



# The WOODSETTE

December 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

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### A WORD FROM THE BOARD

#### HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE BOARD

The annual meeting was held on November 13, 2007. A result of that meeting, several things have taken place. First there were three positions on the board that needed to be filled: Mary Boggs, Allison Garcia and myself, Steve Thomaston were elected. Both Mary and I will be serving two year terms and Allison will have a one year term. We say goodbye to Gail Wilson and Elizabeth Bagi-Pabst and thank them for a job well done. We will serve along side of Dewey Marshall and Rich Burna for the upcoming year. Based on recommendations from the Finance Committee there will be a 5% increase in homeowner's dues effective January 2008.

With input from all the committees, a number of projects will move forward starting in January. There is a critical need for volunteers to staff these committees and there is no better way to voice your opinion as how this community will improve. Residents need not be experts for the committee they wish to serve on, just have a desire to volunteer a small amount of time to improve things. Please contact the office to sign up or any board member for additional information.

As the holiday season is upon us we all need to be aware that crime goes up during this time. Out shopping or at home, please be aware of your surroundings. Don't forget to take those items out of the car at night and lock your car all the times. Don't become the target of a crime of opportunity. Watch out around your home and your neighbors. Please report any suspicious people or activity to the Sheriff's Department.

Last but not least please be advised that the board will take a very aggressive policy towards association dues delinquencies this upcoming year. Please pay on time.

On behalf of the Board of Directors have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Years.

Steve Thomaston, President

#### HEY, LET'S WATCH OUT FOR EACH OTHER!!!!!!

Recently we've had a rash of vandalism incidents. It's bad enough that during the year people's cars are broken into or damaged. But now we have downright acts of meanness -- Christmas decorations have been dismantled or even destroyed. These outside displays are there for everyone's pleasure and help to create an air of merriment during the holidays. When this destruction occurs, it is not a prank -- it is pure ugliness. Parents -- please talk to your children about respecting other people's property. And let's all try to have a season of peace.

#### Covenants and By Laws Workshop

Wednesday, January 9th at 7:00 pm

This will be an instructional open workshop on how changes will benefit us all. More details to follow in the January Woodsette. But mark your 2008 Calendar now!!

## THANKS FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS!!!!

Thanks to all Woods residents who gave so generously for the Thanksgiving baskets. We collected enough items for six (6) baskets this year and hundreds of overflow items, which Hubbard House will use at the shelter. The employees at Hubbard House were overwhelmed! And a special thanks to Bonnie & Rich Burna who contributed a complete basket!!!

## ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

Once again WOW will be collecting unwrapped **NEW** toys for kids of all ages at the Hubbard House. Toys needed are bikes, coloring books, paint sets, crayons/markers, soft, plush toys, dolls, sports equipment, learning toys and of course, books. And because of the background of these families, no toys that represent violence of any kind please!!!! All toy donations are due to either guardhouse or the office no later than Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. We will also accept wrapping paper and ribbons so that the mothers can wrap the gifts for their children.



## COMMUNITY DECORATIONS ARE UP!!

Thanks to the Women of The Woods for buying new decorations again and the Wowies who put in many hours decorating including Lori Abramson, Joanne Louis, JoAnn Orlando, Roxana Zouain and Jan Miller. Seems like every year we look even better! And thanks to certain residents who have contributed trees and other decorations used to make The Woods a brighter place for the Christmas holidays!

## Community Notes

### W.O.W. Christmas Party

All members are cordially invited to Lori Abramson's house for the annual Christmas party on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to bring an unwrapped child's gift with you for the Hubbard House kids. All those bringing a gift will have their names entered into a drawing for dinner for 2 at Maria's.



### GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Well, that much needed rain we got in November now seems to have disappeared on us!!! The few drops we got on Thanksgiving and last weekend really did not help much. You can water now but we would recommend only once a week through the winter. If you have planted a flower bed, by all means keep that watered!!!

What to plant now: strawberries, cabbage, and beets are a good choice. Flowers: dianthus, snapdragons, pansies, petunias, violas, and delphiniums are a good choice that will give you much beauty until March or April. You can also plant much of the bulbs now including agapanthus (lily of the Nile).

We've noticed that a LOT of the sago palms are showing quite a bit of scale. You can spray with a horticultural oil to try & control the problem but it will no doubt keep occurring. Scale is airborne and, if your neighbor has it, chances are great that you will as well. Best bet: trim off all affected areas and wait for new fronds to appear next spring. You can spray until the cows come home but other infected sagos will continue to make your sagos miserable.

Do NOT prune any trees or shrubs that will produce spring flowers (azaleas, Japanese maples), and if we should experience another freeze in December and you're growing citrus, go ahead & pick off all the ripe fruit before the freeze. Any unripe fruit will not ripen after you pick it so just let it stay on the trees.

Questions: call the Duval County Master Gardeners at 387-8850 from 9:00 to 3:00 Monday through Friday.

### PLEASE PARDON US!!!!

We erroneously reported, in the Good News About Your Neighbors column in November, that "Frank" Stanton cruised with some of your neighbors. We should have said "Jim" Stanton. We don't know who Frank Stanton is (and neither does Barbara!) – clearly, we were having a senior moment! Sorry Jim!

# FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Special thanks to finance committee members Judy Blache, Bonnie Burna, Lea Montgomery, William Perry, Edison Russell, and Connie Waterer for the many hours they volunteered to our community in 2007. Many thanks to board member and treasurer Mary Boggs for her guidance and attendance at the finance meetings.

Here is an update of our community's finances for the period January through October 2007. Please note, the Reserve Fund requirements for 2008 have been added to the table below. The finance committee looks forward to providing you future updates.

Dave Czerw

Finance Committee Chairman

OPERATING FUND	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Revenues	896,173	883,597	12,576
Expenses	(805,882)	(885,388)	79,506
Surplus (Deficit)	90,291	(1,791)	92,082

## RESERVE FUND

Reserve Fund Balance	430,863		
Reserve Study Recommended Balance for Dec 31, 2007	491,159		
Surplus (Deficit)	(60,296)		
Reserve Fund – Percent Funded 2007		87 %	
Reserve Study Recommended Balance for Dec 31, 2008	613,512		
Surplus (Deficit)	(182,649)		
Reserve Fund - Percent Funded 2008		70 %	

## 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.

### Reliable Student Worker

Honest, reliable, knowledgeable, self-starter, strong and hard working teen for yard work, clean up and weeding.

Call Hiroki Dionne at 220-7349.

### Extra Cash for the Holidays

I will sell anything for you for 25% fee of total sale price on EBay. I pay shipping and packing. Call Jennifer or Adam at 223-4845.

### Car For Sale

2001 White Mercury Sable Station Wagon, 82k miles, \$ 5,500 OBO. Leather, 3rd Seat (seats 7), Lifetime warranty on brakes, rotors, calipers, tire rotation, balancing etc. Call for more details 859-1301

### 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

**Husky Cargo Liner for Sale:** suitable for a Lincoln Navigator or Ford Expedition. Excellent shape. Asking \$24.00 Call 220-1800.

### For Sale

**Microwave wall cabinet.** 36"x16"x 27", Maple in Natural finish, Cathedral Doors. Brand new still in box. \$100. 904-553-2859 Tony