



The Woodsette

The Woods Community Newsletter

December 2013

Congratulations to Our Recently Elected Board Members

Congratulations to the winners in the recent elections for The Woods Board of Directors. Incumbents Steve Thomaston and Mary Boggs were each re-elected to two-year terms and Nick Causey was elected to a one-year term. Nick actually tied with Dr. Larry Landin for the third vacant position, but Dr. Landin conceded the position to Nick.

The newly configured Board voted amongst themselves to determine which of them would be responsible for each of the Board positions. Steve Thomaston, Bill Perry and Mary Boggs will continue to serve as President, Secretary, and Treasurer, respectively. Jim Holland was tapped as Vice-President and Nick Causey will serve as Director.



Mary Boggs, Nick Causey, and Steve Thomaston

From the Board

There were a few changes that took place during the recent election. We say farewell to Rich Burna and thank him for his many years of service. We hope that he will continue to serve the community on one of The Woods committees. We welcome Nick Causey, newly elected Board member. We all look forward to working with him.

There are several important items that have come up recently that need to be brought to the attention of all homeowners:

First, now that we all have the new larger trash cans, we must remember that trash cans are not to be visible from the street. We ask that everyone please take precautions not to leave them out where they are an

eye-sore from the street. If you do not have room in your garage, then they must be behind some type of screen. As the property manager does her inspection, there have been a tremendous number of cans that are just sitting on the sides of homes or in front of the garage door. We all need to work at correcting this problem.

If you are riding your bike, walking your dogs, or just walking during the hours of darkness, for your own safety, we ask that you carry some type of light and wear light colored clothing. There have been several reports from residents that have said they were almost run over, yet they did not take the time to be safe about their outings at night. Please

be safe out there!

We had some items stolen from a car in the Spiceberry section while parked in the driveway. Please lock your cars and do not leave valuable items in them at any time.

Last but not least, last week there was vandalism to the community center and tennis courts. Extensive damage was done to equipment and the tennis court sprinkler system. Graffiti was also painted on the pool house & maintenance shed. These acts just cost us all so if you have any information about this, please contact the management office.

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FYI - There will be no Board of Directors or committee meetings this month.

Gardening Tips for December

Let's talk about one of the most beloved holiday plants ... Poinsettias. These lovely plants are native to Mexico and the Aztecs used them for their fall celebrations. In 1825, Joel Poinsett introduced them to the US.

Poinsettias come in many different colors such as burgundy, pink, peach, white, yellow and marbled colors. They are considered tropical plants that prefer a temperature of 65F (night) and 75-80F(day). Keep them in a bright area of your home away from chill and drafts. Allow the Poinsettias to dry out between waterings and make sure you do not overwater or allow the plant to sit in water.

After the holiday season many of these plants end up getting thrown away. It doesn't have to be if you



have a little bit of time and patience. Here are some tips: Once the leaves have fallen off, cut the plant back to about 8" in height and plant it in a shady location but make sure you wait until after the last freeze. Poinsettias prefer moist and well drained soil. Plant it to the same depth as the pot it was in. Mulch and water well until established. Fertilize May to September. During the growing season, Poinsettias can become leggy so make sure you prune regularly. Discontinue pruning after September.

The University of Florida at Gainesville will be hosting a Poinsettia sale on December 5 and 6 at Fifield Hall. Go to www.gatorpoinsettia.com for more information.

Happy Holidays from your happy Woods gardener.

Happy Holidays to all The Woods residents from the Women of The Woods!

Women of The Woods strives to support the community and the city of Jacksonville. We thank Sandee Connolly, who spearheaded the collection of food and gift cards for Hubbard House. Because of Sandee's hard work and the generosity of residents of The Woods, needy families were provided food and gift cards for their Thanksgiving dinners this year.

Our November 21st WOW meeting was a great opportunity for us to enjoy time together while we created beautiful beaded bracelets for Hubbard House moms and teens! Each bracelet was placed in a lovely organza gift bag for giving. Special thanks to Joann Jewell for dazzling beads, findings, tools, and expertise and guidance in our service project!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: On **Tuesday, December 10th at 7pm**, Women of the Woods will celebrate the holidays at Jean Kurkowski's house (**12853 Tall Cypress Court West**). **Please plan to join us!!!** You don't want to miss Jean's fabulously decorated house. Here are some reminders for the Christmas party:

- ◆ Wear **RED** and **GREEN** - just for fun!
- ◆ We're collecting toys for Hubbard House for those of you who would like to contribute.
- ◆ To participate in the Cookie Exchange, bring your three dozen cookies, packaged in sets of 6. You'll go home with six sets of different cookies for the holidays!!!

In the beginning of the new year, Women of The Woods will be enjoying Movie Night (January 16), Chocolate Night (February 20), and Pot Luck Dinner (March 20). 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.



The Woods Road Update Project

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 repaired or considered for repair. Residents should look for bumps in the roads, large cracks, pot holes, and areas that have sunken. Your assistance is greatly appreciated in helping to keep our community safe and up-to-date.

