



# The Woodsette

The Woods Community Newsletter

February 2014

## The Woods Tennis News

There is a lot of activity at The Woods tennis courts these days!

- Women's A team practice is Tuesday from 9-11am
- Working Women's B team practice is Tuesday from 6-7pm
- Men's night is Wednesday evening at 6pm
- Adult Co-ed doubles clinic is Thursday 9 - 10:30am (ntrp level 2.5 to 3.0)
- Working Women's C team practice is Thursday from 6:30-7:30pm
- Try Tennis beginner series for adults is Saturday at 9am
- Over 60 senior men's group (2.5 to 3.0 ntrp level) Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday at 9am
- Women's and Men's teams 2014 season has begun

Junior lessons are a hit!

- Wednesday/Saturday 8 and under kids at 4pm and 11am
- 10's team practices are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 4-5pm
- 12's team practices are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 5-6pm

House-keeping Reminders

- Courts closed daily from 1-3pm for watering
- Courts closed on Mondays

Interested in getting tennis updates? Please let me know and I will add you to the tennis email list. As always, if you want to get involved or share some ideas, give me a call at 514-0569. See you at the courts! *REB*

IMPORTANT FEBRUARY EVENTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Rules & Safety Committee	Feb 6	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Streets & Drains Committee	Feb 12	6:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Covenant Enforcement Hearing	Feb 13	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Women of The Woods	Feb 20	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Finance Committee	Feb 19	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Architectural Review Committee	Feb 27	6:30 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Board of Directors	Feb 27	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse

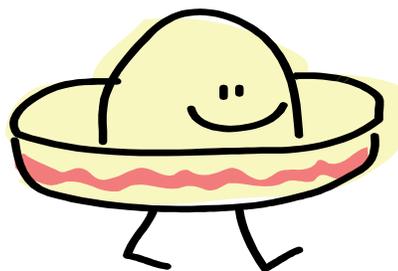
*What? Did somebody say*  
**MARGARITA?**

**Time to dust off your sombreros and get ready to Fiesta! Adults, enjoy a festive night of getting to know your neighbors with music, free food, and margaritas.**

Sorry, no one under 21 is permitted.  
Sponsored by the Board of Directors.

**Date: Friday, February 28th**  
**Time: 5 to 9 pm**  
**Where: The Woods Clubhouse**

Volunteers needed.  
If you can help, contact The Woods office or Heather Park  
910-2764 or [bugaboopark@comcast.net](mailto:bugaboopark@comcast.net)



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## From the Board

2014 is off to a quick start! The Woods Board of Directors (BOD) has selected a company to start the permitting process and construction of the Hodges wall project. The permitting process should take about 6-8 weeks with, hopefully, construction starting shortly after that. We will make sure to keep you posted as the project progresses.

There are a couple of items of concern that the Board plans to address in the coming months. First, we are considering hiring JSO to visit The Woods and enforce observation of traffic control devices (stop signs) and speed limits. Many residents have expressed concern over the disregard of these laws. Second, the Board plans to step up enforcement of the rules regarding visible trash containers. No trash containers are to be visible from the street except when placed at the curb for pickup. We urge everyone to take note of these issues. The Covenants Enforcement Committee will have guidelines posted on The Woods website shortly that should help members avoid receiving citations in this area.

Finally, the Board extends the invitation to all Woods residents to attend the monthly Board meetings and get involved in their community. Your voice can only be heard if you speak up.

## Gardening Tips for February

Arbor Day is celebrated every year in every state, and this year, Florida observed Arbor Day on January 17 by promoting the importance of trees in our lives.

Trees are the oldest organism on this planet and provide the greatest natural resources. They help keep our air clean, prevent erosion, provide building materials, reduce noise pollution and make our yards look beautiful. One tree produces approximately 260 pounds of oxygen per year. In this article, we will discuss pruning two of the most popular trees in this area, the palm and the Crape Myrtle.

Not too long ago no one pruned the Sabal Palm. They were healthy and had beautiful round tops. Somewhere along the way someone decided that he could provide a service pruning palms and that is how it all started. The green fronds on the tree store nutrients from the sun and that is how it feeds itself. When we cut the leaves off we stunt the growth, invite diseases, and interfere with its

natural ability to withstand strong winds. Only remove fronds that are completely brown and hang below the 9 o'clock and 3 o'clock positions. On certain other palms such as the Queen Palm, you may want to remove the fruit stalks. By the way, did you know the Sabal Palm is Florida's state tree?

Another tree we love to prune is the Crape Myrtle. When we cut off all the branches, leaving only the large branch, this is called "Crape Murder". The Crape Myrtle is very low maintenance if planted in full sun away from sidewalks or paved roads giving it enough room to grow. Like any other tree, it also stores food in the branches and when pruned severely, it leaves exposed wood which attracts insects and wood rotting diseases, weakening the tree structure. The proper way to prune, if necessary, is to remove dead, weakened, or damaged branches at the branch collar. Also remove vigorous branches growing toward the center of the canopy and crossing or rubbing branches.

