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The Woods Community Newsletter

October 2013

Annual Community Elections

Notices were mailed out September 6th to all Woods homeowners regarding the annual elections. Anyone who desires to pursue a Board position must return the candidate form by October 4th. There are three Board positions up for election this year.

Ballots, with instructions, will be mailed out October 11th. Since the election requires the submission of a minimum of 243 ballots, **it is critical that everyone votes!**

When returning your ballots, be sure to put **ONLY** the ballot in the envelope labeled "Ballot". Be sure to place your ballot envelope and the proxy in the return envelope provided. You must sign the outer label of your return envelope in order for your proxy and ballot to be counted.

The annual meeting will be held November 12th with sign-in beginning at 6:30 pm. The meeting begins at 7:30 pm.

Special Notice - The Women of the Woods will host a **"Meet the Candidates"** evening in the Woods Clubhouse October 17th at 7:00 pm. All Woods residents are invited. Don't miss this important event as it will give you the chance to hear where each of the candidates stand on the issues.

Help Wanted!

The Woods is looking for a few residents who would be interested in volunteering to work on one of The Woods committees (see table on page 4). If you would like to help, contact Caryn in The Woods office and she will put you in touch with the appropriate committee chair.

From the Board

Your Board has been working hard to find a suitable replacement for the original company contracted for the Hodges Wall project. The Board has narrowed the choice to two companies from Florida (one local) and we are in the process of evaluating both companies before awarding a contract. Construction should start 30-60 days after awarding the contract.

A straw poll was sent out with the first Annual Meeting announcement and so far the results have been in favor of remodeling the current guard house at Hodges. Our next step is to get bids on remodeling.

The work on next year's budget has been completed by our Finance Committee. There will be no increase in dues or special assessment next year. A lot of hard work from the members of the Finance Committee went into the preparation and presentation of the budget. The entire Board thanks all of those members who contributed to that effort.

The annual elections are coming up and it is critical that everyone returns their proxy votes to the office. Each year we have had a challenge collecting sufficient proxies to establish a quorum for the election. We encourage all of our home owners to participate in the process of guiding your community. Our goal is keep The Woods as one of North East Florida's premier gated communities.

IMPORTANT OCTOBER EVENTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Margarita Party	Oct 4	6 - 10 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Rules & Safety Committee	No meeting in October		
Streets & Drains Committee	Oct 9	6:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Covenant Enforcement Hearing	Oct 10	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Women of the Woods	Oct 17	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Community Garage Sale	Oct 19	8 am - 2 pm	The Woods
Finance Committee	Oct 23	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Architectural Review Committee	Oct 29	6:30 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Board of Directors	Oct 29	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse

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Halloween falls on a Thursday this year. Trick-or-treating will end at 9 pm.

Drivers please use extra caution when driving through the community while our kids are going door-to-door. **SLOW DOWN**, come to complete stops at all stop signs, and be on the alert for excited youngsters who might dart out into traffic.

Trick-or-Treaters should carry a flashlight or wear reflective tape so drivers can see you. Always look both ways when crossing the street.



Pets should be kept away from doors so as not to frighten anyone. All the excitement could spook pets, causing them to escape and run loose.

Trick-or-Treaters should only go to well-lit homes of neighbors they know. *Please do not disturb residents who do not have lights on, candy bowls out front, or other trick-or-treat welcoming signs.*



Gardening Tips for October

October can be a busy month for us here in Northeast Florida. You still need to watch for winter weeds, brown patch fungus, chinch bug damage, and sod webworms and army worm damage. If you remember whether you had a lot of

weeds last winter, now is the time to apply a pre-emergence herbicide in early October.

But be careful!!! If you apply a pre-emergence herbicide, you can NOT overseed your lawn with rye grass! The pre-emergence herbicide will prevent the rye grass seed from germinating.



Flowers to plant in October include pansies, snapdragons, petunias, digitalis, shasta daisies, and poppies. Vegetables include: beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, and radishes. If you want your Christmas cactus or poinsettias to bloom for Christmas, be certain that your plants are NOT getting light at night. Starting on or about October 1st, put the plant in a dark area so that it does not receive light from 5:00PM to 8:00 AM. Keep putting the cactus in the dark at night for one month and six to eight weeks for the poinsettias. Do not leave these in the dark for 24 hours at a time. And you'll have beautiful blooms in time for Christmas!!!

