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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

Spring is here – finally. Mother Nature has reserved this time of year to renew our earth. To wake the brown grass from its winter sleep and turn it green again; to let the flowers spread their petals and bring forth color; to sprout new growth on our trees and bring forth green leaves. It's time for us, as residents of The Woods, to also renew ourselves to make things better and to bring forth a new commitment to our community and neighbors.

The community needs your assistance in helping to make things better. We ask that you renew your way of thinking and join the few who already share their time on a committee. Please call our

community center at 221-3722 and volunteer just two or three hours a month on a committee.

For those of you (less than 1%) who have forgotten your commitment to your neighbors we ask you to bring your accounts up to date so that the rest of us can continue to provide the facilities that we ALL deserve. To those few we advise that you may shortly receive notice that the community will be placing liens on your homes and may receive a court judgment for wage garnishments.

Please, do the right thing – renew your community commitment and help us to become and even better neighborhood.

Garden Clippings

Wow, what a great rainfall we had in the last week! By our estimates, we received over 2" of steady rain....enough so that you don't need to run your sprinklers again for at least one week! And please pay attention to the new restrictions: even numbered homes = Thurs & Sat; odd numbered homes = Weds, and Friday. Remember, the first fine is \$50.00; thereafter is \$250!!!

What to do if your lawn is that nice shade of drab brown? RAKE!!!! Use a leaf rake and gently (don't yank it all out) rake out the dead upper layer. Bag it and toss with the yard refuse on Thursday. In a couple weeks you'll see that the St. Augustine will start sending out new shoots to those previously dead areas.

Got a couple areas where you simply cannot grow grass? Try ornamental peanut grass. It makes

a great ground cover, is drought-tolerant, and only needs to be mowed once a year! The city and Zoo are already using this ground cover in many of their areas.

Got clover in your yard? Consider yourself lucky!!! Clover is a wonderfully natural area for bees to congregate and help pollinate the rest of the area's flowers and trees. Don't ull it out – clover is not a weed!

Got dollar weed? It's almost too late to do anything about it now but hand-pull! Applying a weed killer is NOT the answer! All that a weed killer does is kill the upper leaf – it does not get to the trailing root system. Got down and pull out by hand.

Finance Committee Update

2008 YEAR IN REVIEW

The Finance Committee is pleased to report a year of significant progress in 2008. Our community stayed well within our operating budget in 2008, generating a \$67,387 surplus of operating funds. Our Reserve Fund ended the year with a balance of \$696,887. Per the numbers detailed in The Woods 2006 Reserve Study, our Reserve Fund was 113 percent funded at the end of 2008. We were 93 percent funded at the end of 2007. The operating surplus, along with our fully funded Reserve Fund, allowed for our community to see no increase in quarterly assessments in 2009!

We expect our largest expense in the future to be the repaving of roads. As asphalt is a petroleum based product, its price can fluctuate along with oil. We plan to periodically update our Reserve Study in an effort to obtain current projections on The Woods Reserve Fund requirements.

As we are in the midst of a banking crisis, our community began diversifying its bank deposits to several banks in 2008. We anticipate that we will continue this process. The goal is to secure as much FDIC protection of our deposits as is practical.

Finally, the prompt payment of quarterly assessments by the majority of residents is very much appreciated. We thank you for your important part in keeping our community's finances strong. Here is a table summary of 2008. We look forward to providing you future updates.

Dave Czerw
Finance Committee Chairman

OPERATING FUND	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Revenues	186,481	186,599	(118)
Expenses	(156,438)	(184,256)	27,818
Surplus (Deficit)	30,043	2,343	27,700
RESERVE FUND			
Reserve Fund Balance			721,718
Reserve Study Recommended Balance for Dec 31, 2009			769,700
Surplus (Deficit)			(47,982)
Reserve Fund – Percent Funded 2009			93 %

SEEN AND HEARD AROUND THE WOODS



Saw Madeline & Arthur Osieki's new backyard – absolutely gorgeous new design with paved walkways, Florida dogwoods, and breathtaking water pond. Congrats a creating even more beauty here in The Woods!

(Photo above). Recently several Woods residents traveled to Louisville, KY. For a surprise birthday visit to Lori Abramson. Those of you who are active here in The Woods will remember Lori for her role as President of The WOW, started the Mom's Club and served on numerous committees. Pictured below are (left to right):

Joanne Louis, Jan Miller, Lori (seated on her throne), Arlene Guyer, Sue Rubio, and Terri Causer. The photo was taken at the historic Brown Hotel in Louisville, where the ladies dined on the famous "hot brown."

