

The Woods Community Newsletter

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YOUR RESOURCES

OFFICE HOURS

Monday	9:00 TO 1:00
Tuesday	2:00 TO 6:00
Wednesday	2:00 TO 6:00
Thursday	2:00 TO 6:00
Friday	9:00 TO 1:00

IMPORTANT PHONE

Woods Office:.....221-3722 or 221-3723

Woods FAX:.....221-0833

Atlantic Gate:221-3111

Hodges Gate:221-2435

Pool/Lifeguards221-0646

Marsh Landing Management273-3033

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FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Fourth of July party was a tremendous success. Publix served over 1,000 hot dogs and hamburgers to our residents. The next time you are in the store, please thank the Manager and his team for their hard work. We all appreciate Publix's continued support of our July 4th celebration.

Neighbors, over the past several months, there has been an increase in the number of calls and e-mails expressing concern for the safety of our children and others because of the apparent disregard for the community's posted speed limit and stop signs. In the past we have asked JSO in come in to assist us in correcting this problem by issuing traffic citations to people violating posted speed and stop signs. This proved to be effective in correcting this problem for a short period of time and then things went back to the same pattern. Traffic citations are very expensive, both in the fine and the possible adjustments to your automobile insurance. If the complaints continue, the Board of Directors will be faced with instituting some means by which we can correct the problem. Consider that no house in The Woods community is more than a mile maximum distance from an entrance/ exit gate and the posted speed limit is 25 miles per hour, which means that from your house to a gate is no more than a three minute drive. Help keep our streets safe and obey posted traffic signs.

The community continues to operate within budget for the year and we are predicting no increase in the HOA fees for the second year in a row. The delinquent dues continue to increase at an alarming rate and the Board is looking at new means by which we can collect these monies.

The Hodges project continues to progress and the city predicts that it will be completed by October of this year. With the completion of this project, you will notice even more, the material condition of the property fences along the entire length. The Board is working on getting a section of land deeded to the community so that we can install a noise attenuation wall. We will keep you posted as to the progress.

RULES & SAFETY COMMITTEE NOTES

This committee meets the first Thursday of every month – all residents are more than welcome to attend. Reps from Giddens are always present and incidents are reviewed. Currently, the committee has recommended that we install video cameras at both entrances. It is under consideration by the board now. We always welcome input from our residents!

CITY HALL MEETINGS

Several lunch events are planned for August around our city that might interest you. Please note the phone numbers for you to call and get more info)

Lunch with the mayor: Aug. 6th at Pablo Creek Regional Library (992-7101), Aug 11th at South-east Regional Library on Deerwood (996-0325) and Aug 26th at Mandarin Regional Library (262-5201)

Note that lunch is NOT provided but you can bring your own! (Another one of the mayor's budget cuts. However, this is a good opportunity for you to meet and speak directly with his honor

PLEASE NOTE — PARKING LOT REPAIR

Our Streets & Drains committee is currently developing a “request for quote” from contractors to redo the clubhouse parking lot. Our thoughts are to make the entrance (large driveway) one-way, place all spaces on an angle and widen the exit lane (closest to the playground), and place a number of new spaces on the road at the bottom of the hill. This will also bring our lot up to code. During construction, the lot will be closed to all traffic. Construction will not start until after school resumes in the fall.

We would like your ideas PLEASE!. Send an email to the office, call us or even come to a meeting and let us know your thoughts!

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

This is the time of year to scout for insect problems in your garden. Aphids, mealy bugs, and white fly populations can build up very quickly. In doubt about the insect? Gently push the insect into a plastic bag and seal it. Almost any nursery can tell you the insect name and recommend a solution. Plantings for August are severely limited due to the heat and humidity. You can try coleus, kalanchoe, salvia, ornamental peppers, and periwinkle. But beware; chances are not real good this time of year for new plants!

Avoid mosquitoes!! There are some 80 species of mosquitoes and 33 of these can cause problems for our pets and us. What can you do?? Avoid being outside for prolonged periods at dusk and dawn, wear clothing that covers your skin, use repellent with DEET, and for heaven's sake, get rid of standing water around your drain pipes at home in general!

Finance Committee Updates



Our community stayed within the operating budget for the period January through June 2009 with a surplus of \$64,940. The Reserve Fund June 30, 2009 balance of \$746,845 is 97 percent of the recommended balance for 2009.

