

WOODLAND DRIVES

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Association Webpage: www.wooddrives.com (newly revised with updates and new features! Please check it out and give us feedback!)

DUES REMINDER

Please support your Association by paying your dues.

You may pay the dues by mail or at the Picnic.

PICNIC at the OLD FORT PARK

On Sunday, May 3rd, we will host our annual neighborhood picnic at the Old Fort Park.

This event is always a wonderful opportunity to mingle with friends, to sample cooking specialties of neighbors and to have a good time. Your Neighborhood Association will purchase meat (chicken and pork) from Sonny's and provide napkins, paper plates, cups, cutlery and tea (sweet and unsweet) and ice. Please bring a covered dish (desert, salad, etc.) to share with your neighbors. Also bring blankets, chairs and any games you want to partake in. See a related Book Exchange article on the next page.

We do not have an alternate date if it rains!



Will You Volunteer for the Neighborhood?

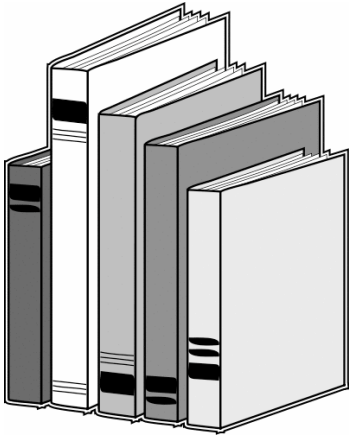
Some of our longtime Block Captains have stepped down from their duties, leaving gaps in the neighborhood. The success of our neighborhood relies on our Block Captain program!

As a block captain, your responsibilities include delivering newsletters to your assigned homes about 3-4 times a year, and to assist in the neighborhood Crime Watch program by keeping your assigned area's neighbors apprised of any crime or safety issues.

We need volunteer block captains for
Seminole Drive, from Magnolia to Hemlock
(about 18 homes)
Old Fort, from Cherokee to Limbo (about 18 homes)
Hemlock (about 14 homes)
Magnolia Drive, from Clark to Country Club
(about 6 homes)

If you're interested or need more information, please call Jennifer Vrynios at 694-8359. Please help us help you keep safe--and informed!

Neighborhood Book Exchange



*before the
Neighborhood Picnic
Sunday, May 3 at 2
pm in Old Fort Park*

How it works: You donate books to our Book Exchange chair Anne Peery by April 24 and receive a coupon for the number of books you donate. Bring your coupon to Old Fort Park at 2 pm on May 3 (the same day as the picnic) and you redeem your coupons for other books donated to the exchange. If you don't need any books, you can still donate unneeded books—and give the coupons to your friends and neighbors.

Want to participate? To donate books or help sort the staff the event, contact Anne Perry at 656-4567. Anne needs help on sorting work days, April 25 and May 2.

HELP STOP A POWER PLANT FROM BEING BUILT IN WOODLAND DRIVES

by Gayle Muenchow

The hottest day in August is the city's electrical nightmare – how to provide enough electricity when everyone is drawing at their highest rate. The power has to come from somewhere. If our city or another city builds power plants to meet that need, those power plants must be sited in someone's neighborhood.

The way to protect neighborhoods from this is within reach of every one of us, as long as we ALL act. It is simply to REDUCE DEMAND for electricity. The city offers many carrots to help us (go to www.talgov.com/you/energy/energy_programs or call 891-4YOU for full information about how the city will help both identify and pay for ways to reduce energy usage).

Now is the best time to take action. The rebates are as generous as they are going to get, and the economy surely needs many of us spending a bit of money now -- money that will,

after all, come back to us, and then some, over the next few years in savings on our bills.

And CONA has created an extra nudge. CONA has challenged neighborhoods to a BIGGEST LOSER contest to see which neighborhood team can most reduce its electrical usage from April 15 to October 15. Each team member plays by reducing electrical usage compared to their use in the same month in 2008. PLEASE JOIN US IN FLYING THE WOODLAND DRIVES BANNER HIGH. Join our team by going to www.tallyenergychallenge.com and signing up. It's that easy. (P.S. as a team strategy, if you know a neighbor who has recently taken steps to reduce energy use, please see that they join the team, so Woodland Drives can get credit for their energy-reducing actions.)

Keep our neighborhood proud -- join the team and find ways to reduce electricity use, such as:

- Use the rebate program to replace appliances more than 15 years old
- Use the energy audit program and the 80% rebate to add more insulation to your roof
- Turn your summer thermostat up to at least 78 and use fans to provide that extra cooling
- Switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs now – the old style will no longer be sold in a few years anyway, so get a jump on the switch
- Listen to your mother --turn off lights and fans when you walk away from them and close the 'frig door promptly
- Use the sun to dry your clothes and heat your water

What other ways have you found to reduce electricity consumption?

Short & Sweet from the Prez!

We welcome our new board members! **Beth Hollister, Dan McKeague, and Jennifer Vrynios** all were elected to the neighborhood board at the last annual meeting. All three spent the past year as unofficial board members and we're so pleased they want to continue their work making our neighborhood even better!

We had a good solid turnout at our recent Kids & Parents Day at Old Fort Park. We had about 30 kids with their parents come out to develop new friendships with kids and parents alike. Neighbor **Kristen Broadway** has volunteered to maintain a Yahoo Parents Group so parents can keep the lines of communication open regarding issues that affect them and their children. To get on the list, contact Kristen at kbroadway05@yahoo.com Thank you Kristen for doing this!

Thank you to all the neighbors who participated in our Clean Sweep of the neighborhood. Volunteers picked up trash, weeded common areas, and erected our two new signs!

Zachary Teders	Tera Teders
Jennifer Vrynios	Dan McKeague
Joel Dawson	George Dawson
Mary Frederick	Rick Hilburn
Martha Weinstein	Greg Youchock
Gayle Muenchow	Richard Hopkins
Jan Klemm	
Norma English	

Speaking of our two new signs, our hearty thanks to **Joel and George Dawson** who spearheaded this effort. The signs look GREAT!

A tip o' the hat to Asplundh and neighbor **Pam Sawyer**. Pam noticed Asplundh trimming trees on Seminole Drive and she ask them for mulch for the newly planted triangle at Circle and Myers Park drives. Asplundh's crew happily obliged, delivering free mulch—right where we needed it!



CAPITAL CITY COUNTRY CLUB

It's almost summer! Are you looking for a place to cool off? Capital City Country Club has summer pool memberships for \$650 but Woodland Drives neighbors get a discounted price of \$600! These special discounts are limited to the first 50 applicants! Please call 222-0419 or stop by the club and ask for Wayne Thumm for more information or to sign up.

From their website: **Golf Course News**--As many of you have probably noticed that our green renovation projection has started. Hopefully the construction has not been a disruption in your daily activities. We plan on about another 60 days of construction. Thank you to all of you for understanding during this exciting project.
<http://www.capitalcitycc.com/>

A list of all the members who paid their 2009 dues as of April 10th is on the next page, Thank you!

It is time to pay your 2009 annual neighborhood association dues, please fill in this coupon, bring it with you to the Movie, or mail it to Tom Berger, 1202 Camellia Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Dues (\$25.00 per voting member) enclosed. Make check to the **Woodland Drives Association**.

I am interested in being involved in the Board of Directors.

I am interested in being involved on a committee (circle one): Beautification, Crime Watch, Hospitality, Communications Government Affairs.)