## A Word from the Women of the Woods

**To neighbors and Women of The Woods:** several grateful recipients of the Thanksgiving baskets and Christmas toys have written to express their appreciation. One mother wrote, "Thank you for putting a Great Gigantic Smile on my 5-year old's face. That's all that matters. I'm in tears." Hubbard House executive officer Ellen Siler and executive assistant April Griffin have added their heartfelt appreciation for the thoughtfulness of The Woods neighbors and Women of The Woods. Special recognition in this effort goes to Sandee Connolly and Millie Landin.

On January 16th, the Women of The Woods met together to enjoy a wonderful movie, complete with popcorn and beverages. Our next meeting will be on **February 20th at 7pm**. *We hope you will join us for an evening of pampering!* On **Chocolate Night**, we will be enjoying chocolates of all kinds, including a chocolate fountain and

wine. Then, WOW member Arvita Glenn will provide us with Seacret skincare products (containing minerals from the Dead Sea) to sample during our evening of luxury.

Just as St. Patrick's Day includes a **pot** of gold, on **March 20th at 7pm**, WOW members will have a St. Patrick's Day **pot** as well, a **POT LUCK DINNER!** Each of us will bring our favorite dish and the recipe for our delicious creations. Then, these recipes will be compiled into a special edition *2014 WOW Pot Luck Dinner Cookbook* that will be distributed to everyone in April. Please mark your calendar, bring your favorite dish and recipe, and plan to join us on March 20th!

Women of The Woods 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.

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 ★ **MAKE AND TAKE RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP:** Are you interested in making a rain barrel? Here is your opportunity not only  
 ★ to make a rain barrel, but to take it home and use it to help preserve one of our natural resources. I am seeking input from  
 ★ the community to see if there is enough interest to hold a workshop. The workshop would be held in the Woods Clubhouse  
 ★ on a date and time to be determined. We will need at least 10 people to sign up for this class and the workshop fee would  
 ★ be \$45 (pre-paid) to cover the cost of your materials. If interested, please email Noriko Stern at [bcnstern@att.net](mailto:bcnstern@att.net).  
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## SPRING GARAGE SALE!

Every spring, The Woods hosts a garage sale, and this year the event will be on the **second Saturday in March**. Sponsored by the Women of the Woods (W.O.W.), The Woods Garage Sale will be held on March 8th 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 Dr N.*

**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!

## SPRING 2014 GARAGE SALE REGISTRATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

### TOP 5 ITEMS FOR SALE

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**MUST BE TURNED IN NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2014**

# 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.



## DON'T FORGET:

- ◆ Recycle collection dates: Feb 5, 19 and Mar 5, 19
- ◆ You should be watering your lawn no more than once a week
- ◆ Be sure to call the appropriate gate ahead of time when you are expecting visitors
- ◆ The speed limit when driving in The Woods is 25 mph
- ◆ Learn how to make a rain barrel - email bcnstern@att.net
- ◆ Turn in your spring garage sale registration forms asap

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	
<b>BOARD OFFICE</b>	<b>HOLDER</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>CHAIR</b>	EMAIL: The Woods	thewoodscommunit@bellsouth.net
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		COVENANT ENFORCEMENT	H. Hollander		

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### YARD/GARDEN/CLEAN-UP WORK NEEDED

Will pay \$12/hr for dependable person to do occasional yard/garden/clean-up work. Please contact Sam at 504-9129 if available.

### CAREGIVER NEEDED

Caregiver needed for long-time Woods resident. Two hours in am and two hours in early evening to assist with meds, breakfast, dinner, etc. Call 993-6157.

### PVC TABLE AND CHAIRS FOR SALE

Palm Casual 6-foot long PVC table with 4 chairs in blue/white stripe. All cushions and slings brand new. Moved, doesn't fit. \$250.00 or best offer. Call Jenna at 536-8733.

### BABY SITTER & PET SITTER

Responsible, capable teenager. Red Cross Certified for Baby Sitting and loves taking care of children. I also love animals and would be happy to take care of your special family pets. Woods resident. References. Call SAMANTHA, 220-8897 (H), 635-7264 (C).

### PET WALKING/DOG SITTER

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

### 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 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

### 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.

### TEACHING MATERIALS

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

### WINNIE THE POOH COLLECTOR PLATES

Bradford Exchange *Winnie the Pooh & Friends Plates* celebrate 70 years of Pooh. Sculptured 3D plates are hand numbered, hand cast, and hand painted. Pristine set of 12. \$100. Jeannie 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](mailto:TheWoodsette@yahoo.com)