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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

- 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

Hello from your Board of Directors:

Some homeowners have expressed their concerns in regards to the performance of our gate attendants. This is a gated community, not a high security compound and therefore your assistance in who enters is needed. First off, you as a homeowner have a list of people in the computer that you have preauthorized to the subdivision. Your list needs to be reviewed and updated with the Property Manager on a regular basis. Likewise, if there is someone that you do not want admitted, you can put their name on the list and the attendants will not bother calling. If the person is not on your list and the attendant can not reach you for authorization, then they will refuse entry. Likewise, if you have an expected guest, call the gate and let them know they are coming. If you have a function, please provide the gates with a list of guests (alphabetically by last name). Please don't "Test" the gates by not calling and then get upset when your guest arrives. The attendants are only human and not perfect. Many of your vendors (i.e. pest control, lawn and pool services) service multiple homes and the attendants do not call each homeowner on their service list, although they do confirm at least one person has given authorization. Let's all work together on this and I assure you things will get better.

Your Board is rapidly approaching the point where we will have the proposed changes to the Covenants and Bylaws for your review. We all want to thank Lori Abramson and her entire team for all their hard work.

Jacksonville Sheriff's Department has stepped up their traffic enforcement in the community. Please be careful out there! Last but not least, it's now February, time to take down your Christmas lights.

Thank you , Steve Thomaston, President

MEET AND GREET MARIO RUBIO

Mario Rubio, a resident here in The Woods, is running for seat as state representative of District 17. There will be an informal "Meet and Greet" on Thursday evening, March 6th at the clubhouse. Invitations will be mailed to you shortly – please mark this event on your calendars. Mario & his wife, Sue and family reside on Beautyberry Circle. It would be so wonderful to have a representative right here in our community!

Covenants and By Laws Workshop

Wednesday, February 13th 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.

RESTAURANT REVIEW—BAMBOO CREEK

For a great Asian/Fusion meal, check out Bamboo Creek, which just opened in late January. It is located in the Tinseltown area off Southside Boulevard. Drive up to the movie theater entrance and turn left - you'll run right into it.



It's a simple building on the outside, but quite large and surprisingly elegant on the inside, and the food is great. The selections are authentic Asian, with a slight American twist. The bar area is beautiful and large, with ample seating.

For lunch, you can select from a variety of meats/vegetables, and then select the cooking style you prefer. You also choose from white or healthy brown rice. I had the chicken, Mongolian style, and it was excellent. While my friend and I dined for lunch, they circulated with a Dim Sun tray and we sampled from that as well. My husband and I went to a movie that same night and walked over to Bamboo Creek for a drink afterwards, since I was dying for him to see it. We ended up sampling several items while having wine, including a calamari and seaweed salad (that I wouldn't have normally ordered), which was *wonderful*. I'll be ordering that on my own next time we go.

They're already doing a great business because of the great location, and word of mouth is going to travel fast about this place. The restaurant provides authentic Asian cuisine in a beautiful setting, at a reasonable price. The menu selection is extensive, and prices are quite reasonable. And...you can walk to and from the movies next door!

Community Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday March 22, 10 am. Ages 0-2, 3-5, 6-10 It's that time of year again!! We have the eggs but need them filled! Please donate bags of candy, jelly beans, chocolate eggs, gum balls, stickers etc. to the office or to Heather Park, 2543 Beautyberry Circle West. We will need volunteers to hide the eggs at 9:30 am. If you can help please call 910-2764 or e-mail bugaboopark@comcast.net

DOGS RUNNING LOOSE!!!!

Lately the office has had to "capture" and try to find owners of some beautiful dogs running loose here in The Woods. Please folks, make certain that your beloved pet has some identification on his/her collar - especially your name and phone number!! Caryn has a very busy job taking of all the human requests here in The Woods - it only adds to her burden if she has to try and track down owners of loose pets. If your pet doesn't have ID, she will be forced to call Animal Control (and who wants that??!!)

SPRING GARAGE SALE - APRIL 5TH

WOW will once again sponsor the spring garage sale on Saturday, April 5th. Bonnie Burna is so gracious to "host" this once again - thanks Bonnie!!! Please see insert for details.

FREE TAX PREPARATION!!!!

