



The Woodsette

The Woods Community Newsletter

December 2019

From the Board of Directors

Hello Neighbors,

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy Holidays! 2019 was a year of progress for our wonderful community. A few highlights include:

Successfully completed the paving portion of Phase 1 of our six phase paving project. The painting of the thermoplastic stop bars at our stop signs will be completed after a proper curing time for the asphalt.

Fully implemented our community website at thewoodscommunity.com. Also, our first community survey was completed using our community website.

Completed the upfront work for a complete replacement of our playground. We plan on the contract being signed in December with the work to take place in the first quarter of 2020. A three week construction time is expected. A rendering of the new playground is posted at thewoodscommunity.com.

Purchased new tennis court screens for all courts. Also installed shoe brushes and score keepers at the tennis courts.

Replaced the bike rack at the Hodges pond.

Dredged a section of the Hodges entrance pond that is south of the guard house. Also jet cleaned three storm drains. These items are part of our

drainage maintenance program to prevent flooding
Created a kids 1/2 basketball court and installed lighting on the court.

Replaced the tables and chairs around the recreation building.

Purchased new soccer goal nets.

Made repairs to the pool pump.

All of these improvements, and more, were accomplished while staying within the 2019 spending budget.

We also had eight wonderful social events put on by our social committee.

We want to thank all of our committee members who volunteer so much of their time to our community. Those committees include: Finance, Streets and Drains, Architectural Review, Communication, Appeals, Social, Recreation, Yard of the Month, Garage Sale, Rules and Safety, and our Woodsette newsletter.

Thank you to the homeowners who voted in our recent board of directors election. The results of the election are in this issue of the Woodsette.

Please note that The Woods office will be closed December 24th and 25th. Also, the office will be open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on December 31st.

Wishing you all the best in 2020!

MEETINGS & EVENTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Social Committee	Dec 1	6:30 PM	The Woods Clubhouse
Fall Vendor Fair	Dec 1	1:00 PM	The Woods Clubhouse
Board of Directors	Dec 12	7:00 PM	The Woods Clubhouse
Mr. & Mrs. Claus	Dec 14	NOON	The Woods Clubhouse
Luminaries	Dec 14	5:30 PM	The Woods Clubhouse
Women of the Woods	Dec 19	7:00 PM	Jean Kurkowski's house
ARC, Recreation, Streets & Drains, and Finance will not meet in December!			



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Recent Election Results

Thank you to all The Woods Homeowners Association members who participated in the election of Board Members for the new year. Mary Boggs was elected to a two-year term with 162 votes, Eric Lawson received 156 votes also for a two-year term, and Cheryl Propst received 133 votes for a 1-year term. The remaining candidates, Chris Holland and Ed Svihla, received 78 votes and 77 votes, respectively.

Outstanding Volunteer!

Congratulations to Judy Blache for being chosen as The Woods Community Association's Outstanding Volunteer for 2019! Judy is the Chair of the Finance Committee! Thanks to Dan Frissora for this nice picture of Judy receiving her award from Dave Czerw, President of The Woods Homeowners Association!



Women of the Woods

Special thanks to Chris Holland and Kathy Caruso who hosted the ever popular GAME NIGHT on the evening of November 21st. We had lots of fun and prizes as well as snacks, wine, and beverages to make the games even more exciting!!!

December Book Club at Joyce Langley's home (1767 Tall Tree Drive East) on Wednesday, December 4th at 7pm. Everyone's welcome! Bring wine or snacks. Bonus points if you actually read the book (*The 19th Christmas* by James Patterson).

Mark your calendars for December 19th (Thursday) at 6:00PM for our annual WOW Holiday Party at Jean Kurkowski's fabulously decorated home. We hope you will join us for an evening of holiday festivities. Everyone brings a dish / hors d'oeuvre for this gathering. Special thanks to Jean for again hosting our holiday celebration!!!! If you like, you can also participate in the **Christmas Cookie Exchange**, and you can bring a **NEW TOY** that evening to make Christmas exciting for children of families unable to purchase toys.

[NOTE: To participate in the Cookie Exchange, you bake 4 dozen of your favorite cookies. Place a half dozen(6) cookies in each of 8 Ziplock plastic bags. You will trade your 8 bags of cookies for 8 bags of different cookies. You'll go home with a great assortment of Christmas cookies!]

Our January 16th meeting will include the **wildly popular REGIFT NIGHT!** You bring one gift you received during the holidays that you would like to trade in! Wine, beverages, and refreshments are included in this fun filled evening.

