



The Woodsette

The Woods Community Newsletter

June 2014

Gardening Tips for June

Last year I had the opportunity to witness Mother Nature at her best. I fostered fourteen monarch caterpillars. I was so excited. A caterpillar castle was purchased and numerous trips to the local nursery were made for milkweed ensuring they were pesticide free. After a month and a half all fourteen were released on a bright, sunny day.

The monarch butterfly has one of the longest migration routes of all the butterflies, up to 3,000 miles to the wintering grounds in the mountains of central Mexico. It is uncertain how the monarchs navigate their journey, whether they use the magnetic pull of the earth, the sun's position, or perhaps a combination of the two. Monarch migrating along the US east coast were found less likely to make it to the wintering site but spent their winters in southern Florida, Cuba or other areas of the Caribbean. The migration route is now threatened due to global warming, deforestation in the wintering site and

loss of milkweed as a host plant.

Currently there are 21 native milkweed species in Florida. The milkweed contain toxins that protect the plant, and the caterpillar once it has ingested the plant, from predators. This plant can be grown as an annual or a perennial, growing to two to four feet tall from spring to fall. It should be planted in full sun and will grow in almost any soil. Flowering with its yellow to red

clusters will occur all year long with occasional fertilization. The milkweed also likes to re-seed itself. Where the plant will come up the following year will be a surprise.

Finally, congratulations to Dick and Vicki Palmer of 2204 The Woods Dr. for being selected as having the Yard of the Month for June. Unfortunately Mrs. Palmer was out of town for the photo but, as you can see, it didn't stop us from showing off her beautiful yard.



IMPORTANT APRIL EVENTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Rules & Safety Committee	June 4	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Streets & Drains Committee	June 11	6:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Covenant Enforcement Meeting	June 12	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Women of the Woods	None		
Finance Committee	June 18	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Architectural Review Committee	June 26	6:30 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Board of Directors	June 26	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse

Inside this issue:

From Women of the Woods	2
Tennis Anyone?	3
The Pool Rules	3
Announcements/Reminders	4
Community Information	4
Classified Ads	4

A Word from Women of the Woods

Women of The Woods has had a fabulous year of activities, events, and service projects! Here are the highlights...

In **July**, Women of The Woods sponsored the *2013-2014 The Woods Resident Directory*, and all who submitted their names received a free copy. Our **September** meeting featured an Italian Night dinner, followed by the **October** Meet the Candidates meeting in which residents running for a position on The Woods Board of Directors introduced themselves and entertained questions from the audience. All Woods residents were invited to attend. WOW also sponsored the **October** 19th Fall Community Garage Sale; we opened our gates to all our Jacksonville neighbors and enjoyed great participation and sales throughout The Woods!!!

In **November**, many Women of The Woods members contributed food and gift cards for the Thanksgiving Hubbard House Food Baskets to ensure that those in need would have a happy Thanksgiving! At our **November** meeting, we made beautiful beaded bracelets for Christmas Hubbard House donations and, of course, a few for ourselves as well. We enjoyed the holiday creativity, conversation, wine, and hors d'oeuvres.

In **December**, volunteers from Women of The Woods decorated the two gates into our subdivision, the guard houses, and the Clubhouse (including a stunning 12-foot Christmas tree!!!) **December's** WOW Holiday Party and Christmas Cookie Exchange provided an opportunity for all of us to gather together and celebrate the holidays with delicious dishes and beverages. Many brought new toys to donate to Hubbard House for needy children at Christmas.

Our **January** meeting was Movie Night and featured popcorn, snacks, soda, and wine. In **February**, Women of The Woods enjoyed an evening of pampering with decadent chocolates of all kinds (including a chocolate fountain), wine and beverages, and a sampling of wonderful Seacret skincare products that we tried out for ourselves!

The Spring Community Garage Sale, sponsored by WOW on **March** 8th, was a great success with nearly

100 families participating. At the **March** Women of The Woods meeting, everyone brought a delicious Pot Luck Dinner dish or dessert and the recipe for it. We shared our special creations and little stories about how the recipes came about. Finally, all of the recipes contributed to our Pot Luck Dinner night were compiled into a *2014 Keepsake Cookbook (Limited Edition)* for WOW members.

