



# The Woodsette

The Woods Community Newsletter

October 2014

## Gardening Tips for October

A native American Beautyberry bush grows behind the fence in my backyard. I assume the previous homeowners planted it or the birds carried the seeds to that particular area. Whatever the case, it blooms beautiful jewel-like berries in a striking bright magenta color every year in the fall.

The American Beautyberry bush is a native plant attracting wildlife, particularly birds and bees to your yard. This native grows from 4 to 8 feet wide and 3 to 8 feet tall in partial shade but prefers full sun. The branches are long and arching, bending toward the ground, or you can prune for more compact size. It blooms from June through August.

A spectacular display of bright lavender-pink, magenta, violet or white small round berries circling the stems against the green leaves occurs in September. The Beautyberry can be planted anytime of the year and is drought tolerant, not requiring irrigation once established. It is a very nice addition in any yard near the woodlands or a preserve.

Recipe for Beautyberry jelly:

Add 1 and 1/2 quarts of berries to 2 quarts of water. Place berries in water after washing them, to a rapid boil, then let simmer for twenty minutes and strain through several layers of cheese cloth. Use about half the infusion liquid (3 cups) to 4 and 1/2 cups of sugar. The berries are very tart. **DO NOT ADD SUGAR** until the last cook cycle. Bring liquid to a boil and add one 3 oz package of real fruit pectin stirring with a whisk constantly. Cook for one minute, still stirring. Then add the sugar all at once, stirring until dissolved and cooking for an additional one minute. Remove from heat, **SKIM** top. Can in jelly jars that have been sterilized. For those who have not eaten Beauty Berries before raw, be careful; it should be tried in small quantities as some have complained of upset stomach after eating too many berries.

## Annual Community Elections

Notices were mailed out September 5th to all Woods homeowners regarding the annual elections. Anyone who desires to pursue a Board position must return the candidate form by **5:00 pm October 3rd**. Forms are available in the Office. There are three Board positions up for election this year.

Ballots, with instructions, will be mailed out October 13th. 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.

Annual meeting info can be found on page 2 of this issue.



Congratulations to Charles and Janice Woodward of 1847 Spiceberry Circle East for being selected as the **Yard of the Month** for October 2014. The Yard of the Month program will pick back up in the Spring of 2015.

IMPORTANT APRIL EVENTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Rules & Safety Committee	Oct 1	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Streets & Drains Committee	Oct 9	6:00 pm	Chili's
Covenant Enforcement Meeting	None		
Women of the Woods	Oct 16	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Finance Committee	Oct 22	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Architectural Review Committee	Oct 30	6:30 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Board of Directors	Oct 30	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse

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# Halloween falls on a Friday 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.*

## Tennis Anyone?

**ATTENTION!!!!** Columbus Day Holiday Advisory: Courts open Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> but closed Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> in observance of this National Holiday.

Team Home Match Schedules – Courts will be busy at these times, reservations required.

- Working Women Saturday 1pm: 10/4, 10/11, 10/25, 11/8, 11/15, 12/6
- First Coast Tuesday 9am : 10/28, 12/9, 12/16
- Country Club B Wednesday 9am: 10/15, 10/29, 12/3, 12/17
- Senior Men Friday 9am: 10/3, 10/17, 12/5, 12/19
- Junior Teams Friday 4:30pm: 10/03, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 11/07, 11/21, 12/05

Daily and Weekly Lessons –

- Try Tennis – lessons for new/beginning players Saturday 9-10am
- Tuesday A Ladies (invitation only) – 9-11am (\$20/class)
- Thursday Co-Ed Clinic B/C level – 9-11am (\$20/class)
- Working Women B Team – Tuesday 6-7pm (\$10 per/class)
- Working Women C Team – Thursday

6:30-7:30pm (\$10/ class)

- Tuesday First Coast C Team – Thursday 9-11pm (\$20/class)
- Men's Night Clinic w/play after – Wednesday 6-7:30pm (\$20/class)

Tennis Court Hours –

- Courts open daily at 8am
- Courts open Monday, October 13 and closed Tuesday, October 14
- Courts closed daily 1-3pm for grooming and water
- Please call or text REB to reserve at 514-0569

Additional Play Opportunities and Round Robins –

- Senior Men's Round Robin Wed, Fri, and Saturday 9am
- Sunday morning or after work 2.5-3.5 level singles and doubles. Contact is Fred Ewan.
- Saturday 3.0-3.5 co-ed round robin 9-11am. Contact is Diane Bach.

Junior After School Lessons – We currently have over 30 juniors ages 4 to 16 actively participating in our junior programs! Please let us know if you would like to get involved.

