



# The Woodsette

The Woods Community Newsletter

## From the Board

### The Blood Drive

A great big THANK YOU to our residents who made The Woods March Blood Drive a success. Twelve units of blood were donated. These units of blood will save up to 36 lives per our contact at One Blood. We are looking forward to The Woods hosting another blood drive in the near future.

### A Pickleball Survey

Please be on the lookout for an upcoming survey via NABR ([thewoodscommunity.com](http://thewoodscommunity.com)) regarding pickleball courts. The recreation committee and a group of homeowners asked the board to explore building two pickleball courts. If approved, the courts will likely be located next to tennis courts seven and eight, between the tennis courts and the maintenance building. For those of you not yet on NABR, a paper version of the survey will be available in The Woods office. The survey closes on April 15, 2021.

Some of the benefits of a pickleball court are that pickleball can be played by a wide range of age groups from youths to senior citizens; many adults who can no longer play tennis find pickleball an enjoyable alternative; and pickleball courts may increase the attractiveness of our community to potential homebuyers.

The estimated cost of two unlit pickleball courts surrounded by a fence is \$56,000. Additionally, an estimated \$2,240 a year, for 25 years, will need to be added to our reserve fund for eventual replacement of the courts.

### The Use of Refuse Containers and More

If you are having work done on your property, and a re-

fuse container is involved, please ensure the contractor is careful not to damage the roadway pavement or curbs with the container, or the machinery used to move the container. Street repairs are very expensive and homeowners are subject to being invoiced for damage to our roads caused by work done on their property. It is highly recommended that planks of wood (also called skids) be placed under the contact points of the container, including the rollers, if a container is placed on the street. Recent damages to one street total over \$3,000.

The audit of The Woods 2020 financial statements is complete. We are pleased to pass along news of a clean audit with no concerns regarding the community's finances.

The City of Jacksonville was notified of late/non-pick-up of yard waste in recent weeks. They advised that the company contracted to perform the service is having staffing issues.

We are in the process of researching video equipment so that future board meetings broadcast via Zoom will be of better quality for Zoom viewers.

**Caution!** When riding hover boards or low-profile bikes in the neighborhood please use extreme caution, and take every precaution, to make yourself and children visible to motor vehicles while riding on our community roads. Reflectors, bright colored clothing and tall flags can be used as a tool to help keep residents safe from much larger vehicles.

That's all for now. Wishing everyone all the best in the month of April!

APRIL MEETINGS/EVENTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Architectural Review Committee	Apr 5	6:30 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Streets & Drains Committee	Apr 8	6:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Women of the Woods	Apr 15	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
Pool Opens/Comm Yard Sale 8-2	Apr 17	8:30 am	The Woods Community Pool
Annual Community Yard Sale	Apr 17	8 am - 2 pm	The Woods Community
Rules & Safety Committee	Apr 20	6:30 pm	Via ZOOM
Finance Committee	Apr 21	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse
April Board of Directors Meeting	Apr 29	7:00 pm	The Woods Clubhouse and ZOOM

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## Women of the Woods

At our **March 18th** WOW meeting, **Chris Holland and Jeannie Ballentine** hosted **March Madness Bingo!** Game winners made a selection from the Prize Table donated by WOW members. Chris called the Bingo games for this fun evening of competition and camaraderie!! Thanks to all of the WOW members for attending and bringing prizes!!!

Mark your calendar for our next meeting on Thursday, **April 15, 2021**, at 7pm when **Joann Jewell** will host **Hobbies Night**, an evening of Show & Tell for everyone. Joann will share her beautiful plants and even make some available for raffle. She will also share her other hobbies of reading and puzzle making, and will have a puzzle and book available for raffle. Next, WOW members will share their hobbies (Show& Tell) and if possible, bring something for raffle. Some members are providing homemade baked yummys for all to enjoy. Please plan to join us for an evening of friendship (and a little wine and snacks!!!)

Our final meeting of the year is our End of Year Celebration Pot Luck Dinner on May 20th. We'll have a sign-up sheet at our April meeting.

