



The WOODSETTE

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The Woods Community Newsletter

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YOUR RESOURCES

OFFICE HOURS

Monday	9:00 TO 1:00
Tuesday	2:00 TO 6:00
Wednesday	2:00 TO 6:00
Thursday	2:00 TO 6:00
Friday	9:00 TO 1:00

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Woods Office:.....	221-3722 or 221-3723
Woods FAX:.....	221-0833
Atlantic Gate:	221-3111
Hodges Gate:	221-2435
Pool/Lifeguards	221-0646
Marsh Landing Management	273-3033

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A WORD FROM THE BOARD

By Dewey Marshall, President

The Board wishes you a very happy and safe new year! Your Board is committed to making capital improvements to our community through evaluation and management of common areas and facilities. For the coming year, we'll be working closely with Marsh Landing Management and Crabtree and Fallar to strictly enforce compliance. The end result, we hope, will be improved property value, increased community pride, and even more amenities.

Rules and Covenants:

For the past six months a covenants committee, chaired by Lori Abramson with a committee of Tom Causer, Chuck Newman, and Dewey Marshall reviewed all covenants and by-laws and consolidated these into a working document. This document is in its final stages and will be reviewed by all Board members and then sent to our attorneys to ensure that we comply with Florida law. Following the attorney's blessing, this document must be approved by a majority of homeowners. We shall keep you informed of the process.

Bridge Approaches:

We have a potentially expensive project looming before us. For the past several years each corner of the two bridges' approach/apron is experiencing washout. If this is not addressed soon, we could see some very unsafe conditions. Please understand that THE BRIDGES ARE SAFE – and each has a life span of approximately 70 years. We are only addressing the apron erosion. A bridge civil engineer conducted a study recommended corrective actions to rectify the drainage and wash out areas. Bids will be forthcoming – we want to make certain that we get what we need at a fair price. I am reluctant to start any work on the bridge aprons until the city has completed the Sandalwood Canal work. We shall keep you informed of this project as well.

Get Involved!

We invite all homeowners to get involved and join one of our committees: Architectural Review (ARC), Finance, Recreation, Rules, Safety & Security, Streets & Drains, & Grounds. Please contact the Woods office by phone or email to volunteer your talents or to get a full description of each of these excellent committees!!!

VOICE YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT HODGES!!!

We all anticipate some major headaches with the widening of Hodges. This will affect us all for quite some time once construction starts. So, come to the Board meeting on January 25 (7:00PM) and get the real facts from Councilman Richard Clark. The Councilman will be here to listen to your concerns and give us updates on the bid process and the actual construction dates (revised again naturally). Clark will also speak to the Sandalwood Canal clean up. This is an open meeting – all homeowners are invited and urged to attend!!!!



WOODS SIGNAGE

The votes are in!! 69% of those who voted wanted to return to colors. So, when the Atlantic sign is complete, ARC will specify more of a hunter green and a gold for the colors. This will be slightly different than the harsh colors previously used.

Thanks to Nancy Mull for keeping tabs on all the votes. By the way, Nancy does have a log of voters and their preference – just in case you want to make certain that your vote was counted.

Thanks to all who cared enough to vote!

\$100.00 REWARD

For information in regard to the vandalism at the community center areas. Solid information must lead to an arrest/prosecution. Please call the office at 221-3722 and speak to Caryn.

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

If El Nino weather predictions are correct, we will be in for a wet winter so your irrigation systems can take a break. However, if we have no rain for 10-14 days, go ahead and water your lawns; woody plants every 3-4 weeks at a ½ to ¾ inch rate. Should you prune now?? NO!!! Only remove diseased or dead wood. If you prune spring flowering trees or shrubs, you will remove the spring buds. RESIST THE TEMPTATION!!! Instead, clean your mower and sharpen the blades on all your other tools.

So what to plant now? There are lots of wonderful bulbs which you can plant now: agapanthus, Aztec lily, calla, day lily, Dutch iris, to name a few – in fact, almost any kind of lily can be planted now. Flowering plants such as pansies, snapdragons, petunias, and stock are also good for this time of year.

In doubt about something? You can always call the Master Gardener hotline at 387-8850. Master Gardeners are on call Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am to 3:30. Enjoy all the beauty your yard can offer you!