Here is a summary of our community's finances through June 2009. We look forward to providing you future updates.

Dave Czerw

Finance Committee Chairman

OPERATING FUND	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Revenues	558,503	558,248	255
Expenses	(493,563)	(556,188)	62,625
Surplus (Deficit)	64,940	2,060	62,880
Reserve Fund Balance – June 30, 2009	746,845		
Recommended Balance for Dec 31, 2009	769,700		
Surplus (Deficit)	(22,855)		
Reserve Fund - Percent Funded	97 %		

EMAIL HOAX !!

(Note this is from the Greater Arlington Housing & Neighborhoods Dept): Last week there was an email circulating regarding the installation of cameras for red-light runners at several intersections This is a HOAX. FDOT and JSO have both confirmed that this installation is not true.

Women of the Woods

Where has the summer gone. Our first meeting for the upcoming year will be on August 17th. We will be playing bingo and eating pizza along with our usual beverages. The meeting is held at the Community Center. We can't wait to see old faces and meet new people. The board has met and planned next year's calendar. Don't for the garage sale on October 3rd, the Thanksgiving baskets for Hubbard House in November, the Christmas Bazaar in November and the toys for Hubbard House in December. We look forward to seeing old faces, and also new ones.

Update from CPAC (Citizens Planning Action Committee)

Has your JEA bill gone up?? JEA recommends that you consider the following:
 Get a programmable thermostat. During the summer, set it at 78 or above. During the winter, set it at 68 or below. For every degree above or below normal, you could save 5% on your total bill. Going away on vacation or even for a day – raise the thermostat 5 degrees.
 Attic insulation. The thinner the insulation, the higher your bill will be. An R-value of at least 38 is recommended.

Change light bulbs. Buy the new CFL bulbs – they are cooler and last longer.
 Water Heater Temperature. Set your water heater between 120 and 130 degrees. If you have a vacation setting, use it or turn the heater off if you leave home for over 2 hours.
 Ceiling fans. You should have one for each room. Running these is less expensive than running your AC

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST TO YOU:

Widening Beach Blvd from San Pablo to Hodges from 2 to 3 lanes should start before the end of this year. This should all coincide with the completion of the Hodges road and the new intercostal bridge opening.

Too much grass in our ponds – so you've noticed?? Mother nature is doing her job and the grass carp we have simply can't keep up. We have now added a new chemical to our ponds with the hope that we can fool Mother Nature and kill off some of these grasses and give the fish a hand. Please be patient. We are doing all we can with causing a fish kill and kill off the ponds entirely. This problem did not occur overnight and we're not going to fix it overnight! (As aide note to this article, the Duval County Extension office warns that grass carp can take six months to one year before grasses start to decrease!)

We will be repairing some of the curbs around our community. If you see yellow paint of the curb in front of your home, that means you are scheduled to get some new curbing. This project should be complete around the end of August.

CLASSIFIEDS

Dave's Pressure Washing.

Woods resident is offering pressure-washing services for your driveway, pool, and houses – just about anything. Call Dave at 463-2532.

HIRE A HANDYMAN – WE DO IT!

We're building our business one satisfied customer at a time for over 12 years. Big enough for all your needs – small enough to give quality work. Licensed & insured. Call 221-3453 (Woods resident)

WANT YOUR CAR TO LOOK NEW AGAIN?

I provide my own materials and come to you! I am hardworking, responsible, honest and punctual. Affordable pricing. Call David at 993-8298

Local Resident Looking to Help!

Crime rates are up – Honeywell life safety systems. Earn up to 20% discount off your homeowners insurance! Call Jay Mines at 314-3897 to schedule an in-home consultation.

LOST –PLEASE HELP US FIND PONCHO THE CAT!

White with brownish seal point markings, goatee on chin, black nose, dark back and tail, blue eyes. Lost on 7-25 in The Woods. Call 612-2604 or 220-5525

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product competes with Comcast cable & dish services. I am convinced you will find this superior in every way. I can help you cut down time hold time in reaching AT&T for this service. Call me – Rick Mull (Woods resident) for more info: Home- 221-5830; Office- 727-1516; Cell - 327-4425