A Word from Women of the Woods

On Thursday, September 19th, Women of The Woods gathered for our first meeting of the year. We were glad to welcome back members and especially happy to welcome so many new members!!! We said farewell to Jan Miller, long time WOW member and master gardener who is moving to North Carolina. We'll miss you, Jan!!! The meeting ended on a high note with a delicious Italian night dinner, compliments of the WOW Board.

Women of The Woods will host a **Meet the Candidates** evening at 7pm on **Thursday, October 17th**. The community

is invited to this important event. **(Wine and hors d'oeuvres to follow.)**

In support of Hubbard House Food Baskets for Thanksgiving, we are asking WOW members to bring food contributions to the October 17th meeting. (See the shopping list below.)

WOW meets on the **third Thursday of each month** in The Woods Clubhouse at 7pm. Annual dues are \$15/person, payable by check or cash. If you have questions, please call Jeannie at 992-3848.

Hubbard House Thanksgiving Baskets

Donations may be dropped off at either guard gate or at The Woods office until Friday, November 15th.

To promote fairness and consistency for the recipients, please only donate items on the shopping list. An entire basket can be made for just \$35.

Please secure gift cards in a large envelope.

Hubbard House Outreach Center will continue to accept donations until November 22nd.

You will need to bring them to their Beach Boulevard location:

6629 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville, 32216

Shopping List

Instant Mashed Potatoes

Stuffing Mix

Jar or Packet of Turkey Gravy Mix

Dinner Rolls (off the shelf)

Canned Cranberry Sauce

Canned Sweet Potatoes or Yams

Canned Corn

Canned Green Beans

Canned Cream of Mushroom Soup

Durkee Onion Rings

Poultry Seasoning

White Sugar

Instant Tea

Aluminum Foil

Turkey Pan

Turkey Bags

Long Storage Milk (Evaporated or dry)

Gift Card for listed items (\$25 increments)



GARAGE SALE!

Every fall, The Woods hosts a garage sale, and this year the event will be on the **third Saturday in October**.

Sponsored by the Women of the Woods (W.O.W.), The Woods Garage Sale will be held on October 19th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. In case of rain, the garage sale will be rescheduled to the next day.

A \$5.00 cash registration fee will get your home's address included on a neighborhood map of participants with descriptions of your items for sale, a real bargain given all the benefits you receive in return. W.O.W. provides newspaper ads, posts signs around the boundaries of our neighborhood, supplies each registered household with an official Participant Packet, distributes yard sale participant lists to visitors the day of the event, and arranges for the pick-up of any gently used goods (no trash, please) after the sale by the Salvation Army. Use this

opportunity to get rid of a lot of cool stuff you no longer need, but could bless someone else in his or her household. Amazing publicity and the incredible turnout of previous years always make for hundreds of eager customers. You keep all the money you make. Your registration fee pays for the advertising, printing, and other costs associated with the event.

A word of caution: the start time is somewhat flexible. If the line becomes long and begins to cause traffic problems, customers may be admitted as early as 7 a.m. Woods residents have been known to begin their shopping even earlier. Also, if you decide to close up shop early or just have a few things around the house to give away, the Salvation Army will have a truck located at the Woods Clubhouse to accept these items throughout the day of the sale. The form and registration fee can be

dropped off at either of the following locations:

The Woods Community Office OR to W.O.W. Garage Sale, c/o Jeannie Ballentine, 12875 Winged Elm Drive N.

This year, we are accepting cash only. If you have any questions, please call Jeannie at 992-3848. We look forward to a fun and profitable day for everyone who participates!



FALL 2013 GARAGE SALE REGISTRATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

TOP 5 ITEMS FOR SALE

MUST BE IN NO LATER THAN MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2013

Announcements and Reminders

STREETS AND DRAINS - The road update project is underway once again. We anticipate that portions of the community's roads will be refurbished after the first of the year. Please call the office at 221-3722 or Jim Blache at 221-6710 to report any sections of the roads in the community that you feel should be considered for repair. Residents should look for bumps in the roads, large cracks, pot holes, and areas that have sunken. Your assistance with helping to keep our community safe and up-to-date is greatly appreciated.

