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The Woods Community Newsletter

November 2013

It's Time to Vote!

It's time for the 2013 election of officers for The Woods Board of Directors. On pages two and three of this issue, you will find all the information you need to help you cast your ballot. You will also find a brief bio of each of the candidates for the three Board of Directors positions that are up for election this year. Be sure to read over this important information but most of all, **BE SURE TO CAST YOUR VOTE!**

From the Board

Your board is still interviewing construction companies to complete the Hodges wall capital improvement project. We will be obtaining soil samples in the next couple of weeks and hopefully moving forward with the project.

As a result of the "Straw Poll" of the community, it appears that the majority is in favor of remodeling the Hodges Guard Shack. In the next few months we will be working on a design to correct the safety problems we have there. We will also be looking at keeping the new design in favor of our current style. We are working with several residents to help us choose the new design.

The Covenants Enforcement Committee (CEC) is working with several residents to correct their violations. The Board appreciates the hard work by the CEC.

The budget for next year has been submitted for approval at the annual meeting. Good news to everyone that there will be no increase in the fees next year. This is the fourth year that your board has worked very hard with the finance committee to keep operating costs down so we don't need any increases in association fees.

Please return your votes to the office as soon as possible and please attend the Annual Meeting on November 12th.

Gardening Tips for November

Hello everyone! Fall is upon us and now that we are getting into the cooler months, here are a couple of things to keep those lawns looking great. First, cut back on irrigation and only water as needed, but keep the lawns mowed at the recommended height of 3-4" for St Augustine. Mealybugs and scales can be problematic for shrubs and trees this time of year. Leaf drops, chlorotic spots, cottony appearance on stems and leaves, discoloration, and deformed foliage are all indications of these pests. Use dormant oil sprays to control these insects.

For a beautiful show of color, plant pansies, violas, and chrysanthemums. For the vegetable and herb gardener, plant broccoli, cabbage, kale, lettuce, dill, cilantro, parsley, sage, and thyme.

Let me know if there is a gardening topic you would like to see in the newsletter.

IMPORTANT NOVEMBER EVENTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Streets & Drains Committee	Nov 6	6:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Rules & Safety Committee	Nov 7	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Annual Meeting—Sign In Begins	Nov 12	6:30 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Annual Meeting	Nov 12	7:30 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Covenant Enforcement Hearing	Nov 14	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Finance Committee	Nov 20	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Architectural Review Committee	Nov 20	6:30 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Women of the Woods	Nov 21	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Board of Directors	TBD	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse

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The Woods Community Elections 2013

The Woods Community election requires that at least 30% of members are present either in person or by proxy at the annual meeting in order to hold the election for three positions available on the Board of Directors. When submitting your proxy and ballot, make sure the only item placed in the ballot envelope is the ballot. Do not place the proxy in the ballot envelope. The Association has provided a return envelope in which you are to place both your ballot envelope and the proxy. Be sure to sign the outer envelope. The management confirms the number of proxies, and ballots are counted by volunteers the night of the meeting. Volunteers who will be counting the ballots include Jim Blache, Judy Blache, Autumn Tomas, Jamie Docster, and Jeannie Ballentine. The voting is done by secret ballot.

READ!

The night of the annual meeting, the final ballots will be collected. While the ballots are being tallied, the Board will vote on the 2014 budget. There will also be time for an open forum for the homeowners. Any homeowner who wishes to address the community will have three (3) minutes to speak.

READ!

Once the volunteers have tallied the votes, the totals will be given to the Board President who will announce the newly elected Board members. The meeting will then be adjourned. At that time, the new members will convene an organizational meeting to determine who among them will hold each of the Board offices (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director) during the coming year.

READ!

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

Help Wanted

You have no doubt noticed that there are eight candidates vying for three positions up for election this year on The Woods Board of Directors. It's good to see so much interest in taking part in our community. However, there are other ways that homeowners can contribute as well. One way is to join one of the six standing committees that help oversee the day-to-day functions of the community, and there is no better way to keep tabs on what's happening in The Woods than to be on one of those committees. Contact Caryn in the Management Office, and she can connect you with the appropriate committee chair.

