



The Woodsette

The Woods Community Newsletter

December 2018

From the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors wishes you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a safe and Happy New Year! 2018 was a year of progress for our wonderful community. A few highlights include:

- The Atlantic Boulevard gatehouse was completed this fall. We now have modern and attractive buildings at both our entrances. In addition to being nice to look at, they also serve to increase our property values.
- The Gate Sentry system was put in place to increase efficiency and control of access to The Woods.
- Existing sidewalks were made more handicap accessible.
- Food Truck Fridays were implemented during the summer months to enhance our social calendar.
- The bleachers at the soccer and baseball fields were replaced.
- New signage for The Woods exits were put in place.

- Picnic tables in the playground area were painted and repaired.
- A chair lift for the swimming pool was installed.
- Two bike racks for the recreation area were installed.
- A kids-size basketball hoop was added to the recreation area.

All of these improvements, and more, were accomplished while staying within the 2018 spending budget.

We want to thank all of our committee members who volunteer so much of their time to our community. Those committees include: Finance, Streets and Drains, Rules and Safety, Appeals, Architectural Review, Communication, Social, Recreation and Amenities, Yard of the Month, Garage Sale, and our Woodsette newsletter. And thank you also to The Women of The Woods for the great work they do in our community. We invite and encourage all Woods residents to volunteer and get involved.

Wishing you all the best in 2019!

Nabr Network – The new Woods Website/Communication Tool

By now you have probably heard that The Woods is implementing a new website/communications tool called the **Nabr Network**. The implementation got underway Friday, November 30th, with a “Soft Launch”, meaning that only a core group of people are participating. These are the people who will be responsible for helping everyone else in the community learn how to access the new website and utilize the tools available there. The people who will be participating in the “Soft Launch” include

Management, Board Members, and Committee Members. They will have a chance to participate in a **Nabr Network** tutorial on December 5th at the Clubhouse. The “Official Launch”, when the system will be opened up for the entire community, will take place January 7th. In the meantime, if you would like additional information, contact a member of the Communication Committee or someone in the Management Office. Additional information for “Soft Launch” participants appears inside.

MEETINGS & EVENTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Recreation Committee	Dec 3	8:30 AM	Court 6
Communication Committee	Dec 5	6:30 PM	Clubhouse
Board of Directors - Workshop	Dec 6	6:00 PM	Clubhouse
Board of Directors - Special Mtg	Dec 6	6:30 PM	Clubhouse
Board of Directors - Regular Mtg	Dec 6	7:00 PM	Clubhouse
Santa & Mrs. Claus	Dec 15	9:00 - 11:30 AM	Clubhouse
Luminaries Night	Dec 15	5:30 - 9:00 PM	Indiv Homes

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The Women of the Woods

At the Monday, **November 15th Women of The Woods meeting**, Joyce Langley, Robyn Cenizal, and Sue Kreicheit hosted our Honoring Choices Florida presenter, Jamie Butler. We learned so much about life planning and choices through Florida Advance Directives and Documents. We also enjoyed delicious snacks, wine, and beverages for the evening. Special thanks to our hostesses for this excellent program and yummy treats.

Mark your calendars for December 6th (Thursday) at 5:30PM 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 gathering. 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) cookies 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 17th 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.

WOW meets on the **third Monday of each month** in The Woods Clubhouse at 7pm. There are no annual dues this year. If you have questions, please call Jeannie at 992-3848.

Lawn and Garden Tips for December

What To Plant

Bedding Plants: To add color to the winter garden, plant masses of petunia, pansy, snapdragon, lobelia, alyssum, and viola.

Bulbs: Amaryllis is a popular plant for the holiday season. They can be forced to bloom now or planted outdoors for spring blooms.

Herbs: Plant herbs that thrive in cool weather. Some to try are parsley, thyme, sage, dill, fennel, garlic, comfrey, and cilantro.

Vegetables: Reliable cool season vegetables to plant this month include English pea, radish, cabbage, beet, and broccoli.

What To Do

Poinsettias: One of the most popular indoor holiday plants is the poinsettia. With proper care, this colorful plant will give weeks of color.



Cold protection: Don't prune cold-damaged plants yet. Wait until warm weather returns to cut back your plants.

Vegetable Garden: Make sure that seeds and transplants are properly spaced to have good development of tubers and vegetables.

Houseplants: Inspect regularly for pests on indoor plants. Keep in mind that plant specific temperature, light, and humidity are key to ensuring that indoor plants thrive.

Soil Test: If plants did not perform as desired this year or new plantings are being planned, a soil test may be a good idea.

Compost/Mulch: Fallen leaves provide the carbon ingredient needed for successful composting and also make a good mulch.

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



Social Committee Update

We still need volunteers and help with many events so please contact us if you would like to become involved in any way. Please email (kristinlack@gmail.com) or call (513-476-6916) or check out the Woods community website.

