



# 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

The much-needed rain over the past few weeks have given our sprinklers and JEA bill a break! Our lawns are looking better but we all need to look above the lawns to our roofs – the rain has also caused mildew. Please check your roof and, if necessary, get it cleaned! In discussions with City Streets and Drains representatives, I discovered that all the precipitation equaled a 100-year rain! Our drains and waterways are designed to handle a 25-year rain! So you can begin to imagine was damage this may have caused to your roofs and our infrastructure.

There are 3 board positions open for this year’s vote (November 13<sup>th</sup>). This is extremely important so please consider the candidates and submit your vote or proxy. Since your annual packets were mailed, several more residents have stepped forward for your consideration (please see related article). Write-in candidates are accepted for voting! We need at least 33% of our eligible homeowners to vote or submit a proxy. If we do not reach this percentage, the new board will be delayed.

Thanks to Buddy & Tommy for painting stop bars at all stop signs. In addition to being a law, this is a safety issue for our community. And thanks to Jan Miller for the new landscaping touches at the Atlantic Gate.

The Board has worked extremely hard this past year AND kept our expenses under budget! I would like to thank our outgoing board members: Gail Wilson, Beth Pabst, and Mary Boggs (Mary is running again) for all their support and efforts on behalf of our residents. I would also like to thank our committee chairs: Nancy Mull (ARC), Allison Garcia (Recreation), Dave Czerw (Finance), Juan Moreno (Rules & Safety), and Jim Blache (Streets & Drains). With the assistance and hard work of these individuals, The Woods is a better place to live.

We are looking forward to another strong year – a year of even more improvement – here in The Woods.

### ANNUAL MEETING – Tuesday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 PM

By now everyone has received their annual meeting notification packets. This packet contains the proposed budget, voting ballot, proxy, annual meeting agenda, and candidate bios. You will vote for your new board members at this meeting!!! THIS IS IMPORTANT. THESE PEOPLE LEAD THIS COMMUNITY AND WE NEED YOUR VOTES AND PARTICIPATION!!! If you cannot attend, you may vote early or complete a proxy in advance. Please folks, this is your chance to elect your leaders for the next year!!!!!!

**NEW WEBSITE** [www.woodscommunity.com](http://www.woodscommunity.com)

## **MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT – Weds – November 7<sup>th</sup>**

With the annual meeting right around the corner, this is a timely opportunity for you to meet the new board member candidates up close and personal. Sponsored by the WOW, all eligible candidates will be on hand to answer prearranged questions as well as questions from the floor. As of this published date, those running for the open seats are as follows:

Mary Boggs --currently serving a 1-year term on the board

Steve Thomaston -- former board member for 11 years

Bill Perry -- longtime resident and numerous committee person

Allison Garcia -- current head of Recreation committee

Abelardo Catalan -- Woods resident

Chris Holland – former ARC & finance committee member, resident since 1996

PS. Please feel free to drop off your Hubbard House donations at this meeting!

## **WOODS FALL FESTIVAL – COME CELEBRATE!!! NOV. 3<sup>RD</sup>**

You're invited to attend The Woods Fall Festival on Saturday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bring your family and enjoy an old-fashioned fall festival complete with pony rides, inflatables, face painting, cake walk, and carnival games. What a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon – FREE – compliments of the Woods board and organized by the Recreation committee. The festivities begin at 3:00 pm and continue through 6:00pm.

And, as a special event – we'll have a relay race for kids of all ages! Start putting your team together now!!!!

Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. 3:00 – 6:00 PM

## **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR IS COMING -- Nov 9-10<sup>th</sup>!!!**

The 21<sup>st</sup> annual Christmas Bazaar will be held Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. Some of your favorite craftsmen will be back and new ones as well. It's the perfect time to shop early for those special people on your Christmas list and I know a lot of you can't wait to hit the WOW Bake Sale held during the same time. Breads, cakes, pies, cookies, and more are sure to delight your holiday guests and, let's face it; you won't find better prices anywhere else!!! This is also the last chance you'll have to drop off your Hubbard House donations. Large receptacles will be at the Bazaar to collect your thoughtful and much-needed donations.