Here are the upcoming third Thursday meeting programs:

Meeting	Hostess	Hostess	Program
December 19	Jean Kurkowski	All contribute	6:00pm <i>Holiday Party</i>
January 16	TBD	TBD	Regift Night
February 20	Laura Strader	Connie Keuski	TBD
March 19	Ballentine sisters	Chris Holland	March Madness Bingo
April 16	Madeline Osiecki	Lin Geddert	TBD
May 21	Everyone - Pot Luck Dinner		End of Year Celebration

WOW meets on the **third Monday of each month** in The Woods Clubhouse at 7pm. There are no annual dues this year. If you have questions, please call Jeannie at 992-3848.

LET'S GET SOCIAL!

What's Coming Up:

- Meet Santa
- Toy Drive
- Luminary Night

We currently are only a committee of 5, so if you would like to **help** in any way, even the smallest, please come to our next meeting at the clubhouse on **Sunday Jan 5th @ 6:30pm** or send us an email and let us know how you would like to help! If you have a teenager needing volunteer hours, please send us an email to add them to our **teenager volunteer list!** We will be happy to notify you or them of volunteer opportunities!

THANK YOU THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who participated in the canned food drive! We collected 327 pounds of food which is equivalent to 272 meals! It was a huge success and appreciated at the BEAM food bank in Jax Beach! We look forward to helping them again in the Spring!

LET US HELP OTHERS!

The Woods Social Committee is sponsoring a toy drive for **Wolfson's** Children's Hospital. Please bring toys with you to meet Santa! **Toys** needed for ages 1-10, must be new and unwrapped. You may drop off your donations with Santa, at the Office (during open hours) or email us to arrange a pick up! woodsocial32246@gmail.com

MEET SANTA!

- ❖ Sat **Dec 14th** 9-12n @ The Clubhouse
- ❖ The Woods Residents & their guests
- ❖ Bring your own **camera**
- ❖ Be considerate of others waiting
- ❖ Bring a toy donation

We are asking for **donations** of holiday books, new or used! We would like to have a collection of holiday **books** to use year after year for the children to be able to look at while waiting for Santa. Drop them off at the Office (during open hours) or email us to arrange a pick up!
woodsocial32246@gmail.com

Calling all bakers! We need volunteers to bake, cook or purchase **breakfast** items and cookies for everyone to enjoy with Santa! Sign Up Here;
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084CAC72CA4FF2-breakfast>

ANNUAL LUMINARY NIGHT

Saturday **December 14th**, beginning @ 5:30pm neighbors will light the street in front of their house and, if desired, their driveways, and walkways too! All of The Woods neighbors are encouraged to participate by placing **illuminated** white bags 4 feet apart lining the street in front of your home. Candles should remain lit that evening until they burn out. You may arrange your own or purchase bags and candles from The Woods social committee. We recommend adding sand in the bottom of the bag for weight. Complete the **order form** and return it to the office with your cash payment by Tuesday December 10th. Pick up times TBD.

The Woods Luminary Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Number of Bags w/ Candles to order:

_____ Set(s) of 20 for \$5.00 per set

Total CASH enclosed \$ _____

**MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10th**



Open to The Woods residents & resident guests

Start Date: Monday, December 2nd

Meets:

Mondays from December 2nd through
February 17th (no sessions 12/23 or 12/30)

