



# The WOODSETTE

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## The Woods Community Newsletter

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### 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

thewoodscommunit@bellsouth.net

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

*By Dewey Marshall, President*

Our Atlantic gate sign and foliage is now completed. It is a great addition to our community and we wish to thank all those involved in this project.

We encourage all residents to update their windshield decals – the new decals are red. If you do not have a “Woods” windshield decal (not to be confused with a bar code), they are available during normal Woods business hours. Having one of these decals will speed up the entrance to The Woods, especially after the Hodges widening project begins in a couple months. There may be times when the only ingress to The Woods will be the Atlantic gate. Your decal will definitely speed up the process! There is no cost for the first 2 decals. Additional decals for residents and frequent visitors are \$5.00 each. Please watch the message boards for decal availability on Saturday mornings, too.

As I go around the neighborhood, I’ve noticed that a lot of residents fly our flag. As a veteran, this makes me feel quite proud. However, I believe that we should fly our flag according to the our laws:

- The flag should be flown daily from sunrise to sunset in good weather. The flag should not displayed on inclement weather days except when a weather flag is also flown.
- The flag may be displayed 24 hours/day if properly illuminated during hours of darkness.
- It should never be allowed to touch anything beneath it nor should it be carried flat or horizontally – always aloft and free,
- Worn or soiled flags no longer suitable for display should be destroyed in a dignified manner. If you are not certain how to dispose of the flag, please bring it to our community center and I shall arrange for proper disposal.

**NO DISRESPECT OF ANY KIND SHOULD BE SHOWN TO OUR FLAG.**

Enjoy the coming summer months!

### Women of the Woods

Women of The Woods will take their traditional summer break during June and July, with meetings to resume in August. Our end of the year dinner, held at Twisted Sisters was well attended and reports indicate that all had a good time that evening! Thanks, ladies for all you do for The Woods and our charitable organizations outside The Woods.

## Community Notes

## Tennis Information

Tennis is a sport that you can play for life; its great fun with friends, in leagues and easy to do on vacations. Husband and wife, Dad and kids, tennis is truly for everyone; inexpensive and a great thing for kids to do during the summer. So come on and support the tennis program and get some exercise. Here is what is going on this summer, for more info call Mike at 703-8458.

### Tuesdays June 5th—July 28th

*USTA Jrs.*, Group 1, 5:00—5:50, \$70.00

*Semi-private or Ladies League Doubles,*

6:00-6:45, 6:50- 7:35, 7:40 - 8:25 and

8:30 - 9:15, \$75.00 per person (4)

### Wednesdays June 6th—July 28th

*USTA Jrs.*, Group 2, 5:00—5:50, \$70.00

*Semi-Private or Ladies League Doubles,*

6:00 - 6:45, 6:50 - 7:35, \$75.00 per person (4)

7:40 - 8:30 or *Private Lesson or LLD*

### Thursdays June 7th—July 28th

*USTA Jrs.*, Group 3, 5:00 - 5:50, \$70.00

*Semi-private or Ladies Leagues Doubles*

6:00 - 6:45, 6:50 - 7:35, \$75.00 per person (4)

7:45 - 8:45, *Ladies Beginners/Intermediate*  
\$70.00 per person

*Groups—1 (kids 9-11), Group 2 (kids 12-14), and Group 3 (15 and up)*

## Annual 4th of July Party!!!!

**Mark your calendars for the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> picnic at the Community Center!**

**All residents are invited to celebrate on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 – 2:00PM. Volunteers will be grilling delicious hamburgers and hot dogs and providing soft drinks and chips as well.**

**Enjoy the water slide (bring your swimsuits & towels) and who doesn't want a snowcone????!**

**We'll have something for everyone! Come, celebrate our nation's independence with your friends and neighbors! See you on the 4<sup>th</sup>!**

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## SHADCO

Some of you may have noticed that the Sheriff's deputies came "town" during the first 2 weeks of May. Speeders and stop sign runners were not very happy. Now that school is out, little ones will be all over our streets – please drive responsibly. And, by the way, the deputies will soon return!!

April statistics from SHADCO report no major crime here in The Woods. However, the surrounding community is experiencing high incidents of auto theft and auto burglary as well as home burglaries. One vehicle was stolen from the Publix shopping centers and in the min mall areas across Atlantic Blvd. Be especially careful in any parking lot west of St. John's Bluff including the Regency Square. Yes, I know that the sheriff's office has a location there –just ask them whether they lock their cars!!!!

