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New mailboxes, work on the Gazebo and maintaining the flowers at Longacres Drive & 41

Sprucing up the Neighborhood

Summer has been a busy time in Longacres

By now you've probably noticed the new mailboxes lining many of the streets in Longacres. The new standard includes a larger mailbox and sturdier 6" cedar posts that are designed to be more functional and visually appealing - similar to surrounding neighborhoods.

If you haven't done so already, you can still order the new mailbox. You are **encouraged to work with your neighbors to install**

up to 5 mailboxes on one unit. This has been approved by the postmaster, as long as the delivery order stays the same. For details and ordering information, see [LHOA Mailbox Replacement Details](#) or

call Nichole at Lakeland Building Services, (651) 335-0902.

To preserve the posts and original look, Lakeland recommends clear stain after one year. (Note, posts may not be painted or stained dark).

Ongoing maintenance keeps the neighborhood vibrant and maintains property values. The Longacres community is responsible for maintaining the common areas of the neighborhood that everyone enjoys. Many projects have been completed in recent months to keep Longacres a great place to live (and play!).

New basketball court backboards have been installed with adjustable hoop heights in the East Park. Work is completed on the Gazebo, as the base needed repairs. Benches by the tennis

courts in the West Park have been sanded and repainted. Pea rock has been topped off and walkways seal-coated in both

Thanks to the many volunteers who help keep Longacres a great neighborhood!

parks. Dead trees were removed and replaced at the Galpin/ Hunter Drive entrance. Repairs to sidewalks, fences and lights and enhancing the flowers at all entrances are just a few more of the maintenance items recently completed.

Be sure to attend the Annual Homeowners Meeting November 15, 7 pm, Chanhassen Rec Center .

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Welcome New Neighbors!

Matthew & Kelly Birkenholz

7315 Bent Bow Trail

Joseph & Melissa Biller

7300 Bent Bow Trail

Neil Ellis & Abigail McGlasson Ellis

7284 Bent Bow Trail

Michael & Becky Faustgen

7351 Moccasin Trail

Kevin Lentsch

2645 Longacres Drive

Timothy & Joanna Meester

7424 Moccasin Trail

Patrick & Kelly McGinnis

7444 Moccasin Trail

Dean & Kim Swanson

2350 Hunter Drive

Neighbors Watching Out for Neighbors

Unfortunately, vandalism can occur in any neighborhood, but what can make a difference is neighbors watching out for neighbors!

The Carver County sheriff recommends calling immediately if you notice any suspicious activity. They will be conducting additional drive-through surveillance between now and Halloween in Longacres.

Get to know your neighbors

That way, you'll recognize the people who live in Longacres. Do you want someone to call you if they notice something strange late at night? Even talking about it the next day may provide an explanation or warrant further investigation.

Get to Know Your Neighbors - *The Watchorns*



*Roger & Leanna, Brendon (15), Carly (13 in Oct) and Ty (10)
Watchorn live at 2342 Hunter Drive*

“We love the view from our backyard. The pond has allowed for much entertainment for our family as our boys love the creatures- frogs, turtles, etc. They also built a raft out of milk cartons and a wood pallet and have had so much fun being “Huck Finn” on the water.”

When did you move into Longacres? July 2011

Where did you live before moving into Longacres? We were living in Warsaw, Poland on an expatriate assignment for three years.

Tell us about your family: Roger works for Cargill, Leanna is a stay at home mom. Brendon is 15, Carly will be 13 in October and Ty is 10 years old.

What are your hobbies and activities? Roger enjoys golf and basketball. He also likes coaching volleyball and basketball for our kids' teams. Leanna loves to read, crochet and work in the yard. Brendon is a runner and his passion is cross country running.

Carly enjoys reading, volleyball and basketball, and Ty loves basketball.

Where do (your kids) go to school? Brendon is a sophomore at Southwest Christian HS, Carly 7th grade, and Ty 5th grade, attend Chapel Hill.

What appeals most to you about living in Longacres? Our neighbors, the playgrounds, tennis courts, mature trees and landscaping.

Do you have any favorite restaurants near here? We enjoy Lola's Boathouse in Waconia, The School of the Wise in Victoria and The School II in Chanhassen.

What was the first thing you changed about your house after moving in? New hardwood in our dining room, new carpet in the living room and then had our basement finished.

What would your neighbors be surprised to know about you? We are Canadians!

Thinking About Changing Your Landscape or Painting?

Keep it up Longacres!

Many changes occur throughout the neighborhood each year. Improvements to homes, such as exterior paint and landscapes are updated and redesigned. Paver driveways and special touches help keep each home unique. It's always a sign of a healthy community when things are changing for the better and Longacres is no exception.

Keeping the community standards ensures the neighborhood is maintaining property values and we are all enjoying our neighborhood and homes. That's one of the many reasons so many people choose Longacres as a great place to live.

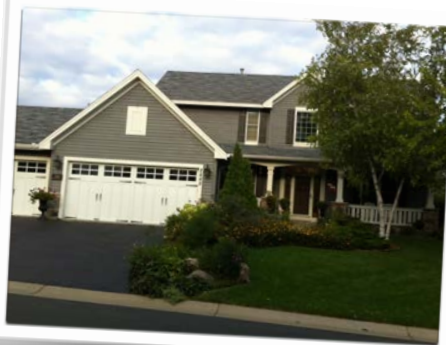
To that end, we want to remind everyone that the Longacres Declaration of Covenants require that any exterior modifications such as paint colors, new doors, additions and landscaping must be approved **PRIOR TO** beginning any work on your home.

The Longacres Architectural Review Committee has an established approval process required for any exterior changes in our neighborhood. The [Architectural Change Application](#) may be

found here and must be submitted **before** any work is started. Be sure to allow at least 14 days for the committee to review your project and issue a response.

Requesting approval midstream, or asking for forgiveness when it's already done risks fines, removal or both. No one wants to be fined, or worse, start over because they failed to follow the Covenants.

Be sure to gather your plans, samples, paint colors and all of the information necessary to submit your vision to the committee!



Approved changes include new garage doors, paint and a front door. The Bloomquists' garden is the envy of the neighborhood too!

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Architectural Change Application -

Complete prior to any work

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Reminders:

Save the Date! Annual Homeowner Association Meeting on **November 15 at 7pm**. This meeting will be at the **Chanhassen Rec Center** in the Ann room. This is a great opportunity to find out what's going on and share your thoughts and ideas. Best of all, connect with other neighbors!

Please remember that signage in front of your home promoting contractors is not permitted in the neighborhood. Please keep Longacres a great place to live and make sure your contractor understands that the neighborhood does not allow signage. *Note: this does not apply to political or real estate signs.*

New Neighborhood Directory Coming! To help neighbors get to know each other and to promote a sense of community, we are publishing a Longacres directory. We'd like to include your children and their ages, babysitters, lawn service, pet sitting, and more. Forms to update your information will be included with the annual dues and it will be printed and distributed in January, 2013. The form can also be found at www.longacreshoa.com and can be submitted electronically.