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Seasons Greetings from the President

We have all heard it said before that we get too busy this time of year and are reminded to remember the reason for the season. What is the reason for the season? Try to appreciate the good things about living in America, our veterans and active military, our national holidays and festivals and the basic liberties of freedom.

Regardless of your religious persuasion or your station in life, you are an American. You can celebrate Thanksgiving or not. You can celebrate Christmas or not. You have choices. Remember or forget.

Remember the Christ child that was born nearly 2000 years ago.

Remember the children around you today.

Remember the Star that led the wise men.

Remember the stars in your life.

Remember the stable and the manger of hay.

Remember the warm home and soft bed you enjoy.

Remember the wonder and joy of the Shepherd's.

Remember the good things in your life.

Blessings to you and yours this holiday season,
Lindsey Sturkie, HOA President

Board of Directors

Two new directors were voted in at the Annual Meeting in September. The new directors are Chad Keller and Patrick Hedgepath. Please feel free to contact any of us if you have any question or concerns. The positions held by the new Board and their e-mail addresses are shown below.

Lindsey Sturkie -- President
president@longspound.org

Chad Keller -- Vice President
vicepresident@longspound.org

Patrick Hedgepath -- Secretary
secretary@longspound.org

Brian Paulen -- Treasurer
treasurer@longspound.org

Steve Acuff -- Director
director1@longspound.org

The new Board plans to put out newsletters and have meetings quarterly. We also plan to stagger them so there will be communication between the Board and Members roughly every month and a half. Our first meeting will be held at the Nazareth Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall on December 14th at 7:30 pm.

Architectural Review

The Architectural Review Committee is the only committee that is required by our bylaws. Currently the Long's Pond Board of Directors and the ARC are one and the same. We would prefer that these be two different entities. If you are interested in being the ARC Chairman or a member of the committee please contact Chad Keller at 233-9069 or vicepresident@longspond.org

We also ask that everyone remember any improvements or changes to any property throughout the neighborhood need to have an approval letter from the ARC. A copy of the Architectural Guidelines and Regulations were distributed in October. If you did not receive a copy, again, please contact Chad Keller.

Landscaping Committee

The beautiful autumn colors are coming to an end. It seems we had more color this year than I've seen in a few years. The length of the days and the cooling temperatures bring on this change to bring out this fall color in the leaves. Many of the pigments that contribute to the bright colors of autumn are present in the leaf from the time they unfold in the spring all through the summer, but the green pigment (chlorophyll) dominates the other pigments and is the visible color.

In fall, the chlorophyll production slows as the days get shorter and cooler and the other pigments become more evident.

Sunny days and cool nights bring out bright autumn colors. Cloudy days and warm nights give a more drab fall color. Other environmental

conditions such as heat and drought also contribute to the length and colors of autumn. Making some autumns prettier than others. Some of my favorite trees for fall color are:

Sugar Maple - Yellow

October Glory Maple - Red

Crape Myrtle - Yellow/Red

Bradford Pear - Deep Red

Common Sassafras - Red

Ginkgo Biloba - Yellow, avoid planting the female tree which has a foul-smelling fruit.

Greg Garrett, Landscaping Chairman
landscaping@longspond.org

Vacant Lot Committee

Recently, a vacant lot committee was formed to discover options for developing the vacant lot on the corner of Knott's Rd. and Knott's Haven Loop. The committee is made up of nine Long's Pond Estates homeowners. The vacant lot committee recently sent out a poll to all homeowners to get a feel for what the majority of residents would like to see done with the vacant lot. The committee

received 43 returned polls and the consensus was to build a covered picnic shelter and playground. We are currently working on a detailed design to develop the vacant lot from existing funds.

From the Treasurer

Below is the annual budget for 2007.
The budget will be open for discussion at the annual HOA meeting on December 14th.

Expense

Newsletter	1200.00
Hall Rental	800.00
Accounting	300.00
Property Taxes	700.00
Legal Fees	2000.00
Postage	1200.00
Copying	700.00
Supplies	500.00
Checking Charges	25.00
Insurance	1300.00
Landscaping	8500.00
Water	0.00
Electricity	1000.00
Sprinkler Maintenance	600.00
Lighting Maintenance	100.00
Contingency	1250.00
Total Expense	20175.00
Capital Reserve	3075.00
Total	23250.00

Income

150	\$155.00	23250.00
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New Committees

We would like to see a number of new committees started in the near future. Some of these committees include Welcoming, Community Events, Crime Watch and Communication. We will be looking for volunteers soon.

New Web Site

Longspond.org has been secured by the Board of Directors as the home of our community's new web site. This new site will be owned and operated by the Long's Pond Homeowners Association. We hope to make this a valuable source of information for our community. Please be patient while we get the site up and running. If you have any suggestions for the web site please email them to webmaster@longspond.org



Homeowners Association

P.O Box 2554

Lexington, SC 29073

Place address label here.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

www.longspond.org

Regulation Reminders

We all want to live in a beautiful neighborhood and maintain our property value. We can all help to accomplish this.

Fall is a great time to do little maintenance chores. There are quite a few mailboxes that need painting and/or repair. When anyone drives down our streets the first thing that stands out is the mailbox. How does your mailbox reflect on the community at large and you individually?

Leaves are turning and grass is fading. Please be mindful of the appearance of your yards.

Habitual street side parking is not allowed. This presents a safety hazard for both drivers and pedestrians.

Parking on grass is not permitted. Please park cars in the driveway.

When you are walking pets, please remember to pick up after them.

The speed limit throughout the entire neighborhood is 25 miles per hour. Please obey the speed limit and keep all of us safe, especially our children.

DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL BOARD MEETING AT THE NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL ON DEC. 14TH AT 7:30 PM. WE HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!
