



The WOODSETTE

October 2007

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.woodscommunity.com
 thewoodscommunit@bellsouth.net

A WORD FROM THE BOARD

Message from Your Board of Directors

A hearty “well done!!” to the Women of The Woods for another successful margarita party. This as by far the largest crowd I have ever witnessed for this particular event (and largest amount of libations consumed, too!) I saw a lot of new, young faces there, which is very encouraging. In several casual conversations, they asked what they might do to help in the community. And my response was “join a committee and help us make life here even better!”

We continue to move forward with our C & R review. We have contacted an attorney who specializes in such reviews and, hopefully, we will be able to send the documents to our homeowners to review in the very near future.

I would encourage our homeowners to support the yard sale – and help yourself, too! What an excellent time to clean out garages and make a few dollars and maybe even be able to park your car in the garage again! I can’t help but notice that a lot of garages are stuffed to the rafters! As the saying goes -- only in America does one see a \$30,000 vehicle parked in the driveway and the garage is filled with \$3,000 of use-less junk!

You can’t help but notice that the Hodges road-widening project has begun. Councilman Richard Clark stated on several occasions that the Atlantic gate light would be adjusted to support the extra traffic (and we are already seeing increased traffic there). I contacted Councilman Clark a few weeks back and he stated that he would check on it. To date – no change has been noted. I encourage each and every one of you to contact Councilman Clark at RClark@coj.net to express your concern.

The Rules, Safety, and Security Committee has worked untold hours reviewing security firms. It’s interesting to note that our current biggest concern is NOT something the Board can fix – only you as homeowners can! Please request a frequent guest decal for your visitors or at least call one hour in advance of your guest’s arrival. Valuable time is lost at both gates because the guards are required to call for permission. Please help us to help you!

Stay safe and enjoy our beautiful community!

NEW WEBSITE www.woodscommunity.com

WOMEN OF THE WOODS SEPTEMBER EXPERIENCE!!

The September wine tasting meeting – what has now turned into an annual event – was extremely well attended and most of the members took copious notes! Thanks to ABC Fine Wine & Spirits for their expertise and time. Ladies – the October meeting will feature a cooking demo by Williams Sonoma. We shall eat the samples of course!!! That promises to be yet another wonderful time. Remember, you need to pay your \$10.00 dues by the November meeting in order to be eligible to win one of the Kuhn's floral arrangements at the November meeting.

Since August, new members have joined and we would like to welcome them in The Woodsette at this time.

Welcome new WOWies: Kay Galluzzo, Tina Higdon, Kate Schwartz, Marie Pfeil, Marilyn Newman, Cindy Cookro, and Beth Dryden.

Of course, we're always glad to see returning members, too!

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

OCTOBER YARD SALE

The fall yard sale will be held on Saturday, October 6th from 8:00 – 1:00pm. As usual, we expect the gates to let bargain hunters in early so sellers – get ready!! The WOW will place advertisement in the Times-Union and have sale signs out by the roads. If you did NOT turn your yard sale form in by the deadline, go ahead and have your sale anyway. There will be several WOW members around the neighborhoods collecting the \$5.00 fee from you in person. Remember, your \$5.00 “fee” helps to pay for the advertising and extra guards during the sale. Salvation Army will be at the clubhouse for unsold items and around the neighborhood after 1:00 to accept your donations. Thanks to Bonnie Burna for chairing this event again!

HODGES ROAD WIDENING PROJECT

Questions about Road Widening?? Contact the following:

**Our Councilman - Richard Clark,
RClark@coj.net, 630-1386**

Anita Warming, Public Involvement, 596-1387

We strongly suggest that you contact the above individuals WHENEVER you have a question or complaint about the Hodges project!!!!

ATLANTIC GATE UPGRADE!

By the middle of October, the Atlantic Gate should have a beautiful horticultural face-lift. Right now we'd like to thank Dewey and Farah Marshall for their wonderful donation of ornamental peppers and Gordon Scott for planting these. With the horticultural additions, new annuals will be replaced twice a year.

Community Notes

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING BASKETS DUE BY NOVEMBER 9TH!!!!

Please see the insert in this issue for the food items we'll be collecting for the outplaced Hubbard House families. For many of these families, this will be the first time they will celebrate without the fear of violence. Please help make even more baskets this year with your contribution of any one of the items listed. Drop off the items at the Woods office during normal hours or either guard-house will gladly take your donated items as you drive through. This could not be easier for you to give!!! You can also call any WOW officer for a pick-up.

MARGARITA PARTY WAS ANOTHER BIG HIT!!!!

The Margarita Party was held on Friday, September 7th and was, by far, the best ever!! We estimated that over 200 people attended to dance, imbibe, and meet old and new friends! Many thanks to the Board for making this financially possible and to the WOW and Cyndi Radetski (Chairperson) for their organization of this event. And special thanks to: Russ and Janet Girolamo (supplies & decorations), Dewey Marshall (manning the drink machines and ornamental pepper decorations), Teri Causer, Joann Louis, JoAnn Orlando, Lori Abramson, Sue Gilmore, Shannon Senna, and Sandee Connelly (for set-up and clean-up), Roxana Zouain (floral arrangements), Shannon Senna (decorations and umbrellas), and extra thanks for ladies who made spectacular appetizers (Sandee, Teri, Lori) and all the others who helped make the evening such a big hit. I apologize if I inadvertently left your name off this list. So many people helped to contribute to this annual event! It takes a great deal of effort to make this possible and the WOW really came through AGAIN to make this all happen!

GOOD NEWS ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORS!!

Unfortunately, we have not heard about any good news lately!! And we know there's plenty to tell!! If you have a good news story about your family or even a neighbor who might be too shy to tell their own story, please submit your story to either Jan Miller at jroelker@bellsouth.net or to Caryn at the community center/office. We all love to hear good news!!!!

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Well, we got our much-needed rain during the week of September 17th!! That gave all our sprinklers a break (and our JEA bills!). Now is the time to start your fall planting and get rid of the lingering summer plants such as marigolds and zinnias. What to plant for the winter?? Pansies, snapdragons, petunias, and mums of course. These come in such an array of colors – your yards could be a virtual rainbow of colors this fall! Your lantana should stay bright and healthy through the first frost. Got questions? Now that the Extension office has survived additional budget cuts, please feel free to call the Extension office Monday thru Friday, 9:00 – 3:30 at 387-8850.

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Finance Committee Update

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

Operating Fund: Our community stayed within the overall operating budget in the first eight months of 2007 with a surplus of \$66,659. Several large operating expenditures are expected in the second half of 2007 that should reduce the surplus.

Reserve Fund: Our Reserve Fund balance of \$403,344 is 82 percent of the recommended 2007 year-end balance of \$491,159. A significant expenditure from the Reserve Fund expected in the fourth quarter of 2007 to repair erosion damage to the area around our community bridges has been delayed until 2008. 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	713,398	706,877	6,521
Expenses	((646,739))	((710,460))	63,721
Surplus (Deficit)	66,659	((3,583))	70,242
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Balance	403,344		
Reserve Study Recommended Balance for Dec 31, 2007	491,159		
Surplus (Deficit)	((87,815))		
Reserve Fund - Percent Funded	82%		

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.

Concrete, Pavers and Fence

Concrete removal and repair—decorative concrete and pavers for pool decks, sidewalks or patios. PVC, Aluminum and Wood fence.

Call Bill at 997-1112

For Sale:

Treadmill \$95. Abflex and Flexstep exercise equipment. Make offer.

Call 221-8061.

2008 Entertainment books \$20. Proceeds to benefit local education and scholarships. Call 221-8061.