Women of The Woods meets on the **third Thursday of each month** in The Woods Clubhouse at 7pm. There is no membership fee this year. If you have questions, please call Jeannie at 992-3848.

## Gardening in April

Maintain weeds for they can get out of hand quickly at this time of year. Prune plants as they finish blooming. Fertilize vegetables and flowers every four to six weeks. Remove faded flowers to keep plants blooming. Inspect lawns for brown areas which can signal a disease problem. Damaged areas in lawn can be plugged or sodded at this time. Aphids can be a problem on tender new growth. A spray of two tablespoons of liquid dish soap to a gallon of water will give control of many insects.

The Woods Yard of the Month committee extends its thanks to the Ribault Garden Club of Jacksonville for providing the gardening tips and suggestions that appear in The Woodsette each month from their Horticultural calendar.

## Yard of the Month

We congratulate Elizardo and Ofelia Hernandez for being chosen the Yard Of the Month homeowners for April, 2021.

The Hernandez's are the original owners of the house at 13409 Loblolly Lane N and have lived there since 1981.

They have been married for 52 years and it appears that Elizardo is the one responsible for the lovely manicured lawn and all the pops of color. Please drive by and enjoy the view.

We are pleased to say "Thank You" again this year to our local ACE Hardware store, located in Harbor Place, for the gift certificates provided for our monthly winners.

## Streets and Drains

Two projects and a drain cleaning have been completed on Bent Pine Court. Area residents should see an improvement.

The Streets and Drains Committee needs your help. Try to keep your street gutters clean. All those leaves end up in our drain system, and if they don't clog it up, they end up in our ponds. Also, please do not block street drains with trash cans, yard waste, vehicles, or the many other creative ideas that we have seen. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated (and saves the community money).

Lastly, if you have drains in your yard, keep them edged to ensure good water flow during heavy rains. The Roziers (see picture) have set a great example for everyone to follow!)



## Recreation News

Pickleball is clearly the fastest growing sport in the US today. It has seen a 650% increase in number of players in last six years. About 25 people participated in the Board workshop, March 24, to get and update on pickleball across the US and in the Woods, to consider adding the construction of two courts to our Woods 2022 budget. The presentation included fun videos, informative handouts, and hands-on demonstrations. No windows were broken!

What in the world is Pickleball?

- Mixture of badminton, ping pong, tennis
- Uses a paddle and whiffle ball
- Ball must bounce once inbounds on each side to start play
- Games to 11 by 2

Why would we want that here?

- New subdivisions include pickleball courts
- Maintain property values with updated amenities
- Suitable for all ages, families, friends and relatives
- Social and fun interaction among residents
- Easy to develop level of comfort

How much does it cost?

- Paddles vary from \$20.00 to \$150.00. Sleeve of balls \$12.00
- Smooth-soled tennis shoes
- Comfortable clothing
- Cost to the Woods to construct two courts is approximately \$56,000 = two asphalt fenced in courts, lined and netted, plus an annual \$2240 set aside for maintenance (Finance to identify funds for the build)

What's our next step?

- Survey the community (April 1-15 on Nabr) to determine the level of support for adding permanent pickleball to our budget as a new amenity in 2022.
- Vote YES or NO on the survey. Would you support adding pickleball courts here in our own community?

**Take a walk** along our trails during these cool morning and evening hours! Just look at the countless azaleas bursting forth! Notice the tadpoles, the turtles sunning themselves, and the fresh spring butterflies! Greet your neighbors and their families, and canine friends along the way! We are so fortunate to live in a place where we CAN walk and enjoy the freshness of the season! Before long all the pollen will have disappeared!

Returning to life as we eased our way through the pandemic, we **hit the tennis courts** a lot! In fact, our annual court restoration required scraping and adding material to four of our eight courts (1, 2, 3, 4); however, they are now completed and ready for serious play! Thank you Jenn and Paul for your hours of labor to keep our courts both looking good and playing safely!