A Word from Women of the Woods

On Thursday, October 17th, Women of The Woods hosted a Meet the Candidates evening. Five of the eight candidates attended and shared their qualifications and vision for The Woods if elected to The Woods Board of Directors. The meeting was well attended, and residents had an opportunity to speak to the candidates during the social hour.

Many Women of The Woods members contributed food and gift cards for the Thanksgiving Hubbard House Food Baskets. Thanks so much for your generosity, and special thanks to Sandee Connolly for making sure our gifts reach those in need.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: November 21 WOW Meeting. At this meeting, we'll be making bracelets for Christmas Hubbard House donations, and of course, a make-and-take for yourself too! (A fun time together with snacks and beverages!) **December 10 WOW Holiday Party.** We're meeting at Jean Kurkowski's fabulously decorated home for a Christmas Cookie Exchange and holiday celebration together.

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)



Meet the Candidates

Mary Boggs - Email: Angelmom612@hotmail.com, Phone: 256-7188

No submission

Rich Burna - Email: RichBurna@aol.com, Phone: 705-9020

No submission

Nick Causey - Email: NCausey@epofc.com, Phone: 537-8799

My name is Nick Causey and I would like to participate on the Board of Directors for our Community. My motivation is to represent the best interests of our entire community based on feedback from all of our homeowners. I believe that as a board member, my duty is to the homeowners as a mass and strongly believe that there is no place for personal agendas or special interests of the few. I am 31 years old and have a Bachelors degree in Business Marketing and my MBA in Finance from the UNF. I currently work as a Regional Sales Manager for Environmental Products of FL Inc. In this role, I have developed the expertise to properly write and review formal bid solicitations and contracts. I will make sure we are keeping our fiduciary responsibility to each and every homeowner. I look forward to the opportunity to represent you! Thanks!

Harold Hollander - Email: h.hollander@comcast.net, Phone: 220-4662

I pledge to serve you and represent you as best I can. If you elect me, I pledge to run no more than two terms because I feel that greater resident involvement will result in new ideas and better governance, much as term limits energizes the electorate on all levels of government. As a 37 year-long resident of our community, I will strive to preserve the quality of life we enjoy here in our community. I am retired from the Jacksonville Fire Rescue Department where I served for 35 years and left as Chief in the Rescue Division. I am currently serving as the chairman of the newly formed Woods Covenant Enforcement Committee. My daughter and her husband along with their three children also reside in our neighborhood. In addition my wife's sister and my niece along with her family all live here as well. I have deep roots in our community and want the best for all our residents. Please help me by your vote during the current election.

Larry Landin - Email: LLandin2178@comcast.net, Phone: 885-1520

It is time for wholesale change! I will work as YOUR representative, recognizing that HOA money is YOUR money and that the community MUST have an active voice in governance. I pledge to use ALL AVAILABLE MEANS TO COMMUNICATE with you, my neighbors! I will look to reduce spending by implementing a ZERO-BASED BUDGET review. I pledge to push for community vote on expenditures above \$75,000! It will be my goal to establish TERM LIMITS for board members. I pledge to FOLLOW SUNSHINE LAWS for ALL board actions, hold OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSIONS when discussing plans for the neighborhood and INSTITUTE FIVE (5) YEAR PLANS for every major undertaking. I will seek to REINVIGORATE COMMITTEES. Every step of the way, I WILL SEEK YOUR INPUT AND REPRESENT YOU while making the Woods the most desirable NEIGHBORHOOD WITH A HEART! I appreciate your vote!

