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# The WOODSETTE

## The Woods Community Newsletter

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### YOUR RESOURCES

#### OFFICE HOURS

<i>Monday</i>	9:00 TO 1:00
<i>Tuesday</i>	2:00 TO 6:00
<i>Wednesday</i>	2:00 TO 6:00
<i>Thursday</i>	2:00 TO 6:00
<i>Friday</i>	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](http://www.woodscommunity.com)

[thewoodscommunit@bellsouth.net](mailto:thewoodscommunit@bellsouth.net)

## ATTENTION HOME OWNERS

**EVERYONES HELP IS NEEDED! THE CONSOLIDATION AND UPDATING OF THE BY-LAWS AND COVENANTS ARE CRITICAL. THE BOARD OF DIRECTIONS ASK THAT YOU PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN YOUR ANNUAL MEETING MATERIAL. WE NEED A MAJORITY VOTE TO PASS THE BYLAWS AND COVENANTS. IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE EITHER CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER OR STOP BY THE OFFICE AND PICK UP THE MATERIAL. EVERYONE'S VOTE IS IMPORTANT, PLEASE MAIL/TURN IN OR COME TO THE ANNUAL MEETING ON THE 10th OF NOVEMBER 2009.**

### NOTE FROM ARC

Just a reminder from the ARC that all homeowners must present a request to ARC for any changes done to the exterior of their property: i.e tree removal, painting, driveways, roofs, or fences. Request forms are available at The Woods office during normal business hours. Please be as descriptive as possible on your form and include a copy of the property survey. Once approved by the committee, you only need to stop by the office and pick up your ARC approved sign to display. There is a \$25.00 refundable fee for this sign. Thank you.

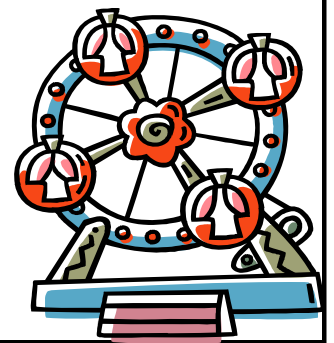
## THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Thanks to all who have donated thus far – some folks are even donating entire baskets of food! A very special thanks to those incredibly generous people. Remember, the deadline for donations is November 13<sup>th</sup>!!!! Drop offs at either guardhouse or the office/community center.



## JACKSONVILLE AGRICULTURAL FAIR

Is now in full swing. A great place to take the family for an afternoon of fun and games. The fair is held at the Fairgrounds from November 4<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>. See you at the Fair!



## LOUD CAR RADIOS

For some time now, the board has grappled with how to handle loud car radios. We have contacted JSO and all those cars, whether belonging to residents or guests, will be ticketed by JSO officers. We intend to prosecute these offenders the same as traditional traffic violators. Please be courteous – only play your radio for your ears!

## GARDEN CLIPPINGS

I'm sure you've all read the recent article in the Times-Union about sago palms and how to handle. We can't state this enough – trim off the unsightly dead and yellowing fronds and discard in a plastic bag! Please do not place these with normal yard refuse. If your sago has Asian scale, don't even try to correct the problem – you'll end up terribly frustrated. Best thing to do – remove the sago from your yard. You'll be happier in the long run!

Also recently we learned that Ocean Walk (off Seminole Road in Atlantic Beach) just experienced a huge fish kill! When experts were brought in to assess the situation, they reported that too many homeowners surrounding the lake had contaminated the water with fertilizer run-off. Remember, if you live near one of our many beautiful lakes, keep your fertilizer to a minimum and do NOT fertilize within 10 feet of the lake!

## Finance Committee Updates



Our community stayed within the operating budget for the period of January through September 2009 with a surplus of \$80,842. We expect this surplus amount to be reduced by expenditures in the last quarter of 2009. The Reserve Fund September 30, 2009 balance of \$818,314 is 106 percent of the recommended balance for 2009 per our 2006 Reserve Study. It is 72 percent of the adjusted Reserve Study recommended balance for 2010 that includes additional capital expenditures.

An update of our 2006 Reserve Study is planned for the near future. Here is a summary of our community's finances through September 30, 2009. We look forward to providing you future updates.

Dave Czerw, Finance Committee Chairman

<b>OPERATING</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>
Revenues	841,030	837,572	3,458
Expenses	(760,548)	(839,082)	78,534
Surplus (Deficit)	80,482	(1,510)	81,992
<b>RESERVE FUND</b>			
Reserve Fund Balance	818,314		
Reserve Study Recommended Balance for Dec 31, 2009	769,700		
Surplus (Deficit)	48,614		
Reserve Fund – Percent Funded 2009	106 %		
Adjusted Reserve Study Recommended Balance for Dec 31, 2010	1,136,248		
Surplus (Deficit)	(317,934)		
Reserve Fund – Percent Funded 2010	72%		

### INTERNATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE MATCH

A very special event – the International Rugby League is coming to Jax! The US team is squaring off against the Jamaica team. What a wonderful afternoon for your kids who play sports to see our American team in action!!