At our **April** meeting, we had Women of The Woods **Board elections**. Congratulations to the new WOW Board members for 2014-2015!!!

President:	Jeannie Ballentine
Vice President:	Donna Webster-Rodriguez
Secretary:	Millie Landin
Treasurer:	Joann Jewell
Hospitality:	Millie Landin

Also at our **April** meeting, we discussed spring planting tips, and everyone took home one of the centerpiece plants at the tables. Our last meeting this year was on **May** 15th at Chili's where outgoing board members were recognized for their contributions and new board members were introduced and took office that evening. It was an evening of wonderful camaraderie as we closed out the year.

If you have been thinking of joining Women of The Woods, please make a resolution to join our wonderful women's group for the new year. We would LOVE to have you help us make next year the BEST yet! Please mark your calendar and plan to join us as we reconvene at The Woods Clubhouse on the third Thursday in September 2014.

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.

WOW!

The Woods Tennis News

Summer Solstice Margarita Mixer – Friday, June 20 at 6:30pm: REB will put together a night of fun and frivolity sure to please. Everyone brings something to share. Please RSVP by June 16.

Team Schedules –

- ◆ USTA Women's 3.0/Sundays at 1pm: Home – 6/8, 6/22, 7/13. Away – 6/14, 6/29
- ◆ Tri-Level Thursday 9am: Home – 6/12, 6/26, 7/17, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14
- ◆ Men's Team Friday 9am: Home – 6/20, 7/18

Lessons –

- ◆ Try Tennis – lesson series for new or beginning players runs Saturday 9-10am 6/14 – 7/26.
- ◆ Wednesday co-ed clinic B/C team level, 8-9:30am - \$15
- ◆ Working Women B team/3.0 USTA Team, Tuesday 6-7pm - \$10
- ◆ Working Women C and Tuesday First Coast C Team, Thursday 6:30-7:30pm - \$10
- ◆ Men's night clinic with play after – Wednesday at 6pm

Juniors – We currently have over 25 juniors from The Woods community actively participating in our junior programs! Please let us know if you would like to get involved.

- ◆ 8 and under – Tuesday & Wednesday 10:15am to 11am
- ◆ 10 and under - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 11am – 12:30pm
- ◆ 11 and over - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 11am – 12:30pm

Busy court times –

- ◆ Saturday morning 9-11am and home match dates

Housekeeping –

- ◆ Courts closed daily 1-3pm for grooming and water (including weekends except for women's home match Sundays...6/8, 6/22, 7/13)
- ◆ Please call or text REB to reserve at 904-514-0569

Additional Play Opportunities and Round Robins –

- ◆ Senior Men's Round Robin Wed, Fri, and Saturday 9am
- ◆ Saturday 3.0-3.5 co-ed round robin 9-11am. Contact is Diane Bach.

The Swimming Pool Rules

1. During scheduled periods when no lifeguard is on duty and the swimming pool is open, "swim at your own risk" signs will be posted.
2. No persons under the age of 14 are allowed in the pool area without a parent or guardian (over 18) present. All children 14-17 must apply for a pool pass, with parent's permission in order to access the pool area without adult supervision. Any parent interested in getting the pool pass for the children should contact the office for more information. The pool ID badges will be \$3.00 per badge. They must have the pool pass/ID in order to enter the pool area.
3. Toddlers and infants must wear swim diapers and plastic underpants covers. If your child defecates in the pool and the plastic pants were not being worn, there will be a \$100 charge to close the pool and clean it.
4. The Lifeguard will enforce the 10 minutes adult swim only once per hour. No exceptions. Adults only during lifeguard break, which means all children and their feet, are completely out of the water including the wading (baby) pool.
5. A member must accompany a guest. No more than 5 guests per each household. Any parties bigger than 5 persons must be arranged through The Woods office. Clubhouse rentals CANNOT access the pool area at any time; the lifeguard has the right to deny entry.
6. Abusive Language is not permitted.
7. Only water safe toys will be permitted in the pool area and these are subject to the lifeguard's approval. No rafts are permitted.
8. The Lifeguard's authority is final. Failure to follow these rules will result in removal from the pool.
9. No running.
10. No diving.
11. No vandalism.
12. No horseplay.
13. No food or drink permitted on the pool deck.
14. No alcohol.
15. No pets allowed in the pool area at any time.
16. No smoking of tobacco products or use of any tobacco products.
17. No glass or breakable containers.
18. No skateboards, bikes, roller skates, roller blades, scooters, mopeds, or go-peds in the pool area!
19. Respect the lifeguards and others.
20. Evacuate the pool and take shelter immediately if lightning occurs. The lifeguard(s) shall determine when it is safe to reenter the pool.

