



# 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

- 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

On Behalf of the Board of Directors,

During the last two months there have been a number of thefts in the community. Stolen items include laptop computers, cameras, cell phones, I-Pods, wallets, purses and cash. All these items were stolen from unlocked cars parked in driveways and open garages. These thefts are occurring during the late night hours with no pattern as to the day of the week. These are crimes of opportunity, meaning there are person(s) unknown going up to cars into garages and opening the doors. The Board of Directors is working with both the Sheriff's Office and our own security personnel to do what we can, but we need your help. We are asking everyone to please take measures to make sure that you are not the next victim. Lock your cars; remove valuables from locked cars, close your garage at night. You can also assist by reporting to the Sheriff's Dept. any suspicious person(s) or vehicles in the community. If you are the victim of a crime please report it to the Sheriff's Office. Starting this week ,the security company will notify home owners when they find a garage door open beyond a reasonable time of the night. If you have information about these thefts please contact the Sheriff's Office.

Steve Thomaston, President

#### West Bridge Closure

As everyone is aware the west bridge is currently closed to vehicular traffic. During the construction work under the west bridge, in connection with installation of a weir on the east side of the bridge, Felix Construction workers noticed movement of the bridge. Work was stopped and engineers were called in to assess the situation. It appears that when FELIX Construction removed about three feet of material from between the bridge pilings the pilings settled causing the bridge and bridge approaches to move.

River City Management Group (RCMG), who has oversight of this project for the City of Jacksonville, has informed us that the west bridge was not built in accordance with the design drawings. To date the city has been unable to locate plans in their files or have a record of the west bridge or east being inspected. RCMG has design plans drawn for a recommended fix to the west bridge. RCMG will present these plans with a recommendation that the City of Jacksonville assume all costs for this work to the City.

To correct the west bridge's current condition both approach pads will have to be demolished and replaced and add rubble rip rap under the bridge to stabilize the banks. It is expected that the entire project will take approximately 60 days to complete after the City approves the funding. Completion of these repairs will have a direct effect on how the City will proceed to complete the weir installation at the East Bridge.

**BOOK SALE COMING SOON – SAVE YOUR USED BOOKS!!**

Women of The Woods (WOW) is considering the sponsorship of a used book sale. Please save all your old books, CDs and video tapes. You can drop these off at either gatehouse or the office. We will be happy to collect these and save for the sale later this year.



If you plan to sell books at the spring garage sale (April 5th—see insert) but don't sell everything – please hold and we'll pick up. No firm date has been set yet for this sale. Thanks in advance for helping us to give back to The Woods community.

**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](mailto:bugaboopark@comcast.net)

**SUMMER SWIM TEAM**

Come have some fun, meet some neighbors and get some exercise too. The summer swim team is back for its 5<sup>th</sup> year. Children age 5 – 18 are invited. Practice is Tuesday – Friday mornings at the Woods and/or Queen's Harbour.

We will be having an information session / swim team registration on Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at Queen's Harbour or Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at the Woods Community Center, both at 7:00 p.m. Please be sure to bring a copy of your child's birth certificate for league registration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Alison Garcia at 220-9775.

**MOVIE NIGHT—FRIDAY, MARCH 7TH**

This month we will be playing "National Treasure". We will be starting earlier this month at 7:00pm. Come meet your neighbors, eat popcorn and enjoy a great movie!!



## Community Notes

**Women of the Woods – MONDAY, March 17th**

It's that time again!!! Spring is just around the corner and we know that you have concerns about your lawn & spring garden – so the Supreme Master Gardener, Becky Wern, will be here to answer your questions. Bring any clippings or samples to help illustrate your challenge. As always, refreshments will be served!! Since it is St. Patrick's Day, we can't think of a better day to talk about "green" things!!!

Usual time & Place – 7:00 PM – clubhouse,

PS. Men are also invited. Please feel free to bring your lawn & garden questions. The "garden" section of the meeting will start at 7:45PM.