Christmas Bazaar hours: FRIDAY = NOON – 8:00 PM and SATURDAY 10-4:00 PM

## **W.O.W. – KUHN'S IS BACK!!!!!!**

The November meeting of Women of The Woods will be held on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. All dues-paid members will be eligible to win one of numerous fall arrangements made by the craftsmen of Kuhn Flowers. This has become an annual event and never ceases to make everyone happy. As always, refreshments will be served and all new members are welcome as well! Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

## Community Notes

# GOOD NEWS ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORS!!

Recently a group of Woods residents cruised the warm waters off Nassau – and we just happened to catch a glimpse of them!!! Those cruising reported living a life of luxury for 4 glorious days.

This is the second year for this cruising adventure and Barbara Stanton would like to invite all interested Woods residents to tag along next year when a similar adventure will occur. We'll let you know when details are available.

Left to right: Frank Gray, Shirley Gray, Ann Logsdon, Harley Logsdon, Barbara Stanton, Frank Stanton, Mary Boggs, Connie Keuski.

More Good News: our very own Mario Rubio, husband of Sue Rubio (WOW Treasurer), will be running for District 17 State Representative. Good luck Mario!!!

### HODGES ROAD WIDENING PROJECT

We are already starting to feel the pain of this project. The concrete median has been removed at the Atlantic & Hodges intersection and the sidewalk along Hodges is now torn up. Remember, patience is a virtue and we'll all need some during the next 18-20 months! Questions or complaints: Take to the people who can do something about it!!! Richard Clark RClark@cojnet. Or 630-1386 or Anita Warming, Public Involvement – 596-1387

### GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Whew, it is finally cooling off out there! Now is the absolute best time to get your fall planting done. The ground has cooled, we've had some nice rainfall, and the local nurseries have an array of fall annuals that will really brighten up your yards for the coming months: snapdragons, pansies, violas, dianthus, and petunias will be glorious additions to your landscape.

And a special thanks to Earth Works and Ace Hardware for giving us discounts on the new landscape touches at the Atlantic Gate.

Now is also the time of year to apply a weed & feed product to areas of your lawn that may be overrun with dollar weed. Use this sparingly and be careful not to kill off your St. Augustine.

# FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our community stayed within the overall operating budget in the first nine months of 2007 with an operating surplus of \$75,006. Our Reserve Fund balance is \$416,995 which is 85 percent of the recommended 2007 year-end balance of \$491,159. An expenditure of \$77,250 for bridge erosion repair work has been delayed until 2008 due to construction on Hodges Boulevard.

The Finance Committee is working to assist the Board of Directors in ensuring the Woods is adequately funded for the future.

Dave Czerw

Finance Committee Chairman

## A Look Towards The Future

In 2005 the Woods hired Dreux Isaac & Associates to prepare a reserve study for our community. One of the main purposes of the study was to determine the amount of reserve funds necessary to properly maintain our community in the future.

Below is a list of the study's recommended reserve fund year-end balances for upcoming years. The largest single expenditure, as recommended by the study, is the repaving of our roads in the year 2016 at a projected cost of \$1,303,551.

Year	Recommended Balance in \$
2008.....	613,512
2009.....	769,700
2010.....	886,248
2011.....	1,025,438
2012.....	1,222,037
2013.....	1,360,670
2014.....	1,463,780
2015.....	1,581,109

## 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.

### For Sale

Gator Bowl Classic, FMS Band Advance Ticket Sale \$20.00 each. Jacksonville Municipal Stadium, January 1, 2008 @ 1:00 pm. Call Terry at 226-0562.

### Pet Sitting and Babysitting

Experienced dog and cat sitter. Do you need someone to take care of your special family pets? Do you need a responsible babysitter? Certified Red Cross babysitter and love children. References available.

Then call Samantha at 220-8897.

### For Sale:

Kitchen table (white) with leaf and 4 chairs, \$50. Bookshelves, white (30W x 72H). 2008 Entertainment books \$20. Proceeds to benefit local education and scholarships. Call 221-8061.

### Computer Service/Repairs

Can fix virtually all computer issues. Virus removal, system cleanup, hardware issues, networking and data recovery.

Please call Carlos at 994-7297.