



The Woodsette

The Woods Community Newsletter

February 2020

From the Board of Directors

We are pleased to report that the work is complete on the newly repaved streets in phase one of our paving project! Some reflectors that mark the fire hydrants are still in the process of being placed in the roads that were not repaved. We are excited to begin planning phase two with the paving expected to take place in the spring of 2021.

Construction of our new playground is coming along nicely. If all goes according to plan, we expect it to be open the first or second week of February.

We are happy to report that a \$5,000 grant application submitted by The Woods to the City of Jacksonville for playground area beautification has been recommended for funding by the city's grant selection committee. We plan to use the funds to plant hedges as a natural safety barrier to nearby traffic and ponds. Thank you to our recreation committee for pursuing this grant!

Unfortunately, we must touch base on a few less pleasant items. Our tennis court area was recently vandalized. We intend to prosecute those involved, if and when they are identified through our security cameras in the playground, clubhouse, and tennis court areas.

Additionally, we have received multiple complaints regarding unleashed dogs in the community, particularly in the soccer field area. One incident involved an unleashed dog jumping on a resident. We ask all dog owners to please obey Jacksonville's leash laws and keep your dogs leashed at all times when on community property including our roads, sidewalks, and community fields.

Please note that Jacksonville Ordinance 462.303 states that animal control officers may cite dog owners for violations when the officer receives an affidavit from an adult witness who has a recorded video showing the alleged violation. Fines start at \$250. The animal control officer may also cite the dog owner when the officer receives affidavits from two unrelated witnesses without a supporting video. We appreciate dog owners cooperation in keeping their pets leashed going forward.

Now getting back to more positive topics. The numbers

are in for 2019, and it was a financially successful year for our community. Our operating budget came in with a surplus of \$130,000. This was due to the hard work and good financial stewardship of our volunteer committees, our employees Buddy and Tommy, Caryn and Elizabeth from Marsh Landing Management, and our board. Other big contributing factors were no significant damage from storms and no major breakdowns in equipment. This was accomplished while performing our standard required maintenance items. The board has approved transferring this surplus to the reserve fund to bolster our funds for the paving project.

Speaking of the reserve fund, our 2020 reserve study called for an ending reserve fund balance in 2019 of \$1,118,000. We finished 2019 with reserves of \$1,144,000. So our reserve fund is fully funded at a level of 102 percent.

We are pleased to report that in the fourth quarter of 2019 the use of our community website (thewoodscommunity.com) by our residents increased from 48 percent to 51 percent. The website is full of useful information including our community calendar, governing documents, and minutes from the board and committee meetings.

Also in the fourth quarter of 2019, our use of Gate Sentry held steady at 64 percent. If you have not already done so, please consider signing up for Gate Sentry. It is a very user friendly way to give your visitors access to our community. It also speeds up the flow of traffic at our gates.

As mentioned in the January Woodsette, in 2020 we are including helpful articles that address commonly asked questions and areas where residents have indicated to the board that more information would be appreciated. Please see the short article inside this issue that explains what it means for a community to be a "deed restricted community." The Woods is a deed restricted community.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE	
Gardening	P2
Women of the Woods	P2
Events & Activities	P2
Summer Camps	P3
Community Info & Ads	P4

Women of the Woods

And another standing ovation, this time to **Kathy Caruso** who hosted our January Book Club at her home. We had a great time discussing the book and enjoying S'mores at the end of the meeting!!! **Mark your calendar for our March Book Club on March 4th** at 7pm at **Jeannie Ballentine's home** at 12875 Winged Elm Drive North. We're reading *Timeline* by Michael Crichton. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!**

A special thank you to **Paige Gnann** and **Chris Holland** for hosting our January **Regift Night!** Everyone brought an unwrapped gift that she received during the holidays to trade in on an even better gift. We had lots of fun swapping and swiping each other's gifts.

Our **February Make Your Own Spa Night** is on **Thursday, February 20th**, at 7pm at the Clubhouse. We will see demonstrations on how to make our own sugar scrubs and face masks. Then we'll take home everything we need to DIY our own facial applications at home. **Connie Keuski** and **Laura Strader** are hosting our event with wine, beverages, and refreshments for this fun filled evening.

Here are the upcoming Thursday meeting programs:

Meeting	Hostess	Hostess	Program
March 19	Ballentine sisters	Chris Holland	March Madness Bingo
April 16	Madeline Osiecki	Lin Geddert	TBD
May 14	Everyone - Pot Luck Dinner		End of Year Celebration

WOW meets on the **third Thursday 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.

