



# The Woodssette

HAPPY 2015!!!

The Woods Community Newsletter

January 2015

## From The Woods Board of Directors

Welcome everyone to 2015. As a result of the general election held in November, three members of the Board of Directors (BOD) were re-elected. They are Bill Perry, Jim Holland and Nick Causey. Steve Thomaston will serve as President, Jim Holland as Vice President, Bill Perry as Secretary, Mary Boggs as Treasurer and Nick Causey as Director at large. The vote to approve the budget did not pass at the November meeting, and the budget was sent back to the Finance Committee. The amended budget without a HOA dues increase was approved at the December meeting. The dues for 2015 will remain at \$1,440.00 a year, payable monthly at \$120.00. New payment books have been mailed to all home owners. If you have not received yours as of now, please contact the Management office as soon as possible.

Last year was a very busy year for your Board of Directors. As you know, we have completed the Hodges wall improvement from the Hodges entrance south to Bentwater. The last of the sod was installed by Conner's Landscaping last week, and the project is now complete. This project could not have been completed without the assistance of resident Jim Blache. Jim spent an incredible amount of time working this project from start to finish. His professional assistance is greatly appreciated by the entire Board and the Management Company. Seminole Walls out of central Florida did a fantastic job. The roofs of the club house, tennis building and pump room were replaced due to damage.

There were several other projects completed in 2014. They include the resurfacing of a number of roads within the community, installation of drainage along The Woods Drive East near the club house, and replacement of drainage pipes on the common grounds between Twin Pines and Loblolly Lane North.

In 2014, we were also faced with removal of a number of trees, both dead and wind damaged. Fallen Tree Contracting was a great help with several emergency removals of trees blown down and blocking roads.

During 2015, the Board of Directors will be looking at several projects, some to be done during 2015, and some for long range planning. We will be looking at replacement/renovation of the Hodges guard building and improving landscaping at the Hodges entrance. The Board will start investigation into dredging several of the man-made ponds within the community that are filling up with sediment.

Your community stands on a very solid financial position, and it is the Board's challenge to continue that and improve your community and home values. The Woods stands as a very desirable location with a positive outlook. We have the best of both worlds, close to the beach and close to town.

The Board cannot do its job without residents stepping up and assisting on all the committees. Please consider helping out and volunteering some of your time to keep this community great.

IMPORTANT NOVEMBER EVENTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Rules and Safety	None		
Streets & Drains	Jan 8	6:00pm	Chili's Restaurant
Finance Committee	Jan 21	7:00pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Women of The Woods	Jan 15	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Architectural Review Committee	Jan 29	6:30pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Board of Directors	Jan 29	7:00pm	The Woods Clubhouse

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## Gardening Tips

Here are some gardening tips for January and February.

What to plant - in general:

- ◆ Bedding garden - plant masses of cabbage/kale, lobelia, petunias, pansies, snapdragons, shasta daisy and violas for dramatic color.
- ◆ Bulbs - Agapanthus, amaryllis, aztec lily, calla, crinum, daylily and tulips (pre-chilled).

What to plant - Edibles:

- ◆ Herbs - Parsley, thyme, sage, dill, fennel, garlic and coriander.
- ◆ Vegetables - Radish, cabbage, cauliflower, carrots, onions, kale, leek, potatoes, turnip and broccoli.

Now is a good time to put new plants in the ground. Be sure to select good plant materials looking at leaf color, dense foliage, bright bark/free of injuries, no kinked or circling roots.

## A Word from the Women of The Woods

Women of The Woods strives to support the community and the city of Jacksonville. In November, we spearheaded the collection of food and gift cards for needy families through Hubbard House. In December we collected toys and books for the children to make the holiday season happier for those in need.

Special thanks to Jean Kurkowski, who hosted our WOW Christmas party again this year at her fabulously decorated home. No one does Christmas like you, Jean!

