

# Long's Pond ESTATES

Homeowners Association Newsletter

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October 2009

## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Along with Fall and the cooler temperatures, comes a change in our board members. As they leave their positions on the board, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank Chad Keller and Patrick Hedgepath for their service on the board and to our community. At the last HOA meeting, Jason Hentz and Laura Murray were appointed to the Board of Directors. I'd like to extend a warm welcome and thank you to these folks for volunteering their time.

The board also elected positions at their last meeting. Here are the newly appointed officers:

Connie Parson, President  
Debbie Kessel, Vice President  
Randall Mungo, Treasurer  
Jason Hentz, Secretary  
Laura Murray, Board Member at Large

Please email us anytime with any comments or concerns you may have. We welcome your suggestions. Also, if you have any interest in volunteering on any committees, please let us know. Our email is [board@longspond.org](mailto:board@longspond.org).

Connie Parson  
President

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Well the year is winding down and like many of you, I'm looking forward to the holidays. I would like to thank those of you that volunteered your time and efforts this past year. Currently, only 6% have not paid their dues. This number is down from last year, which is good for the entire neighborhood. Unfortunately, a lien will be placed on those that did not pay their dues.

Some of you may have seen some yellow signs posted at the front entrance and community lot. The county had posted the property due to failure to pay the taxes. We immediately contacted Lexington County to see what had gone wrong. The county had sent our tax bills to the wrong address. We were able to get the taxes paid and the address corrected.

We hired a management company in March and they have been very helpful in many ways. The management company reviewed our insurance and recommended that we include a Directors and Officers policy to protect the Board members, as a whole, from any legal actions. The Board voted to add this policy, so our policy premium did increase more than originally budgeted.

Another advantage of working with the management company is that the next year's budget has to be completed by the end of October. With their help, we have a budget that the Board voted to approve. This budget will be available at the December meeting. You will see some improvements in the proposed budget as the categories are shown in more detail.

Financially we've had a good year. We cut back on several items this year such as the amounts given to the yard of the month winners, the amount of pine straw put out, and used William Douglas to print and mail the newsletters.

If I can be of any service to any of you, please feel free to contact me.

\*\*\*\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*\*\*\*



There will be a December HOA meeting and holiday get together on **Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** Light hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be provided following a short meeting. In an effort to save the HOA money, it will be held at the Red Bank Community Center. More details will follow but the change in meeting place will save the HOA \$800 a year.



## WELCOMING COMMITTEE NEWS

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

Deborah Yandle – 428 Knotts Court  
Ronald and Natalie Jendrzewski –  
1312 Knotts Haven Loop  
Timothy and Vicki Beck – 160 Knotts Road  
Charles and Donna Regina Hughes –  
1356 Knotts Haven Loop

Congratulations to Leslie and Eric Dillinger on the birth of their son, Luke Alexander. He was born on September 28<sup>th</sup> and weighed 8 lbs. 9 ozs.

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).

Welcoming Committee:  
Debbie Kessel  
Sheryl Wood  
Michelle Herman

## TRAFFIC CIRCLE COMING SOON

As you all are aware, there has been much debate and discussion to improve the traffic flow at Longs Pond and Nazareth Roads. This is an area of concern for our development due to the fact that it will greatly affect our entrance.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) has decided to develop a traffic circle to assist with the improvement of the traffic flow. According to research, a traffic circle reduces accidents by as much as 70%.

With the development of the traffic circle, Longs Pond Road will shift toward the ball field and line up with our entrance. The project will make our entrance wider and traffic from our development will merge around the circle.

The project is tentatively scheduled to take place in the spring of 2010. At present, they are now in the phase of "right-away acquisition". This is where the DOT sends a representative to purchase land that is needed or ask permission for an easement for the needed property. Our board should be contacted by the end of the year regarding this. The project should be let (awarded thru a bid process) to a contractor in March, 2010 and construction should begin in May, 2010.

Please be aware these dates are tentative and could change. The board will keep the members of the HOA updated as more information becomes available.

## YARD OF THE MONTH

The winner for September is John & Sandra Owens at 1430 Knotts Haven Loop. They join the list of past winners:

August – Mark & Amy Eberflus, 165 Knotts Road  
July – Kelly Brock, 1532 Knotts Haven Trail  
June – Brian & Danielle Paulen, 1374 Knotts Haven Loop  
May – Crystal Teer & Troy Blume, 1449 Knotts Haven Loop  
April – Steve & Kathy Vardas, 1341 Knotts Haven Loop

Leslie Shipp  
Yard of the Month Committee

## NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERN



In the past we have spoken regarding pets, and in particular about pet owners' responsibilities to keep control of their pets. Dogs have been our main focus whether it has been addressing leash laws or pooper scooping issues. However, whatever pet we own, we all feel the same about our pets – they are part of our families.

