



# The Woodsette

The Woods Community Newsletter

November 2019

## From the Board of Directors

Hello, Neighbors. The November 12th election for three seats on the 2020 Woods Board of Directors is quickly approaching. If you have not already cast your vote, please turn in your ballots and proxy to The Woods office. The election results will be announced at our annual meeting that begins at 7:30 PM on 11/12/19.

The format of the annual meeting is different from a regular board meeting in that its main purpose is to vote on the 2020 community budget, provide an update to residents on the state of our community, provide details of the progress made in 2019, and to complete the election process for the three board seats.

We are happy to report the successful paving of the streets in phase one of our six phase paving project. The white painted "stop bars" at the stop signs are temporary. Permanent white thermoplastic stop bars will be added after several weeks. This waiting period is part of the normal process.

The newly paved roads have been inspected by members of the streets and drains committee, the board of directors, and our consulting engineer. We are pleased with the high quality of the paving.

We have increased the percentage of homeowners on the Nabr Network from 40 percent in the spring to 48 percent this fall. The Nabr Network provides a great deal of useful information including The Woodsette, minutes from board and committee meetings, our community calendar, trash and recycling dates, and much more. If you have not already signed up, please consider doing so.

Also, the percentage of residents signed up for Gate Sentry increased from 62 percent in the spring to 64 percent this fall. The more people we have using Gate Sentry the shorter the lines will be at our gates. Gate Sentry is much more efficient for our security officers for notification of visitors versus phone calls to the guard houses. If you need help signing up, please contact the office for assistance.

As we celebrate Veterans Day on November 11th, we thank all of our military veterans for their patriotic service to our country.

Please note that The Woods office will be closed for Thanksgiving on November 28th, and for Christmas on December 24th and 25th. Also, the office will be open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on December 31st.

Wishing all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday!

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** Dogs are not permitted to be off-leash at any time on common areas. The soccer field is not intended as a dog park/dog run area and should not be used as such. Dogs must be kept on leashes at all times to ensure the safety of other animals and people! Thank you for your cooperation!

| MEETINGS & EVENTS                             | DATE       | TIME    | LOCATION            |
|---|------------|---------|---------------------|
| Social Committee                              | Nov 3      | 6:30 PM | The Woods Clubhouse |
| Recreation Committee                          | Nov 5      | 8:30 AM | The Tennis Pavilion |
| Board of Directors                            | Nov 12     | 6:00 PM | The Woods Clubhouse |
| HOA Annual Meeting<br>(sign-in begins @ 6:30) | Nov 12     | 7:30 PM | The Woods Clubhouse |
| Streets & Drains Committee                    | Nov 14     | 6:00 PM | Chili's             |
| Finance Committee                             | Nov 20     | 7:00 PM | The Woods Clubhouse |
| Women of the Woods                            | Nov 21     | 7:00 PM | The Woods Clubhouse |
| Communications Committee                      | TBA        |         |                     |
| Architectural Review Committee                | No Meeting |         |                     |

**SPECIAL REMINDER:** Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 3rd at 2:00 AM. Please remember to set your clocks back an hour when you go to bed Saturday night!

**VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!**

**SPECIAL REMINDER:** We still need many more Ballots/Proxies to hold our Annual meeting and Elections! Please vote ASAP!

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## Women of the Woods

**Special thanks** to all of the Women of The Woods who contributed food and donations to Shih Tzu Fur Baby Rescue in a Celebration of Life for JoAnn Orlando who passed away last month unexpectedly. Following her burial on October 17th, JoAnn's friends and family came together at The Woods Clubhouse to share memories of our longtime member and friend. Special thanks to Chris Holland who coordinated the celebration of life for JoAnn's family by organizing the food and set up.

As most of you know, JoAnn has been our WOW Bingo caller for many years. So on the evening of her memorial, WOW members came together for our annual **Spooky Bingo Night**. In tribute to JoAnn, Chris stood in as the Bingo caller, wearing the Halloween scarf that JoAnn had planned to wear and reading the corny jokes that JoAnn had written for the evening. It was a fun-filled adventure with fierce competition, corny jokes, and victorious Bingo winners!

Back by wildly popular demand, **GAME NIGHT** is on the schedule for the evening of November 21st at 7pm. Join us; bring your favorite game(s) and enjoy an evening of fun and feasting (snacks, wine, and beverages) hosted by Kathy Caruso, Sandee Connolly, and Chris Holland.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Thursday meeting programs:

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

The October 26th **Yard Sale** took place on a beautiful Fall day and was well attended. Thanks to Paige Gnann for the coordination of advertising, the publication of map and items for sale, the creation of participant packets, and the collection of registration dollars. Thanks also to WOW members for distribution of participant packets prior to the sale and to Chris Holland for her help on sale day.

