



The Woodsette

The Woods Community Newsletter

January 2018

From the Board

The board of directors met early in December, starting with a workshop for new members (three new members were elected to the board) followed by a regular board meeting. We would like to thank all of the home owners who attended and participated. Some of the items discussed and approved included the following:

- Begin solicitation of bids for the replacement of the Atlantic Guard House in January. We hope to begin that project as soon as possible.
- Begin an initiative to gather owners' email addresses, in an effort to better communicate important information with residents.
- Reinstate the Rules & Safety Committee which will begin reviewing and recommending revisions of The Woods Community's Rules.

- Renew the agreement with JSO for the first quarter of the new year. Please don't speed or run stop signs. We would like to see zero tickets written.
- Approve two Streets & Drains projects as we try to be proactive in preventing flooding issues.

We plan to hold a Community Workshop in February for residents to share new ideas and concerns to be presented to the board

As always, we would like to thank all who volunteer to help better our community and would like to invite anyone who is not yet active, to please join us in getting involved in our neighborhood. We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope that 2018 brings with it good health, happiness, and prosperity for all!

Special Notice!

In an effort to improve communications with owners and residents of The Woods', the Board of Directors is interested in creating an email "blast list" for all the owners and/or residents of The Woods Community. This list would allow email "blasts" to be sent out in regard to upcoming events, special notices, and other "need to know" information. Please help us create this list by sending an email to cscott@marshlanding.org with your consent to be added to the email list. If you have questions, please call Caryn in the Management Office.

Just A Note About Pictures

From time to time, we include a few pictures in The Woodsette newsletter and when the newsletter is ultimately printed in black and white, some of those pictures don't look as nice as they do when seen in color. However, you can still see the pictures as they were originally intended by going to The Woods' website (see page 4) and downloading a copy of the original newsletter file. The pictures will appear in color on your computer or smart phone. Try it. We're sure you will be pleased!

MEETINGS & EVENTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Home & Garden Club	Jan 4	7:00 PM	The Clubhouse
Streets & Drains Committee	Jan 11	6:00 PM	Chili's
Recreation & Social Committee	Jan 13	10:00 AM	The Clubhouse
Women of the Woods	Jan 15	7:00 PM	The Clubhouse
Rules & Safety Committee	Jan 16	6:00 PM	The Clubhouse
Finance Committee	Jan 17	7:00 PM	The Clubhouse
Architectural Review Committee	Jan 25	6:30 PM	The Clubhouse
Board of Directors	Jan 25	7:00 PM	The Clubhouse

Happy New Year!	
From your friendly Woodsette staff!	
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Lawn and Garden Tips for January

What to Plant

Annuals/Bedding plants: Cool-season annuals include pansy, viola, petunia, and snapdragon.

Bulbs: Crinum, agapanthus, and gloriosa lily can be planted now. Mulch to protect from cold temperatures.

Camellias: Select and plant camellia this month. Visit local nurseries now for the best selection of colors and forms.



Vegetables: Irish potatoes can be planted now. Start with healthy seed pieces purchased from a local nursery or online seed catalog. Continue planting cool-season crops, including broccoli, kale, carrots, and lettuce.

Women of the Woods

Special thanks to Jean Kurkowski, who hosted our Women of The Woods Christmas party again this year at her fabulously decorated home. No one does Christmas like you, Jean!

*Happy New Year to the Women of
The Woods!*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR A NEW YEAR OF WOW ACTIVITIES:

JANUARY 15: At 7 pm, hostesses Jeannie Ballentine, Margie Ballentine, and Donna Webster are kicking off the new year with a fun evening of gift exchanges. Actually, we should say **REGIFT exchanges!!!** Go through your Christmas gifts and pick one that actually just isn't right for you. Hopefully, you will go home

The Woods Home & Garden Club

We are pleased to announce that Master Gardener, Noriko Stern, will be speaking at our first garden club meeting this year on Thursday, January 4th at 7:00 p.m. Noriko is very passionate about gardening and ecology and will be speaking about native plants. After the program, Noriko will be available to meet individually with members to offer advice and answer any specific questions you may have.

What to Do

Deciduous fruit: Plant deciduous fruit trees now to give their roots time to develop before the warm, dry spring months. Prune and fertilize existing trees.

Cold protection: Be ready to cover tender plants to minimize damage. Frost or freezes are likely this month and next.

Irrigation: Water plants if temperatures remain higher than normal and rainfall is scarce.

Shrubs and trees: Prune non-spring flowering shrubs and trees this month to improve form.

