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The Woods Community Newsletter

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YOURRESOURCES

OFFICE HOURS

Monday.....	9:00–1:00
Tuesday.....	2:00–6:00
Wednesday.....	2:00–6:00
Thursday.....	2:00–6:00
Friday.....	9:00–1:00

IMPORTANT PHONES NUMBERS

Woods Office:.....	221-3722 or 221-3723
Woods FAX:.....	221-0833
Atlantic Gate:.....	221-3111
Hodges Gate:.....	221-2435
Pool/Lifeguards:.....	221-0646
Marsh Landing:	273-3033

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From The Board

Greetings from the Board of Directors

The annual meeting is rapidly approaching and the community will be voting on three members positions this year and approving the proposed budget for 2009. We encourage you to take interest in guiding your community and consider volunteering your time toward improving our neighborhood. Nomination forms will be mailed out with the yearly meeting notifications. We need residents to serve on both the board and committees that make recommendations to the board.

Tropical storm Fay refreshed our memory as to how a storm can affect our everyday life. With almost two months to go in the current hurricane season, everyone should take steps to ensure your family's safety and well being. Make

sure your home owners insurance is up to date, have a family evacuation plan and sufficient supplies on hand.

Based upon a recommendation from the Rules and Safety Committee the Board has amended the rule on motorcycles. We now will allow immediate family members (21 and over) living at home to apply for a permit to operate a motorcycle in the subdivision. These members will be required to follow all the established rules and regulations.

Delinquencies continue to increase and your board has been forced to take action quickly to ensure we remain on a solid financial base. We continue to work with our residents that are experiencing problems.

Work is progressing on the Sandal Wood Canal, but a completion date is still unknown. We still may face periodic bridge closures.

The Storm water fee adjusted billing will be sent out towards the end of October.

Women Of The Woods

Well, the WOW is off to yet another great start for the 2008-09 year. Several new members joined at the August meeting and lots of returning members as well. The September meeting – to be held on Monday, September 15th – will really have members up and moving!! Our guest that night will be Kalube's again – teaching us some of the hottest new dances steps. Husbands are invited to this evening as well. If husbands are coming, you might want to wait until about 7:45 to appear (after the business meeting).

As always, refreshments will be served. New members – dues are only \$10.00 a year and you got a lot of in return for your dues!!!

WHEN: Monday, Sept. 15th at 7:00PM • GUEST: Kalube's Dance Studio

Book And Bake Sale – Last Chance To Donate!!!!

Looks like the Book and Bake Sale will be a rousing success. We have over 1,000 books of all kinds donated – fiction and non-fiction alike, children's books, self-help books, CD, books on tape, and more. We're still happy to take your

gently-used books as a donation, of course. Just drop off at either guardhouse or the office.

Ladies – we're looking for volunteers to provide the baked goodies. We all know that our ladies here in The Woods are the best bakers

around. Please plan to drop off your baked goods either Friday, 9/26 during the set-up or anytime on Saturday (9/27) in the morning.

Book And Bake Sale Date – September 27th

The first annual book and bake sale will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27th from 9:00AM to 3:00PM. It's a great opportunity to find some of the books you need to complete a favorite author collection or kids' books to have around the house when grandchildren drop in. Hard bounds will be prices at \$1.00 and paperbacks for only \$.50!! Even less expensive than the Friends of the Library sale! Mark your calendar now for this fund-raising event.

Tennis News From Mike Dionne



more information, call Peter at 221-0634 or Mike at 220-7349.

Women's Tennis – Ladies' B League is always looking for new players. Think you need some lessons first? You can start with a beginner's class or a refresher with the intermediate class beginning in mid-September. Call Coach Mike for more details or lesson start dates – 703-8458.

The men of The Woods are starting a "First Friday Men's Tennis" night, every first Friday of the month. If you're looking for some competition and camaraderie, come out to our courts at 7:00PM. From what we put together, we'll be forming a team for singles/doubles league starting in February. For

My Opinion Counts!

NATIONAL CRIME STOP SEMINAR

The Woods is hosting a National Crime Stop seminar for all of our homeowners. National Crime Stop will be talking to you in regard to how to better protect yourself from crimes such as Parking Lot Safety, ATM Safety, Purse Snatching, Car Jacking and Abduction. They will offer Home security and safety tips and discuss personal security devices. The Seminar will be held on Tuesday, September 16th at 7:00 at the clubhouse.

THIS FROM ONE OF OUR RESIDENTS:

I wanted to compliment a company who recently did some work at our home – Mom and The Boys Concrete. They just poured our side driveway at a GREAT price and did a fantastic job. Thanks for letting me air my opinion! Jessica Parker Lato (Fringetree Dr. East).

NOTE: Got a compliment about a contractor? If you think this might be a good referral to others here in The Woods, please send your compliment to Caryn at The Woods office. We'll be happy to print compliments only.

