

The Woodsette

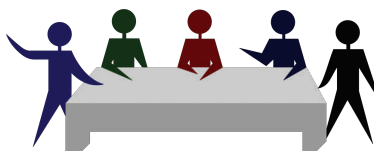
The Woods Community Newsletter

December 2017

Congratulations to the New Woods Board of Directors

In November, The Woods homeowners cast their ballots and elected several new members to the Board of Directors. The newly elected members include Adam Merrill, Cheryl Propst, and Taneen Delaney. Two returning Board members include Nick Causey and Jim Holland.

The newly configured Board then held elections among themselves to determine who would serve in each of the various offices required by The Woods By-Laws. For 2018, Nick Causey will serve as President, Jim Holland as Vice-President, Cheryl Propst as Secretary, Adam Merrill as Treasurer, and Taneen Delaney as Director.



The next meeting of the new Board will be held on December 5th in The Woods Clubhouse. The meeting will begin with a workshop at 6:00 PM followed by a regular session to begin at 7:00 PM. Residents of The Woods are always welcome to attend, observe, and participate (as appropriate), meetings of the Board.

There are several standing committees looking for new members. The committees include Finance, Recreational & Social, Streets & Drains, and Architectural Review. If you are interested, contact Caryn in the Management Office, and she will be happy to point you in the right direction.

Women of the Woods

At the Monday, **November 20th Women of The Woods meeting**, Lin Gedert, Sandee Connolly, and Denise Frissora hosted a **FABULOUS FASHION SHOW!!!!** All ladies of The Woods were invited to join us for our Annual Fashion Show - bigger and better than ever! Fabulous music was provided by our own Robbie Trice. Peggy Johnson of The Petunia Patch narrated the professional presentation of models and their stunning outfits. A special thanks to our hostesses and models for a memorable evening!

Mark your calendars for December 18 (Monday) at 6PM for our annual WOW Holiday Party at Jean Kurkowski's fabulously decorated home. We hope you will join us for an evening of holiday festivities. Everyone brings a dish / hors d'oeuvre for this gath-

ering. Special thanks to Jean for again hosting our holiday celebration!!!! If you like, you can also participate in the **Christmas Cookie Exchange**, and you can bring a **NEW TOY** that evening to make Christmas exciting for children of families unable to purchase toys. [NOTE: To participate in the Cookie Exchange, you bake 4 dozen of your favorite cookies. Place a half dozen(6) in each of 8 Ziplock plastic bags. You will trade your 8 bags of cookies for 8 bags of different cookies. You'll go home with a great assortment of Christmas cookies!]

Our January 15th meeting will include the wildly popular REGIFT NIGHT! You bring one gift you received during the holidays that you would like to trade in! Wine, beverages, and refreshments are included in this fun filled evening.

IMPORTANT EVENTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Board of Directors Workshop	Dec 5	6:00 PM	The Woods Clubhouse
Board of Directors Meeting	Dec 5	7:00 PM	The Woods Clubhouse
Home & Garden Club	Dec 7	7:00 PM	The Woods Clubhouse
Luminaries Night	Dec 16		
Women of the Woods	Dec 18	6:00 PM	J Kurkowski's House

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Home for the Holidays—The Woods Home & Garden Club

The Woods Home & Garden Club meets at The Clubhouse the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. to discuss home decorating trends, regional gardening solutions and home improvement tips. Our purpose is to encourage community beautification, and foster an **AFFORDABLE** improvement movement that we hope will catch on. The club has no dues and is open to everyone who lives or owns a home in The Woods.

HOME & GARDEN CLUB HOLIDAY EDITION – LIVE PLANTS AS DECORATIONS & GIFTS - Mark your calendar to join us Thursday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. when Jeannie Ballentine, resident of The Woods and **President of The Ribault Garden Club Yucca Division**, leads our Holiday Home and Gardening segment, **LIVE PLANTS AS DECORATIONS & GIFTS**. Not sure what to give the person who has everything? How about a gift that is good for the planet and keeps on giving? Live plants can be a great addition to your holiday décor and as gifts can provide enjoyment for years to come. Herb Gardens, Poinsettias, Christmas Cactus and Citrus Trees are among some options to be discussed.

