



# The WOODSETTE

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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*

The Sandalwood canal and Hodges Road lane expansion are scheduled to start late July 2007 an expected to take at least 18 months. Upon completion the Hodges road will be four lanes. Jacksonville City Engineers tell us that we should only experience minimal disruptions at the Hodges gate. **So -**

It is encouraged that all residents update their windshield decals, the new decal month/year decals are red in color, so that you can access both entry lanes. If you do not have a "Woods" windshield decal they are available at the Woods Office during normal business hours. The Hodges project will start in a month or so and there will be times when the Atlantic Gate is the only gate accessible. There is no cost for the first two windshield decals for homeowners. Additional decals for residents and frequent visitors are \$5.00 each

Hodges Gate was hit by lightening, which affected our gate system. It burned out the master controller card and telephone system. Regret the inconveniences it caused.

Our lawns are looking a lot better thanks to the late spring rainfall. We ask that our residents continue to keep up the lawns. Unfortunately the rain may cause one to mow the grass a little more often, but on the other hand we do not have to pay JEA to water our grass and flowers.

Unfortunately vandals damaged our gate three times at the Community Center this past month. Repairing the damage and adding security takes funds away from care for our neighborhood. If anyone has information please contact our management company or Dewey Marshall 221-6282. All information will be held in the strictest confidence.

Our Streets and Drains Committee has identified a contractor to make the necessary repairs to our East and West bridges at a significantly lower cost than initially thought. The bridge work will commence shortly following the City's Sandalwood Canal project.

We thank our Recreation Committee for the wonderful Independence Day Picnic. The Women of the Woods is coordinating a Margarita night in September.

Our Next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 31, 2007 at 7:00 PM in our community center. Come on out and support your community!

Have a Safe and Happy Summer season.....

### July 4<sup>th</sup> Party

The July 4<sup>th</sup> Party was a huge success. A special thanks to Publix for providing all the food and drinks. Not only did they provide the food, but they spent countless hours in the July heat cooking every last ounce of food. We managed to eat over 400 burgers and 400 hot dogs. This event could not have taken place without the help of many of our community members including Dewey Marshall, Rich Burna, Mary Boggs, Beth Pabst, Heather Park, Christy Mull and the entire Szerba family.

## Community Notes

# WOODS DIRECTORY ART CONTEST

The Women of The Woods is sponsoring an art contest for all resident kids and young adults ages 3-18 to design the front cover for the 2007-2008 Woods Resident Directory!

The rules are quite simple:

**Dimensions: 4.5" x 7.5"**

**Color: Black & White ONLY!** (if you submit a drawing in color, the final product will be converted to a black & white drawing). This must be vertical design.

**Theme: Nature or woods concept**

**Deadline: August 1, 2007**

The designs will be reviewed and the WOW officers will determine the winning design. The prize – winning design will be printed on the front cover of the upcoming Woods Directory AND a \$25.00 gift certificate. All entries **MUST** be submitted by August 1<sup>st</sup> to The Woods office during normal office hours. Please make certain that the entries include the artist's name, address, and phone number so we may contact the winner!

**NOTE: please do NOT fold the drawing! Each artist may submit up to five (5) entries.**

*Please remember that the new directory will automatically include all residents names, addresses, and phone number on file so that we may have a complete directory PLEASE SUBMIT THE FORM BELOW IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO HAVE YOUR INFORMATION PUBLISHED.*

*Deadline = August 1, 2007*

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

## Pool Party Rules

With the summer in full swing, we have been having some trouble with pool parties up at the community pool. If you are planning a pool party this summer, please be aware of the following rules:

1. A party is defined as having 5 or more guests.
2. All parties **MUST** be arranged through the Woods office at least one week in advance.
3. You will be responsible for paying for an extra lifeguard during party hours. The cost is \$20 / hour with a 3 hour minimum.

## ARC Updates

ARC: Attention residents – as you complete your home improvement projects, please be sure to return your “ARC Approval” sign to The Woods office.

Reminder, ARC approval forms are available on [www.woodscommunity.com](http://www.woodscommunity.com) or in the office. Be sure to submit your form with copies of surveys, paint samples, etc. and we will do our best to ensure a quick turnaround time.

## Garden Clippings

So, July is here and you're wondering what your yard and garden hints are: you can plant eggplant, okra, peppers and watermelon now. Annuals include celosia, coleus, impatiens (shadey areas), kalanchoe, salvia, and periwinkle.

You should also be on the lookout for cinch bug damage to your St. Augustine lawns. Right now the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is in full bloom! For additional ideas on plants for dry areas, check out the Savannah blooms pocket garden at the Zoo (near the giraffe exhibit). All these plants are from Africa or arid climates and can give you excellent ideas for areas in your yard that the sprinklers don't quite reach or for the extra sunny areas. The River of Colors (main walkway of the Zoo) are alive with beautiful ground covers and excellent shrubs for our area. Check it out soon!

# FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

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

**Operating Fund:** Our community stayed within the overall operating budget in the first five months of 2007 with a surplus of \$55,275. Several large operating expenditures are expected as we get further into 2007. These expenditures should reduce the surplus accumulated in the first half of the year.

**Reserve Fund:** Our Reserve Fund balance of \$285,858 is 58 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	443,298	441,798	1,500
Expenses	(388,023)	(444,944)	56,920
Surplus (Deficit)	55,275	(3,146)	58,420
<b>RESERVE FUND</b>			
Reserve Fund Balance	285,858		
Reserve Study Recommended Balance for Dec 31, 2007	491,159		
Surplus (Deficit)	(205,301)		
Reserve Fund - Percent Funded	58%		

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### Tree Work and Concrete Work

Tree work, Paver installation for driveways, walkways, and patios. Concrete repair and replacement. Please call for estimates. Licensed and insured – Jim at 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.

### House Cleaning

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

### Pet Sitting

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

### Babysitting

Do you need a babysitter/Mom's Helper? I'm a certified Babysitter in first aid and CPR. Call Megan at 680-7300. References available upon request.

### For Sale

Beautiful, custom full length (+ extra for pooling) window treatments; colors are alternating horizontal stripes of pale gold, cream, and sage; 4 panels, previously hung on wall, covering windows/wall – 96" height X 142" width. Contact Kate Schwartz 220-0172