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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

I have been concerned for some time now about the lighting and consequently the safety at our community center parking lot and playground. With the help of our Rules, Safety, and Security committee, a bid was approved and soon we shall have better lighting in the parking lot, playground, and the walkways to the tennis courts and swimming pool. Depending on the contractor's further assessment, a light will be placed adjacent to the metal bleachers at our baseball field.

March is finally here and the weather is making us all feel great. Now is the time to get out in your yard and make it a showpiece for our community. Our yard is the first thing visitors see prior to entering your home – let's make the first impression a positive one!

Elections are March 20th at our community center (our precinct is 03). According to Florida law, the precinct must be open from 7:00 am to 7:00pm. Get out and vote for our city leaders. Also note that Councilman Clark is running unopposed in this election. (I sent a note to Councilman Clark that because he is running unopposed, he can spend more time and efforts on his communities!)

Only in America do we store \$1,000 of "stuff" in our garages and park our \$20,000 vehicle in the driveway! Let's be different and clear our your garage and make some cash during the WOW spring yard sale – mark your calendars for Saturday, April 7th!!

We continue to move forward with the Atlantic Entrance signage. (see related article on page 2) As soon as the signage is completed, the landscaping will be done. I know it will be entrance we can all be proud of!

As always, we thank you.

Community Notes

Atlantic Sign Project

We realize that the Atlantic Gate sign project has taken a VERY long time. While this seems like a small project in scope, many contractors simply did not want to bid on this! But, the Board has finally awarded the contract to Spectrum Signs and will it be completed by the end of March. Once the sign is completed, we'll paint in the approved colors and plant flowers and/or shrubs to mirror the Hodges gate. Thanks for your patience. It will be beautiful!!!!



ARC UPDATES

Spring is almost here and that always means home improvement projects. Please remember that exterior changes require approval by ARC before you contract for the work. Official request are available on the website (www.thewoodscommunity.com) or at the Office. Once a form is submitted, the committee has up to 30 days to review & respond. We'll review as quickly as possible, of course. If you're in a rush, there is a \$25 fee for 72-hour turn-around. Please be sure to submit all appropriate documents such as paint/shingle samples, brochures, and renderings on your survey. Once approved, you'll receive yard sign that we would like returned once the project is completed.

If you have a ARC yard sign, and your project is complete, please turn the sign back into the office.

ARC meets every Tuesday before the Board meeting and you are, of course, invited to attend. We would also welcome new committee members!

WOODS COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 7th 2007, 4pm

Please help us get some fun things going for our children and teens in our community! Our first event will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the younger children on Saturday, April, 7th at 4 pm at the recreation center. For children ages 0-10 accompanied by a parent. We need volunteers in order for this to happen: set-up/hiding eggs, the egg hunt, Easter Bunny photos, and clean-up. Let's work together to do something great for our kids! Also, we need plastic eggs filled with candy, golden eggs filled with money, and bags of candy to fill eggs we already have! We will do 5, \$1.00 eggs for the 0-2 group and 5 \$5.00 eggs for the 3-5 and 6-10 groups. Please drop these off at the office during office hours. **PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN SIGN-UP IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED: EGG HUNT AND TURN IT IN AT THE OFFICE OR YOU CAN DROP IT OFF AT THE GUARD GATES.**

Thank you so much for your support-Heather Park and the Recreation Committee

Name: _____

Email and Phone Number: _____

(Please check next to the time you are available to volunteer)

SET-UP 3-4 PM _____

BUNNY PHOTOS 4-5 PM _____

EGG HUNTS 4-4:30PM _____

CLEAN-UP 4:30-5PM _____

Women of the Woods

Can the Women of the Woods be any busier? After learning at our last meeting how to make a quick and easy chili for the last few cold evenings of the season, our ladies have gone out and learned how to make some "Super Suppers." Rumor has it that several families, including the Girolamos' will be eating well for several weeks to come. If you missed out, you still have on more chance to catch a WOW Super Suppers 101 event on March 9th at 10:30am at the store located off of 9A and Baymeadows. Remember, you will get to carry home a free meal just by attending..

We will be visiting the Cummer Museum during Garden Week on Wednesday, March 14th followed by lunch near the museum, call any WOW officer for more details.