Garden Clippings

August was a little more soggy thanks to Fay, who overstayed her welcome! We lost track of actual rainfall here in The Woods but a cautious guesstimate puts Fay's rainfall at approx. 7 inches. It sure brought our pond levels back to normal but caused a lot of havoc with plants that are drought-tolerant. The best way to save those plants that got too much rain is to simply let them dry out and clip off the dead ends. In all likelihood, the plants will come back. Be sure to pick up all the dead leaves which may be clumped in your yard – these clumps can kill the grass under them very quickly. Buddy & Tommy have done a great job of clearing off the bike and nature trails

form all the debris that fell during Fay. Several trees around the community clubhouse still need to be taken down and we have a crew hard at work on that as well.

WHAT TO PLANT NOW THAT SEPTEMBER IS HERE?

Garden mums are always a good addition to your yard or planters. And if you clip off the dead ends (dead head the plants), you can get at least two blooms from the mums yet this year. Got a

spot that simply won't allow anything to grow??? Try ornamental peanut grass. There are several varieties available at local nurseries – be sure to pick the right now for your space (shady, part sun, or full sun). The city of Jacksonville uses peanut grass for all its new medians strips because, once established, it needs little rain and only needs to be mowed once a year. The Jacksonville Zoo also uses peanut grass for all its ground cover areas. It will produce glorious grass ground cover year round.

PS. We did not see any at Lowe's or Home Depot but Plant Ranch & Earth Works have plenty for sale.

Finance Committee Update

2009 BUDGET:

We are pleased to inform you that the 2009 proposed budget contains no increase in the quarterly assessments. In order for this budget to be viable, our community will need to continue to operate under budget in 2008 and end the year with a surplus of operating and reserve funds.

OPERATING AND RESERVE FUNDS:

Our community stayed within the operating budget for the period January

through July 2008 with a surplus of \$49,167. The Reserve Fund July 31, 2008 balance of \$623,492 is 101 percent of the recommended balance for 2008.

Here is a summary of our community's finances through July 2008. We look forward to providing you future updates.

Dave Czerw
Finance Committee Chairman

OPERATING FUND	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Revenues	656,472	650,497	5,975
Expenses	(607,305)	(652,544)	45,239
Surplus (Deficit)	49,167	2,047)	51,214

Reserve Fund Balance - July 31, 2008	623,492
Recommended Balance for Dec 31, 2008.....	613,512
Surplus (Deficit)	9,980
Reserve Fund - Percent Funded	101 %

Classified Ads

CLOSETS, PANTRIES & GARAGES

Custom in-home design and installation for all types of closets. Free estimates and affordable pricing. We are licensed and insured. Woods discount, too! Call Scott at 502-8677.

RESPONSIBLE TEENAGER CAN HELP YOU!

Hi- I'm Samantha and I love children and am very responsible. I live right here in The Woods. I am Red Cross certified. Happy to help you with babysitting, housesitting or even pet sitting. References available. Call Samantha at 220-8897.

BRATZ DOLLS FOR SALE

Assorted Bratz dolls and accessories (camping set & car) for sale. Any funds raised will be given to the Humane Society. Please call Kim at 654-7540.

PLANTS FOR SALE

\$1.00-\$15.00. Call 221-8061.

2009 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Available for \$20. Proceeds benefit local education and scholarships. Call 221-8061.

TREE WORK, PAVER AND CONCRETE INSTALLATION

Tree work, paver installation for driveways, walkways, and patios. Concrete repair and replacement. Please call for estimates. Licensed and insured. Jim at 349-0850.

COLLEGE BOUND ODD JOBS SERVICES

Honest, reliable, knowledgeable, self-starter, strong and hard working teen for yard work, clean up and weeding. Call Hiroki Dionne at 220-7349.

FOR RENT

Bounce houses, jumpy jumps, large slides and obstacle courses. Sno-cone machine, popcorn machine, hot dog cooker, carnival games. Inflatable equipment for rent in The Woods for birthdays, parties, fundraiser carnivals, any event. Also a dunk tank! Best prices and availability, delivered and set up. Licensed and insured. Call Greg at 545-8112

MOMS CLUB OF JACKSONVILLE & THE BEACHES.

We invite stay-at-home Moms to get out and join us for some fun! Weekly activities for Mom & kids, playgroups, even Mom's nights out. Visit our website @ www.momsclubbeaches.com for more information

SPECIAL OFFERS FOR WOODS RESIDENTS

25% off all dry cleaning AND laundry from now through the end of this year! FREE pick-up & delivery also!! Go green with your cleaning and SAVE with this special offer from Martinizing Cleaners in the Tijuana Flats center at Beaches & Hodges. Simply tell Joe & his staff that you live in the Woods.

CONCRETE AND FENCE

Concrete coating for garage floors, driveways and pool decks. Expert crack repairs. Remove and replace concrete and pavers. All types of fence work. Free Estimates. Licensed and insured. Call Bill 742-2124