A resident has complained about cats roaming the neighborhood. The cats are unwelcome in the yard and can be a nuisance. Because of this, several cats have been captured and turned over to animal control. No notice was put up about stray cats being captured or "found." As a result, we received the following letter from a concerned neighbor.

*Personally, I have lost two cats in the past few months that were family pets. At first, after hearing the complaint, I was upset that this person had possibly turned my pets over to animal control. I have gone to the Ball Park Road office looking for my pets but they have not been there.*

*After thinking about it for a time, I realized that it is my fault that they are missing because neither of the cats had collars or microchips. But, have you ever tried to keep a collar on a cat? It is impossible and even unsafe. The way they get into everything it is a hazard to have a collar that is likely to get caught on something and possibly choke the cat.*

*In light of all of this, I have looked up the leash laws for cats. Regardless of collar or not, a cat should not be out of his owner's yard. If the animal is, the owner should have control over the cat and it should respond to his owner's commands.*

*The resident was within his rights to capture the animals and turn them in. However, would it have been so hard to post a notice about a found cat on the stop signs?*

We welcome any concerns you might have as neighbors and will be happy to voice those concerns for you. We can't find solutions if we don't know the problems. So please let us know what is on your mind.

Thanks.

## CRIME WATCH

We are planning to have a representative from the Lexington County Sheriff's Department attend the December Home Owner's Association meeting to reinstate the crime watch for Long's Pond. This meeting will include explaining the roles and responsibilities of a crime watch and its participants, electing a chairperson/block captains, requesting volunteer participation, and scheduling a follow-up meeting. As a precursor to the December meeting there will be volunteers making door-to-door stops to provide residents with information on the crime watch and asking for participation.

As indicated in the last newsletter, the Crime Watch section will contain an update on any incidents reported of suspicious activity/incidents. Since the last newsletter there have been several incidents. Multiple "eggings" have occurred on Knott's Haven Loop. On August 31<sup>st</sup> there was a suspicious car parked at the end of Knotts Haven Loop without their lights on (in the middle of the road). It was a white Chrysler sedan. They were facing the vacant house. When they saw a resident watching them, they sped off around the corner without their lights on. And there have been multiple automobile break-ins that involved the theft of items, including GPS units. These break-ins only involved vehicles with the doors left **UNLOCKED!** Greater detail will be provided in future incident updates as the volunteer base expands and a system and organized format for reporting is developed. Until the formation of the crime watch is complete please forward any suspicious activity and/or incidents to an association's committee member or Matt Bullard ([mhb1234@windstream.net](mailto:mhb1234@windstream.net)).

## HALLOWEEN - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31



Last year we hired two Lexington County Deputy Sheriff Officers to patrol and help control parking at the front entrance. Several commented that they thought it helped keep the amount of traffic down and we didn't have any problems with parking at the front entrance. Overall, it had a positive impact to the safety aspect for the neighborhood.

This year, we are fortunate to have two Deputies again and they will be in place from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. We will have one at the front entrance again and one patrolling. If you have any trouble or see anything suspicious, please let the deputies know.

Hope you all have a safe and good time.

Below are some Halloween Safety Tips that you may want to include.

### SAFETY TIPS FOR CHILDREN

- The best costumes are light colored or bright and reflective. Keep costumes short to avoid tripping and falling. Minimize the risk of contact with candles or other ignition sources by avoiding baggy pants, loose frills, or billowing skirts.
- Give every child a flashlight with fresh batteries. Remind them of traffic safety rules, and that they should cross streets at corners and never cross between parked cars.
- Make sure that children know how to call 9-1-1 or their local emergency number if they experience an emergency.
- Teach children to STOP, DROP and ROLL should their clothing catch fire: STOP immediately, DROP to the ground and cover face, and ROLL over and over to extinguish the flames.

### SAFETY TIPS FOR ADULTS

- Be extra careful when driving as excited children can forget safety rules when crossing the street.
- Appoint a designated driver if you attend adult Halloween parties.
- Accompany children when they go out trick-or-treating.

### SAFETY AT HOME

- Consider using only battery-powered lanterns, flashing lights or chemical light sticks instead of candles in decorations.
- Small flashlight candles are the safest for use in jack-o'-lanterns. If you must use a candle, try a tea light or votive candle in a non-combustible holder. Always keep candles, matches and lighters out of the reach of children. Place candlelit jack-o'-lanterns on sturdy tables, away from curtains and other flammable objects. Never leave them unattended.

Candlelit jack-o'-lanterns should be kept away from landings and doorsteps where costumes can brush against the flame.

