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The Woods Community Newsletter

May 2018

## From the Board of Directors

The board of directors met the last Thursday of April for our 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:

- Approved and awarded the Atlantic Gatehouse re-build project to Hoffman Construction. They have begun the permitting process already and plan to start as soon as all permits are received. Stay tuned for more information!
- Approved a new Gate Access/Visitor management system, Gate Sentry! Residents will soon have full access to manage their own guest lists, add visitors via the app or website, receive instant guest arrival notifications, and view history of guest and vendor visits. IMPORTANT: WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS AND CELL PHONE NUMBER SHOULD YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE. Please email this information to Caryn Scott at cscott@marshlanding.org.
- Appointed Mary Boggs to the Board of Directors to fill the recently created vacancy. Please join us in thank-

ing Mary for once again volunteering to serve.

- We are in need of volunteers to serve on our finance, communications, and Social and Recreation committees. Please contact Caryn in the management office if you are interested in helping out!
- We are looking to put together a team of volunteers to help a couple of elderly residents with yard work. Students who need community service hours are welcomed to participate. If interested and willing to help, please let Caryn in the management office know and we will reach out to you with more details

Be sure to check out the article on page 2 regarding the status of projects related to the Community Workshop that was held in February.

As always, we would like to thank all of our volunteers who spend countless hours to help better our community. We are in need of more, and anyone interested in joining a committee or volunteering for an upcoming event please feel free to contact the management office. All the best!

## News from the Tennis Courts

Hello all tennis enthusiasts! Summer is upon us so now is a great time to jump start your tennis career or reconnect with it. Private and group classes are available for adults and kids. Please contact our pro, Jen Morrison, for more information. In addition, The Woods' Ladies C Team is looking for some additional players. This is a recreational group that meets on Tuesday mornings to play "fun in the sun" tennis. Again contact coach Jen if you're interested.

Dates/Times for our summer junior tennis camps are:

June 13-14, 20-21, 28, July 5, 12-13, 19

3-4 yr olds	8:30-9 am
5-6 yr olds	9-9:30 am
7-8 yr olds	9:30-10:30 am
9 - and older	10:30-11:30 am

Happy summer!

MEETINGS & EVENTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Communications	May 10	7:00 PM	Panera
Home & Garden Club	May 10	7:00 PM	The Clubhouse
Rules & Safety Committee	May 15	6:00 PM	The Clubhouse
Streets & Drains Committee	May 16	6:00 PM	Chili's
Women of the Woods	May 21	7:00 PM	Joann Jewell's House
Finance Committee	May 23	7:00 PM	The Clubhouse
Architectural Review Committee	May 31	6:30 PM	The Clubhouse
Board of Directors	May 31	7:00 PM	The Clubhouse

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## Workshop Ideas – Turning Into Reality

On February 17, 2018, The Woods Board of Directors invited all residents of The Woods to participate in a Community Workshop. The purpose of the workshop was to work together with neighbors in a positive and constructive environment to gather and prioritize ideas for improving our neighborhood. The following table summarizes the status of those ideas that have already or are currently being evaluated for implementation. Updates will be provided as additional ideas are considered.

