

Long's Pond ESTATES

Homeowners Association Newsletter

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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, everyone, we have concluded another great year here at the Longs Pond Estates Home Owners Association.

Our annual meeting and election of officers went well, with a good turnout. I thank everyone who attended and appreciate all the great ideas present for us to get into place in the upcoming year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the board members for all the hard work and effort put in this last year on all projects. It has been great working and getting to know everyone.

With the new board in place, the following are our next year's officers:

President – Jon Handrock
Vice President – Doug Bolin
Secretary – Stephanie Young
Treasurer – Michelle Jones
Member at Large – Daniel Mack

Matt Bullard has been on the board for a number of years, helping with any and all problems that arise. Matt has also worked with the ARC committee and Crime watch. He has had his hands full. Jenny Bullard has been our Member at Large and has been a great help with a lot of ideas and has provided assistance to resolve projects we have been working on. Matt, it has been great working with you and Jenny, and I hope in the future we can count on you guys again.

Our first annual fall garage sale looked like it was a success. As I wandered through the neighborhood there were a lot of our neighbors participating and a lot of shoppers along with them. I hope that all were successful!

Remember if you are thinking about having a garage sale, you will need to get prior approval from the board if it is outside of our normal spring and fall sales.

The discharge of firearms on the Properties is prohibited. The term "firearms" includes without limitation devices that make excessive noise or that eject a projectile a distance of more than (15) fifteen feet, "B-B" guns, paintball guns, pellet guns, slingshots, firecrackers and firearms of all types (regardless of size) or any comparable weapons or noisemakers. The Board may impose fines and exercise other enforcement remedies as set forth in this Declaration.

I would also like to remind everyone that while driving on Longs Pond Estates streets, please keep in mind the speed limit of 25 mph. Also, keep an eye out for our early morning and late night walkers, jogger and runners. We have had several complaints regarding near misses because drivers are not paying attention and people have to jump up into a yard to keep from getting hit. In addition, according to our Covenants and Bylaws, unlimited overnight parking on our streets is not allowed. That also adds to the near misses as the joggers and runners end up in the driving lanes to get around the parked cars.

Jon Handrock
President – Longs Pond HOA
2013-2014

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Welcome to:

Daniel and Amanda Mack
360 Knotts Circle

Moved from Maine with their 4 year old son. Daniel works for a pipeline construction company and Amanda is a Domestic Engineer. They love Longs Pond and the weather is the best for them as Daniel was swimming in his pool and most everybody else is shutting theirs down.

Ryan Watson and Tonya Jones
161 Knotts Road

Ryan and Tonya have 2 sons and 1 daughter. They both lived in Red Bank before moving to Longs Pond.

Michael and Jessica Martinez
400 Knotts Court

Michael and Jessica have 2 sons and 1 daughter and a few dogs. They moved into the neighborhood in September from the White Knoll area. Michael and Jessica are both in the insurance industry as agents. They enjoy camping as well.

Welcome to Longs Pond!

Doug Bolin
Welcoming Committee

HALLOWEEN

Over the last several years, we have hired two Lexington County Deputy Sheriff Officers to patrol and help control parking at the front entrance. It appears from numerous comments by homeowners, and from the lack of incidents, that the officers' presence in our neighborhood has had significant positive impact.

This year, we are fortunate to again have two Deputies, and they will be in place from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm on **Thursday, October 31st**. We will have one at the front entrance and one patrolling. If you have any trouble, or see anything suspicious, please let the deputies know.

We are expecting another great holiday season starting with the Halloween trick-or-treat on Thursday evening, the 31st.

HALLOWEEN 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.

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.

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.

PET CARE

The issue of taking care of our pets has been addressed in the newsletter before, but the information bears repeating.

Dealing with pet waste is one of those topics that every pet owner must deal with, but no one likes to talk about. The fact is that the majority of community and neighborhood pet problems result from the inappropriate handling of pet waste. In addition, pet waste is the greatest source of potential health risk for your pet and your family.

1. **Disease Control** – There are several very common diseases that can be transmitted to dogs, cats and people through feces. These include *Giardia*, roundworms, hookworms, *Salmonella* and *E.coli*. Did you know a heavily infected puppy can pass over a million roundworm eggs every day? In addition, your dog can spread or contract parvovirus or coronavirus through infected feces. All of these diseases are very serious and common and every effort should be made by pet owners to keep their pets and family away from potentially infected feces.
2. **Make Your Yard More Useable** – Nobody likes to walk through a yard that is hiding “doggie land mines.” If you and your children are afraid to use your yard because of the dog, then you are wasting one of your biggest time and financial investments. In addition, the pets will get less interactive exercise and suffer as well. Once or twice a day, “scooping” off your yard with a shovel or scooper pan will only take a couple of minutes and make it a place where everyone enjoys spending time.
3. **Responsible Pet Ownership** – Your responsibility to clean up after your pet doesn't end when your dog leaves your yard. There are probably fewer things that aggravate neighbors more than a dog that “goes” in their yard. Pet owners need to clean up after their pet EVERY TIME they go to the bathroom. PERIOD. No exceptions. Don't make your responsibility somebody else's problem.

4. **Curb Your Dog** – There are ways to keep your dog safe while curb training him. *Take your dog between two parked cars* whenever possible and *keep the leash short*. Give *jackpot treats* when *he/she eliminates very close to the curb* and smaller less exciting treats or no treats if Fido ventures further from the curb. Always use your best judgment. If you live on a very busy street, teach Fido to eliminate on the sidewalk but as close to the street as possible. Pick one spot and always take him to the same spot. On walks ignore mid-sidewalk eliminations and treat curbed eliminations. Soon you'll have a dog that pulls you to the side to eliminate and anything you can't pick up yourself won't be visible to passersby and will be swept by the street cleaning trucks.

TRIVIA CORNER

Riverbanks Zoo is rated one of the top 10 zoos in the nation.

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*The Lake Murray dam* is the second largest earthen dam in the world.

*Bombing Range Island*, in the middle of Lake Murray, was used for target practice during WWII by “Doolittle's Raiders”, who later became famous for their attack on Japan, which helped to bring an early end to the war. Also known as Doolittle Island or Lunch Island, it is North America's first officially designated Purple Martin sanctuary. Thousands of Purple Martins come to roost on this island in Lake Murray every summer evening.