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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/Lifeguards221-0646
Marsh Landing Management273-3033

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A WORD FROM THE BOARD

By Dewey Marshall, President

Councilman Richard Clark was our guest at the January Board meeting. We were pleased to see so many residents attend this meeting where he brought us up to date on the Hodges project:

- the project will be out for bid shortly
- expectations are that this project will take 18 months
- the Sandalwood Canal will be cleaned out at City expense
- the City may consider our bridge support needs in conjunction with the Canal cleaning
- a traffic light will be installed on Hodges near the Bentwater subdivision
- Patton Park will be a makeover with new soccer, baseball, and football fields AS WELL AS A SKATEBOARD PARK!!!

Other items of interest for residents:

After much discussion, I have been able to convince traffic engineers to mark our Atlantic gate egress the same as Lowe's. Within the next eight weeks the traffic pattern will change as follows: the current right lane will be a right turn ONLY lane and the current left lane will become a straight AND left turn lane. Vandalism in The Woods appears to be down, thanks to the Rules, Safety, and Security committee, Giddens, and JSO. We continue to search for vandals and the recent reward of \$100 leading to the arrest of certain vandals is still up for grabs. Regarding finances – we continue to search for ways to streamline our expenses and save money for the reserve fund. All of the various committees will consider their projects very carefully. And on the matter of lawns, I have asked our management company to relax lawn inspections until mid March. The unusually warm December and January weather has allowed weeds to grow and weed killer is simply not effective during cooler temperatures. So, for now, no lawn inspections will occur. With the help of CPAK and Councilman Clark, JEA will be replacing the light pole at Viburnum Drive and Viburnum Court which fell down several years back following a water main leak.

I thank the community for being involved, attending board meetings, and getting involved with the committees. We thank you all for your time!

Community Notes

CURFEW REMINDER!

We have had several incidents recently where children and teens have been found in our playground areas, soccer fields, and around the community center. Please note that the curfew for these areas is 10:00 PM. In the future, the roamer will NOT issue a warning – he/she will simply call the JSO and request that arrest are made – no warnings will be given. Parents, we ask your cooperation in this matter. Remember – no warnings will be given in the future!!!

AUTO THEFTS

NOTES FROM JSO!!!

We recently received a report from Officer Gaddoni (#6130) of the JSO. He states that there has been an increase in auto burglaries and thefts in the Arlington area. Most of these occur because the suspect has easy access to the vehicle (doors unlocked). Suspects also look inside vehicles and if they see something in plain view (purse, cell phone, chargers, keys, etc), they break out a window to get to these items. Regarding thefts, many of these occur because victims leave keys inside the vehicle. i.e. you leave your car running when making a quick stop at a convenience store. Officer Gaddoni asks that you see anyone in your neighborhood who looks suspicious, PLEASE call the police. The non-emergency number is 904-630-0500

HODGES ROAD WIDENING

We do have some good news to report on this future project that will affect all of us for quite some time:

Bids will go out for construction on February 16th. The City expects that construction will start sometime in early fall.

The timing of the Atlantic gate light will be lengthened to accommodate heavier traffic at this signal during construction.

The Sandalwood Canal will be cleaned by the City! This will save us thousands of dollars!!

There WILL be a deceleration lane/turn in lane going south on Hodges during and after construction. There has been some confusion over this in the past. A recent letter from Richard Clark's office has now confirmed this lane.

WOMEN OF THE WOODS

Ladies – now that the big holidays are behind us, it's time to relax a bit and let someone else do the cooking for a change!!! Our February meeting (Monday, the 19th) will feature a guest chef from Super Suppers! The menu is still being decided but we can promise you a true feast – without any of the shopping, cooking, or clean-up! So join us for an evening of great refreshments and fine dining. At the February meeting, we will also collect for “Undie Monday.” While all NEW undergarments are welcome, we have been asked specifically to supply young men’s underwear – there is a real need for this!

Mark your calendars!

Monday, February 19, 7:00 PM, Clubhouse

Questions about WOW?

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Other WOW upcoming events include:

March – Master Gardener, Becky Wern, will be here to diagnose yard problems you might have and help us with the principles of landscape design. Husbands are also invited to this session!!! Also in March will be a “field trip” to Super Suppers on March 7th at 10:00AM. All WOWies are welcome to sign up early – the session only allows 20 guests at a time!



Garden Clippings

This is such a difficult time of the year – so much to do but the weather doesn't always cooperate! PLEASE resist the urge to prune any budding plants and shrubs. WAIT UNTIL MARCH 15TH. If you haven't sent your clippers and shears off to be cleaned and sharpened – DO IT NOW!!!