Idea from Community Workshop	Status
Update gate communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board passed new gate access software at April Board meeting</li> </ul>
Improve community/Board communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board formed Communications Committee, chaired by Joe Mantione</li> <li>Looking for more volunteers, including a team to help in narrowing down potential HOA software for updating to an interactive community website.</li> <li>Development of an email database for blasts is under discussion</li> </ul>
Improve lighting on streets and path (e.g., trim trees around existing lights, call JEA to finish changing out street lights to brighter, more efficient LEDs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last update from management indicated we are still on JEA's list but JEA is backed up due to hurricane</li> <li>Streets and Drains Committee will call JEA to have lights completed</li> </ul>
Improve curb appeal of entrances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board approved the Atlantic gatehouse project. The new gatehouse will be done to match the Hodges gatehouse, with the possible exception of changing the color</li> <li>New signage at both gates will be considered</li> <li>Streets and Drains Committee is contacting landscape architects to redo shrubs and flowers at both entrances.</li> </ul>
Stop/reduce JSO and/or explore other solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rules and Safety Committee recommended increasing JSO to 3 hours/week.</li> <li>Board motions to decrease JSO to 3 hrs/quarter or 3 hrs/month did not pass Board vote.</li> <li>Based on no new motion in March, JSO will continue at 2, 3-hour shifts/month.</li> <li>Option called Traffic Hawk is being researched by Rules and Safety Committee.</li> <li>Currently using JSO speed sign.</li> <li>Board will continue to re-evaluate JSO presence on a quarterly basis.</li> </ul>
Improve/maintain drainage; complete drainage project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Streets and Drains Committee is expecting to receive a proposal for a community-wide drainage study this month</li> </ul>
Stop ticketing after midnight; extend hours to 2am on weekends; reset ticket count	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rules and Safety Committee was asked to review ticketing/towing rules and propose suggestions to the Board</li> </ul>
Stop Air BNB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A quorum was not obtained for the amendment to revise existing rules and covenants</li> </ul>
Extend pool hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pool hours have been extended. New hours are:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April 3 through October 31</li> <li>Tuesday – Friday 8:30am – 8:00pm</li> <li>Saturday and Sunday 8:00am – 8:00pm</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Limit lifeguard hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lifeguard hours have been reduced; mornings are now “swim at your own risk.”</li> </ul>
Include a lap area in center of the pool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The need and associated cost for lane anchors and lane lines is being explored by the Board</li> </ul>
Adult swim/no adult swim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is no longer an adult swim time</li> </ul>
Update pool rules/address party rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rules and Safety Committee is reviewing pool rules</li> </ul>
Offer more family-friendly and adult social activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food Truck Friday started in April and will continue monthly through June (there was relatively low attendance in April)</li> <li>A Stress Management and Resilience Training (SMART) workshop will be offered to adults on June 8</li> </ul>
Add “turn to exit” sign on Woods Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signs have been added</li> </ul>
Add trash cans near pond benches and fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 trash can was added at the basketball court; another trash can will be purchased and placed between the bleachers at the fields</li> <li>A dog poop bag station was added by the fields</li> </ul>
Replace bleachers by field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New bleachers have been ordered</li> </ul>

**SPECIAL NOTE: Cul De Sacs (common areas)** are not to be used by residents for trash, lawn debris or parking. These are common areas. We ask that everyone keep this in mind. Please note that vehicles parked on any common area grass will be towed immediately once discovered by Woods’ security personnel.

## **New Pool Hours and Rules**

**New Pool Hours: Tuesday- Friday 8:30am-8:00pm and Saturday- Sunday 8am- 8pm!**

No one under the age of 14 is allowed in the pool area without a parent or guardian (over 18) present. All children 14-17 must apply for a pool pass, with parent's permission, in order to access the pool area without adult supervision. Any parent interested in getting the pool pass for his/her children should contact the Woods Office for more information. The pool ID badges will be \$3.00 per badge. Pool passes/IDs are required for entry into the pool area.

## **Women of the Woods**

At our **April 16th meeting of Women of The Woods**, our hostesses Joyce Langley, Marilyn Osiecki, and Joanne Louis provided an opportunity for each of us to participate in a hands-on craft session. Marilyn provided materials, instructions, and guidance for each of us to make a beautiful (and huge) flower complete with a pompon center and wooden stem with green leaves. Our hostesses provided snacks and beverages while we worked. **Thanks to our hostesses Joyce, Marilyn, and Joanne for a great make and take meeting!!!**

Our **final meeting on Monday, May 21st, at 7pm** is our **Celebration Dinner at Joann Jewell's home, 12855 Pine**

## **Home & Garden Club - Save the Monarch Butterfly!**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is leading a charge to **Save The Monarch Butterfly** from extinction. The Monarch Butterfly is one of the most recognizable species of butterfly in North America. There is growing international concern over the 90 percent decline in the Monarch Butterfly population over the past two decades.

For more information on the plight of the Monarch Butterfly and how you can help, please join us at our May meeting of the Home & Garden Club where Cora Cooper,

## **Lawn and Garden Tips for May**

### What to Plant

**Annuals/Bedding Plants:** Plants that can take summer heat include salvia, angelonia, wax begonia, and ornamental pepper.

**Bulbs:** Planting early-, mid-, and late-blooming varieties of daylily ensures months of color from these low-maintenance plants.