- 8's red ball – Wed 4-5pm and Saturday at 10am

- 10's orange ball – Tue and Thur 4-5pm and Sat 11am
- 10's green dot – Tue, Wed, Thur 5-6pm and Sat 12pm
- 11 and over – Tue, Wed, Thur 5-6pm and Sat 12pm

Junior Play and Team Options-

- Team Tennis Challenges will be held on Saturday October 25 at Julington Creek and November 15 at Eagle Harbor. Cost is \$25 per event. Play is open to any juniors participating in the ABCC/Woods junior program. REB sets the teams based on age and ability level.
- Junior Team Tennis Tournament: October 11-12 at Amelia Island Tennis Resort. We will have a 10's team for this event.
- Junior League Play: The Friday league began Sept 26. The Woods has 12 Beginner, 12 Intermediate, and 14 Intermediate teams. Matches are Friday at 4:30 and 5pm and the season runs October through December. Format is four lines of singles and two lines of doubles. Play is open to any junior participating in the ABCC/Woods junior program.

## The Woods Annual Meeting

Please mark your calendars for the Annual Membership Meeting of the HOA November 12th in The Woods Clubhouse. The meeting begins at 7:30pm with sign-in beginning at 6:30pm. This is a very important meeting at which your new Board Members will be elected.

There are five (5) Directors on The Woods Board. There are three (3) At-Large Directors positions available. The two directors with the highest number of votes earn a two (2) year term and the third director earns a one (1) year term.

The Board of Directors typically meets monthly to discuss issues affecting our community. The duties of the Board include establishing and upholding policies, reviewing and adopting the annual budget, reviewing and approving service contracts, and the upholding and enforcement of the community's Covenants and Restrictions.

Please remember all Board members are volunteers, striving to represent all homeowners to continue to keep The Woods Community a premiere community.



The Woods Fall Garage Sale will be held on October 11th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. In case of rain, the garage sale will be rescheduled to the next day. A required \$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. Your registration fee pays for your participant's packet, advertising, printing, and other costs associated with the event. You keep all the money you make. The registration form and \$5 **CASH** 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.** Call Jeannie at 992-3848 if you have questions.

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**FALL 2014 GARAGE SALE REGISTRATION**  
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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

TOP 5 ITEMS FOR SALE

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**MUST BE IN NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2014**

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**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 happy to welcome new members too!!! The meeting began with a delicious Italian night dinner, compliments of the WOW Board. We began planning for events for the rest of the year, including our WOW Book Club.

Women of The Woods will host a **Spooky Game Night at 7pm on Thursday, October 16th** with Halloween themed goodies as well as wine and beverages. We will be playing **BINGO** and will be offering an array of fabulous prizes for the winners. Come and join us for the fun!!!

In support of Hubbard House Food Baskets for Thanksgiving, we are asking WOW members to bring food and/or gift card contributions to the October 16th 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 14th.

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 Nov 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 (in \$25 increments)



# Announcements and Reminders

- ◆ **Watering:** Two-days-a-week lawn watering is still in effect. One-day-a-week watering goes into effect November 2nd when the clocks are set back an hour. There is to be NO watering between the hours of 10:00am and 4:00pm.
- ◆ **Driving in The Woods:** The speed limit in The Woods is 25 mph and Stop signs mean just that . . . STOP!
- ◆ **Call the Gates:** Be sure to call the appropriate gate ahead of time when you are expecting visitors.
- ◆ **Neighborhood Ponds:** There are to be no boats, other watercraft, or swimming in any of the neighborhood ponds. Fishing is permitted, however, anything that is caught must be released back into the pond. Also fishing may only be done in ponds that have common areas surrounding them. It is not permitted to fish or gain access via a homeowner's lot unless you are the homeowner of that lot or an invited guest of the homeowner.
- ◆ **Feeding Your Pets:** You are encouraged NOT to leave food for your pets outdoors as the food attracts wildlife such as raccoons
- ◆ **Cars and Garage Doors:** Remember to keep your garage doors closed when not in use and make sure your cars are locked.
- ◆ **Make Yourself Visible:** 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.
- ◆ **Walking Pets:** 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.

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

## ← 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.

### **HEADING TO COLLEGE - ITEMS PERFECT FOR THE DORM**

- Black shelving unit for over a twin bed . . . Easy take-apart and put-together.
- 2-door refrigerator & freezer . . . Igloo 3.2 cu. ft. stainless steel.
- Microwave . . . Black and stainless steel.
- PB TEEN Shower Caddy . . . Floral for girls . . . Good for the dorm or if you have a girl scout looking forward to those campouts. Call Patti at 992-4505.

### **PIANO LESSONS**

PIANO LESSONS for children and adults. Learn to read and play! No previous experience necessary. Students 18 and under may participate in Jacksonville Music Teachers Association's Student Day. Call Jeannie at 237-9780.

### **YARD HELP NEEDED**

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

### **ALEGRIA NURSING SHOES**

Alegria Nursing Shoes, women's size 8. Beautiful print and style. Has laces. Worn once. Like new. Paid \$80 but will take \$40. I can send you a picture by text. Call/text Marisol 386-4510 .

### **GARAGE FULL OF TOOLS FOR SALE**

Electric saw, drill, sander, air compressor and much, much more. Call Dale for info/appointment. 316-9342.

### **BABY FURNITURE FOR SALE**

Convertible crib and matching dresser for sale. Crib converts to toddler bed - color is honey oak. Serta Ultra mattress included. Asking \$175. Contact Emily at 240-5978.

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.*