AARP-TAX-AIDE, the nation's largest FREE, volunteer-run income tax preparation service is providing FREE income tax preparation for low and middle-income taxpayers beginning the first week in February (now!!!) Electronic filing is also provided free. Counselors are IRS certified in tax law. Participants do NOT need to be an AARP member or of a certain age to use this service. Please call 1-888-AARP-NOW or visit one of the sites below:

Pablo Creek Library @ 13295 Beach Blvd, Beaches Regional Library @ 600 3rd Street or Neptune Beach Senior Activity Center @ 2004 Forest Avenue/Neptune Beach

Community Notes

Women of the Woods – MONDAY, FEB 18TH!!!

Well, thanks to Brent at Kaluby's, we all danced the night away at the January meeting. Now, for those who want something a little more tame, we'll be making wine charms at the February meeting. This is your chance to really jazz up your wine glasses, ladies! Your guests will never be confused again as to which glass is theirs! As always, we'll meet at the clubhouse, starting at 7:00PM with plenty of refreshments.

March meeting reminder – The Supreme Master Gardener, Becky Wern, will be here to discuss spring planting and diagnose problems you might have in your yard (March 17th).

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

So, now that February is here – what should you be thinking about in your yard? Resist the urge to prune any plants that may have experienced frost damage from those two slight freezes we had last month. It may look unsightly now but trust me, you'll have plenty to do when the danger of frost has passed (March 15th). If you prune now, you run the risk of causing even more damage should we experience another freeze in the next 45 days. And leave your crape myrtles alone for heaven's sake!!!! We see so many trees that now have "crape murder." Crape myrtles are not supposed to be cropped closely. They will perform much better for you if you only trim off the suckers. You can trim roses now and you can also fertilize fruit trees.



Now is the time to spread pre-emergent herbicides to ward off nutsedge and dollar weed.

GOOD NEWS ABOUT NEIGHBORS -- ON THE MEND

One of our longtime residents, Ann Logsdon, is on the right road to recovery after heart surgery. We're glad to see that Ann is feeling MUCH better and looking forward to driving again (look out folks) after she completes her recovery period. JoAnn Orlando is also feeling better after her surgery. You go girls!!!!!!!

OOPS!! WE'RE SORRY!!!

When we ran the article last month on Zaitoon's Mediterranean Grill, we neglected to mention its location (what were we thinking???) While we did print a phone number, you might also like to know that it is conveniently located in the Fresh Market/Stein Mart center right down on Atlantic. Simply park near Fresh Market and walk LEFT -- you'll find Zaitoon's nestled on the side of Fresh Market. Enjoy their delicious cuisine!

Got a restaurant you'd like us to check out? Call Caryn at The Woods office and make a suggestion!

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE



The Finance Committee is pleased to report that The Woods made financial progress in 2007. Our community operated within our budgets for both the Operating and Reserve Funds.

Our Reserve Fund December 31 balance is 93 percent of the recommended balance for 2007. This progress is important in accumulating the \$1.3 million estimated cost of repaving our roads in the 2016 time frame. We thank all of our members who promptly pay the quarterly assessment for your important part in keeping our community in good financial health.

Here is a summary of our community's finances for 2007. We look forward to providing you future updates.

Dave Czerw, Finance Committee Chairman

OPERATING FUND	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Revenues	1,073,425	1,060,316	13,109
Expenses		(1,060,316)	74,370
Surplus (Deficit)	87,479	zero	87,479
RESERVE FUND	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Revenues	236,798	152,316	84,482
Expenses	(22,882)	(50,000)	27,118
Surplus (Deficit)	213,916	102,316	111,600
Reserve Fund Balance - Dec 31, 2007	458,074		
Reserve Study Recommended Balance for Dec 31, 2007	491,159		
Surplus (Deficit)	(33,085)		
Reserve Fund - Percent Funded 2007	93 %		
Reserve Study Recommended Balance for Dec 31, 2008	613,512		
Surplus (Deficit)	(155,438)		

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.

Painting Services

Painting, Pressure cleaning, carpentry and more. Licensed and Insured call Jon 904-759-5772

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.

Pet Sitting and Baby Sitting

Responsible, experienced, great references, services with a smile! Red Cross Certified and reasonable rates. Call Christy at 221-5830.

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