



# The Woodsette

The Woods Community Newsletter

March 2016

## From The Woods Board of Directors

With the closing of the Hodges Gatehouse, we ask that everyone bear with us on the disruption of traffic. We are working with the City to adjust the traffic signal at the Atlantic Gate to accommodate the increased traffic flow. We all realize this is an inconvenience to everyone and we hope the construction will move ahead as quickly as possible. Please let your guests and regular visitors (pest services, lawn services, etc.) know of the changes. Don't forget your pizza delivery service also.

The club house is well into its renovations also. Painting has been completed and the new flooring is scheduled for later this month. The playground is also almost finished, with the mulch scheduled to be here and installed in about two weeks.

We are happy to report that our HOA fee delinquencies' are down to a level we have not seen in several years. This decline is the direct result of a number of different efforts taken to reduce these delinquencies. The Board will continue to keep this as a high priority.

As the weather continues to improve, we ask that everyone please get a head start on your lawn.

Our management company will be doing inspections every week and sending out notices if there are problems with your yard.

The Board of Directors will continue working with our Architectural Review Committee to address problems in the neighborhood. When you submit a request to the ARC and it is approved, there will be a post completion inspection added to the form to verify that what you had approved was, in fact, what was done. For example, if you submit a request for new colors for your exterior, we want to make sure that those are, in fact, the colors that were used. If there is a problem it will be addressed directly with the home owner.

We now have a volunteer to head up the Recreation Committee, and she will be asking for help setting up activities for both the children and the adults. Please lend a hand.

Finally, don't forget about the return of Daylight Saving time on Sunday, March 13th. At 1:00 am that morning, set your clocks ahead one hour to 2:00 am. Also, be sure to adjust your watering schedule accordingly. More information is available on page 4 of this issue.

IMPORTANT EVENTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Streets & Drains	Mar 10	6:00 PM	Chili's Restaurant
Women of the Woods	Mar 17	7:00 PM	The Woods Clubhouse
Finance Committee	Mar 23	7:00 PM	The Woods Clubhouse
Architectural Review Committee	Mar 31	6:30 PM	The Woods Clubhouse
Board of Directors	Mar 31	7:00 PM	The Woods Clubhouse

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## Women of the Woods

The February 18th meeting of Women of The Woods was cancelled because the painting of the inside of the Clubhouse was extended to the day of the meeting.

In the last newsletter, we announced that our March 17th meeting would be a recovery celebration for Millie Landin. However, Millie's doctors have decided that Millie should not be exposed to a large group that early.

So we hope that you will join us for our **March 17th meeting at 7pm for Movie Night** featuring the fabulous sequel *The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*. This is the follow up movie to the one that we watched together two years ago (*The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*). At the end of the movie, we'll have a drawing, and one lucky member will go home with the DVD. We'll be decorating for St. Patrick's Day and serving a "Wee Bit" of wine, beverages, and green snacks!

## Special Notices and Reminders

- In order to avoid additional confusion and chaos during the construction of the new Gatehouse at the Hodges entrance, the **Spring Community Garage Sale**, usually held in mid-March, has been postponed to a later date. A new date will be announced as soon as possible once a firm completion date for the Hodges Gatehouse can be determined. Stay tuned for more information!
- The clubhouse is not available for rental Mar 18 - 30, 2016 due to replacement of the clubhouse flooring.
- **Overnight parking at the Community Center** and Atlantic parking lot is only permitted if you have a

**April 21st at 7pm is WOW Election Night.** Any members who wish to join the **WOW Board for the 2016-2017 year** will be nominated, and the group will vote on the new board. This will also be **Game Night**, and we will play (some of us will be learning to play...) BUNKO!!!! So whether you are a "pro" or a beginner, plan to join us for fun and fellowship at our last "Clubhouse meeting" of the year in the newly remodeled clubhouse.

Our **final meeting on May 21st** is our **Celebration Dinner at a restaurant** (location to be announced in March.) Members who have paid their \$15 dues will have their meal provided by WOW. (Only alcoholic beverages are not included.)

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.

pass. No overnight parking is permitted otherwise.