*Happy New Year to the Women of The Woods!*

Mark your calendar for a new year of WOW activities:

### JANUARY 15

Our 7pm meeting will begin with a hearty feast of our favorite soups. Bring your own **soup and its recipe** to share with everyone while we sip soups and exchange our secret recipes. Tonight is also **Re-gift Night**, so bring one unwrapped Christmas gift that you really would NOT have picked for yourself. (One person's unwanted gift may be another person's treasure!)

Application of a pre-emergence herbicide would be appropriate when nighttime temperatures reach 55 to 60 degrees for several consecutive days.

In the case of a pending significant freeze, be sure to water 24 to 48 hours before the freeze (but not saturated). You can also cover the plant and remove the cover when it warms up. After the freeze, wait for new growth to show before pruning.

And lastly, here is what to do with your poinsettias after the holidays:

- ◆ Plant in full sun with good drainage and no street light or home exterior light.
- ◆ Fertilize monthly til Sep/Oct.
- ◆ July 01 cut back to 2/3 desired height and pinch back to increase branching until September 10.
- ◆ On October 01 should receive 14 hours of dark for 6 to 8 weeks.

Sounds like a lot of work but the rewards are great.

### FEBRUARY 19

It's **MOVIE NIGHT!!!** And it's **CHOCOLATE & POPCORN NIGHT!!!** Be sure to join us at 7pm when we'll kick back and enjoy a movie together, complete with popcorn, chocolate snacks, soda, and wine. Don't miss this one!

### MARCH 19

Our **Craft Night** will feature the many talents of our members. If you have a special craft that you'd like to share, please plan to bring samples of your work for all to see. And in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day, we'll be "doing it up" in green!!!! Look for green snacks, too, as well as beverages and wine.

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.



## Attention Residents of The Woods!

**We need your help!** Please save all your **PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS** for a worthy cause. Your contribution will help with the purchase of medical appliances such as **wheel chairs for disabled children**. Any clean plastic caps/tops will be accepted (such as those from milk bottles, water and juice bottles, soda bottles, etc.) You can turn in your Plastic Bottle Caps to the **Clubhouse Office** during office hours or to **Women of The Woods meetings** in January and February. We'll be collecting caps until the end of February. **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU** for supporting children with this drive.



## Tennis News

From Coach Adam Kework:

"I am excited to assist with the tennis programs at the Woods! I have met many of you over the past several months while helping Coach REB and since returning from my seasonal job - director of tennis at a private club in Westchester, New York. I have taught at several local clubs in Jacksonville, and bring 25 years of teaching experience (working with all ability levels), passion, and former ATP tour level of play to the community. I can be reached either by email at [aktennis@comcast.net](mailto:aktennis@comcast.net) or by cell (904) 333-8773 to set up lessons and answer questions about clinics and programs."



### Adult programs and clinics

Will begin on Tuesday January 6th

Ladies/Working women 6-7 pm

Men's drills Wednesday 6:15 - 7:45 pm

### All Junior clinics will resume Tuesday January 13th

- ◆ Orange Ball 10 and under (ages 8-10)  
Tuesday 4-5pm
- ◆ Green Dot/Real Ball Ages 9 and up  
Tuesday 5-6 pm, Wednesday 5-6 pm
- ◆ Red Ball/little tennis Ages 4-7  
Wednesdays 4-5 pm

\*Daily clinic rate \$15

Please sign up with Coach Adam prior to the clinic to reserve your spot . Any questions about levels or clinics contact Adam at [aktennis@comcast.net](mailto:aktennis@comcast.net) or by cell (904) 333-8773 .



# 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 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/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
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		TREASURER	M. Boggs	RULES & SAFETY	S. Connolly
		DIRECTOR	N. Causey	ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW	L. DeCaires
				COVENANT ENFORCEMENT	TBD

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### MUSIC FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

Experienced violinist available for weddings and special events. Quartets can also be arranged. Contact Karl at 868-4133 for rates and availability.

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)