



The Woodsette

The Woods Community Newsletter

August 2016

Thank You from BOD President Bill Perry

I want to express the Board's appreciation for the young people who worked very hard on the 4th of July (Joshua Killough, Kohl Borkowski, Rebekah & Karin Gulick, Jessica Cassette, Laurel Wentworth, Jacob Soulbly, and Cidney Campbell). Also, special thanks to Alison Garcia, Pam Wentworth, Al LaBarbera, Tom Patania, Carol Bernardis, Roxann Zouain, and Gail Wilson and family who worked hard all day. Finally, thanks to Publix and their wonderful crew (Alexander Jones, Caleb Buckner, Walt Johnson, and Morgan Penaflor) for cooking all the food for us. Thank you all - your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Pet Dog Stations

The Woods Association installed the Pet Dog Stations to help dog owners in our community keep the grounds free of pet waste. We have had multiple owners use the bags provided, which we greatly appreciate. However, some are leaving the used waste bags on the ground near the Pet Dog Stations or at other points along the nature trail areas. This is not the way the bags were intended to be used.

These bags are provided for your convenience, but we do expect the bags to be disposed of properly. If there is no trash can nearby, then please take the bags home and dispose of them in an appropriate manner. The Board has stated that if the Stations continue to be used improperly, the Pet Dog Stations will be removed. Thank you all for your attention to this situation.

Committee Volunteers Needed!

The Woods Association Finance Committee is in need of volunteers. The Committee's responsibilities include:

Oversee the fiscal management of the association, Review the monthly financial reports, Oversee the cash flow status of the community, Establish an annual operating budget, Oversee expenditures & track spend in relation to the budget, and Review and make recommendations regarding all capital expenditure plans.

The Committee meets on a monthly basis. Be sure to let us know if you are interested in becoming a member. There are other committees that also need additional volunteers. We currently do not have an active Recreation Committee and we need volunteers for this. Please get involved! It's a great way to make a difference.

Streets and Drains Projects

We have commenced placing reflectors on The Woods Drive starting at Firethorn Lane and extending just beyond Greenmeadow Place. This area is not well lit, and at times, vehicles have run off the road in this area. It is hoped that the reflectors will assist drivers going through this area especially during bad weather.

There are plans to install a sidewalk connecting with the existing nature trail just south of the Atlantic Guard house

meeting the sidewalk on the East side of The Woods Drive on Atlantic Blvd. When completed, there will no longer be a need to walk in the road to exit the property near the Atlantic Gate.

Plans are also underway to replace the bridges at 5 bridges pond, the bridge at Winding Creek Lane, and the safety rails on both Sandalwood Canal bridges. The bridges/rails will all be made of pier quality lumber.

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IMPORTANT EVENTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Streets & Drains	Aug 11	6:00 PM	Chili's Restaurant
Finance Committee	Aug 17	7:00 PM	The Woods Clubhouse
Women of the Woods	None	7:00 PM	NA
Architectural Review Committee	Aug 25	6:30 PM	The Woods Clubhouse
Board of Directors	Aug 25	7:00 PM	The Woods Clubhouse

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The Women of the Woods

By vote of the Women of the Woods at the April 2016 meeting, current members will continue in their roles for the 2016-2017 year ...with a change in the way monthly meetings will be handled.

President: Jeannie Ballentine
Vice President: Donna Webster-Rodriguez
Secretary: Carol Bernardis
Treasurer: Joann Jewell
Hospitality: Cindy Wasserbauer

Beginning with the September 15th meeting this year, different members will plan and present the programs at each meeting throughout the year. **Two or three member teams** will be responsible each month for not only the program, but also set up, decorations (if any), food and beverages (teams may call on other members to contribute, too) and clean up. That means that each person will be responsible for only ONE MONTH during the year. Here are the meetings and current presentations:

Sept 15 J Ballentine D Webster
Oct 20 J Orlando P Chatfield
Nov 17 J Louis R Zouain J Langley

Gardening Tips for August

What to Plant

Bedding Plants: The hottest days of summer limit planting now to heat tolerant vinca, gaillardia, bulbine, and coleus.

Bulbs: Aztec lily, butterfly lily, walking iris, and spider lily can be planted any time of the year, even late summer.

Herbs: Herbs that can be planted from plants (not seeds) include bay laurel, ginger, Mexican tarragon, and rosemary.

Vegetables: This month starts the fall planting season. Many cool season crops can be planted now, including a final crop of warm-season vegetables such as pepper. Tomato can be planted for the fall garden.

What to Do

Lawn problems: Damaged areas can be the result of insects, disease, or irrigation problems. Be sure to determine the cause so the proper remedy is used. Use a sharp mower blade and only remove 1/3 of grass blade to reduce stress on the lawn.

Palms: If older fronds are yellowing, you may have a magnesium or potassium deficiency. Apply an appropriate palm fertilizer.

Poinsettias: Pinch back poinsettias and mums before the end of the month to allow time for buds to form for winter bloom.