A “Quint” Is Coming To Fire Station #58

In late December, the Jacksonville Fire Rescue Department is placing into service a “quint” at Fire Station #58 (located at 251 Joeandy Road). The name quint is derived from the Latin prefix quinque-, meaning five, and refers to the five functions that a quint provides: pump, water tank, fire hose, aerial device, and ground ladders. The quintuple combination fire service apparatus will serve the dual purpose of a fire engine and a ladder truck.



The quint will be officially designated as “Ladder 158”. It will be staffed with four firefighters and feature a 450HP Cummings diesel engine, a 500-gallon water tank, a pump capable of delivering 1,500 gallons of water per minute, and a 75-foot aerial ladder with a waterway for elevated fire suppression. It will be equipped with extrication tools as well as being licensed as an Advanced Life Support apparatus.

The quint’s functionality as a combination fire engine and ladder truck, allows the department to enhance its firefighting, rescue, and EMS capabilities. The dual capability of Ladder 158 provides a significant savings to the tax payers over buying a separate engine and aerial ladder for its response area and increases the community’s Insurance Services Office fire safety rating.

The Woods Tennis News

As many of you are already aware, the Atlantic Beach Country Club (ABCC, formerly the Selva Marina Country Club) has contracted with The Woods Community Association for the use of our tennis facilities over the course of the next year or so while their tennis facilities are being completely redone as a part of the total rebuild of the ABCC.

Ladies’ team practices have already begun on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Check with the Working Women’s B and C team Captains for specific details. A men’s clinic has already gotten underway on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 7:30pm. Clinics for juniors will be held December 4 – January 22 for three age groups: Tiny Tots (ages 4-7), Future Stars (ages 8-10), and Junior Development (ages 11 and older). Classes for the Tots and Stars will be held Wednesdays from 4-5pm and Saturdays 10:30-11:30am. Times for the 11 and older group are 5-6pm Wednesdays and 11:30am to 12:30pm Saturdays. Rain dates are January 25th and 29th.

A 6-week adult Introduction to Tennis series will begin January 11th and will culminate with an optional beginner play date with other local programs at Jax Golf and Country Club on February 22. This six-week program will run Saturdays from 9-10am and will cost \$75.

ABCC’s primary tennis usage is Tuesday through Friday from 9am to 12noon with limited night and weekend play. In order to better manage the courts, we are requesting that you call 514-0569 to reserve a court. A weekly court reservation sheet will be posted at the Tennis Shop. This process will be adjusted as necessary for continuous improvement. Mr. REB Phillips, the Head Tennis Professional, is compiling an email list of The Woods players. If you would like to be included please send him your contact information.

From REB Phillips, “On behalf of the ABCC tennis players, I can honestly say we are thrilled to be here and we are looking forward to some great tennis and fun new friends! Having said that, we would also like to host a ‘Meet-n-Greet’ very soon.” Mr. Phillips can be reached at 514-0569 or rebphillips@comcast.net.

Announcements and Reminders

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.

HELP WANTED! We are looking for good neighbors to help neighbors in need! There are those in the community that, for a variety of valid financial reasons, are having difficulty keeping their yards in compliance with the BYLAWS & Covenants. Just a few minutes a week would prevent these neighbors from facing the added embarrassment and burden of fines. This is not about helping those who won't, but rather it is all about helping those who can't! If you would like to be a Woods "Good Samaritan", please contact Larry Landin at 382-4662, or woodsbiblefellowship@gmail.com.

THANK YOU!! Because of the caring and generosity of the Residents of The Woods and the members of the Women of the Woods, Hubbard House received 13 baskets of food, \$350 in food gift certificates/cards, over 400 pounds of extra food, and 3 or 4 bags of clothing. You are all so gracious with your time and money. I love our community! Thank you!

Sandee Connolly



DON'T FORGET:

- ◆ December 18th is the last day for public school students before Winter Break. Students report back to school on Jan 6th.
- ◆ Recycle collection dates: Dec 11, 26
- ◆ Reduce your watering regimen to once a week

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

THE WOODS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS				IMPORTANT EMAIL/WEBSITES	
BOARD OFFICE	HOLDER	COMMITTEE	CHAIR	EMAIL: The Woods	thewoodscommunit@bellsouth.net
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		COVENANT ENFORCEMENT	H. 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.

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

BARBECUE GRILL WANTED

Looking for a new or used gas barbecue grill in good condition. Call Kevin at 626-6314.

TEACHING MATERIALS

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

FREE WORKSTATION

Free L-shaped executive work station with keyboard tray. Huge work surface - 6ft by 7 ft. Ample room underneath for file cabinets, multiple CPUs, or whatever. Three openings on surface for cables. Will help deliver in woods with my truck. Call 220-0853.

EQUIPMENT FOR THE MUSICIAN

Bose L1, Model II PAS \$2,000; two Gibson EB-2DC vintage bass guitars \$2,000 each; Hofner Club Bass \$2,500; various other guitars, amplifiers, effects processors, and more. Call Tim at 992-3848.

TIRES AND MICROWAVE FOR SALE

Three Toyo tires, size P205/65R15, \$40. Sharp Carousel microwave in excellent condition, \$35. Call Susan at 710-6685.

CHILD CARE

Woods resident offering child care in my home. BLS and CPR certified. Used to be a nurse and college instructor but due to an auto accident, must now work from home. Call or text 701-1012.

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