STAY COZY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON – LEARN TIPS TO MAXIMIZE YOUR HEATING & COOLING SYSTEM -Also, on the line up for December, is Jacob Willman, resident of The Woods and **Owner/Operator of Willman Heating & Air**. Jacob will be suggesting things you

can do as a home owner to maintain and improve the efficiency of your HVAC system to stay cozy this holiday season, save money and reduce service calls. Learn what options are available to solve common Heating & Cooling problems faced by home owners with older homes such as Hot Spots, Uneven Air Flow and Ductwork Cleaning.

SIMPLIFY YOUR LIFE BY DECLUTTERING – If you're not sure where to start or what to do next with all your stuff, the Home & Garden Club can help! We have an offshoot of our club that meets free of charge with members that are looking for help in reducing their stuff. Don't move your excess belonging to a storage facility! Simplify your life and remove the clutter. We have some magic suggestions for making the task easier and actually fun. Call Joan Horn at 904-509-4381 if you would like to set up a session.

MASTER GARDENER, NORIKO STERN, TO KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR – We are thrilled to announce the addition of **Master Gardener** and resident of The Woods, Noriko Stern, to our Club. Noriko will not only be speaking at the first meeting of the New Year, on January 4th, but has also agreed to be regular on our agenda. Her background as a master gardener will provide members with valuable advice and insight into gardening on The First Coast. **Thank You Noriko for Joining The Club!**

Lawn and Garden Tips for December

What to Plant

Annuals/Bedding plants: Masses of petunia, pansy, snapdragon, lobelia, alyssum, and viola add color in winter.

Bulbs: Amaryllis can be forced to bloom now or planted outdoors for spring blooms.

Herbs: Some examples of cool-weather herbs include parsley, thyme, sage, dill, fennel, garlic, comfrey, and cilantro.

Vegetables: Reliable cool-season vegetables include cabbages, collards, beets, and broccoli.

What to Do

Poinsettias: Enjoy one of the most popular indoor holiday plants. With proper care, this colorful plant gives weeks of color.

Cold damage: Wait until warm weather returns to cut back cold-damaged plants.

Vegetable garden: Make sure that seeds and transplants are properly spaced for good development of tubers and vegetables.

Houseplants: Inspect regularly for pests on indoor plants. Keep in mind that adequate light is a key factor to ensuring that indoor plants thrive.

Soil test: Consider performing a soil test if plants do not perform as desired or if new plantings are planned.

Compost/mulch: Use fallen leaves to provide the carbon ingredient needed for successful composting and also to make a good mulch.

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

Recreation and Social Committee

November Movie Night: Thanks to all who came out for the last movie night of the year and for supporting the food trucks. We plan to continue movie nights next year.

Luminary Pickup: If you ordered luminaries through the Social & Rec Committee, these are the following times to pick them up:

Monday, December 4, from 5-7 p.m. at the Clubhouse

Tuesday, December 5, from 5-6 p.m. at the Clubhouse (prior to Board workshop & meeting)

Sunday, December 10, from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Playground

If you are unable to pick them up at those times, you may pick them up during regular Office hours (Mon./Thurs./Fri. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tues./Wed. 2-6 p.m.).

Saturday, December 16 will be a big day in The Woods! Following is the schedule of events:

9:00-11:30 a.m.: Santa & Mrs. Claus will pay a special visit to the Clubhouse! They will be available to visit and take photos. Light breakfast treats will be provided (baked goods, fruit, drinks, etc.). Other activities include letter writing/list making for Santa, a small craft, and story time.

5 p.m.: Reveal of The Woods Little Lending Library at the Clubhouse (see related article for more details about the Library)

5:30 p.m.: If you are participating, please light your luminaries and leave them until the candles burn out (or until around 9 p.m. if you are using battery powered candles). Weather permitting, we should have several hours to enjoy the impressive sight as we walk or drive around the neighborhood with our families and greet our neighbors.

5:30 p.m.: Food trucks, free hot chocolate for kids, and lighted trails at the Woods Community Center! We will have printed music sheets to do some improv caroling, all voices encouraged and welcomed!