Irrigation

Florida's water is running out, and Jacksonville residents, businesses and utilities must do their share to save our supply. To help with local conservation efforts, Ordinance 2008-030 states that everyone must follow these irrigation requirements:

March-November (Daylight Savings Time)

- ▶ No watering from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ▶ Odd addresses may only water Wednesday and Saturday
- ▶ Even addresses may only water Thursday and Sunday
- ▶ Non-residential facilities may only water Tuesday and Friday
- ▶ Apply only 1/2-inch or less of water each cycle

November-March (Standard Time)

- ▶ No watering from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ▶ Odd addresses may only water Wednesday
- ▶ Even address may only water Thursday
- ▶ Non-residential may only water Tuesday
- ▶ Apply only 3/4-inch or less of water one time per week

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Fertilizer

Fertilizer runoff is polluting the St. Johns River. Ordinance 2008-028 aims to limit nitrogen pollution from fertilizers. All homeowners, retailers and commercial fertilizer applicators must follow these requirements:

- ▶ Clean up fertilizer spills.
- ▶ Do not apply fertilizer during flood or storm watches.
- ▶ Do not blow lawn clippings or leaves into streets, ditches or storm drains.
- ▶ Follow recommended fertilizer application rates.
- ▶ Adjacent to water bodies, create a six-foot zone of landscape planting or ground cover that does not require intensive fertilizer, watering and mowing.
- ▶ Follow *Florida Yards and Neighborhoods* program practices.

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Classified Ads

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Hi- I'm Samantha and I love children and am very responsible. I live right here in The Woods. I am Red Cross certified. Happy to help you with babysitting, housesitting or even pet sitting. References available. Call Samantha at 220-8897.

PLANTS FOR SALE

\$1.00-\$15.00. Call 221-8061.

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Available for \$20. Proceeds benefit local education and scholarships. Call 221-8061.

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.

COLLEGE BOUND ODD JOBS SERVICES

Honest, reliable, knowledgeable, self-starter, strong and hard working teen for yard work, clean up and weeding. Call Hiroki Dionne at 220-7349.

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 www.aardvarkamusement.com

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

FOUR PAWS RETREAT

Yes, your neighbors have gone to the dogs!! Conveniently located on St. John's Bluff Rd, this boarding facility has a special "Bed and Biscuit" approach. All Woods residents will receive a 20% discount with a stay of 2 nights or longer. Call for reservations — the holidays are fast approaching!!! 642-7075 — ask for Gail or Bill.

HIRE A HANDYMAN — WE DO IT ALL!

We're building our business one satisfied customer at a time — for over 12 years! Big enough for al your needs, small enough for guaranteed quality work. Licensed, bonded ,and insured. Call 221- 3453 — Woods resident!

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MODERN CRAFTSMAN HOME REPAIR

Licensed and references available. Call 207-3682. Woods resident.

FITNESS TRAINING

Right here in The Woods. Every Monday & Weds. Night at 7:00PM. Customized workouts for every level. Golf & tennis conditioning, too. Call 904-745-0999 or go to www.fitnesspursuits.com. 50% discount for residents!!!

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RELIABLE TEEN CAN HELP YOU!

Experienced, reliable, enthusiastic teenager to baby-sit (Red Cross certified); pet sit or even water plants. I'd love to meet and your kids! Call Christy at 221-5830.

CONSTRUCTION OF ALL TYPES:

Major renovations, additions or repairs. No job too big or too small. Competitive bids. 44 yrs' exp. Woods resident. Licensed & insured. Call Jerry Smith at 312-4911.

WOODS RESIDENTS — PAINTER & CARPENTER

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CC CLEANS HOMES!

7 days a week — almost whenever you need it! Also will watch children. References available. Please call CC at 327-9772.

LOOKING FOR REGUALR TENNIS MATCH!

I am looking for a once-a-week tennis match. Also interested in one-time matches. Please call Jim Lilley at 221-6170 or 727-1558. Email at JL7586@ATT.com.

FOR SALE — IN GREAT CONDITION!

2007 Mitsubishi Montero Sports XLS AWD4D. Asking \$7,500.00 Contact Tim or Laura at 992-9694 for additional details.