Ornamental Plants: Rapid growth and leaching rains may result in nutrient deficiencies in some plants. Fertilize those plants that show signs of deficiencies.

Bedding Plants: Remove spent blooms, cut back, and fer-

Dec 15 J Kurkowski D Webster
Jan 19 Lin Gedert
Feb 16
Mar 16 J Jewell C Bernardis
Apr 20 M Osiecki C Wasserbauer
May 18 End of Year Celebration Dinner

The **Fall Garage Sale** is scheduled for Saturday, September 24th from 8am-2pm. Registration form is available in this newsletter and at The Woods Office.

Game Night scheduled for August 18th is cancelled.

If you have been thinking of joining Women of The Woods, **please make a resolution to join our wonderful women's group for the new year.** We would LOVE to have you help us make next year the BEST yet! Please mark your calendar and plan to join us as we reconvene at The Woods Clubhouse on the **third Thursday in September 2016.**

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.

tilize flowering annuals and perennials to extend the bloom season into the fall months.



Yard of the Month for August 2016

Congratulations to August Yard of the Month winner Carlos Larotta of 13094 Tall Tree Dr E. Carlos has lived in the Woods for over 18 years and loves being outdoors. He enjoys maintaining his beautifully landscaped yard and working on other projects. Again, congratulations Carlos! Thanks to Turner Ace for partnering with us and contributing the gift card award.



FALL GARAGE SALE!



Every fall, The Women of The Woods hosts a garage sale, and this year the event will be on **September 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 five top 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 during 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 2016 GARAGE SALE REGISTRATION

★ NAME _____

★ ADDRESS _____

★ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

TOP 5 ITEMS FOR SALE

★ _____
★ _____
★ _____
★ _____
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MUST BE IN NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016



Pool Hours

The Board has heard from several owners that they would like to be able to swim prior to the heat of the day. The Board has agreed to allow the pool to open at 8:00 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the month of August

only. At the end of August, the Board will determine if it is feasible to continue the change in future summer months.

Important Announcements and Reminders

- **Watering:** Two-days-a-week watering is 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 on any day.
- **Recycling collection dates:** July 6, 20; Aug 3, 17, 21; Sept 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.
- **Hodges gate entry policy:** Any guest vehicles over 10 feet in height are required to use the Atlantic Gate for entry. Please notify your vendors and guests.
- **Do not park behind the Atlantic guardhouse:** This area is used for ingress and egress for Squirrel Tree Court. Use the Atlantic parking area if needed.
- **Overnight parking:** Overnight parking at the Community Center and Atlantic parking lot is permitted only with a pass from the Management Office.
- **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.
- **Homes that border the retention ponds, canals and ditches:** Please do not dump your landscaping debris in these areas. This causes the water to back up not only for our community, but surrounding communities as well. Please take advantage of the City of Jacksonville's lawn debris pick up which occurs every Thursday. Lawn debris may not be placed at the curb until after 5:00 pm Wednesday.
- **Feeding Your Pets:** You should not to leave food for your pets outdoors as the food attracts wildlife such as raccoons.
- **Cars and Garage Doors:** 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.
- **ARC policy:** A \$25.00 deposit is now required at the time you submit your application to the ARC. This deposit will be held until your project is completed and the final inspection has occurred.
- **Trash cans:** Must be stored in a non-visible location.
- **Bulk pickup:** Follows the same schedule as recycling. You no longer need to call for a special pickup for most items.

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			
EMAIL: The Woods	thewoodscommunity@bellsouth.net		
CLASSIFIED ADS: The Woodsette	TheWoodsette@yahoo.com		
WEBSITE: The Woods	www.thewoodscommunity.com		
WEBSITE: Marsh Landing	www.marshlandingmanagement.com		
THE WOODS BOARD OF DIRECTORS/COMMITTEE CHAIRS			
BOARD OFFICE	HOLDER	COMMITTEE	CHAIR
PRESIDENT	B. Perry	FINANCE	A. Tomas
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SECRETARY	N. Causey	STREETS & DRAINS	J. Blache
TREASURER	M. Boggs	RULES & SAFETY	TBD
DIRECTOR	G. Wilson	ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW	L. DeCaires
		COVENANT ENFORCEMENT	TBD

2016 FALL SOCCER AT THE WOODS

The Woods Soccer Field

August 29 - October 24

Meets: MONDAYS (no session Labor Day Sept 5th)

Age groups: 3 to 4, 5 to 6, 7 to 9

Cost: \$185 = ages 5-9/2-day program

Monday training & Saturday game

\$90 = ages 5-9/Monday training only

\$120 = ages 5-9/Saturday games only

\$125 = mini-kickers ages 3-4/Monday only

Times: 5:00-5:45pm (ages 3-4)

6:00-7:00pm (ages 5-9)

* All players ages 5 and up must wear shin-guards

* Fees with games include jersey for age 5 & up

* Please bring water every session

* Players can add a t-shirt for \$10 (optional)

* Saturday games ages 5 & up held at Russell Park in Atlantic Beach

CLASSIFIED ADS

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.

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