Now is the time to spread pre-emergence weed killer. If you wait until March, it might be too late. Do not use a weed-and-feed product – you do not want to fertilize now!! Even though the stores may be selling it – don't use it!!! It is far too early to fertilize.

What flowers to plant??/ Try almost any bulb plant, dusty miller, baby's breath, delphiniums, petunias, snapdragons, and statice. Want fresh veggies? Try potatoes, lettuce, beets, broccoli, and cabbage.

Got questions? You can always call the Master Gardener hotline at 387-8850.

GOOD NEWS ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORS!!!

Gordon and Norma Scott are celebrating their 50 year Golden Anniversary this month. Their daughter Laurel is coming with her children, Hannah & John G. and their son Wesley is traveling from Houston with his children John & Sam to help celebrate this special occasion.

Congratulations Gordon and Norma!!!

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Finance Committee – 2006 Year-End Update

Here is the 2006 year-end update of our Operating and Reserve Funds for the period January through December 2006.

Operating Fund: We are pleased to inform you that our community stayed within our overall operating budget in 2006. We had budgeted for an operating surplus of \$57,681 and finished the year with a surplus of \$67,030. The majority of this surplus was used to pay in full a \$44,987 IOU owed to the Reserve Fund.

Reserve Fund: Our Reserve Fund balance as of December 31, 2006 was \$244,158. This is 66 percent of the recommended 2006 year-end balance. The \$244,158 is 50 percent of the \$491,159 balance recommended for December 31, 2007. The recommended balances are taken from the 2006 Woods Community Reserve Study prepared by Dreux Isaac and Associates.

We thank all the members of the Woods who promptly paid their quarterly assessments in 2006 helping to make it a financially successful year for our community.

We look forward to providing you future updates.

Dave Czerw, Chairperson
Finance Committee

All figures in dollars

OPERATING FUND	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Revenues	974,761	962,824	11,937
Expenses	(907,731)	(905,143)	(2,588)
Surplus (Deficit)	67,030	57,681	9,349
RESERVE FUND			
Reserve Fund Balance	244,158		
Reserve Study Recommended Balance for Dec 31, 2006	374,234		
Surplus (Deficit)	(130,076)		
Reserve Fund - Percent Funded	66%		

CLASSIFIED ADS

Tree Work and Concrete Work

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

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.

Refrigerator For Sale

Very Nice 24-cubic foot Frigidaire Gallery, top freezer, almond color, frost-proof refrigerator with ice maker for sale \$200.00. Call Vicki Palmer at 221-9046 or Cell—294-2620.

Landscaping

Two brothers looking to start a diaper fund are searching for 12 yards to provide lawn service to. Will beat most prices in The Woods w/ flexible contracts. Call Austin at 234-2702.

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.

Assistance Needed

Elderly residence needs minimal home health care/helping hand. 1-2 hours in the morning helping elderly couple get the day started. The gentleman needs assistance being lifted and dressed from bed. Please call 993-6157. Thank you.



WOW ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

Every year, the first Saturday of April in The Woods means yard sale. The event, sponsored by the Women of the Woods (W.O.W.), will be held this year on April 7th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A \$5.00 registration fee will get your home included on a neighborhood map with descriptions of your items for sale, a real bargain given all the benefits you receive in return. W.O.W. provides newspaper ads, posts signs around the boundaries of our neighborhood, supplies each registered household with an official Participant Packet, distributes yard sale lists to visitors the day of the event, and arranges for the pick-up of any gently used goods (No trash, please) after the sale by the Salvation Army. Use this opportunity to get rid of a lot of cool stuff you no longer need, but could bless someone else in his or her household. Amazing publicity and the incredible turnout of previous years always makes for hundreds of eager customers.

You keep all the money you make. Your registration fee pays for the advertising, printing, and other costs associated with the event.

A word of caution: the start time is somewhat flexible. If the line becomes long and begins to cause traffic problems, customers may be admitted as early as 7 a.m. Woods residents have been known to begin their shopping even earlier.

Also, if you decide to close up shop early or just have a few things around the house with which you want to bless someone else, the Salvation Army will have a truck located at the Woods Clubhouse to accept these items throughout the day of the sale. The form and registration fee can be dropped off at either of the following locations:

The Woods Community Office OR to W.O.W. Yard Sale, c/o Bonnie Burna, 2436 Fallen Tree Drive West.

Checks should be made payable to **Women of the Woods.**

If you have any questions, please call Bonnie at 220-5212. But please, no calls asking for help in cleaning out your garage; you're on your own with that one.

SPRING GARAGE SALE REGISTRATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

TOP 5 ITEMS FOR SALE

MUST BE IN THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN MARCH 30TH