John W. Lewis - Email: victoria.lewis@comcast.net, Phone: 707-7373

No submission

Steve Thomaston - Email: stevethomaston@comcast.net, Phone: 571-5077

My name is Steve Thomaston and I am the current President of the Woods Community Association. I have served on this board since 1995 and for the majority of those years I have been President of the Board. As we approach this year's elections I would like to remind everyone that the board members are volunteers and sworn to keep the best interests of all home owners in mind. In doing that for 800 plus home owners, it has been proven we can't please everyone all the time. We all make decisions based on input from everyone and a vision of where we want this community to be in five to ten years. We have been diligent in our fiduciary responsibilities and this community is on very solid financial ground. As you vote for your board members remember, this should not be a governing body with personal agendas. I ask that you consider that when you are approached by anyone soliciting your vote. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me directly at 904-571-5077(c).

Donna Webster-Rodriguez - Email: ocean1313@bellsouth.net, Phone: 534-8013

Accountability, responsibility, communication and dedication are all good words, but they are just words if not put into action. I believe that we should use the same ethics in volunteer work as if we were receiving a pay check! As members of the board, we are responsible for the decisions we make and should be held accountable. My platform is to focus on the "rules, laws and policies" of the board itself. I want to make sure that the community is aware of decisions that affect the community financially. I want to ensure that rules and regulations are followed from the beginning to the end of community projects. I also want to make changes in current rules and regulations to better protect the monies that we were put in office to protect! I am asking that you vote for me! Thank you and God bless you!

Announcements and Reminders

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS - If you have Christmas decorations to donate to The Woods for making our neighborhood beautiful for the holidays, please call Joanne Louis at 220-7174. We also need several "Santa Helpers" to decorate for Christmas. Call Joanne if you can help.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.....did you know?

I have been a member of the Wood's finance committee for several years now and was asked to chair the committee last year when our previous chair was elected to the Board. I joined the committee for two reasons; one, because I am a volunteer kind of person and, two, I wanted to know how my money was being spent!

I have always believed that it is better to be part of a solution than sit back and complain. It is easy to complain about the fountains, the guards, the ponds, the community center, the playground, the wall, etc., but it is also easy to be involved.

There are several committees on which the homeowners can serve to help make OUR neighborhood the best it can be. All of them meet once a month and some really don't take that much of your time. Me, I chose the finance committee because I feel it is important to live within our budget and I can help with that. I do not have a business degree, or finance degree, or accounting degree, but I do have a home, yard and budget just like everyone else. Please consider helping out.
Connie Waterer, Finance Committee Chair

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:

- ◆ Be sure to **VOTE** by November 12th
- ◆ Set your clocks **back one hour** at 2:00 am November 3rd
- ◆ Change the batteries in all of your smoke detectors
- ◆ Reduce your watering regimen to once a week
- ◆ Recycle collection dates: Nov 13, 27 and Dec 11, 26

Thank you to Noriko Stern for taking over the gardening column this month. As you know, Jan Miller moved to North Carolina and left behind some pretty big shoes to be filled. Looks like Noriko is going to do a great job and she has some interesting ideas for future columns. Send Noriko an email at bcnstern@att.net if you have gardening ideas to share.

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

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			
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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.

TEACHING MATERIALS

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

PET SITTER

Experienced pet sitter, can accommodate the needs of almost any animals: dogs, cats, reptiles, birds, exotics just ask! High school student with a flexible schedule and reasonable rates. Woods resident of 5 years. References. Call Hannah (904) 923-5229

FURNITURE

Overstuffed Sofa, Chair, and Ottoman. Distressed Brown Leather with Nailhead Trim. \$1900. Call (904) 710-0033 for details.

FREE TRAMPOLINE

We have a 14 foot trampoline to give away. It is in excellent shape and comes with a safety net. We will help move it in The Woods with our truck. Call 220-0853 or 463-2416. Talk to John or Linda.

EQUIPMENT FOR THE MUSICIAN

Bose L1, Model II Portable Line Array System; two Gibson EB-2DC vintage bass guitars; Hofner Club Bass guitar; various other guitars, amplifiers, effects processors, and more. Call Tim at 992-3848.

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