



The WOODSETTE

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The Woods Community Newsletter

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YOUR RESOURCES

OFFICE HOURS

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| 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

Help us help you!

School is in session and our children are once again at the bus stops and may not be paying attention to the traffic. Please slow down and obey stop signs. We do not want to see a single child injured.

The pool gate lock is working. It is the law that our pool be secure at all times - that means that the gate cannot be propped open. We would not want to see any child wander into the pool and possibly drown because the pool gate was left open.

An average of two hours per day is spent cleaning up the trash along our roadways. It's hard to believe that our residents elect to throw bottles, cans and fast food wrappers along our roadways. This reflects poorly on us and what our visitors and future homeowners think of our subdivision.

What happen to "Welcome Home" at the Hodges gate? If anyone knows where it may be please let our management company know. This is theft and no different from vandalism when our street signs are removed and damaged. It takes our money to correct and yet we all complain when our dues are increased. I ask all of you to help us help you!!

Ponds are a concern the past few months. We have authorized extra treatment for our ponds. We must remember that our ponds are here for ecology not just our enjoyment. They are to hold the containments from our roads, roofs, and yards. Once the ponds are dug Mother Nature tries her best to restore back to nature a swamp. We want to keep as pristine water to enjoy and this is a very delicate balance. Our ponds are living bodies. Here are some tips to help keep our ponds clean; do not dump your yard waste, fertilize within 7 feet from the waters edge or plant flowers or grass in the ponds. Also, don't discard animal droppings or grass clippings in our street drains. All debris from the street drains goes directly to our ponds. We have pulled out automobile parts, lawn mowers and TVs from our ponds. We ask your help in cleaning up the grass and trash floating on the ponds by placing these items in bags and then setting out for trash pick up.

In my field trips through our subdivision, I noticed a lot of lawns turning brown. Beyond popular belief, it is less expensive to water one's lawn then to have to replace it.

I normally make it a habit when I come into our subdivision a night to drive around our neighborhood. It concerns me the amount of garage doors which are left open late into the night and all night long. Needless to say you are inviting a criminal opportunity. Please close your garage doors and keep your family safe!

Bonnie Burna tried to establish a self help clean up for our neighborhood last year and we could not get enough volunteers to even begin the self help project. On two different occasions we tried to establish a Neighbor Hood Watch program again we could not get enough volunteers.

If you care for your neighborhood and are concerned about your neighborhood, please help us help you!

NEW WEBSITE www.woodscommunity.com

Community Notes

IT'S OPEN SEASON ON TENNIS

The Woods' Working Women's Tennis League (B and C - Teams) have just kicked off another year. Both Captains are looking forward to a successful year and have employed a "take it in the Woods" attitude. Matches are held on Saturdays (about 2 per month) and the season extends into Spring 08. "It sounds like a long season but it really is fun and ends before you know it," says Coach Mike. "We have more fun each time out and this year we're looking forward to winning seasons on with both teams. We are always looking for players and I know they're out there." Coach Mike is also starting a new Beginners Ladies Class starting mid September. Call Coach Mike for info on teams and the new Beginners Ladies Tennis Clinics, get fit and play tennis, stay fit for life. Tell your friends and come out and play. Call Coach Mike at 703-8458.

SHAKE YOUR SOMBRERO!

It's that time again – time for the annual Woods Margarita Party!! Friday, September 7th should be marked on your calendar for food, dancing, and margaritas at the Clubhouse. The Women of the Woods, in conjunction with the Board of Directors, will sponsor this favorite event again. Plenty of ice-cold refreshments for a hot summer evening and lots of south of the border delicacies for your taste buds at this adults-only evening.

7:00 PM – 9:00PM at The Woods Clubhouse

OUR PONDS

Our thanks to the many people who have showed concern of our retention ponds. While we still have a way to go headway has been made in getting them cleaned up thanks to Lakeside Aquatics who has gotten the chemical mixture right and many of our neighbors have been helping to remove the algae and grasses which has accumulated near the shorelines. Lakeside should be back in the next couple of weeks to test the ponds and treat as necessary. Some have asked the costs of installing fountains and we have found some that might fit the bill. It would be a long drawn out explanation to do that here so we ask all who are interested to attend our next Streets and Drains meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 19 at 7PM.

Jim Blache, Chairperson Streets and Drains

WOMEN OF THE WOODS SEPTEMBER EXPERIENCE!!

The September meeting will feature wine tasting, compliments of ABC Liquors. This was a true favorite last year and you won't be disappointed this year for sure! Regular meeting will be held first, then we'll clear the decks and make way for tasting samples of chardonnays, pinot noirs, pinot grigios, blancs, and the like. Your servers will be the ever-popular WOW officers again, making certain that no taste buds go unserved. New members are, of course, most welcome. Please join us at 7:00Pm, Monday, September 17th!

ANNUAL FALL YARD SALE IS ALMOST HERE!!!!

Sell your stuff and make a few bucks at this fall Woods event. Please see related article and registration form in this issue. Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 6th!

FLY THE FLAG ON SEPTEMBER 11th

On Tuesday, September 11th, an American Flag should be displayed outside every home, apartment, store and office in the United States. Every individual should make it their duty to display an American flag on this anniversary of our country's worst tragedy. We do this to honor those who lost their lives on 9/11, their families, friends and loved ones who continue to endure the pain, and those who today are fighting at home and abroad to preserve our cherished freedoms.

Thank you in advance for showing your patriotism.

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

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

Operating Fund: Our community stayed within the overall operating budget in the first seven months of 2007 with a surplus of \$78,339. Several large operating expenditures are expected in the second half of 2007 that should reduce the surplus.

Reserve Fund: Our Reserve Fund balance of \$389,653 is 79 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.

We look forward to providing you future updates.

Dave Czerw, Finance Committee Chairperson

| OPERATING FUND | ACTUAL | BUDGET | VARIANCE |
|--|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Revenues | 624,712 | 618,518 | 6,194 |
| Expenses | (546,373) | (619,872) | 73,499 |
| Surplus (Deficit) | 78,339 | (1,354) | 79,693 |
| RESERVE FUND | | | |
| Reserve Fund Balance | 389,653 | | |
| Reserve Study Recommended Balance for Dec 31, 2007 | 491,159 | | |
| Surplus (Deficit) | (101,506) | | |
| Reserve Fund - Percent Funded | 79% | | |

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.

FOR SALE

Wood Cabinets—good condition. Excellent for refinishing project. Individual pieces or all. Make offer. Call Tony at 553-2859.

Alterations and Draperies

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

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.

Creative Pre-teens and Teens

Looking for craft ideas? Got to www.creativesplat.tk, a new site built just for you by Christy Mull. Great for finding ideas, products, and sharing with other kids. Access the site and browse now.

FOR SALE

Pottery Barn Henley Rug—lichen green/toned-on-tone, sheared wool pile, 5'x8', \$100.

Used once—Pawley's Island Hammock—fabric and pillow plus stand—VERY RELAXING!! \$115. Call Kate at 923-7888.

FOR SALE

18 ft. 1993 Proline Center Console, 115 HP Mercury OB, Magic Tilt Trailer, Full Electronics Package. Asking \$6200 OBO. Call Bob at 220-5342.