



The Woodsette

The Woods Community Newsletter

From the Board

Happy New Year to all our Woods Neighbors,

First, we thank our many volunteers who contributed so much to our community in 2020. Please see the list of those volunteers in this issue of The Woodsette. Tom Patania was recognized as The Woods Volunteer of the Year for 2020 at the annual meeting in November. Tom was instrumental in The Woods receiving a \$5,000 grant from the city of Jacksonville in 2020.

Our association had several significant accomplishments in 2020 including a complete replacement of our playground, re-landscaping of the Hodges Boulevard entrance, upgrading of all of our street lights to more energy efficient lights, significant tennis court refurbishments, and the first phase of the Hodges Boulevard berm beautification. We finished the year within our spending budget and will have the final surplus number for you in the February Woodsette. Please note that we expect 2021 to be a much tighter budget-year as our expenses are increasing, and we did not increase the monthly assessment for 2021.

Thank you to all those who voted in the annual and the run-off elections. The 2021 board members'

names and positions, as well as the vote counts, are listed in this issue of The Woodsette. We thank all the candidates that ran for the board for offering their diverse experience to the community.

Members of the board recently met with senior management of Giddens Security to communicate our residents' concerns. We will continue to monitor the controlled access to our community.

Our major project for 2021 is the next phase of street paving and we expect the actual paving to be done in either the spring or fall. We have completed the majority of the required drainage work, and we will be assessing the option of paving only phase two, or phase two and three together, if it is more economical.

We expect the next few board meetings to be held remotely via Zoom video due to COVID-19. We look forward to the time when we again hold board meetings in person.

Wishing everyone a healthy, happy, and prosperous year in 2021!

2020 The Woods HOA Election Results

November Regular Election Results

Tim Ballentine	163 votes	Elected, Two-Year term
Dave Czerw	160 votes	Elected, Two-Year term
Chris Holland	106 votes	Runoff election needed
David Keasler	106 votes	Runoff election needed
AD Singh	13 votes	
Ed Svihla	80 votes	

December Runoff Election Results

David Keasler	146 votes	Elected, One-Year term
Chris Holland	120 votes	

Reconfiguration of the HOA Board for 2021

Dave Czerw	President
Tim Ballentine	Vice-President
Eric Lawson	Secretary
Mary Boggs	Treasurer
David Keasler	Director

JANUARY MEETINGS/EVENTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Architectural Review Committee	Jan 4	6:30 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Recreation Committee	Jan 5	TBD	The Woods Clubhouse
Streets & Drains Committee	Jan 14	6:30 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Finance Committee	Jan 20	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Board Meeting	Jan 28	7:00 pm	ZOOM (Watch NABr for Details)

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Women of the Woods

Hello, Women of The Woods Friends! Even in these uncertain times, I hope you have had a great holiday season.

Our next meeting at the clubhouse is tentatively scheduled for February 18, 2021, depending on the status of Covid-19. Hopefully, the vaccines will be available on a larger scale by then and cases in Florida will be on the decline.

The February Jewelry Exchange meeting (hosted by **Lin Gedert** and **Madeline Osiecki**) will be a fun reunion for us at the clubhouse Watch the Woodsette for updates. Stay safe, everyone! *Jeannie*

Gardening in 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.

The Woods Yard of the Month committee extends its thanks to the Ribault Garden Club of Jacksonville for providing the gardening tips and suggestions that appear in The Woodsette each month from their Horticultural calendar.

2020 Woods Volunteers

Appeals Committee: Alison Garcia (Chair), Fred DiBiase, Jack Barr, Tracy Svihla

Architectural Review Committee: Chris Holland (Chair), Jeannie Ballentine, Larry DeCaires

Communication Committee: Dan Frissora (Chair), Jeannie Ballentine, Taneen Delaney

Finance Committee: Judy Blache (Chair), Joe Mantione, Lindsay Graves, Jim Blache, Jennifer Withrow

Recreation Committee: Al LaBarbera (Co-chair), Tom Patania (Co-chair), Jana Grenier, Troy Delaney

Rules & Safety Committee: Amy King (Co-chair), Chris Holland (Co-chair), Rich Burna, Donna Bullock, Dave Ronnek, Tracy Svihla, Corey Hayes