- Indoor candlelit jack-o'-lanterns should be kept away from curtains, decorations and other furnishings that can be ignited.

- Ensure that electrical outlets are not overloaded with holiday lighting or special effects. Keep exit doors unblocked. Replace bulbs on outdoor lights. Check that the batteries in your smoke alarms work.

- Keep pets safe by ensuring they stay away from the door. Do not let them outside.

### SMALL BUSINESS LISTING

Do you own a small business? Do you have a service that you provide? We have been asked by a resident to start a listing of small businesses own/run by other residents in the community. If you are interested, please let me know so that I can run your add/listing in the next Newsletter. Please see the box at the end of this Newsletter for deadline dates to get your listing included.

### CLASSIFIED SECTION

Our Classified Section proved to be very successful in our last Newsletter. Our babysitter was contacted with job offers and Leslie Shipp sold her items within a few days. So please keep us in mind if you have something to sell, barter, or trade. We're free and have results!

#### NEED A BABYSITTER?

Well you have just found one! I am very responsible, considerate of others, loving and caring. When you leave the front door you will know that your child or children will be in good hands. If you are interested call me at 1-803-356-9263 or email me at [VOsborne@sc.rr.com](mailto:VOsborne@sc.rr.com). References upon request.

Victoria Osborne

Jeannette Munnett  
[newsletter@longspod.org](mailto:newsletter@longspod.org).

### ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

We would like to thank those that over the last couple of months have sent in requests for projects to be done on their properties. We appreciate your patience as we were learning how the process worked, and hope it didn't drag out any projects longer than they needed to be.

As a reminder to everyone, especially those that have recently moved into the neighborhood, you need to make sure that plans are submitted before you start any projects. It doesn't take long to get approval as long as we receive all your information and everything is in order; and, it can help make sure you don't have to change something after the fact. How does the saying go.....an ounce of prevention can prevent a pound of cure? Something like that.

If you have any questions, or concerns, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Brian Comley

#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

December 1, 2009 – HOA Meeting & Holiday Get-Together, Details to follow

#### NEWSLETTER:

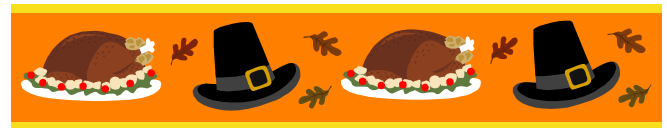
January 2010 – Publication Deadline January 15, 2010

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### THANKSGIVING – THURSDAY, NOV. 26

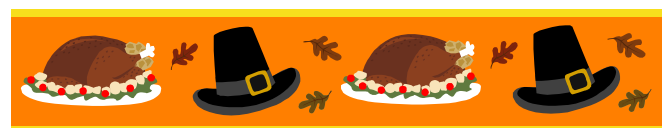


**Thanksgiving Day** is a [harvest festival](#). Traditionally, it is a time to give thanks for the harvest and express [gratitude](#) in general. It is a [holiday](#) celebrated primarily in the [United States](#) and [Canada](#).

The date and location of the first Thanksgiving celebration is a topic of modest contention. Though the earliest attested Thanksgiving celebration was on September 8, 1565 in what is now [Saint Augustine, Florida](#)<sup>[1][2]</sup>, the traditional "first Thanksgiving" is venerated as having occurred at the site of [Plymouth Plantation](#), in 1621.

Today, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November in the [United States](#) and on the second Friday of October in [Canada](#). [Thanksgiving dinner](#) is held on this day, or over the course of the associated weekend in Canada, usually as a gathering of family members and friends.

What are you thankful for? We hope you will have a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends. Remember to share your good fortune with others; and, please remember our men and women in the Military who are serving so that we can have something to be thankful for.





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Dear Reader,

My name is Victoria Osborne. I am coming to you with a news report from Carolina Springs Middle School! Congratulations to our volleyball team being 9 in 1. Keep your fingers crossed and if they win the championship they will be the top players in school district 1!!!!

Now, let's talk about our football players. Come out on October 27, 2009 and support our Huskies!

Lets get to school news..... on November 7, 2009 there will be a carnival for all ages from 12pm to whenever. So come out and enjoy a day with the family!

Now if you have any questions about anything just give me a call at 1-803-356-9263! I hope to see you there and remember to keep safe from the flu!!!!

Sincerely,  
Victoria Osborne

**What do you get when you bite a ghost?**

A mouth full of sheet

**Knock knock! Who's there?**

Boo!

**Boo Who?**

Ah, don't cry, Halloween is just around the corner!

**How does a monster count to 11?**

On his fingers.

**What do you say to a 2-headed monster?**

Hello, hello.

