part of a board member's responsibility. Planning and attending functions such as our picnics and being a presence in the community are as important as any policy decisions you may make.

Being a Board member can be frustrating at times, but it may also be one of the most rewarding ways you'll find to volunteer your time. If you're interested in running for the Board or would like more details about a board member's

responsibilities, please contact [Laura](#) or another Board member.

VOLUNTEERS

The HOA is always looking for volunteers for various committees. Right now, a volunteer is needed to work with the Welcoming Committee. If you are interested in working with this committee, please contact Debbie at board@longspond.org.

THINGS TO DO AND PLACES TO SEE

Aug 13-14: South Carolina Peanut Party - Pelion - bands, carnival rides, parade, peanut butter sandwich eating contest, lots of boiled peanuts

Aug 14: Southeastern Toy Soldier Show - Columbia - military miniatures from various eras, plus living history reenactments

Aug 14: William Wilson Memorial 5k Run and Walk - Columbia - benefits Palmetto Cycling Coalition and William Wilson Scholarship Fund

Aug 19-21: Spittoono - Clemson - live music festival benefiting local charities - presented by the Redneck Performing Arts Association

Aug 21: Flight of the Dove - Clinton - cycling event - choose from 4 distances including leisure/family ride. »Learn more about cycling in South Carolina

Aug 26: Battle of the Bands - Charleston - professional division - benefits Trident United Way

Aug 26-28: Upstate Women's Show - Greenville - an entertaining three days of fun - featuring fashion, cooking, shopping, and much more!

Aug 28: Main Street Latin Festival - Columbia - Latin and Caribbean music, authentic food, kids' activities

Aug 28: Wild Summer's Nite Auction and Wild Game Feast - Columbia - benefits South Carolina Wildlife Federation

Aug 28-29: Original Charleston Beach Music and Shag Festival - Classes and concerts at multiple venues



JUNIOR SECTION

SCHOOL NEWS FROM VICTORIA OSBORNE

Summer is going by so fast, before you know it we will be back in school! This year I will be a freshman at White Knoll High School. Some important dates to remember--- Thursday, August 5 is registration day; hours are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., continuing in the afternoon until 7 p.m. Check out the Lexington 1 schools website for more details.

The 9th grade pack prowl is set for Friday, August 6 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for new ninth graders to find their way around the high school. I do not know what to expect!!!!!! School officially starts August 18.

Victoria Osborne

SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER

- August
18th - First Day of School for students
- September
6 - Labor Day (Holiday)
- October
7 - Parent/Teacher Conference Day K-12 (3 hours)
8 - Parent/Teacher Conference Day K-12 (8:00 a.m.-noon)
No school for students
11 - Columbus Day
In-service - No school for students
29 - Report Cards Issued
- November
2 - Election Day
24-26 - Thanksgiving Break
- December
20-31 - Winter Break (Holidays)
- January 2011

- 1 - New Year's Day
- 3 - Students & Staff report to school
- 13 - Half-day for Students
- 14 - No School for Students
- 17 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Holiday)
- 21 - Report Cards issued

February

- 21 - Professional Development Instructional Fair
Washington's Birthday
No School for students

March

- 18 - First Weather Make-up Day
- 30 - Report Cards issued

April

- 18-22 - Spring Break (Holiday)
- 25 - Second Weather Make-up Day

May

- 30 - Third Weather Make-up Day
Memorial Day

June

- 2 - Half day for students
- 3 - Second Term Ends (180th day)
Half day for students

All Dates Subject to Change