THE WOODS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP meets every Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm. Come join us at the Woods Community Center! Share a cup of coffee and meet some friendly neighbors! For more information call or email Larry at: 382-4662 or WoodsBibleFellowship@gmail.com.

DON'T FORGET:

- ◆ Use the new City garbage & recycle containers beginning with the first pickup in October
- ◆ Margarita Party October 4th (Must be 21 to participate)
- ◆ Sign up for the Garage Sale by October 14th
- ◆ Halloween is Thursday, October 31st
- ◆ Set your clocks **back one hour** at 2:00 am November 3rd



ENTRY GATES	
ATLANTIC	221-3111
HODGES	221-2435
THE WOODS OFFICE	
PHONE—Line 1	221-3722
PHONE—Line 2	221-3723
FAX	221-0833
OFFICE HOURS	
MONDAY	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
TUESDAY	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
THURSDAY	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
FRIDAY	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
MARSH LANDING MGMT CO	
PHONE	273-3033
FAX	273-0933

A Special "Thank you" to W. O. W.

As I finally get ready to leave this area, I would like to encourage all women here in The Woods to consider joining the W.O.W. This group does so many good things for our community and have for many years. There are many facets to the W.O.W. including book club, monthly get-togethers, yard sales, community directories, and, of course, the help they provide to Hubbard House during the holidays.

I made many friends in W.O.W. during the past ten years and newcomers can as well. May the W.O.W. continue to provide support and friendship for all who wish it.



- Jan Miller

IMPORTANT EMAIL/WEBSITES	
EMAIL: The Woods	thewoodscommunit@bellsouth.net
CLASSIFIED ADS: The Woodsette	TheWoodsette@yahoo.com
WEBSITE: The Woods	www.thewoodscommunity.com
WEBSITE: Marsh Landing	www.marshlandingmanagement.com

THE WOODS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS			
BOARD OFFICE	HOLDER	COMMITTEE	CHAIR
PRESIDENT	Steve Thomaston	FINANCE	Connie Waterer
VICE-PRESIDENT	Rich Burna	RECREATION	Heather Park
SECRETARY	Bill Perry	STREETS & DRAINS	Jim Blache
TREASURER	Mary Boggs	RULES & SAFETY	Sandee Connolly
DIRECTOR	Jim Holland	ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW	Larry DeCaires
		COVENANT ENFORCEMENT	Harold Hollander

CLASSIFIED ADS

PARADISE GALLERIES COLLECTORS DOLLS

I have 10 Paradise Galleries Collectors dolls, prices vary from \$15-\$100. Call Kimberly at (904) 654-7540.

BABYSITTING SERVICES

Babysitter available. My name is Melanye and I am 15 years old. I have been certified through the Red Cross/CPR programs. Please call for further information at 220-5212.

PET WALKING/DOG SITTER

Discount available to residents. Over 10 years of experience. Contact Tonya at 476-7536. References available.

CONCRETE LANDSCAPE STONES

Lots of used concrete landscape stones available. Many shapes and sizes. \$.50 each to residents of The Woods. Call Gordon 221-2850.

HARLEY DAVIDSON

2009 Limited Edition Screaming Eagle. Mint condition. Over \$23K in upgrades; invoices included as verification. Approx. 8,300 miles. Like new! Asking \$24K. Please call 220-1800 for appointment.

DECK FURNITURE

Brown Jordan deck furniture. One of the best outdoor furniture makers. 14 pieces in total including loungers (4), side tables (3), dining table with 5 chairs and one (1) ottoman. All white. Call 220-1800 for appointment to see.

TEACHING MATERIALS

Preschool to grade 4 teaching books, materials, files from a 40 year accumulation of a retired teacher. Beverly at (904) 220-5704.

Ads will run for one month and **must be received by the 20th of each month** to be included in the subsequent month's publication. You must re-submit each month if you wish the ad to be re-run. Please be advised that it may be necessary to edit your wording in order to fit within the space available. Send the text for your ad to: TheWoodsette@yahoo.com