Arbor Day: Celebrate Florida Arbor Day (the third Friday of January) by planting a tree in your yard or community. Consider a hurricane-resistant tree, such as live oak, bald cypress, cabbage palm, or crapemyrtle.

Crapemyrtle: Remove seed pods, crossing branches and small twiggy growth to improve the appearance and form of the plant, if desired. Hard pruning is not required.

Pests: Control persistent scale insects on citrus, shrubs, camellias, and deciduous fruit trees; apply horticultural oil while plants are dormant.

with another gift you choose, and someone else will get your gift. Wine, beverages, and appetizers will be available while we play. Dress casually and come to share the fun!!!

FEBRUARY 19: Hostess is Robyn Cenizal.

MARCH 19: Hostesses are Laura Strader and Paige Gnann.

APRIL 16: Hostesses are Joanne Louis and Joyce Langley.

MAY 21: End of Year Celebration Pot Luck Dinner (Everyone brings a dish.)

WOW meets on the **third Monday of each month** in The Woods Clubhouse at 7pm. If you have questions, please call Jeannie at 992-3848.

To maximize our efforts in regard to furthering our neighborhood ecology, the call is out to recruit more Master Gardeners to our ranks. If you or anyone you know is a Master Gardener, please contact Joan Horn at 509-4381 to discuss club participation or leading a future meeting. For those of you wondering what a Master Gardener really is, Joan will have information available for you at the meeting in January.

The Recreation and Social Committee

The Recreation and Social Committee would like to thank all of the members of the committee and additional volunteers that helped with the Santa and Mrs. Claus event and Luminary night!

Santa and Mrs. Claus were very busy seeing all of the children of the Woods, and the children also enjoyed the food and reindeer ornament craft. We would like to thank all who came out and enjoyed a fun morning taking pictures and chatting with neighbors.



Luminary night was a hit with the beautifully lit walkways along the clubhouse, the Not Your Mama's Treats food truck (which sold out in 2 hrs) and the wonderful hot chocolate from the Loving Cup. Many people came out to enjoy walking along the path, chatting with neighbors or playing on the playground. We would like to thank all who came out to enjoy as well as the volunteers who helped to set up and take down all of the luminaries (especially the children who helped clean up and dispose of the luminaries)!

In addition, we would like to thank Amy and Evan King for all of their hard work in organizing and building the beautiful **lending library** that is now in the grass by the clubhouse parking lot. This was a labor of love and required a lot of time and effort. Also, we would like to thank Chris Gagnon for her lovely paintings on the library. The guidelines are located on the side of the lending library as to how to take and leave books (both children and adults). Many children have already taken advantage of this great community sharing space.



Reminders:

The Woods Rocks Facebook site was created to allow residents to participate and share the rocks they have painted, hidden or found within the community.

How it works: Anyone can decorate and hide rocks around the community. When a rock is found, post a pic on The Woods Rocks Facebook site (the artists like to see they were found) and you can either keep the rock or rehide the rock for another to find. In addition, many people post pictures of the rocks they have painted before they are hidden to allow people an idea of what they may be looking for around the community.

Recommendations: Many people use acrylic paint to paint rocks from around their house or rocks that can be bought from Lowes, Michaels, Hobby Lobby, Stone Plus or Home Depot. After the rocks are painted, it is best to use a clear acrylic spray to protect the paint from wearing off. Others have also used colored permanent markers, gel pens, etc. to write and draw. Fun and cool painting ideas for your rocks can be found via Pinterest or Google. **Happy rock painting and hunting!**

Upcoming Events:

We will be planning the next year over the next two meetings. We would like to have volunteers run the different events and new ideas are most welcome!

1st Meeting: Jan 13, 10:00-11:30 AM, Clubhouse

2nd Meeting: TBD

Contact Kristin Wolke if interested in helping with any activities or events at: kristinlack@gmail.com or join The Woods Recreation and Social Committee Facebook page.

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:** 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.
- **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.
- 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.
- **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.
- 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 immediately to the City of Jacksonville Animal Control at 630-2489.
- The Board has continued the JSO patrols throughout the community. That means **STOP at all stop signs and honor the 25 mph speed limit**.
- **SPECIAL REMINDER** - Remember to keep your garage doors closed when not in use and make sure your cars are locked at all times.



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	
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Baby bed (in good condition) \$50, Toddler or Youth bed \$30, Two Wicker Headboards \$9 each, Two Porch Chairs \$7 each. Call 412-5959

YOUR AD HERE!

Email TheWoodsette@yahoo.com or call 992-3848.

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