**GARDEN CLIPPINGS**

OK, most of you have done a good job of waiting to prune until after the last frost date. Just a little more patience will pay big dividends – March 15<sup>th</sup> is the traditional date used to predict the final frost .If you haven't already done so, NOW is the time to put down a pre-emergence for your weeds. Any later than March and you're wasting your money. Use the extra time on weekends to get your pruning tools and shears sharpened, too. Some of the local nurseries have some beautiful roses for planting so get busy and let's all add some real glorious color to our yards this spring!!!!

Now is also the right time to de-thatch your lawn. Simply rake up the dead grass and bag. Removing all this thatch will help your "good" grass to grow faster and stronger.

EXTRA NOTE: got questions about yard problems??/ All are invited to the WOW March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting to speak with Becky Wern, Duval county Master Gardener. Open session starts at 7:45.

**NEW GARBAGE PICK-UP**

In case you have not noticed, The Woods has a new waste service – Waste Pro. Under their contract with the city, Waste Pro can start collecting garbage as early as 6:00AM!!! As a note of caution, you may want to place your garbage outside a little earlier than in the past. If you are missed, the service may NOT return to get your garbage. However, here is their customer service phone number in case you experience problems – 731-7288.

**SEMINAR ON ADMENDMENT ONE**

The Seminar is free and open to the public. Please see the insert for more information. The seminar will begin at 6:30pm pm March 13th at the clubhouse.

# FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE



Our community stayed within the operating budget in January 2008 with a surplus of \$17,253. Our Reserve Fund January 31 balance of \$463,920 is 75 percent of the recommended balance for 2008.

Here is a summary of our community's finances for January 2008. We look forward to providing you future updates.

Dave Czerw , Finance Committee Chairman

| OPERATING FUND                                     | ACTUAL    | BUDGET   | VARIANCE |
|--|-----------|----------|----------|
| Revenues   | 93,959    | 93,874   | 85       |
| Expenses   | (76,706)  | (90,374) | 13,668   |
| Surplus (Deficit)                                  | 17,253    | 3,500    | 13,753   |
| Reserve Fund Balance - Jan 31, 2008                | 463,920   |          |          |
| Reserve Study Recommended Balance for Dec 31, 2008 | 613,512   |          |          |
| Surplus (Deficit)                                  | (149,592) |          |          |
| Reserve Fund - Percent Funded                      | 75 %      |          |          |

## 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.

### Concrete and Fence

Concrete coating for garage floors, driveways and pool decks. Expert crack repairs. Remove and replace concrete and pavers. All types of fence work. Free Estimates. Licensed and insured. Call Bill 742-2124

### Lawn Care

Quality Lawn Care year round is right here in our neighborhood. Call Joe at 881-5710

### Irrigation Repairs

Irrigation systems and lawn care. Licensed and Insured. Call Chuck at 463-5636

### For Sale

Glass bar table with 2 swivel bar stools. Like New!! Only \$150.00 Call 220-7174

### Wanted

Homeowner looking to purchase a push or electric lawnmower. Please call me Roy at 221-5107

### Pet Sitting and Baby Sitting

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

### For Sale

5 foot Baby Grand piano, in very good condition. Mahogany finish. Retail approx. \$15k. Asking \$4K. Piano made in factory in Japan. Give Best Offer. Call 221 8699.

### 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.

### Wanted

Beer Steins of all types. Collector lives in The Woods. Call Lance at 727-723-5570 or 727-417-6968

### For Sale

Beautiful solid oak entertainment center. Excellent condition \$200.00. Call 221-5860 or 504-7773

### For Rent

Bounce houses, jumpy jumps, large slides and obstacle courses. Sno-cone machine, popcorn machine, hot dog cooker, carnival games. Inflatable equipment for rent in The Woods for birthdays, parties, fundraiser carnivals, any event. Also a dunk tank! Best prices and availability, delivered and set up. Licensed and insured. Call Greg at 545-8112