Gardening and Yard of the Month

Your Woods Yard Of the Month committee will be out and about in February considering all yards in the Woods for our first YOM of this season. Now is the time to spruce up your yards and all surrounding areas from our winter season and get ready for Spring. We wish all homes "Good Luck" on winning this year.

The Woods Yard of the Month committee extends its thanks to the Ribault Garden Club for the following information borrowed from their Horticulture Calendar:

JANUARY - Make a resolution to allow time for the enjoyment of gardening projects. Prune roses hard this month to promote future blooms. Climbing roses should not be pruned this way, though. Do not prune cold damaged plants until growth begins in the spring, with the exception of bananas. Prune dormant fruit and shade trees. Fertilize pecan trees and rye grass. Plant flower and vegetable seeds in flats late this month, for transplants have a four to six week production period. Grafting can be done on roses, camellias and citrus.

FEBRUARY - Finish transplanting trees, shrubs and bulbs in February. Apply weed and feed late this month. If warm weather approaches early, fertilize the landscape this month. Dormant oil spray cans still be applied to camellias and fruit trees for control of sucking insects. Vegetables should be set out by the last week of February to get early production before pests become a problem. This is the last month to plant bare root trees and shrubs. Purchase annuals and vegetable seedlings early to get best quality plants.

FEBRUARY MEETINGS & EVENTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Recreation Committee	Feb 4	8:30 AM	Tennis Courts
Opening of New Playground	Feb 9	3:00 PM	Playground
Streets & Drains Committee	Feb 13	6:30 PM	Jerry's Sports Grille
Finance Committee	Feb 19	7:00 PM	The Woods Clubhouse
Women of the Woods	Feb 20	7:00 PM	The Woods Clubhouse
Happy Hour (Adults Only)	Feb 21	7:00 PM	The Woods Clubhouse
Architectural Review Committee	Feb 27	6:30 PM	The Woods Clubhouse
Board Meeting	Feb 27	7:00 PM	The Woods Clubhouse

Say "Goodbye"



What Is A Deed Restricted Community?

A deed restricted community is a neighborhood with a governing homeowner association (HOA) that enforces certain rules and regulations regarding the look of a neighborhood as well as property uses.

The committee that assists in maintaining the look of our neighborhood is the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). According to the Woods Bylaws, the ARC "shall consider the harmony and compatibility of the exterior and design of any proposed structure or improvement, in comparison with all surrounding structures".

So any changes or upgrades to the look of the exterior

of your property including paint color, roof, doors, sidewalks, driveway, mailboxes, fences, sheds, basketball hoops, etc, need to be submitted to the ARC for approval. Properly using the ARC submission process will help a homeowner avoid going through the frustration and expense of changing work already done, that was not approved by ARC, and does not meet the requirements for ARC approval.

We hope this helps clear up any questions on the meaning of a deed restricted community and the related requirements regarding changes to a resident's property.

Summer Camps in The Woods



June 1-5 & June 8-12



Art Camp

Morning & Afternoon Classes

June 15-19



STEM Camp

June 22-26

For more information or to reserve a spot contact:

Dee Naccarato darellee71@aol.com

Christine Bell cdbjax@gmail.com

Hours: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (Music Theatre & STEM)

Art 9:00 am – 11:00 am (K - 2nd Gr.) 11:30 am – 3:00 pm (3rd – 6th Gr.)

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 afternoon for pickup on Thursday. 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 for pickup on Friday.
- ◆ **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
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

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

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE FOR SALE

Only 6,100 miles on the odometer. Many extras including an RT4000T - roof Satellite Antenna (WINEGARD-in motion) w/receiver, tire monitor system, 5 TVs , 4 DVD players, a steel Hitch cargo carrier(2'X5'), portable air compressor/icemaker, Onan generator w/only 48hours of use, etc. The RV has a bumper Warranty including tires a wheels until May 2021, and also includes Road Side Assistance with unlimited towing (at no cost). The RV is at our home (2209 Winding Creek Lane) in The Woods Community). We are asking \$67,500 (NEGOTIABLE). If interested, contact Dr. Manuel Canino at your convenience, by email at ptorco47yahoo.com, or phone 904 864-5036. Selling because of health/back problems. **The RV is in excellent condition.**

CADILLAC 2000 FOR SALE

I have a Cadillac 2000 with 60k miles for sale. Asking price is \$2,700.00. If interested, call James at (904) 221-4212 or email jameszabih48Gmail.com.

LAWN AND GARDEN HELP NEEDED

Will pay \$12 per hour for occasional lawn and garden help. Please call Sam at (904) 504-9129 if interested.

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.*