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

### The Woods Yard of the Month for November 2019

We are proud to announce the residence of Bill and Jan Brannen, at 12856 Firethorn Lane, has been chosen as the Yard of the Month for November. The Brannens have lived in the Woods for 44 years and obviously love it here. Bill is a practicing CPA, and while he is working, Jan keeps herself busy with Pilates and an occasional round of golf. If you get a chance, please congratulate them on their beautiful yard.



# News From The Social Committee

## What's Coming Up:

- Vendor Fair
- Canned Food Drive
- Meet Santa
- Toy Drive
- Luminary Night

## Nice To Meet You!

The Social Committee is “under new management”! I am Sandy Hrubiec and with my husband, Chris, we are hoping to keep the Social Committee flourishing!

If every ONE does something,  
no ONE has to do everything.

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, November 3rd @ 6:30 pm 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!

## Let Us Help Others!

The Woods Social Committee is sponsoring a toy drive for Wolfson Children's Hospital and a canned food drive to benefit low income residents in Jacksonville's Beaches communities. Items most in need include canned beans, canned meats (especially tuna), canned vegetables (except green beans) and razors. Toys needed for ages 1–10, must be new and unwrapped. You may drop off your donations at the Woods' Office (during open hours) or email us to arrange a pickup at [woodssocial32246@gmail.com](mailto:woodssocial32246@gmail.com).

## Vendor Fair

Sunday **December 1st** at the Clubhouse come and shop from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm! Bring friends!

- Vendors must be Woods residents
- Participation is free
- Email us to register (phone #, product)
- First come, first served

## Thank You, Thank You!

Thank you to all who participated in the Trunk or Treat event! It was a huge success and was enjoyed by all! Congrats to the 1st place winner, **Candyland** and the second place winner, **Unicorns!** We look forward to adding to the event next year!

## Meet Santa!

- Saturday, **December 14th**, 9:00 am to Noon at the Woods Clubhouse
- The Woods Residents and their guests
- Bring your own **camera**
- Be considerate of others while waiting

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 pickup!

[woodssocial32246@gmail.com](mailto:woodssocial32246@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/20F084CACA72CA4FF2-breakfast>

## Annual Luminary Night

Saturday, **December 14th**, beginning at 5:30 pm, neighbors will light the street in front of their house and, if desired, their driveway 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**, which can be found **on the insert page of this newsletter** and return it to The Woods Office with your cash payment by Tuesday, December 3rd. Pick up times will be determined and announced when and as appropriate.

Sandy and Chris Hrubiec

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# Important Announcements and Reminders



- ◆ **Watering:** Daylight Saving is in effect so we are operating under a **two-days-a-week** watering restriction. Odd-numbered homes water **only** on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Even-numbered homes water **only** on Thursdays and Sundays. There is to be **NO** watering between the hours of 10:00am and 4:00pm.
- ◆ **Lawn Debris** may be placed at the curb after 5:00 PM on Wednesdays. Do not block drains/gutters.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **DO NOT FEED THE GEESE THAT INHABIT THE PONDS AND LAWNS AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD.**

| 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              |
| SOCIAL               | S. Hrubiec, C. Hrubiec |
| RECREATION           | A. LaBarbera           |
| STREETS & DRAINS     | J. Blache              |
| ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW | C. Holland             |
| RULES & SAFETY       | A. King, C. Holland    |
| COMMUNICATIONS       | D. Frissora            |
| WOMEN OF THE WOODS   | J. Ballentine          |
| THE WOODSETTE        | T. Ballentine          |

## The Woods Board of Directors

|                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| <b>PRESIDENT</b>      | Dave Czerw     |
| <b>VICE-PRESIDENT</b> | Tim Ballentine |
| <b>SECRETARY</b>      | Cheryl Propst  |
| <b>TREASURER</b>      | Mary Boggs     |
| <b>DIRECTOR</b>       | Eric Lawson    |

## The Woods Important Email/Websites

- The Woods Email:**  
[manager@thewoodscommunity.com](mailto:manager@thewoodscommunity.com)
- The Woodsette Classified Ads:**  
[TheWoodsette@yahoo.com](mailto:TheWoodsette@yahoo.com)
- The Marsh Landing website:**  
[www.marshlandingmanagement.com](http://www.marshlandingmanagement.com)
- The Woods website:**  
[www.thewoodscommunity.com](http://www.thewoodscommunity.com)  
[www.thewoods.nabrnetwork.com](http://www.thewoods.nabrnetwork.com)

## WINTER SOCCER at The WOODS

*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](http://CoastalKicks.com)

**Questions:** Please mail [info@coastalkicks.com](mailto:info@coastalkicks.com) or call 904.240.2353

