



# The Woodsette

The Woods Community Newsletter

December 2015

## From The Woods Board of Directors

In the next few weeks, the Hodges entrance will be closed for construction. We will attempt to give as much advanced notice as possible on the reader boards at both entrances. Please advise your regular guests of this so that it will not come as a surprise to them. There will be signs up at the Hodges gate directing everyone to the Atlantic gate. We ask for patience till we get things worked out.

Residents walking dogs are once again asked to be "responsible" for their dogs' waste. We have several locations throughout the community where we provide bags for waste; please take advantage of these stations. There are a number of residents with children who use both the sidewalks and the nature trails, and these need to remain clear of dog waste. We have also received a number of complaints about dogs using resident's yards and the dogs' owners are not cleaning up after them.

Now that it gets dark very early, please exercise caution when running, walking or bicycling after dark. Please have a light or at the least light-

colored clothing. Please be careful out there.

Once again the BOD is asking for volunteers to staff several of our committees. Please call the office or stop by a meeting when advertised. We need input from all of our residents.



With the holidays fast approaching, it is imperative that the gates receive lists of your guests for any holiday parties. There will not be any "open gate" functions. The gate attendants must know of the location and the

names of invited guests. Residents are also asked to review the "on street parking rule" for guests. The rules can be found in the Rules and Regulations available in the documents section of The Woods website [thewoodscommunity.com](http://thewoodscommunity.com).

Have a safe holiday season.

## Special Reminder for the Holidays

Please remember to recycle your Christmas debris responsibly, and if you have a surplus of extra debris in need of disposal, please call the City of Jacksonville (630-CITY) to arrange for bulk pickup.



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IMPORTANT AUGUST EVENTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Board of Directors - Annual Mtg		No Meeting	
Streets & Drains		No Meeting	
Finance Committee		No Meeting	
Women of the Woods	Dec 17	6:00 PM	J. Kurkowski's House
Architectural Review Committee		No Meeting	

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# *Happy Holidays to all 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 13 **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 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 **Thursday, December 17th at 6pm**, 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 Christ-

## **News from the Streets and Drains Committee**

The contract for the Hodges Guard House has been received and presented to our legal staff for consideration. They had a few minor changes recommended to strengthen The Association's position in case of a disagreement during construction. Once the changes are made, the document will be presented to the contractor for consideration. Once the contract is signed we will start the permitting procedures with the city. That process may take up to two weeks to complete. Following the contract signing, it will be time to pick inside and outside colors including what type of facade to place on the building. We are hopeful that construction could start mid- to late-December.

Remember, the Hodges gate will be completely closed for all traffic and everyone will be using the Atlantic Gate for the six to eight weeks it will take to erect the new structure. We have contacted the city to see if we can extend the timing on the Atlantic Blvd traffic light to reduce wait time. They have advised us that a survey will have to be done to see what type of additional traffic to expect through that area so an immediate change in timing will probably not take place. Resi-

mas 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 sharing Pot Luck dishes (January 21), Movie Night with chocolate and popcorn (February 18), and Teach Me a Craft Night (March 17). 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.

dents are reminded to give themselves an extra 10 to 15 minutes when leaving the area especially during peak hours. Also, please advise family members, guests and permanent guests, such as lawn care services and large truck delivery services, that if their vehicles are over 9 feet tall they will have to use the resident gate once the building is complete.

Drainage repair is underway on Firethorn Lane, The Woods Drive East, Tall Cypress Court and Bent Pine Court East. Spanish Moss Drive and The Woods Drive will begin in early December. Be careful when driving these roads and we ask all to be patient with our contractor - we know that the digging causes a mess but you can rest assured that if something is inadvertently damaged, it will be repaired.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend one or more of our meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm at Chili's near Lowes. It's a good time to voice your concerns about our roads and drainage systems and get involved. Hope you all have a happy holiday season.

# Gardening Tips for November

## What To Plant

**Bedding Plants:** To add color to the winter garden, plant masses of petunia, pansy, snapdragon, lobelia, alyssum, and viola.