Times: 4:30-5:15pm Minnows Ages 3-4
4:30-5:30pm Players born 2014-2010

Registration & more details can be found
online at CoastalKicks.com



Important Announcements and Reminders



- ◆ **Watering:** One-day-a-week watering is currently in effect. Odd-numbered homes water **only** on Saturdays. Even-numbered homes water **only** on Sundays. There is to be **NO** watering between the hours of 10:00am and 4:00pm on any day.
- ◆ **Recycling** is collected every other Wednesday. Recycling receptacles are to be placed at the curb after 5:00 PM every other Tuesday afternoon. Schedules may be obtained in The Woods office.
- ◆ **Lawn Debris** may be placed at the curb after 5:00 PM on Wednesday afternoons. Be sure not to block drains and gutters.
- ◆ **Garbage** pickup has moved to Fridays. Garbage receptacles are to be placed at the curb after 5:00 PM on Thursday afternoons.
- ◆ **Cul De Sacs (common areas):** Use by residents for trash, lawn debris or parking is **expressly prohibited**. These are common areas. We ask that everyone keep this in mind. Please note that vehicles parked on any common area grass will be towed immediately once discovered by Woods' security personnel.
- ◆ **Do not put lawn clippings**, or any other debris, into any of the Woods' ponds.
- ◆ In order to assist the guards with more efficient entries, **residents are encouraged to use the Gate Sentry app** on their smart phones. Call the management Office if you have any questions.
- ◆ For **non-vehicular entry:** all persons entering the community on foot, bicycle, etc., must check in with the Gate guards and be prepared to show photo ID as proof of residency in the community.
- ◆ **Make Yourself Visible:** If you like to ride bikes, walk, or jog late in the day or at night, be sure to wear some light-colored (preferably reflective) clothing.
- ◆ Jacksonville Municipal Code requires that **pets must be on a leash or tether** when being walked by their owners. Both the law and common courtesy require that **pet owners immediately clean up any mess made by their pets**.
- ◆ **Animals not on a leash:** whether accompanied by the owner or not, should be reported immediately to the City of Jacksonville Animal Control at 630-2489.
- ◆ The Board has continued the JSO patrols throughout the community. That means **STOP at all stop signs and honor the 25 mph speed limit**.
- ◆ **REMINDER** - Keep your garage doors closed when not in use and make sure your vehicles are locked at all times.

ENTRY GATES	
ATLANTIC	221-3111
HODGES	221-2435
THE WOODS OFFICE	
PHONE—Line 1	221-3722
PHONE—Line 2	221-3723
FAX	221-0833
OFFICE HOURS	
MONDAY	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
TUESDAY	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
THURSDAY	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
FRIDAY	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
MARSH LANDING MGMT CO	
PHONE	273-3033
FAX	273-0933

The Woods Committees, Clubs, Etc.

FINANCE	J. Blache
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RECREATION	A. LaBarbera
STREETS & DRAINS	J. Blache
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW	C. Holland
RULES & SAFETY	A. King, C. Holland
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THE WOODSETTE	T. Ballentine

The Woods Board of Directors

PRESIDENT	Dave Czerw
VICE-PRESIDENT	Tim Ballentine
SECRETARY	Cheryl Propst
TREASURER	Mary Boggs
DIRECTOR	Eric Lawson

The Woods Important Email/Websites

- The Woods Email:**
manager@thewoodscommunity.com
- The Woodsette Classified Ads:**
TheWoodsette@yahoo.com
- The Marsh Landing website:**
www.marshlandingmanagement.com
- The Woods website:**
www.thewoodscommunity.com
www.thewoods.nabrnetwork.com

CLASSIFIED ADS

PRIVATE PIANO OR VOICE LESSONS

Private piano or voice lessons available here in The Woods. Call 412-5959 or 412-6305.

LAWN AND GARDEN HELP NEEDED

Will pay \$12/hr for occasional lawn/garden help. Please call Sam at 904-504-9129 if interested.

LAWN AND GARDEN HELP AVAILABLE

I am 16 years old and I am available to do yard work. I charge a mere \$15 to mow a small lawn and \$30 for a large lawn. Weeding is \$10 per hour (negotiable). I also bag leaves, cut branches, etc. Call Rossi Hall at 904-508-1110 or email me at rossihall8@gmail.com.

BABYSITTER, PETSITTER, HOUSESITTER

Call Susan Scavone, 970-379-1457.

HANDYMAN WORK AVAILABLE

I am available for a variety of Handyman jobs, including building and replacing fences, gates, and decks. I also do piano tuning. I am licensed and insured and I live in The Woods. Call Andrew at 904-855-5521.

PETSITTER AVAILABLE

Are you looking for a pet sitter? My 14 year old daughter, Taylor, is looking for some more pet sitting jobs. Contact me ,Katie Sweat, at katie@teamsweat.us

The only ads that will be published in The Woodsette are 1) **Personal items for sale by residents** of The Woods and 2) **Services provided by children ages 18 and under, who are also residents** of The Woods. No business ads. Ads will run for one month, unless other arrangements are made with the editor in advance. Ads **must be received by the 20th of each month** to be included in the subsequent month's publication. You must re-submit each month if you wish the ad to be re-run. Please be advised that your ad may be edited in order to fit within the space available. Send the text for your ad to: TheWoodsette@yahoo.com.. Advertising is free and reserved exclusively for Residents/Homeowners of The Woods.