

the WOODSETTLE

The Woods Community Newsletter

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YOURRESOURCES

OFFICE HOURS

Monday.....	9:00–1:00
Tuesday.....	2:00–6:00
Wednesday.....	2:00–6:00
Thursday.....	2:00–6:00
Friday.....	9:00–1:00

IMPORTANT PHONES 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:	273-3033

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From The Board

Greetings from the Board of Directors

We want to thank everyone for their continued effort to increase security in the community. As a direct result, there were no reported thefts this month. The rover did report that 55 residents were contacted after hours to let them know their garages were open. This renewed effort is paying off already, thanks again. The Board has a meeting scheduled this week with the City of Jacksonville and the contractor doing the repairs on the west bridge. We hope to be able to give a projected finish date for the

repairs. We want to thank everyone for their patience during this inconvenience. The pool is now open and the Board approved some changes to the guidelines for the use of the pool by persons aged 14 to 17. Parents can contact the office for instructions on obtaining a Wood's ID for children in this age group. The Board continues to operate within budget and we sincerely hope to avoid a dues increase this year. All residents are commended for their efforts to increasing the curb appeal of their homes. Properties are showing a noticeable improvement. Board member, Alison Garcia, is looking for volunteers to assist with the annual July 4th party. If you can help, please contact her directly or call the office.

Canal/Bridge Update:

It is anticipated that the West bridge will be open for normal traffic in about two weeks. Approximately June 1 work should commence to finish work on that portion of the canal and the workers will depart the West bridge in about one month from June 1 with all work including fences replaced, yards resodded, sidewalks repaired and new trees planted where they can be. Work will commence on the East bridge at that time and it is expected to have that portion completed within a month after its start date. It is expected that each bridge will be closed again for safety reasons while work is progressing underneath them during that time. We will notify residents of openings and closings through the message boards on each entrance. The board of directors and the contractor appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.

C League Tennis Team



We had a great second year, and we ascended up from the basement to a very respectable high middle ranking. We are always looking for B and C level players for fun, fitness and socializing. For more information please call Coach Mike at 703-8458 or the Woods' Office. Practice and Lessons for the next league year will be starting early June.

Front Row L to R: Cheryl, Bea, Barbara, Liz, Kris, Maureen, Coach Mike, Janice, Marianne, Tracy, Stephanie, Barb, Roseanne and Barbara

Swim Team News

It's not too late to join the swim team. There are still some spots left and we encourage the kids ages 5-18 to come out, have a good time, and enjoy a healthy sport! Practice sessions are at Queens Harbor and here at The Woods pool. Contact Allison Garcia at 220-9775 or Cary Hirapapa at 997-9630.

SUMMER SWIMMING LESSONS

Summer Swimming Lessons will be available beginning the first week of July. Lessons are open to Woods' resident children ages 3-12. Instructor is a Red Cross Certified Water Safety Instructor with 20+ year's experience. Please see available options.

Private lessons will also be available upon request. Private lessons can begin as early as June 11th with a cost of \$20 for a half hour lesson.

Please call Jane Szerba, 221-7147 to discuss your child's level and his/her current ability and needs.

SESSION I \$60.00

July 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10
Levels 1-2 10-10:30
Levels 2-3 10:45-11:15
Levels 3-4 11:30-12:00

SESSION II \$60.00

July 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10
Levels 1-2 4-4:30
Levels 2-3 4:45-5:15
Levels 3-4 5:30-6:00

SESSION III \$60.00

July 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24
Levels 1-2 10-10:30
Levels 2-3 10:45-11:15
Levels 3-4 11:30-12:00

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR FRAUDULENT WORKERS

We recently had reports of a couple "tree guys" going door-to-door, telling residents that their trees had wood borers and beetles. They, of course, could take care of the problem for a small fee – plus cut down trees or raise the canopy. Beware of these type folks!!!! No one we know took these guys up on their offer and rest assured, we do NOT have an infestation of wood borers or beetles in this area!!!! Just be careful of any worker who appears at your door with unsolicited information or offers!

Finance Committee Update

Our community stayed within the operating budget for the period January through March 2008 with a surplus of \$31,836. Our Reserve Fund March 31 balance of \$491,269 is 80 percent of the recommended balance for 2008.

Here is a summary of our community's finances as of March 31, 2008. We look forward to providing you future updates.