Pool Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10:00am - 8:00pm and Sunday 12:00 Noon - 8:00pm

The pool will be closed Mondays for maintenance. If Monday is a holiday, the pool will be closed the following day.

Spring and Fall Lifeguards on duty Fridays from 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm and All day Saturdays & Sundays

Summer Lifeguards on duty all day.

Pool parties must be arranged via The Woods office at least 10 days in advance to confirm availability of required lifeguards.

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 are June 11, 25 and July 9, 23.
- ◆ Trash and Recycling bins should have approximately three feet between them when placed at the street.
- ◆ Two-days-a-week lawn watering is in effect.
- ◆ The speed limit in The Woods is 25 mph.
- ◆ Don't forget what to do at stop signs.
- ◆ Be sure to call the appropriate gate ahead of time when you are expecting visitors.



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

SPECIAL TIPS AND REMINDERS FROM THE RULES AND SAFETY COMMITTEE:

- ◆ Parents are strongly advised to warn their children not to play in the Sandalwood Canal, especially under either of the bridges along the Woods Drive. Many snakes, including deadly cottonmouth water moccasins, have been spotted in these locations on numerous occasions.
- ◆ Remember to keep your garage doors closed when not in use and make sure your cars are locked.
- ◆ If you like to ride bikes, walk, or jog late in the day or at night, be sure to wear some light-colored (preferably reflective) clothing.
- ◆ When walking your pets, Jacksonville Municipal Code requires they be on a leash or tether. Both the law and common courtesy require that the pet owner immediately clean up any mess made by their pets.
- ◆ Remember to honor all stop signs and the 25 mph speed limit.
- ◆ In October 2014, JSO/SHADCO will be having a Fair. They are collecting 2- and 3-wheel bikes for lottery or auction. If you are interested in helping out, please call 726-5100 for further information.

THE WOODS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS				IMPORTANT EMAIL/WEBSITES	
BOARD OFFICE	HOLDER	COMMITTEE	CHAIR	EMAIL: The Woods	thewoodscommunit@bellsouth.net
PRESIDENT	S. Thomaston	FINANCE	C. Waterer	CLASSIFIED ADS: The Woodsette	TheWoodsette@yahoo.com
VICE-PRESIDENT	J. Holland	RECREATION	H. Park	WEBSITE: The Woods	www.thewoodscommunity.com
SECRETARY	B. Perry	STREETS & DRAINS	J. Blache	WEBSITE: Marsh Landing	www.marshlandingmanagement.com
TREASURER	M. Boggs	RULES & SAFETY	S. Connolly		
DIRECTOR	N. Causey	ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW	L. DeCaires		
		COVENANT ENFORCEMENT	H. Hollander		

CLASSIFIED ADS

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 SITTING

Pet sitting for dogs, cats, or any other pets you may have. I am a high school student with a flexible schedule. References available. Call Hannah at 923-5229.

ITEMS FOR SALE

90 gallon salt water fish tank including 4 fish, rocks, lights, filter, etc. \$400 obo. Call Dan at 992-2063.

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. Advertising is free and reserved exclusively for Residents/Homeowners of The Woods.