The Women of The Woods has another hot ticket for March – we will once again sponsor a Night with the Master Gardener! Becky Wern, Master Gardener Premier will visit with us on March 12th at 7:00PM to share ideas about landscaping and spring planting. Becky will be happy to answer your questions about problems you may have in your yard. Please bring your questions and samples for her to review. Men --- this is YOUR opportunity, too, to ask questions!!! The Men of The Woods are more than welcome to come and ask Becky questions. Don't be shy –

As usual, we will have refreshments. Also at this meeting, the Garden Club of Queens Harbor will be our guest so we expect a full house that evening!



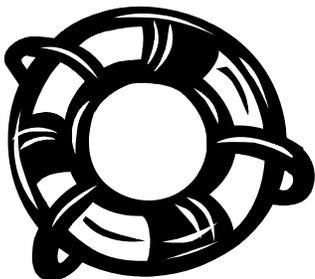
Mom's Club

The sunshine is out and things are being to warm up. You've been cooped up for weeks and now you are just looking for the first good excuse you can find to get yourself and the kids out of the house.

If you're like me just looking for an opportunity to slide another veggie into your toddler's limited diet, you may want to go with us to the Farmer's Market (March 8th) to see what new and exciting treasures you can introduce into the diet. Or maybe, you've given up on veggies and would just be happy if your little one ate more fruit. Then, our strawberry social (March 14th) would be a "berry" good choice.

MOM'S Club has lots to offer; story time at Books-A-Million (March 20th), to a trip to the Pablo Creek Library -o.k. it's to see a movie- (March 28th) to this month's featured speaker from Born Learning (March 30) who will help us take everyday experiences and turn them into learning opportunities.

Finally, if it is fresh air that would motivate you to move off the couch, then meet us at the Deerwood Rotary Park (March 12th) or join us at we hunt goodies at the MOM'S Club Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck Lunch (March 31st). If you are interested in more information please feel free to call Lori Abramson at 904-333-8958.



SUMMER SWIM TEAM

Come have some fun, meet some neighbors and get some exercise too. The summer swim team is back for children ages 5 – 18.

We will be having an information session / swim team registration on Wednesday, March 14th, 2007 at the Woods Community Center at 7:00 p.m. Please be sure to bring a copy of your birth certificate for league registration.

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Finance Committee Update

Here is an update of our Operating and Reserve Funds for January 2007.

Operating Fund: Our community stayed within the overall operating budget in the first month of 2007 with a surplus of \$13,101. Several large operating expenditures are expected as we get further into 2007 that should reduce the surplus accumulated early in the year.

Reserve Fund: Our Reserve Fund balance of \$256,593 is 52 percent of the recommended 2007 year-end balance of \$491,159.

We look forward to providing you future updates.

Dave Czerw, Finance Committee Chairman

OPERATING FUND	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARI-
Revenues	89,157	88,360	797
Expenses	(76,056)	(87,464)	11,408
Surplus (Deficit)	13,101	896	12,205
RESERVE FUND			
Reserve Fund Balance	256,593		
Reserve Study Recommended Balance for Dec 31, 2007	491,159		
Surplus (Deficit)	(234,566)		
Reserve Fund - Percent Funded	52%		

CLASSIFIED ADS

Garden Clippings

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.

For Sale

2001 19' ft Singray 190LS Bowrider with SS Trailer. V6 210HP Mercury I/O Engine with 108 hours. Garage Kept. Very Clean. Full Canvas. Marine Package. \$13,000. Tony 904-553-2859

House Cleaning

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

Boy oh boy – doesn't the Atlantic entrance look great with all the azaleas and African iris in bloom? So nice to see this array of color when you come in that entrance! Just goes to show you what can happen when you keep your azaleas trimmed...

We're getting so close to the last date for frost in our area – I know it's tempting to go out and trim up your flowering shrubs and bushes but PLEASE – wait for March 15th, you have about 10 days to get your pruning shears sharpened – put that time to good use and get your equipment in order.

We had a couple bad, hard frosts but spring is around the corner and soon our lawns will green up again!!!

So, what to do now besides getting your tools sharpened? You can now fertilize your lawn with a fertilizer that has the following combination: nitrogen (always the first number) is near or equal to the third number (always potassium) and the middle number (phosphorus) is "2" or lower. Go ahead and get an azalea/camellia combination fertilizer for your shrubs. These plants prefer acid-forming fertilizers with secondary element such as iron, zinc, and manganese.

You can plant ageratum, baby's breath, dusty miller, pentas, sweet William and verbenas, to name a few. Got questions? You can always call the Master Gardener hot line at 387-8850.

Enjoy your yard and all the beauty it can show 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