



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

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A WORD FROM THE BOARD

On Monday, July 30th, several of your Board, committee persons and homeowners attended the Hodges Road widening and Sandalwood Canal project meeting. The contractor has been identified and construction is scheduled to begin August 13th. Both projects will begin concurrently with the Canal taking 180 days and the road widening a total of 750 days (canal days are included in that 750 days). Once completed, Hodges will be four lanes with a 27-ft grass median, bike trails, sidewalks and streetlights. A new traffic light will be installed at Bentwater/Providence School eventually. Also, a new 3,00 home project is slated for the Patton Park area and the developer has requested a streetlight there as well. No dates on that project start/completion. Councilman Richard Clark has assured us that the Atlantic Gate light will be adjusted in our favor to allow for additional traffic at that gate.

That all being said, we strongly encourage all residents to update their windshield decals (in addition to the bar codes) so that you may enter in either lane at Atlantic and possibly speed up your drive time to home. The decals are free for the first 2 and are available during normal business hours at the Woods office.

Our ponds are truly suffering from algae and we have contracted for extra spraying this month by Lakeside Aquatic Weed Control. Do your part by NOT dumping grass clippings in any pond and do NOT spray lawn chemicals within 7 feet of the ponds. You can help us to control this!!!

Unfortunately, vandalism remains high!! Giddens and JSO are making extra patrols here – we will catch these vandals eventually. If you have any info about these kids, please contact The Woods management or Dewey Marshall at 221-6282. This destruction is costing us extra money and we do not wish to pass these costs onto residents in the form of increased dues – please report any info!!!

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August – we hope to see you there! Please have a safe and happy summer...

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Town Hall Meeting on August 13th at Alimancani School regarding proposed budget cuts and how they impact us.

NEW WEBSITE www.woodscommunity.com

Community Notes

WOMEN OF THE WOODS

It's that time again!!! Now that the summer hiatus is over, WOW is ready to provide you with another year of spectacular get-togethers and fun for all participants. The coming year is still in the planning stages but we'll definitely bring back all your favorites such as: Kuhn's floral demo, wine tasting (always a big hit!), cooking demos, and Master Gardeners landscape design/trouble shooting, dance lessons, and more!! Every month is a different event, as most of you know but this year even more exciting events are planned for members. New members are always welcome and dues are a mere \$10.00. Where else can you have so much fun for only \$10.00??!!

Mark your calendars ladies for our first meeting of the 2007-2008 year: Monday, August 20th. Naturally, refreshments and libations are free.

Looking forward to seeing all our friends!

Lori Abramson, President; Jan Miller, Vice President; Sue Rubio, Treasurer; Teri Causer, Secretary

GOOD NEWS ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORS!!!

- Shannon Senna reports that she is a new grandmother! Jocelyn Brooke Senna weighed in at 7lbs, 3 oz on July 17th is both Mom and baby are doing very well. Congrats to the whole family!
- Mary Boggs is home recuperating after surgery and is doing VERY well. We all wish her a speedy recovery – we need you back to help manage our community, Mary!!!
- Lea Montgomery is finally back home after knee replacement surgery. Lea, we know that Bill will take good care of you and we wish you a speedy recovery, too!

IT'S JIMMY BUFFET TIME!!!! It's time for the Woods annual Margarita Party!!! Scheduled for Friday, September 7th, we can promise even more fun than previous years! Lots of exciting food to sample as well as south of the border libations. Music for all to dance (or observe those dancing). More details will follow in a flyer closer to the date but mark your calendars now for this annual event! Sponsored by The Woods Board and hosted by W.O.W.

OUR PONDS

The association is well aware of the status of our ponds and we are doing all we can to clean them. The cause of the algae problem is the loss of oxygen in the water which is caused by several things: a) pond depth, b) high air and water temperature, (c) too many pesticides in the water, and (d) grass clippings being thrown in the drains.

How can we all help???

1. Stop allowing grass clippings to enter the storm drains (bag the clippings; do not blow them into the street).
2. Ask your lawn service to fertilize no closer than 6 feet from the waters edge.
3. Use a lawn green product which shows less than 15% or less nitrogen on the package (this is the first number in the 15-0-10).
4. Water your lawn only twice per week in the early morning.
5. Be a good neighbor and remove the floating algae and dead fish (if any) from the pond near your home and dispose of it on recycling day. If all home owners and renters follow these few simple measures our ponds should get better over a period of time.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!!!