I have been asked to pass along tips for the summer months:

There are two things perps do not like: light and sound! Remember to keep your home and yard well lit!

Sago palms, flowering pears, hedges, etc should NOT block your front door. If you can't see your door driving up from any angle, those trees & shrubs need to be pruned!

Invest in lights over your garage door, preferable motion detection lights. Most will take a fluorescent light so you can still be "green" and safe.

Going away on vacation? Two timers work better than one. Set one timer to go on an hour after sundown and stay on all evening. Set the second one to go on at 5:00 AM.

Remember, no timer, alarm, or locks work as well as an alert neighbor!

Newspapers and mail should not be left out in the open. Ask a neighbor to collect these or tell the Times-Union to hold the paper delivery as well as the USPS.

If leaving your home for more than 24 hours, The Jacksonville Sheriff Office in this sector will ride out and check your home – simply call 726-5100 or 630-0500 for this service. Stay safe this summer!!!!

## GOOD NEWS ABOUT OUR NEIGHBORS

Mike and Tanya Koon are the proud parents of Jake Slocum! Jake weighed in at 8 lbs, 11 oz. and was 22 inches long!!! Maybe Jake is destined for a major league sports career!

This note from Bill Morrison – John Perry, my next-door neighbor may be a bit shy about his good neighbor acts! John, a nice British gent helped us immensely when we experienced a pipe break in one of our walls. Without fanfare, he helped us shut off the main valve, cut a hole in our drywall, reattached and fixed the pvc pipe, and let us borrow his industrial-strength wet vac. Without John, our situation would have been much worse. Thanks for being such a good neighbor John!! Our heartfelt appreciation!

Note from a neighbor: I would like to thank the gentleman who stopped and picked up my husband when he fell taking a walk recently and brought him home. My husband has Parkinson's and had almost made it home but gave out just before he made it. Thanks again to the good neighbor whose name we do not know.

### Let's Go Fishing!!

Sometime before the end of June most of our retention ponds will be restocked with small, grass-eating fish. These fish are NOT game fish nor are they good eating. Their purpose is to assist in removing the algae and grass that grows in our ponds. PLEASE, if you go fishing and catch any of these, please release them so they can do their job. We remind you that once a month we treat the ponds with chemicals to kill the grasses and the fish ingest these chemicals. Be safe – return all fish to the ponds once caught.

### Garden Clippings

Yes, it's bad out there!!! Here in The Woods we are at least 8 inches below normal rainfall levels and I know you feel as though your yards/lawns are suffering. Please remember that your grass WILL bounce back once rainfalls resume. It may look bad now but grass does come back! Have a little faith and remember that we are under the guidelines of the St. John's Water district and you should only water 2 days per week. AND ONLY BEFORE 10:00 AM AND AFTER 4:00 PM!! Watering during the day really does very little for your lawn. Set your automatic timers accordingly. Any flowers or shrubs you plant now will require a great deal of attention and watering – you may wish to wait until this drought comes to an end.

But don't our crape myrtles and ligustrum trees look just gorgeous!!! Nice to see that Mother Nature gives us all something beautiful to look at even during the worst drought in 10 years!

Remember – you can always call the Extension office - 387-8850 – with questions you may have.

# FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

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

**Operating Fund:** Our community stayed within the overall operating budget in the first four months of 2007 with a surplus of \$46,563. 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 \$274,954 is 56 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	354,942	353,439	1,503
Expenses	(308,379)	(357,480)	49,101
Surplus (Deficit)	46,563	(4,041)	50,604
<b>RESERVE FUND</b>			
Reserve Fund Balance	274,954		
Reserve Study Recommended Balance for Dec 31, 2007	491,159		
Surplus (Deficit)	(216,205)		
Reserve Fund - Percent Funded	56%		

## 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.

### Need help around the house?

Odd jobs, household chores, inside and outside. Call Adam at 223-4845.

### 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

### For Sale

Stand up 7 ft in ground pool slide, Antique 115-year-old ≤ back Piano, sounds good; a piece of art. Must see and hear. Nintendo 64, four controllers, and games. Web TV console, remote, keyboard: rarely used Call 220-7349

### Dog Sitting

Are you going out of town and need someone to pet sit or house site (pick up mail/water plants)? Call Samantha at 220-8897.

### CRUISE ALASKA!!!!

Take sail aboard the Radiance of the Seas. Depart June 27,2008.

Your choice of 11-night cruise/tour or 7-night cruise only.

For details and pricing, please call John -994-4692. Reservations must be made by July 1<sup>st</sup> to hold space.