



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/Lifeguards221-0646
- Marsh Landing Management273-3033

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A WORD FROM THE BOARD

From the Board of Directors,

Guest entry into the community continues to be a problem with traffic backing up and unnecessary delays. With that in mind we need to remind all the residents there is no "Open Gate Policy," if you are having a party you need to provide both gates with a list of people attending. If you do not, the guards have been instructed to call on each and every person coming in. If you have a vendor or repair person coming in you must contact both gate and advise them. Calling ahead is the best way to ensure a smooth entry. The Rules and Safety Committee is looking at a new system that will allow residents to e-mail information to the gates and update your private guest list.

With school ending pool use will increase. We want to remind parents to be sure infants have proper swimming apparel to ensure there are no "Accidents" in the pool. The lifeguards are there for everyone's protection and their instructions should be followed.

The 4th of July party is rapidly approaching and we are still in need of volunteers to help set up and take down everything. Please contact either the office or Board member Alison Garcia and sign up.

A special thanks to Jim Szerba of Fallen Tree Contracting Services for getting a stranded kitty out of a very tall pine tree. JSO and JFRD refused to respond to a call for help.

Thanks to everyone for the improvements made to the yards. The community is rapidly improving. Steve Thomaston, President

STORM WATER REBATE FEE

The city is allowing all homeowners who have ponds not connected to the city sewer system to receive a 30% reduction in the storm water fees. The Woods qualifies for this fee! Your homeowner association has filed the necessary papers with the city for ALL homeowners here. We are waiting for the word that this has been approved/accepted. If you have not paid either the storm water or garbage fee yet, DO NOT DO SO. You will be given a new bill with the reduced storm water fee sometime after July 1st. If you have sent the entire amount, you should receive your next bill with a reduced amount for the storm water portion sometime after the July 1st date.

To find out if your home has been flagged call the 630-CITY number and press 1. The ladies/gentlemen will confirm or deny that your property is being considered for the rebate.

Women of the Woods

Our final dinner was held on May 19t the Crab Cake Factory and all 40 women had a wonderful evening. We said goodbye to the current officers and welcomed in the new officers – Roxana, Shannon, Sue, and Sandee. Thanks to these ladies for graciously agreeing to help make The Woods an even better place to live for the next year! WOW always takes a summer break so we'll see most of you at the August meeting!!!

Book Sale

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.



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+ years 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 \$20.00 for a half hours 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 1, 2, 3, 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 1, 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

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Levels 3-4 11:30—12:00

Ponds Update

In April we added about 200 grass carp to our ponds. These fish, along with a limited amount of chemicals, assist in controlling algae and grass. Due to the hot weather, lack of rain, and reduction in oxygen, homeowners are seeing an increase in grasses. The pond treatment company is aggressively attacking the growth problem and is now finding the right chemical mixture that will allow the carp to do their job and the chemicals do their job without harming each other. As the summer progresses and the heat increases, this job will take a little time. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

#1. When fertilizing, please do not spray within 10 feet of the ponds

#2. Clean all foreign materials, plastic bag, toys, string, cans, etc. away from the shorelines.

#3. Do not dump grass clippings into the ponds.

#4. Remove unsightly grass growth from pond edges and place it in your yard waste recycling containers/bags.

All of these above measures will help immensely and keep grass growth under control. The association is doing all it can to keep the ponds clean but we need your help!! Thank you.

Garden Clippings

Well, we certainly got a couple nice days of rain in May – and June 1st was just what we needed! Please be aware that the city council still has not decided how to monitor/ticket those who water more than twice a week but, with budget monies being what they are, trust me – they'll find a way soon! We suggest that you practice good water management now before a \$250 fine is levied against you!!!

But onto more pleasant topics...things to plant this month include: salvia, periwinkle (aka vinca), coleus, impatiens (shady areas), and kalachoes.

If you are creating new flowers beds/areas, be sure to use some of the more beautiful drought-tolerant plants on the market. These include: crocosmia and bulbine. Both will give you beautiful delicate flowers for almost 9 months and require very little water!!! Looking for a ground cover that's easy to maintain?? Try ornamental peanut. Once established, it grows like crazy, produces a small yellow flower and can be mowed once a year! The city is now using this in all new highway medians and the Zoo has been using for several years.

Good luck – and watch your watering – be sure to only water **BEFORE 10:00 AM AND AFTER 5:00 PM FOR BEST LAWN RESULTS.**

West Bridge Update

The west bridge is closed again until at least June 15th. We'll keep you informed of any new updates – please watch message boards for future info.

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE



Here is an update of our Operating and Reserve Funds for the period January through April 2008.

Operating Fund: Our community stayed within the overall operating budget in the first four months of 2008 with a surplus of \$47,624.

Reserve Fund: Our Reserve Fund balance of \$503,076 is 83 percent of the recommended 2008 year-end balance of \$613,512.

We look forward to providing you future updates.

Dave Czerw, Finance Committee Chairman

OPERATING FUND	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Revenues	373,684	371,098	2,586
Expenses	(326,060)	(370,386)	44,326
Surplus (Deficit)	47,624	712	46,912

RESERVE FUND	
Reserve Fund Balance – April 30, 2008	503,076
Recommended Balance for Dec 31, 2008	613,512
Surplus (Deficit)	(110,436)
Reserve Fund - Percent Funded	82%

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.

LAWN SERVICE – GOOD PRICING!

Two brothers looking to start a diaper fund are searching for 12 yards for lawn service. Will beat most prices in The Woods!! Flexible contracts available. Call Travis at 252-6801

FOR SALE –lawn mower

Craftsman 22-inch 3-in-1 self-propelled lawn mower. 6.75 B&S engine. Asking \$140.00 Call Russ at 821-5783.

EBAY SELLING!!!

If you have unwanted items you would like to sell, I can sell them on eBay for you or I can teach you how to sell them yourself on eBay. Call Adam at 223-4845 or email adam9ball@yahoo.com.

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

SUMMER BABYSITTING SERVICE

Grad student who would like to babysit for you this summer. Certified lifeguard/swim instructor experienced with children. Would be happy to entertain your kids while school is out this summer. Call Tiffany at 992-9332. Woods resident.

NEED A TUTOR FOR YOUR KIDS THIS SUMMER??

FSU junior is home for the summer and seeking employment. I am a Providence Summa cum laude graduate and an honors/4.0 student at FSU on pre-med track. Available for tutoring many subjects through high school and beyond. Also available for pet sitting and babysitting. Call Susan Andrews at 910-9090.