



# 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

www.thewoodscommunity.com  
 thewoodscommunit@bellsouth.net

### **A WORD FROM THE BOARD**

*By Dewey Marshall, President*

We are making great progress at the Atlantic gate entrance --- the traffic arrows have been changed by the FDOT: we now have a right turn only lane and the left lane indicates straight ahead & left turn. This should improve our traffic flow onto and across Atlantic Blvd. The new Atlantic sign is up and we are getting bids for landscaping with the help of our resident Master Gardeners: Gordon Scott and Jan Miller. The landscaping look will be similar to the Hodges entrance.

JEA replaced the streetlight on Viburnum South and Viburnum Court. The light was removed by JEA several years ago when a water main burst and JEA reluctantly replaced this light. Speaking of lights – we now have new lighting around our community center, playground and parking lot. We hope this will improve our security and safety there.

Our playground/picnic area is “first come, first serve” at no charge. If you want to use one of these areas, please register with community management and your name and party time will be added to one of the covered areas. If you plan on a moonwalk or similar activity, an area will be designated for you. This will prevent an inadvertent puncture to our water pipes and wires.

Gordon Atkinson is working on his Eagle Scout badge in conjunction with St. John’s River Management. He will be placing signs to help keep our storm drains clear of yard trash, animal droppings, and pollution liquids. Please help by keeping these clean.

Couple extra notes: please do not park on our grass in cul-de-sac areas – we are VERY short on rainfall this year. Giddens Security will pass out flyers to visitors on this note. AND the pool is now open!! Please see this issue for hours and regulations!

## Community Notes

# Pool and Tennis Rules

With the summer months fast approaching, the recreation committee wanted to remind the residents of the pool and tennis court rules. See the community website at [www.thewoodcommunity.com](http://www.thewoodcommunity.com) for more comprehensive rules.

### POOL RULES:

1. No persons under the age of 16 is allowed in the pool area without a parent or guardian (over 18) present.
2. Toddlers and infants must wear swim diapers and plastic underpants covers. If your child defecates in the pool and the plastic pants were not being worn, there will be a \$100 charge to close the pool and clean it.
3. A member must accompany a guest. No more than 5 guests per each household. Any parties bigger than 5 persons must be arranged through the Woods Management.
4. No alcohol, smoking, running, diving or horseplay in the pool area.
5. Only water safe toys will be permitted in the pool area, subject to the lifeguard's approval.
6. Lifeguard authority is final.

### TENNIS RULES:

1. Each resident may bring up to three guests to play on one court. Residents must accompany their guests.
2. Courts used for doubles may be used for two hours, singles for 1-½ hours, if others are waiting for court usage.
3. No player should ever play on wet courts or those with "No play" signs on them.
4. Proper tennis attire is required. Cut-off shirts or shorts, tank tops and swimsuits are unacceptable. Shirts must be worn at all times.
5. Smooth-soled tennis shoes must be worn. No jogging, track, basketball, soccer or football shoes are allowed on the courts.
6. Vulgar, loud or abusive language is prohibited.
7. League-sponsored events and team matches will be given priority in court usage.

Spring and Fall Schedule (April 28th through May 27th AND August 18th through September 30th): Tuesday-Friday: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. (swim at your own risk) Saturday: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. (lifeguard on duty all day), Sunday: 12 p.m.-8 p.m. (lifeguard on duty all day)

Summer Schedule (May 28th through August 17th): Tuesday-Saturday: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. (lifeguard on duty all day)  
Sunday: 12 p.m.-8 p.m. (lifeguard on duty all day)

## New Woods Directory

### NEW WOODS DIRECTORY COMING SOON!!!!

It's that time again!!! The WOW is getting ready to issue the next Woods resident directory in early September. This issue will be different from previous editions – every Woods resident name, address, and phone number will be published UNLESS the resident submits the form below to opt out.

Please use this form to notify us that YOU DO NOT WISH TO HAVE YOUR INFORMATION PUBLISHED!!! All forms must be turned into the Woods office no later than August 1, 2007.

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

I DO NOT WISH MY INFORMATION TO APPEAR IN THE 2007-2008 WOODS DIRECTORY.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Citizen Police Academy

Calling all concerned residents!!!