Jim Blache, Chairperson Streets and Drains

Rules, Safety and Security

During the months of June, and July JSO Traffic Enforcement has been quite busy in the Woods Community.

June 28, 2007: 9 citations for speeding, 1 citation for running a stop sign. Earlier in the month, JSO wrote a number of citations which I could not get statistics for. Yes the numbers would have been higher.

July 3, 2007: 2 citations for speeding, 2 citations for failure to use seat belts, 1 citation for driving while suspended, 1 arrest for individual with 13 warrants (the trick is to not get pulled over!)

The community is experiencing a few teenagers that think it's fun to egg homes and the club house, vandalize the pool area fences, and key automobiles parked in driveways (taking a sharp pointed object and running down the side of a vehicle). There have been complaints of teens running motor scooters and other unauthorized motor vehicles in the community at 4:30 in the morning. It's hard to believe but some parents think it's OK for their child to be out that late or early in the morning. There is a curfew law and it also extends into this community. We know who some of these teens are, and we will learn the identity of the rest.

On a lighter note, those of us who have water front property (retention ponds) have an area of responsibility that runs all the way down to the water's edge. Lawns are looking much better, and the weed problem is being checked on most lawns. Let's continue to hope for rain as irrigation systems aren't as effective as rain water for the grass and shrubs.

Juan Moreno Jr.

Chairman Rules, Safety, and Security

Community Notes

Don't all the new trees, planted by Buddy & Tommy, courtesy of our C-Pak grant last fall, look great?? The crape myrtles near the community center are in full bloom and the other trees look quite nice as well. Those of you who have lived here for a while will note that, over the years, the C-Pak grant trees have enabled us to help make The Woods a more beautiful place in which to live. The shrubs and crape myrtles planted at the Atlantic Gate are now finally taking shape, too. In another year or two, we expect that the Atlantic gate entrance will really fill out nicely.

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

This month is a good time to pay attention to your lawns. The recent rainfall can be both a blessing and a curse as well. The good news is your sprinklers have had a nice rest (and your JEA water bill!) but you may start to see some damage from sod webworm, army worms, cinch bugs and mole crickets. Keep an eye for spotty lawn damage and fix the problem early before it spreads. You can start planting fall vegetables this month including beans, pumpkin, squash, cucumbers, and peppers. Very few annuals will do well now – we suggest you wait until September for annual plantings.

Is your yard looking better than ever – and you have extra time on your hands??? Then take the time to head out to the Zoo and Botanical Gardens. The River of Color and the pocket gardens out there are resplendent in color right now!! We suggest you go early in the morning to enjoy all the botanical wonders the Zoo has to offer.

Master Gardener hotline = 387-8850

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

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

Operating Fund: Our community stayed within the overall operating budget in the first six months of 2007 with a surplus of \$66,001. Several large operating expenditures are expected in the second half of 2007 that should reduce the surplus.

Reserve Fund: A special transfer of \$77,037 was made in June from the Operating Fund to the Reserve Fund. This was in addition to the regular monthly transfer of \$12,193. The \$77,037 is the prior year's Operating Fund surplus. The transfer was not made until June to allow our Operating Fund to accumulate funds in 2007.

Our Reserve Fund balance of \$375,986 is 77 percent of the recommended 2007 year-end balance of \$491,159. However, it appears a significant expenditure from the Reserve Fund will be required in the fourth quarter of 2007 to repair erosion damage to the area around our community bridges. The cost of the bridge erosion repair work is expected to be \$77,250, thereby offsetting the gain from the special June transfer.

We look forward to providing you future updates.

Dave Czerw, Finance Committee Chairman

OPERATING FUND	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Revenues	531,711	530,158	1,553
Expenses	(465,710)	(532,408)	66,698
Surplus (Deficit)	66,001	(2,250)	68,251
RESERVE FUND			
Reserve Fund Balance	375,986		
Reserve Study Recommended Balance for Dec 31, 2007	491,159		
Surplus (Deficit)	(115,173)		
Reserve Fund - Percent Funded	77%		

CLASSIFIED ADS

Tree Work , Paver, and Concrete Installation

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.

Alterations and Draperies

Woods resident will help you with your personal alterations and draperies. Please call Aida Broci at 220-5728.

Pet Sitting

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

Sales on eBay

Need extra cash?? Have items you want sold on eBay? Call Adam at 223-4845.

Landscape Design and Consultation

Does your landscape need a face lift or garden intervention? I am a recently transplanted resident who specializes in ornamental horticulture and design. Looking to help you make the most of your landscape. Call Louise Johnson for appt: 253-3240.