Many of the little ones enjoying **our new playground** could not walk when we redid the area last year! Now they don't want to leave! The caregivers, grandparents, and parents really appreciate the sun shades and the new benches too! Thanks to the Recreation Committee and the Board for the hours spent researching and deciding on a build that would meet our needs and blend in with our "woodsie" feel!

Check out the bottom of page 2 of the insert for a few pics of your friends and neighbors at play, and we hope you have a Happy Easter and a blessed springtime with lots of sunny outdoor time to play!

## Summer Camp News

For the 5th year in a row, we have low cost, high interest Summer Camps for our children here in The Woods. Each year, the offerings have expanded to include a little something for everyone. The age groups are a bit different for each camp, ranging from age 4 to 13. Again this year there will be Musical Theater, Art Camp with Drawing, Painting and Clay, and the super fun Science and Engineering Camp. New Camps for 2021 include Ukulele for Beginners and Violin, Viola, Cello and Double-Bass Camp. Shoot Mrs. Bell an email at [cbellcamps@gmail.com](mailto:cbellcamps@gmail.com) today to reserve your spot. Also see page 2 of the insert for this Newsletter!

# Important Announcements & Reminders

- ◆ **Watering:** One-day-a-week watering is now 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** is collected every other Wednesday. Recycling receptacles are to be placed at the curb after 5:00pm every other Tuesday afternoon. Schedules may be obtained in The Woods' office.
- ◆ **Lawn Debris** may be placed at the curb after 5:00pm on Wednesday afternoon for pickup on Thursday. Be sure not to block drains and gutters.
- ◆ **Garbage** pickup is scheduled for every Friday. Garbage receptacles are to be placed at the curb after 5:00pm on Thursday afternoons for pickup on Fridays.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ In order to assist the gate 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., are to 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 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**.
- ◆ **REMINDER - Keep your garage doors closed** when not in use and make sure your vehicles are locked at all times.
- ◆ **DO NOT FEED THE GEESE THAT INHABIT THE PONDS/LAWNS AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD.**

## COJ - 2021 Waste Mgmt Schedule

April						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

**GREEN (rectangle) = Recycling/Bulk**  
**RED (circle) = Yard Waste**  
**BLUE (diamond) = Garbage only**

ENTRY GATES	
Atlantic	221-3111
Hodges	221-2435
THE WOODS OFFICE	
Phone 1	221-3722
Phone 2	221-3723
FAX	221-0833
OFFICE HOURS	
MONDAY	9:00AM - 1:00PM
TUESDAY	2:00PM - 6:00PM
WEDNESDAY	2:00PM - 6:00PM
THURSDAY	9:00AM - 1:00PM
FRIDAY	9:00AM - 1:00PM
MARSH LANDING MGMT CO	
PHONE	273-3033
FAX	273-0933

### The Woods Committees, Clubs, Etc.

APPEALS	A. Garcia
FINANCE	J Withrow
SOCIAL	S & C Hrubiec
RECREATION	TBD
STREETS & DRAINS	E Svihla
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW	C Holland
RULES & SAFETY	A King, C Holland
COMMUNICATIONS	D Frissora
YARD OF THE MONTH	C. Holland
WOMEN OF THE WOODS	J Ballentine
THE WOODSETTE	T Ballentine

### The Woods Board of Directors

PRESIDENT	Dave Czerw
VICE-PRESIDENT	Tim Ballentine
SECRETARY	Eric Lawson
TREASURER	Mary Boggs
DIRECTOR	David Keasler

### CLASSIFIED ADS

### The Woods Important Email/Websites

<b>The Woods Email</b>	manager@thewoodscommunity.com
<b>The Woodsette Classified</b>	TheWoodsette@yahoo.com
<b>The Marsh Landing website:</b>	www.marshlandingmanagement.com
<b>The Woods website:</b>	www.thewoodscommunity.com www.thewoods.nabrnetwork.com

### LAWN AND GARDEN HELP NEEDED

Will pay \$15/hour for occasional lawn/garden help. Please call Sam at 904-504-9129 if you are interested.

**NOTICE:** 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. 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: **TheWoods@yahoo.com**. *Advertising is free and reserved exclusively for Residents/Homeowners of The Woods.*