The Jacksonville Beach Police Department sponsors a Citizen Police Academy twice a year. The next session runs for 13 weeks and starts on July 12<sup>th</sup> BUT applications are due no later than July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Participants will learn and perform police functions in a controlled atmosphere.

Who is eligible? Any one 18+ but kids 16-17 may apply with a parent who is also going to participate. Parents – this is a great way to help your kids appreciate what our police do for us.

On a similar note, our own Justine Aleschus just completed her Citizen Police Academy and is now an integral part of the volunteer crime watch force in the beaches area. Justine also received the highest marksmanship score during her training, scoring an 88 out of 100 shots! You go, Justine!!!!

For more information, contact Sgt. Tom Bingham at 247-6193. Also, for information about the Youth Police Academy (ages 8-12), please contact Sgt. Mark Evans at 270-1665.

## Good News about Your Neighbors

We ran several issues with good news about our neighbors but then it seemed that the well ran dry!!! If you have good news about your family or if you know good news about your neighbors (and they are just shy), please tell us! You can send the good news to Caryn at the office ([cscott@marshlanding.org](mailto:cscott@marshlanding.org)) or you can send an email to Jan Miller at [jro-elker@bellsouth.net](mailto:jro-elker@bellsouth.net). Photos are welcome! Come on, we all love to hear good things!! Tell us your stories!!!

## Garden Clippings

Well, we've got quite a drought going on, don't we? We're already about 8" down for this time of year with not a good prediction in sight. Do yourself AND your lawn a big favor – ONLY WATER TWICE A WEEK. Watering too much will weaken your grass roots and leave it susceptible for bugs and weeds. If you have planted new sod (and many of you have), it's permissible to water the new sod every day for the first couple weeks. After that, let it adapt to its environment.

Your vegetables should be well on their way now – boy, I can almost taste the fresh tomatoes and cucumbers in my salad now!!!

If you are going to transplant any bush or shrub in your yard, DO IT NOW before the ground gets too hot! Your plants will adapt much better during slightly cooler weather.

On a side note, Earth Works is presenting several more FREE Saturday seminars in May: Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

May 5 – Gardening in Florida, May 12 - All About Orchids, May 19 – The Perfect Plant in the Right Place, May 26 – Bugs, Diseases & Weeds

Got a question? You can call the Master Gardener extension office Mon-Fri at 387-8850.

## Women of the Woods

Ladies,

I want to take this opportunity, as our year draws to a close, to let you know how proud I am of each and every one of you. You have gone above and beyond the call of duty to make a difference in the community. You have made the holidays brighter for families faced with domestic violence, you have provided the most basic of clothing necessities, underwear, to those facing life's difficulties, you have added Christmas cheer to The Woods with new decorations, and you have come to the aid of your fellow neighbors during times of distress. All this, while gaining new skills such as salsa steps, glass painting, wine consumption, and gardening know-how.

With all that, you deserve a party! So I invite you all to the WOW Year-End Party to be held at Twisted Sisters, Monday, May 21st. Festivities start at 6:30 pm. Reservations MUST be in no later than May 7th. Call Sue Rubio at 733-5042.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our annual dinner.

Lori Abramson, Jan Miller, Terri Causer and Sue Rubio

# FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

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

**Operating Fund:** Our community stayed within the overall operating budget in the first three months of 2007 with a surplus of \$31,804. 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 \$271,781 is 55 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	Variance
Revenues	265,968	265,079	889
Expenses	(234,164)	(265,916)	31,752
Surplus (Deficit)	31,804	(837)	32,641
<b>RESERVE FUND</b>			
Reserve Fund Balance	271,781		
Reserve Study Recommended Balance for Dec 31, 2007	491,159		
Surplus (Deficit)	(219,378)		
Reserve Fund - Percent Funded	55%		

## 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

### For Sale

Olympic barbell set with bench press by Bodysmith, \$100. Werder 2100 series upright Fly machine, \$150. Please call 221-0894 and leave a message.

### Babysitting

Do you need a babysitter, then look no further. Call Samantha at 220-8897. I am a certified babysitter.

### Pet Sitting

Responsible, experienced, great references, services with a smile! Call Christy at 221-5830

### 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 pet sit or walk your animals? Call Samantha at 220-8897.

### For Sale

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