



The Woodsette

The Woods Community Newsletter

September 2015

News from the Board of Directors

Work is progressing on the remodel of the Hodges Security Gate. As a reminder, when construction starts on Hodges, the gate will be closed for an extended period of time and all traffic will be redirected to the Atlantic gate. The Atlantic gate will be staffed with additional personnel to handle the increased traffic.

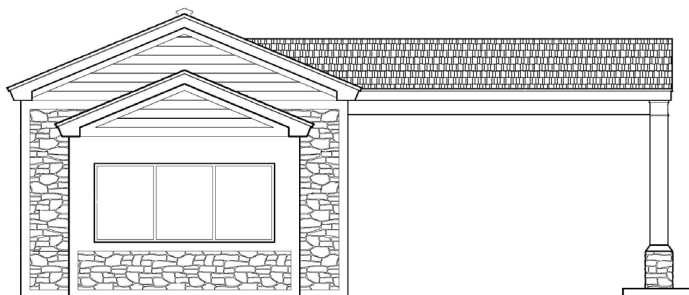
The Board has started work on repairing and/or replacing the 5 walkway bridges around the large pond south of Palmetto Glade. They are also currently seeking bids on some additional swale repair within the community.

As a reminder, any change involving the exterior of your home, i.e. painting, landscaping, driveways, fences or additions, all must be approved by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). The ARC request is easy to fill out and we have dedicated volunteers that act on the request quickly. Doesn't risk a fine; take the time to submit the request.

Due to a recent change in the Florida Statute the entire process of how a HOA fines members for violations was revamped. The Board will assess the fine based upon documentation of the violation. If a fine is enacted, the home owner will be notified in writing and they can appeal to the Covenant Enforcement Committee (CEC). The CEC

will review the documentation and make their decision to assess or not assess the fine.

Within a short period of time the notice of annual elections, along with the proposed budget, will be mailed to home owners. The Annual meeting will be November 10th. There will be three open positions on the Board that will need to be filled. If you have any interest in your community, this would be a great way to have a say in the management of your neighborhood. The Board, along with the Finance Committee has determined that there will not be a requirement to raise the HOA fees this year. The current Board continues to operate within the budget while improving services to our neighborhood.



The East Elevation of the new Hodges Guard Gate.

The Women of the Woods

The wonderful **Women of The Woods** is preparing for an exciting opening of the 2015-2016 year. We'd love to expand our membership and include many of our neighbors who may not have participated in W.O.W. lately or ever before. **You are WELCOME to attend**, and we are eager to include you in this year's many activities. Qualifications: 1) You live in The Woods, 2) You

are a Woman, and 3) You are Wonderful!

W.O.W. meets on the **third Thursday of each month** in The Woods Clubhouse at 7pm. Annual dues are \$15/person, payable by check or cash. **We are excited to come together again on September 17th and hope you will join us as we plan our activities for the year!** Please call Jeannie with any questions at 992-3848.

IMPORTANT AUGUST EVENTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Streets & Drains	Sept 10	6:00 PM	Chili's Restaurant
Finance Committee	Sept 16	7:00 PM	The Woods Clubhouse
Women of the Woods	Sept 17	7:00 PM	The Woods Clubhouse
Architectural Review Committee	Sept 24	6:30 PM	The Woods Clubhouse
Board of Directors	Sept 24	7:00 PM	The Woods Clubhouse

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Gardening Tips for September

What To Plant

Bedding Plants: If summer beds need refreshing, try ageratum, celosia, zinnia, and wax begonia for color into fall.

Bulbs: Add color, texture, and pattern to the garden with the many varieties of Elephant's Ear (*Alocasia*) available now. Others to plant now include calla, narcissus, and zephyr lily.

Herbs: Plant herbs that tolerate the warm temperatures of early fall, such as Mexican tarragon, mint, rosemary, and basil.

Vegetables: Plant cool season vegetable crops such as radish, carrot, cabbage, and lettuce.

What To Do

Lawn problems: Continue to monitor the lawn for signs of insect damage. Fall armyworms, chinch bugs, mole crickets, and sod webworms are still active this month.

Divide perennials and bulbs: Divide and replant perennials and bulbs that have grown too large or need rejuvenation. Add organic matter to new planting areas and monitor water needs during establishment.

Fertilize lawns: Bahia, Bermudagrass, Zoysia, and St. Augustine lawns should be fertilized this month. Choose one with no or very little phosphorus unless a soil test indicates a need for it. A fertilizer containing controlled-release nitrogen will give longer lasting results.

Lawn Weeds: Healthy grass is the best defense against weeds. Avoid "weed and feed" products; only apply herbicides to areas with weed infestations.

Flowering perennials: Firebush, firespike, russelia, and other perennials supply nectar for visiting hummingbirds.

Vegetable gardens: If not done in August, prepare the fall vegetable garden. Using transplants from your local garden center will get the garden off to a fast start, but seeds provide a wider variety from which to choose.

Yard of the Month for September 2015



Congratulations to John and Linda Watson of 1827 Spiceberry Circle West for being selected for September's Yard of the Month. It has definitely been a long, hot summer but we still have so many beautiful yards to choose from. We only have one more month to go this year, so keep up the great work. Our thanks to Lowe's for donating the gift card.

Special Note: If you have questions about what to do or where to get help during the hurricane season, you will find some very useful links on The Woodsette Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TheWoodsette?ref=ts>.



FALL GARAGE SALE!



Every fall, The Women of The Woods hosts a garage sale, and this year the event will be on **October 24th 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 resident 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!

FALL 2015 GARAGE SALE REGISTRATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

TOP 5 ITEMS FOR SALE

MUST BE IN NO LATER THAN MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015

Announcements and Reminders

- ◆ **Watering:** Two-days-a-week watering is now in effect. The days for watering are based on whether your address is an odd or even number. There is to be NO watering between the hours of 10:00am and 4:00pm.
- ◆ **Recycling collection dates:** September 2, 16, 30 and October 14, 28
- ◆ **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:** Jacksonville Municipal Code requires that pets be on a leash or tether when being walked by their owners. Both the law and common courtesy require that pet owners 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	TBD
		DIRECTOR	N. Causey	ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW	L. DeCaires
				COVENANT ENFORCEMENT	TBD

CLASSIFIED ADS

LOST CAT

Lost Cat. Old, very large, neutered male, gray tabby. Missing from near the Atlantic Blvd. gate area. If you have seen this cat, please call 312-2339. Thank you.

ITEMS FOR SALE

Black Computer/Office/TV Armoire w. built in power strip \$175, Black Wrought Iron Table Base \$50, Large Oak Framed Mirror \$50, Wooden Antique 5 Drawer Vanity \$75, Men's Bike \$45. All items are in good condition. Call 395-5541.

BABYSITTING SERVICES

Babysitter available. My name is Melanye. I am 17 years old and I have my own transportation. I have been certified through the Red Cross/CPR programs. Please call 220-5212 for further information.

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 576-1315 for more info.

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.

The only ads that will be published in The Woodsette are 1) **Items for sale by residents** of The Woods and 2) **Services provided by children ages 18 and under, who are also residents** of The Woods. Ads will run for one month, unless other arrangements are made with the editor in advance. Ads **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 your ad may be edited in order to fit within the space available. Send the text for your ad to: TheWoodsette@yahoo.com.