Social Committee: Chris Hrubiec (Co-chair), Sandy Hrubiec (Co-chair), Keri Dixon

Streets & Drains Committee: Chris Holland (Acting chair), Jim Blache (Prior chair), Ed Svihla (Incoming chair), Tracy Svihla, Jim Holland, Cory Hayes

Women of the Woods: Jeannie Ballentine (President), Chris Holland (Secretary)

Yard of the Month Committee: Chris Holland (Chair), Leah Riley, Jeannie Ballentine

The **Woodsette:** Tim Ballentine (Editor)

2021 Recycling Schedule

January	13	27	July	14	28		
February	10	24	August	11	25		
March	10	24	September	8	22		
April	7	21	October	6	20		
May	8	19	November	3	17		
June	2	16	30	December	1	15	29



Tennis (or Pickleball) Anyone?

Yes, Polar Bear Pickleball has been alive and well in The Woods during the recent non-Floridian days. Moving and playing in the bright sun has been invigorating for Camilla and Peter Kenny, Larry Roziars, Mark Blanchard, Al and Sherry Labarbera, Ray and Sue Creichelt, Tom Patina, Amy King and Evan Whitehouse, Tracy and Ed Svihla, and Jana Grenier. They all agree the court warms up quickly and provides our daily dose of vitamin D, plus a lot of laughs and cheers!

We've recently welcomed college students home for the holidays, friends and relatives visiting from other places, and more new neighborhood friends. Hats off to the Wilder family, who competed against each other: Theresa and Matthew taking on Scot and Ethan! I hear a rematch is coming. You'll have to ask them who won!

On December 5, Verna Griffin, a certified pickleball instructor, offered a clinic for 24 of our Woods players. Our session was packed with learning, strategy, and practice, which we are trying to bring to the court. We continue to host sessions on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday mornings at 9:00, and Monday afternoon at 2:00. Typically, from 6 to 18 people come each day. When we have 8 or more, we shorten the games from eleven to seven points to get players on and off the court more quickly. We are working to add another surface and set up a second temporary court, so players don't have to wait long.

Check out the after-Christmas sales for good deals on paddles and pickleballs! Be sure to purchase the "outdoor" balls only.



Important Announcements & Reminders

- ◆ **Watering:** One-day-a-week watering is now in effect. Odd-numbered homes may water only on Saturdays. Even-numbered homes may 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 5:00pm every other Tuesday afternoon. Schedules may be obtained in The Woods' office.
- ◆ **Lawn Debris** may be placed at the curb after 5:00pm on Wednesday afternoon for pickup on Thursday. Be sure not to block drains and gutters.
- ◆ **Garbage** pickup is scheduled for every Friday. Garbage receptacles are to be placed at the curb after 5:00pm on Thursday afternoons for pickup on Fridays.
- ◆ **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 gate 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., are to 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 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/LAWNS AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD.**



ENTRY GATES	
Atlantic	221-3111
Hodges	221-2435
THE WOODS OFFICE	
Phone 1	221-3722
Phone 2	221-3723
FAX	221-0833
OFFICE HOURS	
MONDAY	9:00AM - 1:00PM
TUESDAY	2:00PM - 6:00PM
WEDNESDAY	2:00PM - 6:00PM
THURSDAY	9:00AM - 1:00PM
FRIDAY	9:00AM - 1:00PM
MARSH LANDING MGMT CO	
PHONE	273-3033
FAX	273-0933

The Woods Committees, Clubs, Etc.

APPEALS	A. Garcia
FINANCE	J Withrow
SOCIAL	S & C Hrubiec
RECREATION	A LaBarbera
STREETS & DRAINS	E Svihla
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW	C Holland
RULES & SAFETY	A King, C Holland
COMMUNICATIONS	D Frissora
YARD OF THE MONTH	C. Holland
WOMEN OF THE WOODS	J Ballentine
THE WOODSETTE	T Ballentine

The Woods Board of Directors

PRESIDENT	Dave Czerw
VICE-PRESIDENT	Tim Ballentine
SECRETARY	Eric Lawson
TREASURER	Mary Boggs
DIRECTOR	David Keasler

The Woods Important Email/Websites

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

CLASSIFIED ADS

LAWN AND GARDEN HELP NEEDED

Will pay \$15/hour for occasional lawn/garden help. Please call Sam at 904-504-9129 if you are interested.

NOTICE: 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. 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: **TheWoods@yahoo.com**. *Advertising is free and reserved exclusively for Residents/Homeowners of The Woods.*