OPERATING FUND

Revenues
Expenses
Surplus (Deficit)

ACTUAL
278,776
(246,940)
31,836

BUDGET
277,124
(280,013)
(2,889)

VARIANCE
1,652
33,073
34,725

Reserve Fund Balance - Mar 31, 2008
Recommended Balance for Dec 31, 2008
Surplus (Deficit)
Reserve Fund - Percent Funded

491,269
613,512
(122,243)
80 %

Dave Czerw

Finance Committee Chairman

Women Of The Woods

Well, by all accounts, the spring garage sale was a big success. Thanks to all who participated. We hope you made lots of money!!!

The WOW 2007-2008 year is quickly coming to a close – the final dinner will be held at the Crab-Cake Factory on Beach Blvd. near Penman Road. The dinner will be held on Monday, May 19th. All members in good standing at invited. Be sure to pay your \$10.00 NO LATER THAN MAY 9TH to

reserve your spot at dinner. Any WOW officer will be happy to take your \$10.00. The “baby shower” also held on April 21st for the St. Gerard Home for Teenage Mothers was a success. St. Gerard’s picked up all the donations Monday evening and expressed their true thanks.

The WOW current officers will be saying goodbye. We want to thank this group of women for all their efforts the past two years and for all the new experiences they have made

possible: Lori Abramson, President, Jan Miller, Vice President, Terri Causar, Secretary, and Sue Rubio, Treasurer. The newly elected officers promise even more excitement when the WOW resumes again in August: Roxanna Zouin, President, Shannon Senna, Vice President, Sue Rubio, Treasurer (returning), and Sandee Connolly, Secretary. Thanks to the new officers who will make the WOW even better in the 2008-2009 year!

Garden Clippings

Well, spring is finally here folks!! Since you have wisely sharpened all your garden tools and made certain that your lawn mower blades are sharpened, you can begin in earnest!!!! Now is a good time to fertilize your lawn – make certain that your fertilizer contains ½ pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet. And be sure to water your lawn (1/4 inch water) after you apply the fertilizer or you could burn your grass.

You can plant the following flowers in May: coleus, coreopsis, salvia, zinnias, periwinkles, impatiens, and pentas. For vegetables: try lima beans, eggplant, okra, peas, and sweet potatoes.

One of the Woods residents has a lawn blog that you may be interested in. Tom Mooney on

Fallen Tree tells us that he is envy of his neighbors! To learn more about his methods, visit his blog at <http://fixmylawn.blogspot.com/>.

GOT QUESTIONS?

You can always call Master Gardeners at 387-8850. And remember, if you are in doubt about the ph level in your soil, the Extension will analyze your soil for ph levels FREE! Simply take sample of your soil in a plastic baggie down to the Extension office on McDuff and they will send your results in about 10 days. Our soil is always changing – it’s good to have your soil analyzed at least every couple years. Enjoy the beauty your yard can offer!

RESIDENTS AND VISITOR DECALS

It’s time to renew your resident and visitor decals. THESE ARE NOT THE BARCODES. The decals simply speed up the process of entering the Woods should one or more gates be down and also allows your frequent guests swifter access. Each resident is allowed two (2) free decals (additional decals are \$5.00). The new decals are valid through May 2009. Please stop at the office during normal office hours.

WOODS’ BRIDGE CLUB

Are you a bridge player?

Did you know there are several bridge groups in the Woods. There is a couples bridge group that meets once a month to get together, socialize and play bridge, usually on the first week-end of each month. There is also a ladies bridge group that meets, usually on the second Thursday night of the month. If you are interested in joining either of these groups or just occasionally playing with us and would like more information, please call Mary Boggs at 221-2931.

WOW Book Sale COMING SOON

The WOW will host a used book sale probably in October but we are collecting your book donations now!! Please drop off any used books (all ages, all kinds!) at the office during normal hours or at either gate. You can also call any WOW officer and we will be glad to pick up your donations.

PS, For those of you looking for books, remember that the Third Street Beaches library will have their Friends of the Library book Sale April 11-13th. Their prices and selection are truly wonderful!!

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.

MY SALON VIE

Finally, in your own neighborhood, a salon you can call your own! Salon la Vie, located up the street in the Harbour Village shopping center, would like to extend a 15% discount on services to all residents of The Woods Community. To secure your appointment, please call 904-220-8900 and mention this ad to receive a 15% discount on your appointment. We also welcome you to view our website at www.mysalonlavie.com. We look forward to meeting you!