Where: UNF

When: November 14<sup>th</sup>, 3:00PM

Please go to [www.jaxaxe.com](http://www.jaxaxe.com) for more details!

### BE SAFE – BE SMART!!

Now that our daylight hours are getting shorter, we all need to be safe and smarter. Please protect yourself by carrying a flashlight and wearing light clothing when you take an evening walk. The same goes for cyclists – please be sure that your bike has a headlight and reflective back panels so others can see you!!!

# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR FINALLY HERE AGAIN!

The event that everyone has been waiting for is almost here! The WOW Christmas Bazaar will be held Friday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup> at the community center. This is a huge fundraiser for the WOW and is an excellent opportunity to get some holiday shopping out of the way! If you've never attended, please come by and take a look around. Non-residents are also welcome, of course. For all you "regulars," we have several new crafters this year and new items for sale include: ornaments, illuminated wine bottles, painted glassware, jewelry, handmade candles and soap, potato bags, wooden toys & shelves, jams and dips, lighted glass blocks, decorative pails full of chocolate and unique flip flips! In addition to the craft show, we'll have hot lunches and a tantalizing bake sale. Chef Connie has been hard at work preparing her signature desserts including pumpkin pies, cheese cakes, rum cakes, monkey bread and much more. For hot lunches, we'll offer pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, and chicken divan – all for under \$4.00!!! We hope to see all of you there!!

Friday, 11/13 – Noon – 8:00PM

Saturday, 11/14 – 10:00AM – 4:00PM

## UNIQUE DAY TRIPS

Contributor – Justine Aleschus

If you've never taken a day trip from Jacksonville – try it! You'll have a fun time and learn something, too! Recently, I did just that and now I am hooked on these day trips. I've gone to a luau at Sea World and experienced my first airboat ride following a visit to Fort Christmas, Florida. Next, I am going on a St. John's River safari and a visit to deBary Hall. All of the tours feature either a delicious lunch or dinner. In December, I've booked a trip to Savannah for lunch and a theater production of "A Christmas Tradition." The tour company is owned and operated by a young couple here in The Woods. Thanks to them, my day tours have been entertaining and enjoyable.

## CLASSIFIEDS

### **THROW AN ART PARTY!!**

\$35.00/person – supplies included! We will complete a watercolor in a 2-hour session in your home. Minimum = 3 people. Award winning watercolorist and teacher. Please call Roseann Egidio at 728-7064.

### **BABY SITTER & PET SITTER**

I am a responsible and capable teenager, Red Cross certified and love taking care of children. I also love animals and would be happy to care for your special family pets. References available. Please call Samantha here in The Woods at 220-8897 or 635-7264.

### **FOR SALE – US FLAGS & MORE!**

U.S. flags, flag poles, military and college flags. Woods resident. Call Steve at 221-7809.

### **JAX DASHUNDS MONTHLY MEETING!**

Jax\_dachshunds is having their monthly meet-up here in The Woods on Sat. Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM. Doxie lovers bring your pups for some noisy fun at 2334 Bob Cat Lane. Please RSVP to Jayne at 220-7349.

### **WEEKLY POOL SERVICE**

Want a sparkling carefree pool? Woods resident, Mike McHaffey is very affordable and experienced. Call Mike at 207-0931 or visit

[www.LoveYourPoolCare.com](http://www.LoveYourPoolCare.com).

### **HIRE A HANDYMAN – WE DO IT ALL!**

We're building our business one satisfied customer at a time – for over 12 years now! Big enough for all your needs, small enough for guaranteed quality work. Licensed & insured. Free estimates. Call 221-3453 (Woods resident).

### **2010 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

Now available! For only \$20! Proceeds benefit local scholarships. Please call 221-8061.

### **CARPENTRY & PAINTING SERVICES:**

Over 30+ years/ experience; landscaping and other services available. Lic. & insured; Call Rich at 762-8474.

### **COLLEGE BOUND!**

Hard working and responsible; reliable & trustworthy teen. Does yard work, odd jobs and anything you don't want to do. Call Hiroki Dionne at 220-7349 or 314-2212.

### **WOODS RESIDENT AND STAY AT HOME MOM TO CLEAN YOUR HOUSE!**

I am currently a stay-at-home Mom who loves to clean. I take great pride in my work and make sure the job is done right. I can clean any day of the week. Contact Tanya at 221-9305.

### **SPORTS CLIPS HAIRCUTS – SPECIAL OFFER FOR WOODS RESIDENTS!!!**

New ownership in Harbour Place. Woods resident now offers reduced haircuts for boys 10 and under ONLY \$12.00!! Open 7 days a week – no appointment necessary. VIP service available – see manager Mike Tooley for details. Bring this ad and receive \$2.00 off any haircut. Valid through 12/31/09. Not valid with any other offer