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The Woods Community Newsletter

December 2014

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



Women of The Woods strives to support the community and the city of Jacksonville. At our November WOW meeting, all members participated in putting together 11 **Thanksgiving baskets**, each including food items for a holiday dinner and a \$25.00 gift card. These were donated to Hubbard House to be distributed to needy families for their Thanksgiving dinners this year. Special thanks go out to Bonnie Burney and Joann Jewell who each contributed a complete basket and to Sandee Connally who transported the baskets to Hubbard House. Also, a BIG THANK YOU to all the members of WOW who contributed food items and helped to stuff the baskets.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: On **Monday, December 15th 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 new, unwrapped toys and books to donate to the needy, for those of you who would like to contribute. * To participate in the **Cookie Exchange**, bring your eight baggies of delicious cookies, each baggie containing 6 cookies. You'll go home with eight different baggies of cookies for the holidays!!!

In the beginning of the new year, Women of The Woods will be enjoying Regift Night along with soup sharing (January 15), Movie Night with chocolate and popcorn (February 19), and Craft Night (March 19). 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.

IMPORTANT NOVEMBER EVENTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Rules and Safety		None	
Streets & Drains		None	
Covenant Enforcement		None	
Finance Committee		None	
Women of the Woods	Dec 15	7:00 pm	J. Kurkowski's House
Architectural Review Committee		None	
Board of Directors	Dec 15	7:00pm	The Woods Clubhouse

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Annual Community Elections – Results



Congratulations to the winners in the recent elections for The Woods Board of Directors. Incumbents **Bill Perry** and **Nick Causey** were re-elected and will each serve two-year terms. **Jim Holland**, also an incumbent, was re-elected and will serve a one-year term.

The Board members will meet again on December 15th to determine which office

each will hold. The current configuration has Steve Thomaston as President, Jim Holland as Vice-President, Bill Perry as Secretary, Mary Boggs as Treasurer, and Nick Causey as Director.

Be sure to contact Caryn in The Woods office if you have any issues, suggestions, or questions you would like to share with the members of the Board.

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”

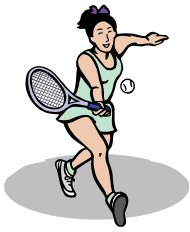
in height and plant it in a shady location but make sure you wait until after the last freeze. Poinsettias prefer moist and well drained soil. Plant it to the same depth as the pot it was in. Mulch and water well until established. Fertilize May to September. During the growing season, Poinsettias can become leggy so make sure you prune regularly. Discontinue pruning after September.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 	26	27
28	29	30	31 			

Tennis Anyone?



December will be the last month of Atlantic Beach Country Club's rental agreement. As we head back home listed below are some of the positive things in place that ABCC will leave behind.

- All courts are in great playing condition
- Courts 5 and 6 were professionally resurfaced with 20 tons of material
- New and returning Woods players
- Team and individual tennis improvement
- A facility proven to handle a thriving tennis program
- A Wednesday Inter Club Ladies Division B Team for the Spring 2015 Season
- Approval for a Saturday Women's 4.0 USTA team this Spring
- Adam Kework for day to day lessons and tennis programming
- An experienced court maintenance staff
- Friendships and collaboration for teams, clinics, socials, and future opportunities

It has been a pleasure joining forces with the Wood's fine community. Thank you so much for supporting this partnership!

December Things to Know

- All Ladies and Men's Group lessons will run through 12/20. Future schedule TBD.
- Junior after School Programming will run through 12/20. Future schedule TBD.

Daily and Weekly Lessons – A variety of adult lesson possibilities from beginner to advanced are available on a weekly basis.

Tennis Court Hours – Courts open daily at 8am (closed Monday and 1-3pm daily for watering) Please call or text REB to reserve at 904-514-0569.

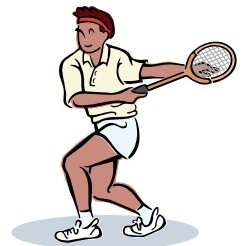
Weekly Round Robins – Senior Men's Round Robin Wed, Fri, and Saturday 9am, Sunday morning or after work 2.5-3.5 level singles and doubles, Saturday 3.0-3.5 co-ed round robin 9-11am.

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.

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

- Working Women Saturday 1pm: 12/6
- First Coast Tuesday 9am : 12/9, 12/16
- Country Club B Wednesday 9am: 12/3, 12/10, 12/17
- Senior Men Friday 9am: 12/5, 12/19
- Junior Teams Friday 4:30pm: 12/05

Please contact REB Phillips for additional information at 904-514-0569



Need to Buy a Real Nice Christmas Gift for Someone Special?



Well, gentlemen (and ladies), are you in the market for a Christmas gift that will make your significant other very, very happy? How about a nice ring, a pair of earrings, a beautiful pendant or brooch that centers around her/his birthstone?

The chart at the right shows the gemstones that are traditionally associated with each month of the year. Go ahead, splurge! By the way, my birthday's in April . . . Just sayin'!

Month	Birthstone
January	Garnet
February	Amethyst
March	Aquamarine
April	Diamond
May	Emerald
June	Pearl
July	Ruby
August	Peridot
September	Sapphire
October	Opal
November	Citrine
December	Topaz

Announcements and Reminders

- ◆ **Watering:** One-day-a-week watering is now in effect. There is to be NO watering between the hours of 10:00am and 4:00pm.
- ◆ **Recycling collection dates:** December 10 and 24, January 7 and 21
- ◆ **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 advise the gate guard ahead of time if 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/COMMITTEE CHAIRS			
EMAIL: The Woods	thewoodscommunit@bellsouth.net	BOARD OFFICE	HOLDER	COMMITTEE	CHAIR
CLASSIFIED ADS: The Woodsette	TheWoodsette@yahoo.com	PRESIDENT	S. Thomaston	FINANCE	A. Tomas
WEBSITE: The Woods	www.thewoodscommunity.com	VICE-PRESIDENT	J. Holland	RECREATION	TBD
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

TABBY KITTEN AVAILABLE AT NO COST

A gentle female cat is being offered at no charge to the first interested person. "Bella" visited and took up residence with us a few weeks ago. She has been spayed, had rabies shot and pronounced healthy. Call Mary Ruth, 412-5959.

DAILY DOG WALKING AND PET SITTING

I am a homeschool teenager available for child care and dog walking/pet sitting. I have child care experience through babysitting, working in the church nursery and summer camps. I am available during the day as well as the evening. References available. Contact Halee at 904-576-1315 for more information.

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.

YARD HELP NEEDED

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

DAILY DOG WALKING AND PET SITTING

I offer daily dog walking, in home pet sitting, overnight stays & vacation sitting. Discounts available to residents. 15+ years experience. Call Tonya 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. Call Hannah at 923-5229.

BABY/CHILD SITTING

Recently retired professional; mother of 3 grown children; grandmother of 4 children, wishes to babysit. My children/grandchildren are in PA and I am missing them. Please let me care for and enjoy your children. Call Joanna at 253-0671. References.

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.

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