Approved Events for December 2018:

December 15th 9-11:30 AM– Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting the clubhouse and we will be offering lite breakfast options and coffee and an elf craft from 9-11:30 AM. Professional pictures will be offered: 5x7 for \$7 or 4 wallets for \$5 by Dee Rowell. Cash or check will be accepted and the photos will be delivered to the office once they are printed.

December 15th 5:30-9 PM– Luminary night in the Woods. The holiday season is quickly approaching and we would love to continue a holiday tradition with all of you! Please join us in celebrating this holiday season by lining our neighborhood with candle luminaries. Luminaries are a simple and beautiful display of warmth, good will, holiday spirit and a great way to show our unity as a community.

All of The Woods neighbors are encouraged to participate by placing illuminated white bags 4 feet apart in front of your home beginning at 5:30pm on Saturday, December 15th. Neighbors will line the street in front of their house and if desired, their driveway and walkways, too! Candles should remain lit that evening until they burn out. We should have (weather permitting) several hours to enjoy the impressive sight as we walk or drive around the neighborhood with our families and greet our neighbors. If you will not be home to light your candles, but wish to participate, a neighbor can light your candles for you! We will also be hosting a food

Information for the Nabr Network “Soft Launch”

ATTENTION ALL WOODS COMMITTEE MEMBERS!!! Wednesday, December 5th (6:30pm at the clubhouse) we will hold a Nabr Workshop for committee members. We suggest that prior to coming you spend some time working your way through the new site and/or download the app. Come with specific questions so we can best address your needs. We need to know if your committee will be attending the meeting (it is suggested that at least the committee admin attend).

truck (5-9PM), free hot chocolate for the kids, and lighted trails at the Woods Community Center beginning at 5:30 PM.

The Woods Social Committee did order extra sets of 20 white luminary bags and votive candles for \$5.00 each and they can be bought at the office if you missed the deadline to order.

Luminary orders that were placed before Nov 21st deadline are in and ready to be picked up at the office.

Neighbors will be responsible for getting the sand to weigh down their bags (about 2-3 inches per luminary) separately. You may also choose to purchase all supplies on your own (including reusable bags and LED candles).

Please Volunteer!

We NEED volunteers for December 15th to help with set up, supervising, clean up, filling bags, lighting bags and throwing away bags as well as help with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Santa and Mrs. Claus:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4fa4a82fa5f94-santa2>

Luminaries:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4fa4a82fa5f94-luminary2>

Any wagons would be greatly appreciate to add in the luminary set up!

Upcoming Discussions/Requests:

Several people have expressed interest in having kid/mom meets ups. We can work on dates or host some craft/reading events this winter.

Please RSVP no later than Monday, December 3rd by notifying the communications committee or Woods Management

If you would rather have a Communications Committee member attend your already scheduled committee meeting during the month of December, we can make those arrangements. Send an email with your request to taneen.delaney@gmail.com and include the date/time/location of your upcoming meeting.

Important Announcements and Reminders



- **Watering:** One-day-a-week watering is currently in effect. Odd-numbered homes water **only** on Saturdays. Even-numbered homes 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 5, 19; Jan 2, 16, 30; Feb 13, 27; March 13, 27; April 10, 24; May 8, 22; June 5, 19; July 3, 17, 31; Aug 14, 28; Sep 11, 25. Bulk pickup follows the same schedule as recycling. Do not place bins at the curb until 5:00 PM the evening before.
- ♦ **Lawn Debris** may be placed at the curb after 5:00 PM on Wednesdays. Do not block drains/gutters.
- ♦ **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 on any common area grass will be towed immediately once discovered by Woods' security personnel.
- ♦ Do **not 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 encouraged to use the Gate Sentry app on their smart phones. Call the management Office if you have any questions.
- ♦ 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 vehicles 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	
PHONE	273-3033
FAX	273-0933

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The Woods Board of Directors

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The Woods Important Email/Websites

- The Woods Email:**
thewoodscommunit@bellsouth.net
- The Woodsette Classified Ads:**
TheWoodsette@yahoo.com
- The Marsh Landing website:**
www.marshlandingmanagement.com
- The Woods website:**
www.thewoodscommunity.com
(Call the Mgmt Office for the password)

CLASSIFIED ADS

NEED HELP WITH LAWN AND GARDEN

Will pay \$12 an hour for occasional lawn and garden help. Call Sam at 904.504.9129

BABYSITTER, PETSITTER, HOUSESITTER

Call Susan Scavone, 970-379-1457.

PRIVATE PIANO OR VOICE LESSONS

Private piano or voice lessons available here in the woods. Call 412-5959 or 412-6305.

TEEN HELP WANTED

Looking for help a few hours a week with posting misc items for sale online. Work will include photography, research/write descriptions, and posting. Call/text Jennifer at 623-512-6543.

GET TOGETHER FOR A JAM SESSION

Getting people together for an informal Bluegrass, Country, Rock music jam session. Contact Anita Springer, ahspr24@gmail.com or call 678-327-4923 or 904-415-2870 (Bob).

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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