



The Woodsette

The Woods Community Newsletter

February 2015

From the Board of Directors

Greetings from your Board of Directors (BOD); News flash, January is gone and it's time to remove ALL Christmas decorations from the outside. Next week, the management will start issuing violations to those home owners who have not complied with the rules.

The BOD encourages everyone to set up automatic payment for your homeowner's dues. This process is quick and does not cost you anything. By setting up the payments, you can avoid any late payments and the fees. If your payment is late (after the 5th each month), there is a late fee assessed, and you will be notified of the

Gardening Tips

What to Plant in February

Bedding Plants: Since temperatures can drop to freezing this month, new additions to the garden must be able to withstand cold. Plants that can take a chill include dianthus, pansy, viola, and dusty miller.

Bulbs: Many bulbs can be planted now. Provide adequate water to establish and protect from cold weather with mulch. Some to try are dahlias, crinum, and agapanthus.

Flowering Plants: Many trees and shrubs will be in bloom including red maple, spirea, and star magnolia.

Potatoes: Plant potatoes now. Make sure you buy healthy seed pieces from a local nursery and plant 3" deep. Do not add lime to potato planting bed.

What to Do in February

Cold damage to Palms: If cold weather has damaged palms, proper care may prevent loss of the palm and encourage recovery.

charge. If you only send in the normal amount next month, the late fees are collected first and you are short on your payment. In the near future we will be set up for you to pay by credit card but there will be a small fee associated with that convenience.

Once again the BOD would like to remind you that if you walk, jog or ride a bike during the hours of darkness, PLEASE wear some type of light to announce your presence. Our streets are small and we don't want anyone walking, running or bike riding to get hit.

Citrus: Cold temperatures may still injure citrus. Avoid pruning until spring.

Prune Roses: Roses should be pruned this month to remove damaged canes and improve the overall form. After pruning, fertilize and apply a fresh layer of mulch. Blooming will begin eight to nine weeks after pruning.

Shrubs: Make certain that you know what the height and spread of any shrubs will be when they mature before you plant them. Not all shrubs are suitable for planting next to homes or under windows.

Lawn Weeds: After temps rise to 65°F for 4-5 days, apply a pre-emergent weed killer (NOT a weed & feed fertilizer) to lawns this month to prevent warm season weeds. Timing is important for good control.

Fertilize Citrus and other Fruit Trees: If not done in January, fertilize now. Frequency and amount of fertilization depends on the age of the tree.

IMPORTANT NOVEMBER EVENTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Rules and Safety	No meeting this month		
Streets & Drains	Feb 12	6:00pm	Chili's Restaurant
Finance Committee	Feb 18	7:00pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Women of The Woods	Feb 19	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Architectural Review Committee	Feb 26	6:30pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Board of Directors	Feb 26	7:00pm	The Woods Clubhouse

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A Word from the Women of The Woods

On **January 15th**, the Women of The Woods met together to enjoy a wonderful evening of sharing. First, on **Soup Night**, we filled little bowls with a variety of soups to sample. While we were enjoying these delicious delicacies, each member who brought a pot of soup shared how the soup was made and any special memories attached, as well as provided printed copies of the recipe. Following soup sharing was **Re-gift Night** where we contributed one "unwanted" Christmas gift and got to select a gift that someone else brought. We all went home with new treasures!!!

We hope you will plan to join us at our next meeting on **February 19th at 7pm**. It's **Movie Night** featuring the fabulous comedy *And So It Goes*. Directed by Rob Reiner, this smart, sexy comedy about life, love, and second chances stars Oscar winners, Michael Douglas and Diane Keaton. At the end of the movie, we'll have a drawing, and one lucky member will go home with the DVD. Of

course, we'll be providing popcorn, wine and beverages, and (in honor of Valentine's Day) chocolate snacks!

On **March 19th at 7pm**, we will be celebrating **Craft and Special Interest Night!** Here's a chance for us to see all the special talents of our fellow WOW members. This show-and-tell will feature various crafts from quilting to jewelry making and special interests such as gardening and homemade soaps. If you have a craft or special interest, please sign up to share with everyone. We'll be decorating for St. Patrick's Day and serving a "Wee Bit" of wine, beverages, and green snacks! Please mark your calendar and plan to join us on March 19th!

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.

Let's Talk a Little Trash

The Woods Association has provided pet waste bags at several locations throughout the community. These bags are for you to use to collect your pet's waste and dispose of it appropriately. These bag stations are not a collection point for you leave the waste there. Please be a responsible pet owner and dispose of your pet's waste correctly. Dispose of your pet bags at home if there is not a trash can located at the pet station for you to use. Please do not leave your dog's "goody" bags laying on the ground for our maintenance crew to dispose of.

In addition, we are asking that all residents help keep the common areas clean by properly disposing of trash and liquor bottles in the many trash receptacles that are provided for that purpose. This has been an ongoing issue and we would like to address it. The less time



the maintenance crew has to spend picking up trash, the more time they can spend keeping your community looking nice.

Trash cans are not to be placed at your curb until after 5:00PM on Tuesdays. Lawn debris cannot be placed at the curb until after 5:00 PM on Wednesdays. Please keep in mind that this type of violation is subject to fines.

Trash cans and recycling bins are not to be stored in a location that is visible from the street. Utility yard fencing is a great solution to this problem if you cannot place the bins in your garage or backyard.

Help keep our storm drains free and clear of debris. When maintaining your lawn, don't forget to blow any debris back onto your yard so it does not clog the storm drains.



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 **The Woods Office** during office hours or at the **Women of The Woods meeting** in February. We'll be collecting caps until the end of February. THANK YOU, THANK YOU for supporting children with this drive.



SPRING GARAGE SALE!



Every spring, The Women of The Woods hosts a garage sale, and this year the event will be on **March 28th 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 is mandatory for participation and 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 resi-

dent DROP-OFF of any used goods (no trash, please) to the Salvation Army truck stationed at the Clubhouse during and after the sale. 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*
- The W.O.W. Garage Sale*
- c/o Jeannie Ballentine*
- 12875 Winged Elm Dr N*

If you have questions, please call Jeannie at 992-3848. We look forward to a fun and profitable day for everyone who participates!

SPRING 2015 GARAGE SALE REGISTRATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

TOP 5 ITEMS FOR SALE

MUST BE IN NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2015

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:** February 4, 18 and March 4, 18
- ◆ **Driving in The Woods:** The speed limit in The Woods is 25 mph and Stop signs mean just that!
- ◆ **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	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

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 info.

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.

ITEMS FOR SALE

Two-year old 90-inch sofa \$300, 9-foot Christmas tree with lights attached \$40. Call Susan 568-6555.

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.

FOR SALE

EXCELLENT CONDITION, LIKE NEW - GE over-the-range microwave oven, white. Only selling because other appliances changed to stainless so replaced this with a GE stainless. Call Patti at 992-4505.

CRIB FOR SALE

White 5 year old crib and firm mattress for sale! Both in great condition! Also, comes with double bed attachments that have never been used. Please contact Ashley at 314-0563 for more information.

OUTDOOR GROUP FITNESS CLASS

Join us for a Power Lunch Workout every Tuesday and Thursday at Noon here in The Woods - Meet in the Fringetree Drive West Cul-de-sac. Pack a picnic for your kids - they are welcome to eat and play while you get your workout in. Your 1st class is FREE! Text or Call Taneen at 407-619-6808 for more info.

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