Volunteers are needed to make this day a huge success for our community. Below are two links for Sign Up Genius. One is for the morning activities

with Santa & Mrs. Claus and one is for the evening activities with the luminaries. You can easily sign up for the specific needs for each event. You do need to create an account, but it is quick and you will NOT receive junk mail. Help with ANYTHING, no matter how big or small, is needed and always appreciated!

Santa & Mrs. Claus: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4fa4a82fa5f94-santa1>

Luminaries: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4fa4a82fa5f94-luminary1>

The Woods' Little Lending Library

At long last, the Library will be installed & officially opened at 5 p.m. on December 16. It has been a true community effort to build it. Many thanks to the following people for donating supplies, time, and talent: Evan Whitehouse, Chris Gagnon, Brian Graves, Tiffany Dodson, Ed Svihla, and Amy King.

If this Library is supported well by the community, there is a possibility of installing a second Library in the south section of the neighborhood.

Following are guidelines for the library:

The Library operates on a "take a book, leave a book" principle.

The Library will have a shelf for children's books AND a shelf for adult readers. Therefore, please be mindful of the books that are donated to ensure they are appropriate for ALL ages.

Please do bring books to donate, but do not cram them into the Library if they will not fit. Also, do not leave them on the ground around the Library.

Please take care of the Library to ensure it will have a long life span. This includes closing the door to keep rain/moisture out.

The Library will be monitored regularly to ensure the guidelines are being followed.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Library, please contact the Office and they will direct your concerns to the appropriate person.



Important Announcements and Reminders



- **Watering:** One-day-a-week watering is currently in effect. Odd-numbered homes may water **only** on Saturdays. Even-numbered homes may water **only** on Sundays. There is to be **NO** watering between the hours of 10:00am and 4:00pm on any day.
- **Recycling Collection Dates:** Dec 6, 20; Jan 3, 17, 31; Feb 14, 28; Mar 14, 28; Apr 11, 25; May 9,23; June 6, 20; July 4, 18; Aug 1, 15, 29; Sep 12, 26.
- **Bulk pickup:** Follows the same schedule as recycling. You no longer need to call for a special pickup for most items.
- **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.
- **Cul De Sacs (common areas):** Use by residents for trash, lawn debris or parking is **expressly prohibited**. These are common areas. We ask that everyone keep this in mind. Please note that vehicles parked in these areas will be towed immediately once discovered by Woods' security personnel.
- The Board has extended and increased the JSO patrols throughout the community. That means **STOP at all stop signs and honor the 25 mph speed limit**. Several residents have already been recipients of tickets for violating these traffic rules.
- **Do not to put lawn clippings, or any other debris, into any of the Woods' ponds.**
- **Do not feed the geese** that inhabit the many ponds and lawns around the neighborhood.
- In order to assist the guards with more efficient entries, residents are to **call in their guests ahead of time**.
- For **non-vehicular entry:** all persons entering the community on foot, bicycle, etc., must check in with the Gate guards and be prepared to show photo ID as proof of residency in the community.
- Jacksonville Municipal Code requires that **pets must 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**.
- **Animals not on a leash:** whether accompanied by the owner or not, should be reported

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

THE WOODS BOARD OF DIRECTORS and COMMITTEE CHAIRS				IMPORTANT EMAIL & WEBSITES	
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DIRECTOR	T. Delaney			WEBSITE: Marsh Landing	Www.marshlandingmanagement.com

CLASSIFIED ADS

ASSISTANCE WITH HOUSEHOLD CHORES

Retired grandmother looking to provide services to residents who may need assistance with grocery shopping, rides or escort to doctor appointments; or residents who may need someone to take their child to the doctor or early pick up from school. If you have any questions, contact Jacqueline 904-444-0751.

Babysitter, Petsitter, Housesitter

Call Susan Scavone, 970-379-1457.

BABYSITTING

Hello; I am available for babysitting and I have a flexible schedule because I am home-schooled. Please call my mom to set anything up you need at 904-962-7612! References available!

DOG WALKER NEEDED

Looking for a dog walker for small dog six days-a-week. Call Janet Whitehead at 221-3608.

The only ads that will be published in The Woodsette are 1) **Personal 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. No business ads. 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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