**Herbs:** Continue to plant heat-loving herbs, including basil, oregano, Mexican tarragon, and rosemary.

**Vegetables:** Swiss chard will take the heat as well as okra, southern pea, and sweet potato.

### What to Do

**Pests:** Insects become more active in warm weather. Watch for thrips, scales, and mites on ornamental plants.

**Gardenias:** Yellowing of older leaves is usually normal; yellowing of new growth usually indicates a micronutrient deficiency.

**Oleanders:** Inspect chewed or ragged leaves for oleander

**Burr Lane W.** Each of us is bringing a POT LUCK appetizer, dish, or dessert. We don't have a planned program because this evening is a dinner to celebrate another Women of The Woods year and to enjoy both camaraderie and a delicious meal together.

**NOTICE: Meeting day for WOW has changed for the 2018-2019 year.** We are going back to the **third THURSDAY of each month** in The Woods Clubhouse at 7pm. The first meeting will be on Thursday, September 20th. Also again next year, members pay no annual dues. If you have questions, please call Jeannie at 992-3848.

naturalist and butterfly enthusiast, will join us to talk about what we can do to benefit Monarchs and other butterflies.

Also joining us to speak at our May meeting will be Larry Figart, Urban Tree Advocate for Duval County, who will be returning to speak about **Saving Our Forests**. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 10th, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in The Woods Clubhouse.

caterpillars at work.

**Lawn insects:** Watch for damage from chinch bugs in St. Augustine grass and begin scouting for newly hatched mole crickets in bahia grass lawns.

**Tomatoes:** Watch for pests, disease, and nutritional disorders on tomato plants.

**New plants:** Produce more plants by air layering, grafting, division, or cuttings.

**Trees:** Prepare for hurricane season by checking trees for damaged or weak branches and pruning if needed. Hire an ISA-certified arborist.

**Lawn Mowing:** Encourage healthy growth and discourage insects, weeds, and diseases by mowing correctly.

**Yard of the Month for May 2018** (Picture on next page)

The 2018 Yard of the Month recognition is finally underway. The first Yard of the Month award for 2018 goes to Jeff and Charlene Hoadley of 2403 The Woods Dr. E. They are great neighbors and their yard is a symbol of pride for our community. Congratulations!

# Recreational and Social Committee Update

Thanks to all who came out and supported the Food Truck Friday in April! It was a lovely night. Your continued support is appreciated for these trucks to continue visiting The Woods.

- Free Pizza for the kids
- Food Trucks
- Music
- Fun!

Help is needed with set-up and take-down for the next two Food Truck Fridays. It is VERY easy and takes two people about 30 minutes. Set-up involves: blocking available parking spots for the trucks (small cones provided), meeting the trucks and directing them to their parking spots, closing off the entrance driveway to the Clubhouse (large cones provided), setting up four tables with chairs, and putting out trash cans. Take down involves: putting up the tables and chairs, removing all cones, putting trash bags in the dumpsters, and putting the trash cans back. Please post in the food truck event if you are willing to help or have any questions.

Upcoming events:

## Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

Food Truck Friday (5 – 8 p.m.) featuring:

Hapa Li (Hawaiian) <http://www.hapalijax.com/menu.html>

Mother Truckin' Pizza <http://mothertruckinpizza.com/menu/>

## Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

End of the School Year Pool Party (11 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

## Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

Food Truck Friday (5 – 8 p.m.) featuring:

Manny's Cuban <https://www.facebook.com/mannyscubanfoodtruck/menu/>

What' Smokin' <http://whatssmokin.com/#menu>

SMART Workshop – We are happy to announce the opportunity for residents to attend a FREE interactive workshop, which will coincide with our June Food Truck Friday. Grab your dinner and join us in the clubhouse!

The Stress Management and Resilience Training (SMART) workshop is designed from the work of Dr. Amit Sood of the Mayo Clinic. In this training, we explore how learning to focus attention, delay interpretation, and implement the principles of gratitude, compassion, acceptance, higher meaning, and forgiveness can improve quality of life and increase satisfaction.

- Presentation Start Time 6 p.m.
- Break from 7:00-7:20 p.m.
- Finish by 8 p.m.

## Yard of the Month for May, 2018

Congratulations to Jeff and Charlene Hoadley, 2403 The Woods Dr E.



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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
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