



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/Lifeguards221-0646
- Marsh Landing Management273-3033

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A WORD FROM THE BOARD

By Dewey Marshall, President

We continue to move forward on our Atlantic entrance sign. Unfortunately, we had a delay on the permit and are looking at mid-April for completion.

Two new lights have been added to our playground area and the baseball field backstop. And we are planning more lights for the parking lot and walkway leading to the tennis courts and pool.

We are in the final stages of the covenant review process. This committee has worked extremely hard over the past nine months. The Board will meet with the committee to discuss any concerns they might have, then the new document will be sent to a real estate attorney to ensure that we meet all legal requirements. Following this process, the new document will be submitted to homeowners for approval. A note of interest: the original document was over 4 inches thick! – the new covenants document is less than 100 pages.

We thank our committee for their diligence and hard work.

And finally, our prayers go out to Buddy Horne's family. And our thanks to all the community for their concerns and time canvassing the neighborhood.

SANDALWOOD CANAL MEETING!!!!

We are pleased to announce that a Sandalwood Canal meeting will be held on Monday, April 9th at the community center. The final plans will be presented by Marcy Cook, Department of Public Works. Councilman Clark, city engineers, and consultants will also be on hand to answer questions. By the City taking on this project, we have saved thousands of dollars and, of course, the canal will be in much better shape. Please mark your calendars for this important meeting:

WHEN: Monday, April 9th
7:00PM

WHERE: Community Center

WHO: All residents are invited to attend

Community Notes

Summer Swim Team

If you are interested in the Woods summer swim team, we will be holding the FINAL Swim Team Registration on April 12th at 7:00 at the clubhouse. For more information please call Alison Garcia at 220-9775 or Cary Hirapara at 997-9630. It is for children age 5-18. Practices are at the Woods and/or Queens Harbour. Come get some exercise and enjoy the fun!

Easter Egg Hunt

The Woods is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 0-10 on April 7th at 4PM up at the community center. Come enjoy the fun. We are still in need of candy to fill the eggs. Please drop donations off to Caryn Scott at the Woods office.



Garden Clippings

Ah, spring is definitely in the air!!!! We see residents all over The Woods planting, pruning, laying new sod, and in general, updating their yards. Just a few reminders:

Plan for plants and shrubs with similar watering needs in groupings or areas. Some flowering plants need more water than, say, woody ornamentals. While these may look great now planted together, you may regret some of these decisions later.

In order for mulch to be effective, you should lay down at least 2-3 inches of mulch. The best mulch is pine straw/pine needles because this helps to put nutrients back into the soil. However, shredded cypress and pine bark work well as weed retardant and to help keep moisture in.

Be sure to clear a wide area around your trees, especially newly planted trees. If grass is growing too close to the tree, the grass will fight the tree for soil nutrients and water.

Be careful when planting new shrubs – plants like pittosporum and lorepetulum look great when they are young but both these shrubs can grow quite large within 2 years – and you'll end up with an overcrowded mess!

One of our local nurseries, Earth Works (on Beach near Kernan) is sponsoring FREE seminars on Saturdays on April 14th & 28th and every Saturday in May. Take advantage of their expertise!

Got questions? Call the Master Gardener Extension office at 387-8850 Monday thru Fridays, 9:00 am to 3:00 PM.

Gate Arm Replacement/Repairs

If you run into the gate arm the cost for replacement is \$80.00. Please remember to NOT TAILGATE when entering or leaving the property. The gates are programmed to allow one vehicle to enter at a time.



Women of the Woods

Wasn't that March meeting, with Master Gardener Becky Wern, a great meeting? We are always so fortunate to have Becky here to answer questions about our yards.

The April meeting will be just as exciting -- we will hold our annual election of officers and a wine tasting party! Also at this meeting will be your opportunity to reserve your spot for the final dinner. \$10.00 guarantees your reservation – cash or check only please. Get ready for another great meal with friends for only \$10.00 – there's no better deal in town!

The April meeting will be held on Monday, April 16th.



IS YOUR ADDRESS VISIBLE?

You've probably seen TV ads lately, sponsored by the fire department, about making your house number (street address) visible. This is a serious problem in case of emergency! Be sure that your house number is on your mailbox AND your home and is easily visible from the street.



Decal Expirations

Please pick up your new May 2008 expiration decals at the office. Each address/homeowner will receive two free expiration decals and any additional decals will be \$5.00 each. The expirations also need to be changed for the frequent visitor passes. (Please note—this is decals only NOT barcodes)

Animal Control

Please remember that neither Woods Management nor the guards at the front gates can assist with unleashed or roaming animals. Please contact Animal Control directly for all animal related disturbances or problems. Animal Control can be reached at 387-8924

SHADCO Sheriff's Advisory Council

Statistics show that for the month of March there was only one incidence of vehicular criminal mischief that was reported to JSO. There is a big reason for the decline in the last thirty days and that is because arrests were made of individuals who were responsible for these crimes. One female teenager who has lived in the Woods Community along with a few friends are the perpetrators. Her name along with some of the others can not be divulged because of their ages.

Some of the property stolen has been returned, and some will never be returned. The Statistics also show that low vehicular criminal mischief is not the case for the surrounding area. All around the Woods Community Auto theft, Vandalism, and Burglary are high. Good news always comes with a chance to slack off a bit, so let's go over the rules.

- A. Do not leave your keys in the vehicle.
- B. Do not leave your vehicle unlocked.
- C. Do not leave any bags, wallets, laptops, cell phones or anything that you would like me to pawn for you in an open, or locked vehicle.
- D. Do not leave your garage door opener in the vehicle in the driveway. If you do hide it in the vehicle.

Always keep the garage door leading into your home locked even if you are at home.

Last week two young men were arrested for going from garage to garage making withdrawals. This was done two, three, or four o'clock in the morning. These two individuals would simply go from one garage to another testing the door to see if it would open. Which ever door opened that would be the one that they went into while the driver stayed in the car waiting to make a quick escape if needed. These two perps were just thieves. Imagine two perps 3AM coming into an open garage door and entering and open door to your home. That's scary!

Juan Moreno Jr.

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Here is an update of our Operating and Reserve Funds for the period January through February 2007.

Operating Fund: Our community stayed within the overall operating budget in the first two months of 2007 with a surplus of \$23,425. As noted last month, several large operating expenditures are expected as we get further into 2007. These expenditures should reduce the surplus accumulated early in the year.

Reserve Fund: Our Reserve Fund balance of \$263,425 is 54 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	VARANCE
Revenues	177,602	176,719	883
Expenses	(154,177)	(174,928)	20,751
Surplus (Deficit)	23,425	1,791	21,634
RESERVE FUND			
Reserve Fund Balance	263,425		
Reserve Study Recommended Balance for Dec 31, 2006	491,159		
Surplus (Deficit)	(227,734)		
Reserve Fund - Percent Funded	54%		

CLASSIFIED ADS

Tree Work and Concrete Work

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

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.

For Sale

Dinette Set—natural w/white round table w/ 4 Windsor chairs. \$140.00—OBO Please call 220-5300.

Babysitting

Do you need a babysitter, than look no further. Call Samantha at 220-8897. Certified babysitter.

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.

Dog Sitting

Do you need someone to walk your animals? Call Samantha or Elizabeth at 220-8897.

For Sale

CLASSIC MARK 5 SHOPSMITH - Turn, saw, sand and drill attachments included. \$500.00. Call Gordon 221-2850.

Motorcycle Lift - \$75.00

Craftsman aluminum cycle lift – great addition to your garage. Like new – call 220-1800