WOMEN OF THE WOODS

Thanks to all the generous residents – especially the WOW – for their overwhelming donation of toys for the kids of Hubbard House. I wish you could have seen the smiles & tears of some of the residents when we dropped off hundreds and hundreds of toys again this year. You helped hundreds of kids have a merrier Christmas this year.

The January meeting of WOW features Craft Night with one of the area's best, Peg Paschall, coming out to teach us how to paint martini glasses. If your New Year's resolution was to learn something new – this night is for you!!! Mark your calendars for Monday, January 15th (7:00 PM – clubhouse). If your resolution was to get out of the house more/ do something for yourself more often – then this night is for you! Bring a friend or new neighbor and plan to have another fun time with WOW.

Also coming up: Feb 19th is Guest Chef night – more details to follow. And also another field trip is planned to visit Super Suppers (they do all the work and we go home with goodies!!) More details will follow for that event as well.

Monday, January 15th
 WOW Craft/Fun Night
 7:00 PM – Clubhouse

Questions about WOW?

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MOM'S CLUB

It's the beginning of the New Year, the end of the holidays, and back to school for the older kids! Did you make a new year's resolution about becoming better organized? Well, I did, like most moms. To that end, the Mom's Club has scheduled a professional organizer to help us meet the challenge. At our January 26th meeting, get ready to get pointers from an expert!

In February, the Mom's Club will tackle discipline and how to do it successfully – without being driven to tears!

This is a new year with lots of opportunities to make our lives as moms easier. All moms are welcome to come and meet the challenge of parenthood. Questions about Mom's Club??/ Call Lori Abramson at (904) 333-8958 or email her at scott_98@bellsouth.net

GOOD NEWS ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORS!!!

Marie and Randy Randall's grandson received his SAT scores recently. They are happy to report that Keith placed #1 in the state of Massachusetts and in the top 3% overall in the US!!! Congrats Keith!!!!

Rick & Nancy Mull are thrilled to announce the engagement of their daughter, Robyn. Robyn will marry Matthew Carroll in a gala fall ceremony!

Terry Nolan on Firethorn is the new owner/manager of the Carrabba's on Atlantic.

Toby & Elizabeth LaBarbera have a new baby son—Brady!!

Kristy & Trent Schueneman welcomed their new son Cameron Paul on December 27th!!

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Here is an update of our Operating and Reserve Funds for the period January through November 2006.

Operating Fund: Our community stayed within the overall operating budget in the first eleven months of 2006 with a surplus of \$72,242. As noted in the November Woodsette, a large part of this operating surplus was used to pay in full a \$44,987 IOU owed to the Reserve Fund.

Reserve Fund: Our Reserve Fund balance of \$240,231 is 64 percent of the recommended 2006 year-end balance. Looking forward, please note that the 2006 Reserve Study recommends a Reserve Fund balance of \$491,159 for December 2007. Our current reserve fund balance is 49 percent of the recommended December 2007 balance.

We look forward to providing you future updates.

Dave Czerw /Committee Chairman

OPERATING FUND

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenues	\$895,839	\$882,589	\$13,250
Expenses	<\$823,597>	<\$831,756>	8,159
Surplus (Deficit)	\$72,242	\$50,833	\$21,409

RESERVE FUND:

Reserve Fund Balance:	\$240,231
Reserve Study Recommended Balance for 12-31-06:	\$374,234
Surplus (Deficit):	<\$134,003>
Reserve Fund—Percent Funded:	64%

CLASSIFIED ADS

Tree Work and Concrete Work

All Types/Large and Small. Call Jim 349-0850

Entertainment Center

Beautiful Solid Oak Entertainment Center with 36" Mitsubishi TV and Sony Surround Sound Home Theatre System. Total Package \$650.00 OBO 349-1102 or 349-1080

Bound for College

Honest, reliable, knowledgeable, self starter, strong and hard working teen for yard work, clean up and weeding. Call Hiroki Dionne at 220-7349.

Babysitter Needed

Babysitter needed for my 4 year old daughter. Need background check and references. Please call Twila Moore at 207-0794.

House Cleaning

If you need your house cleaned please contact Twila Moore at 207-0794.

Elegant bath Vanity Lights

5 globe; two sets identical. Excellent condition. \$25.00 each. Please call 220-7174.