- **Guests** - Please remember to call the gates ahead of time for your guests. This will be especially important when the Hodges gate is closed for rebuilding. If you are having a party, a guest list must be delivered to the guard houses ahead of time. If you have frequent visitors, it is a great idea to purchase a frequent visitor pass. These can be purchased at the office for \$5.00, and will facilitate moving your guests through the gate quickly without having to look up your information in the computer and call for entry.

## Coastal Kicks Soccer

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### 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

# Gardening Tips for March

## What to Plant

**Annuals:** Dianthus and other cool-season annuals will continue to flourish. Consider planting warm season annuals such as angelonia, wax begonia, and zinnia at the end of the month.

**Bulbs:** Plant dahlia, canna, and gloriosa bulbs for spring and summer flowering bulbs in beds that have been amended with organic matter. Provide stakes as needed to support growth.

**Herbs:** When temperatures warm, consider growing edible ginger. Plant a rhizome in well drained soil in full to part sun.

**Vegetables:** Plant warm season crops, such as bean, tomato, squash, and corn early in the month for late spring harvest. Protect from frost.

## What to Do

**Azaleas:** If azaleas need hard pruning to shape or produce a fuller plant, do it just after plants finish blooming.

## Yard of the Month for 2016

The Yard of the Month project for 2016 will start up again in April and will run through October. We look forward to another year of visiting, and presenting awards for, beautifully landscaped yards. Some of the criteria we follow are: only the front yard will be judged; no silk flowers; healthy lawn, neatly mowed and edged; shrubs and trees trimmed and pruned; healthy plants; yard free of debris and clutter; and the winner must be in good standing with the HOA.

## Walk MS in Jacksonville

Walk MS is a charity walk series that takes place in over 550 locations with more than 330,000 people participating annually. They have been walking since 1988 and to date have raised more than \$920 million to drive groundbreaking research, provide life-changing programs, and guarantee a supportive community for those who need it most. Together, we become a powerful force. Together, we will end MS forever. There are four ways to participate:

1. Start a team
2. Join a Team
3. Register as an Individual
4. Be a Virtual Walker

Prune spring flowering trees and shrubs after blooming. To guard next season's blooms, begin pruning after the last flowers fade but before new buds set.

Prune shrubs and trees when new growth begins. The end of the dormant season is a good time to prune many trees and shrubs.

Identify and conserve beneficial insects: Some insects should be encouraged in your yard!

Fertilize palms, azaleas, camellias, and other ornamental shrubs if needed. Choose a fertilizer that has at least 30% of its nitrogen as slow release.

Irrigation: Now is the time to check sprinkler systems for issues such as broken heads or inefficient spray patterns.

Mulch: Mulch conserves moisture during dry weather and minimizes weeds in landscape beds. Organic mulches add nutrients to the soil.

The Walk MS event in Jacksonville will be held April 23, 2016 at Unity Plaza from 8:00am until 1:00pm.

For more information

Email: [fundraisingsupport@nmss.org](mailto:fundraisingsupport@nmss.org)

Phone: 855-372-1331



# Announcements and Reminders

- ◆ **Watering:** Daylight Saving returns on Sunday, March 13th at 2:00 am. At that time, **two-days-a-week** watering will be in effect. Odd-numbered homes water **only** on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Even-numbered homes water **only** on Thursdays and Sundays. There is to be **NO** watering between the hours of 10:00am and 4:00pm.
- ◆ **Recycling collection dates:** March 2, 16, 30; April 13, 27; May 11, 25
- ◆ **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

## 2016 Household Waste/e-Waste Collection Dates

### WHEN and WHERE:

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

- 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.

THE WOODS BOARD OF DIRECTORS/COMMITTEE CHAIRS			
BOARD OFFICE	HOLDER	COMMITTEE	CHAIR
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		COVENANT ENFORCEMENT	TBD

IMPORTANT EMAIL/WEBSITES	
EMAIL: The Woods	thewoodscommunit@bellsouth.net
CLASSIFIED ADS: The Woodsette	TheWoodsette@yahoo.com
WEBSITE: The Woods	www.thewoodscommunity.com
WEBSITE: Marsh Landing	www.marshlandingmanagement.com

### CLASSIFIED ADS

#### 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).