**What happened to the monster that took the five o'clock train home?**

He had to give it back.

**What is a zombie's favorite dessert?**

Ladyfingers.

**What time would it be if five demons were chasing you?**

Five after one.



## White Knoll Marching Band

We have kicked off our band competition season. On the 26<sup>th</sup> of September we were scheduled to compete in the Palmetto Classic marching competition at Irmo High School. Unfortunately, due to incimate weather we were not able to perform. Our next event will be the Silver Invitational which is scheduled for Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. The event will be hosted by the "Timberwolves Marching Pride" and will be held at White Knoll High School. We will have 22 marching bands competing as well as the North Greenville University Marching Band and our very own White Knoll Band performing exhibition marching shows at the end of the competition. The White Knoll Marching Band will also be competing in four other competitions:

- At Western Carolina University (WCU), Ashville, NC--10 Oct
- At Blythewood High School, Blythewood, SC -- 17 Oct
- Lower State Championship at West Ashley High School, Charleston, SC --24 Oct
- State Championship held at Batesburg-Leesville High School -- 31 Oct

We will also be performing at all White Knoll High School home football games. Please feel free to come out and support the White Knoll Marching Band in any or all of the events listed above.



Band fruit sales will begin on the 12 Oct and will continue until the end of November. I know a lot of people have been waiting for this big announcement. There will be a tasty assortment of citrus fruit and mixed fruit available for purchase. All orders will be delivered

around the middle of December. We have several band students (Konner Morgan, Stephon Glenn, Christain Hughes, and our Drum Major, Christopher Hughes) that live here in Long's Pond and I know that they will appreciate your support.

## SOCCKER MAKES THE NEWS

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, WIS reported a story on the PAC Panthers. They interviewed Jennifer Aurednik the PAC Director, Vince Williams, Varsity Boys Coach, and players Matthew Aurednik, Trevor Berry, and Mark Thompson. They talked about the different sports being offered to Home educated students – soccer, basketball & cross country and why we are doing it. See the WIS story below.

**COLUMBIA, SC (WIS) - It's September and that means high school sports are well under way. But in South Carolina, a group of high school aged students aren't allowed to compete. That's why a Midlands mother put together a home school athletic club so kids can play competitively.**

**Fourteen-year-old Matthew Aurednik has played soccer his whole life, but once he became a freshman, his shot at playing competitive sports was blocked. "Home school students are not allowed to play high school athletics," said Matthew's mom Jennifer. "That's just what it is, they're not allowed to play."**

**Jennifer didn't want her son to have to sit on the sidelines because of a South Carolina law. So once the kids reach high school age, this is their only chance to play competitively. "There was no opportunity for him and so I wanted to create an opportunity to play high school athletics," said Jennifer.**

**What she created was the Providence Athletic Club just a few months ago. So far, about 70 kids are participating in JV and Varsity level cross country, basketball and Soccer.**

**So what is Jennifer's son looking forward to the most? "Beating my friends mostly," said Matthew. Matthew's team, the Panthers, may not be able to compete for state titles, but Coach Vince Williams says the high school teams better watch out come spring. "We got some quality athletes and if the high school coaches knew what they were missing they'd be crying," said Vince. High schools have to agree to play the Panthers.**

<http://www.wistv.com/Global/story.asp>

For more information about PAC log onto [www.pacpanthers.com](http://www.pacpanthers.com) or contact Jennifer Aurednik at [pacpanthers@windstream.net](mailto:pacpanthers@windstream.net).



## Halloween Fun Word Search

bat  
black  
broom  
cat  
costumes  
ghosts  
halloween  
hoot  
monster  
moon  
mummy  
night  
owl

pumpkin  
scare  
skeleton  
spider  
spirits  
spooky  
vampire  
witch

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**October 30** - Report Cards

**November 11** – Planning Day; intermediate, middle and high schools begin at 10:15 a.m.; elementary schools dismiss at 11:40 a.m.

**November 25-27** – Thanksgiving Break

**December 1** – Interim Reports

**December 9** - Planning Day; intermediate, middle and high schools begin at 10:15 a.m.; elementary schools dismiss at 11:40 a.m.

**December 21 – January 1** – Winter break

**January 14** – Half day for students; elementary dismisses at 11 a.m., intermediate, middle and high at noon

**January 15** – Professional development; student holiday

**January 18** – Martin Luther King Day – holiday

(Taken from *The State Newspaper*, August 13, 2009 edition).

**Calling all Junior Reporters we need you! Please consider contributing an article for the Newsletter. It can be about you, your school, your team or an original short story or poem. Give me a call if you might be interested at (803) 808-7559 or email me at [newsletter@longspound.org](mailto:newsletter@longspound.org). Talk with you!**