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

PET SITTING AND BABY SITTING

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

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.

CUSTOM CAR DETAILING

Restore the look of your car with a customized car treatment while you are at home. I'll come to you! Menu of services include: exterior treatment, polymer waxing, interior detailing, tire cleaning and shining, chrome, leather cleaning and protection. Receive a 10% discount of your first treatment when you mention this ad. Call Nathan McKay to receive an estimate. 904-853-8232

MOMS CLUB OF JACKSONVILLE BEACHES

MOMS Club of Jacksonville Beaches invites moms with preschoolers to get out of the house and join us for some fun! We have weekly activities for both moms and kids, playgroups, and even MOMS Night Out events. Our monthly meeting are also held right at The Woods Clubhouse. Visit our website at www.momsclubbeaches.com or call Allison at 904-545-6443 for more information.

DOG AVAILABLE

AMERICAN ESKIMO dog available for adoption, female, spayed and all shots. Shiloh was rescued by Eskie Rescuers United and is presently living in the Woods. Please contact Janice for more information at 221-2412

MAKE YOUR HOME NEW AGAIN!

Call Dennis Eckman @ Eckman Handyman 248-1902. Available for Painting, Repairs and Carpentry Work Free Estimates

CLEANING SERVICES

Need your home cleaned or the clubhouse after a party??? Call Twila Moore at 207-0794

PATIO SET

Perfect patio set for entertaining! 40 x 66" bronze aluminum patio table with 6 chairs. Includes table with tempered glass & lazy susan. Can be used in or outdoors. Call Jim or Judy Blache at 221-6710.

SPECIAL OFFER FOR WOODS RESIDENTS

25% off all dry cleaning AND laundry from May through the end of this year! FREE pick-up & delivery also!!! Go green with your cleaning and SAVE with this special offer from Martinizing Cleaners in the Tijuana Flats center at Beaches & Hodges. Simply tell Joe & his staff that you live in The Woods!

The Woods Pool & Tennis Rules 2008

With the summer months fast approaching, the recreation committee wanted to remind the residents of the pool and tennis court rules. See the community website at www.woodscommunity.com for more comprehensive rules.

Pool Rules:

1. No persons under the age of 14 are allowed in the pool area without a parent or guardian (over 18) present. All children 14-17 will be issued a pool pass, with parent's permission in order to access the pool area without adult supervision. Any parent interested in getting the pool pass for the children should contact the office for more information. The pool ID badges will be \$3.00 per badge. They must have the pool pass/ID in order to enter the pool area.
2. Toddlers and infants must wear swim diapers and plastic underpants covers. If your child defecates in the pool and the plastic pants were not being worn, there will be a \$100 charge to close the pool and clean it.
3. The Lifeguard will enforce the 10 minutes adult swim only once per hour. No exceptions.
4. A member must accompany a guest. No more than 5 guests per each household. Any parties bigger than 5 persons must be arranged through the Woods Management. Clubhouse rentals CANNOT access the pool area at any time; the lifeguard has the right to deny entry.
5. No alcohol, smoking, running, diving or horseplay in the pool area.
6. Only water safe toys will be permitted in the pool area, no rafts are permitted, subject to the lifeguard's approval.
7. Lifeguards authority is final.

Spring and Fall Schedule (April 26th through May 27th AND August 18th through September 28th):

Tuesday-Friday: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. (swim at your own risk)

Saturday: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. (lifeguard on duty all day)

Sunday: 12 p.m.-8 p.m. (lifeguard on duty all day)

Summer Schedule (May 28th through August 17th):

Tuesday-Saturday: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. (lifeguard on duty all day)

Sunday: 12 p.m.-8 p.m. (lifeguard on duty all day)

Tennis Rules:

1. Each resident may bring up to three guests to play on one court. Residents must accompany their guests.
2. Courts used for doubles may be used for two hours, singles for 1-½ hours, if others are waiting for court usage.
3. No player should ever play on wet courts or those with "No play" signs on them.
4. Proper tennis attire is required. Cut-off shirts or shorts, tank tops and swimsuits are unacceptable. Shirts must be worn at all times.
5. Smooth-soled tennis shoes must be worn. No jogging, track, basketball, soccer or football shoes are allowed on the courts.
6. Vulgar, loud or abusive language is prohibited.
7. Lessons, League-sponsored events, matches, and practices will be given priority in court usage. No-one, other than players, are allowed on the courts, that includes pets.

