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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

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

Dear Home Owners,

First off on behalf of the entire board our best wishes for the New Year. We all hope that the holiday period was a safe one for you and your family.

As I mentioned in the last news letter the board is taking a renewed effort to collect to collect monies owed to the association. Currently \$36,598.40 is the past due amount owed the community. That amount includes owners late one billing cycle and some that owe a substantial amount. Collection efforts are ongoing but the amount is excessive.

Assessments are annual, and collected quarterly. They are due on the 1st and late on the 10th day of the month in that quarter. If you wait to the 10th and mail your check you stand a chance of that check not being processed in time to avoid a late fee that is posted on the 15th of the month. Once that late fee is assessed it is separate from your dues. If your payment is received after the posting of a late fee, the late fee is paid first and the remainder is applied to your current bill. That means if you just sent the amount of the dues you are short \$25.00 in association dues. If that is not paid in 30 days another late fee will be assessed on the unpaid dues. Once these fees reach a level established by the board your ability to use the amenities will be terminated. These restrictions will include the use of the resident lane at both gates and access to the community center. Once the amount owed is 60 days past due and reaches \$300.00 the association will start legal proceeding in the form of a lien. Once a lien is placed on your home you will be faced with approximately \$310.00 in legal fees. This process can eventually lead to foreclosure proceedings.

We as board members take our fiscal responsibilities very serious and we will do everything in our power to ensure that the amount owed will be reduced. We as a board will not waive late fees or legal fees.

The bottom line is, please pay your dues on time.

Steve Thomaston, President

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. Come-be informed so that you can vote intelligently.

NEW FEATURE – RESTAURANT REVIEW

After reading the Times-Union glowing review on Zaitoon (and hearing other Woods residents acclaim it), we decided to try this new neighborhood place for ourselves...and we're wondering what took us so long to try this place???! How wonderful to have a place we can truly call "our own" so close by (and not another boring chain)!



Since it was lunch, we thought we'd go "lightly" and just try some appetizers and a salad. We can only assume that if the entrees are even half as good as the Greek salad, the humus, and the olive tapenade (a mixture of chopped olives, olive oil and feta cheese to dip your warm bread into)—customers are in for a real delight! Zaitoon, which is Arabic for olive, proudly offers special on the weekends, too – which we are anxious to try very soon.

We have a couple suggestions for Woods' residents: call Zaitoon Mediterranean Grill (221-7066) to learn their weekend specials, call for reservations (as this new place is so good), and ask for Malcolm, the General Manager. He is superbly patient in explaining each dish, its region, and the appropriate wine to accompany your feast!(Ladies – if your husband is anything like mine, he's gladly go for their filet mignon and may even try something new for a change!)(Got another new local restaurant you'd like to see featured? Please call the Woods office and talk to Caryn)

Sandalwood Canal Updates

Construction on the Sandalwood Canal is well underway. This month the city will be placing large cement slabs on the slopes east of each bridge to help curb erosion. Parents are urged to please keep their children from these work areas as there will be quite a lot of heavy equipment there to move these large pieces of cement. After this job is finished (around January 22) the subdivision will be bringing in people to work underneath the bridges to help stop the erosion on the west side and under the bridges. Please stay well away from these areas as the banks will be very slippery.

The Working Women's Tennis Team, Hitting the Winning Circle



It's only been a season and a half but The Woods C- League tennis team is upsetting more than just a few squads around the city. The 06/07 season was the first for the ladies, and it all started when a few of us kicked around the idea. This year, the team is nearing the top of their division and on the hunt to take it all. That is usually something that takes years of growth, practice and experience. Last year, well... we had fun and showed everyone in the tennis community we were back. This year, our second season, we're showing them we're back to stay and ready to win.

I think the difference is that last year everything was a new learning experience, also some of the ladies had never really competed before. This year, the ladies took the lessons very seriously and their desire to win became part of the fun. I also created what I call "Ladies League Doubles" (LLDs), lessons that are designed around league play, specifically to improve individual aspects and develop partnerships. I believe they are what has transformed us from where we were to a team that's focused, practiced, and aspiring to win.

The C-Team is always looking for new players and next year we might be fielding two teams, so if you have a desire to play, have fun, and get and stay in shape, now is the time. For more information, you can give anyone on the team a call, call the Woods' office, or you can reach me, coach Mike, at 703-8458. May is when the summer kids will start and when the men will get organized.

Community Notes

WOW JANUARY MEETING—January 21st

The Women of The Woods will meet on Monday, January 21st at the clubhouse. Time to start the New Year off right and get some free dance lessons from the folks at Kaluby's. Kaluby's will teach us some steamy Latin dances and moves that will help shake off some of those cookie-pounds we put on during the holidays!

Future meeting agendas include the Supreme Master Gardener (March) and making wine charms in February. We'd love to see all our members and new members are welcome of course!!!

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Well, January is here and so, it seems, is the cold weather. We were definitely spoiled with the warmer temperatures in December! So, what should you be doing in your yard this month?? Well, there's always something to do to stay ahead of the curve. Maintenance chores (the boring, mundane things we all hate to do) are perfect for this month: make sure that your mature trees all have a non-planted area around the diameter – in some cases as much as a 5' clear bed around the trees is good (so that your trees don't have to fight the grass for water.) Check your deciduous trees (water oaks, pin oaks, etc) for mistletoe growth. You'll know it when you see it! Mistletoe, while cute at Christmas, can kill a tree very quickly. Trim off any branches where this is growing. What to plant now??? Pansies, petunias, and snapdragons give your yard plenty of color and are cold hardy!



Resist the urge to trim any frost damage.

Enjoy the beauty of your yard! Questions? You can call Master Gardeners at 387-8850 for answers M-F from 9:00 – 3:00PM.

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

Thanks to all the caring residents who donated toys for the kids at Hubbard House this year!! We were overwhelmed with your generosity and it took 2 SUVs to get all the toys down there! Hubbard House was extremely grateful and we know the kids had a brighter holiday because of those who cared!

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE



Here is a summary of our Operating and Reserve Funds for the period January through November 2007.

Operating Fund: Our community operated within our budget for the period January through November 2007 generating a surplus of \$104,972.

Reserve Fund: Our Reserve Fund expenditures are within budget for the period January through November 2007. Our year-to-date Reserve Fund expenditures through the month of November total \$22,882. The Reserve Fund budgeted expenditures for 2007 are \$50,000.

We look forward to providing you future updates.

Dave Czerw, Finance Committee Chairman

OPERATING FUND	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Revenues	985,782	971,956	13,786
Expenses	-880,770	-972,852	92,082
Surplus (Deficit)	104,972	-896	105,868
RESERVE FUND			
Revenues	223,254	139,623	83,631
Expenses	-22,882	-45,833	22,951
Surplus (Deficit)	200,372	93,790	106,582
Reserve Study Recommended Balance for Dec 31, 2007	491,159		
Surplus (Deficit)	-46,632		
Reserve Fund - Percent Funded	90	%	

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.

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.

Call Samantha at 220-8897.

For Sale

Whirlpool washer and dryer. \$200.00 (OBO). Please call 220-5300

Pet Sitting and Baby Sitting

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