**Bulbs:** Amaryllis is a popular plant for the holiday season. They can be forced to bloom now or planted outdoors for spring blooms.

**Herbs:** Plant herbs that thrive in cool weather. Some to try are parsley, thyme, sage, dill, fennel, garlic, comfrey, and cilantro.

**Vegetables:** Reliable cool season vegetables to plant this month include English pea, radish, cabbage, beet, and broccoli.

## What To Do

**Poinsettias:** One of the most popular indoor holiday plants is poinsettia. With proper care, this colorful plant will give weeks of color.

**Cold protection:** Don't prune cold-damaged



plants yet. Wait until warm weather returns to cut back plants.

**Vegetable Garden:** Make sure that seeds and transplants are properly spaced to have good development of tubers and vegetables.

**Houseplants:** Inspect regularly for pests on indoor plants. Keep in mind that plant specific temperature, light, and humidity are key to ensuring that indoor plants thrive.

**Soil Test:** If plants did not perform as desired this year or new plantings are being planned, a soil test may be a good idea.

**Compost/Mulch:** Fallen leaves provide the carbon ingredient needed for successful composting and also make a good mulch.

**Pests:** While cooler weather generally means fewer pests, some populations actually increase at this time of year. Continue monitoring and treat as needed.

## 2015-16 Household Waste and e-Waste Mobile Collection Dates

Continuing a commitment to address blight and poor neighborhood conditions, the mayor and his administration support and promote initiatives and events that encourage appropriate disposal of waste and other debris throughout Jacksonville. One of these many efforts is through the Solid Waste Division, which is hosting household hazardous waste (HHW) and electronic waste (e-waste) mobile collection events throughout the city.

### **WHEN/WHERE:**

All HHW events will be 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Dec. 12, 2015 – Mandarin Park: 14780 Mandarin Rd.
- Jan. 9, 2016 – Oceanway Park: 12215 Sago Ave.

- Jan. 23, 2016 – Jacksonville Beach Public Works Department: 1460 Shetter Ave.
- Feb. 13, 2016 – Ed Austin Regional Park: 2450 Monument Rd.
- March 12, 2016 – Lonnie Miller Park: 7689 Price Ln.
- March 26, 2016 – Blue Cypress Park: 4012 University Blvd. N.
- April 16, 2016 – Normandy Park: 1728 Lindsey Rd.
- May 14, 2016 – Jacksonville Beach Public Works Department: 1460 Shetter Ave.
- June 11, 2016 – Ed Austin Regional Park: 2450 Monument Rd.

## Coastal Kicks Soccer

### Winter Camp at The Woods – December 28,29,30

Time: 3-5pm - Mon, Tues, Wed (during school winter break)

Age Groups: 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12

Cost: \$75 \*Woods Residents Only\*

### Spring Program 2016 – March 14 – May 9

Day: Mondays \*Woods Residents Only\*

Times: ages 3-4 = 4:30-5:15pm & ages 5-8 = 5:30-6:30pm

Age Groups: 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, \*maybe up to age 9-10 if we have sufficient interest from winter camp

Cost: ages 3-4 = \$125 / ages 5 & up = \$175 \*includes Saturday Games at Russell Park in Atlantic Beach

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# Announcements and Reminders

- ◆ **Watering:** Now that Daylight Saving Time has ended, **one-day-a-week** watering is in effect. Homes with odd numbers water on Saturdays **only** and even-numbered homes water on Sundays **only**. There is to be **NO** watering between the hours of 10:00am and 4:00pm.
- ◆ **Recycling collection dates:** December 9, 23 and January 6, 20
- ◆ **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	<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	TBD
		DIRECTOR	N. Causey	ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW	L. DeCaires
				COVENANT ENFORCEMENT	TBD

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### ITEMS FOR SALE

Beautiful contemporary dresser, large round mirror & chest. Dresser has 3 large easy glide drawers with a shelved cabinet at each end. Chest has full size drawer at bottom, 5 half-size drawers on right and large shelved cabinet on left. Condition: Great. Color: light. A MUST SEE! \$300. Call Cathey 206-3730.

### 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](mailto:TheWoodsette@yahoo.com).