

# WOODLAND DRIVES

A S S O C I A T I O N , I N C.

Winter  
2009

## Neighborhood Annual Meeting

March 10 at the Myers Park Community Room  
(where you vote)

6:30 pm munchies and 7 pm meeting starts

Grab a neighbor and attend your annual meeting. We have an info-filled agenda planned, including

- Crime Watch Update with our TPD liaison Officer Susan Newhouse
- Capital City Country Club update with their new president Ron Young
- Save Green by Going Green! How to save money and help the environment
- Election of Officers



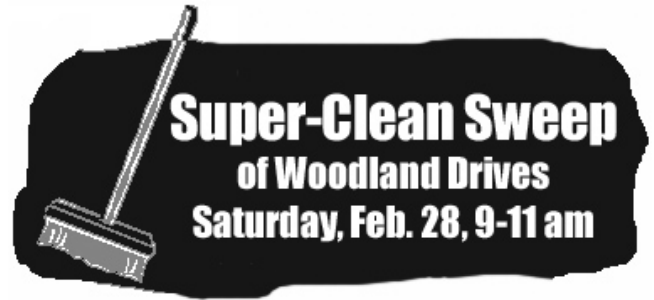
## Spring Fling Kids & Parents Day March 7, Old Fort Park

Calling all neighborhood parents and kids! The neighborhood is sponsoring a Spring Fling Kids & Parents Day at Old Fort Park on Saturday, March 7, from 9 am to noon. Not only is this event a fun play date for the kids, but we hope it provides a much-needed networking opportunity for our neighborhood parents as well. If there's interest, we hope to develop an informal Parents Council in the neighborhood to work on kid-friendly issues.

We hope to have a volunteer step forward to keep a spreadsheet of contact information of the parents and children so they can stay in touch. If you're interested in keeping this list, call 878-1698.

We'll have a moonwalk and slide for the kids. Please ask your kids to bring outdoor games too!

So gather up the kids (all ages are welcome!) and spend a morning meeting other neighborhood parents and kids! If you'd like, bring some kid-friendly snacks to share. And if there's any business-savvy babysitters out there who'd like to advertise their services, bring flyers!



The Beautification Committee of Woodland Drives Neighborhood Association is looking for a few (or many!) good volunteers to contribute an hour or two of their valuable time on Saturday, February 28 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. We have designated this a neighborhood clean-up day and will be part of a larger clean-up and beautification of Tallahassee neighborhoods called Super-Clean Sweep. We will be targeting specific areas of Woodland Drives--the more volunteers, the more areas. Volunteers are asked to meet Martha Weinstein and Joel Dawson on Saturday February 28 at Old Fort Park at 9:00 a.m. Trash bags and bottled water will be provided. The city will also pick up old appliances that day (Not T.V.s), so you can put them out for pick up at your curb.



Visit us online: [www.wooddrives.com](http://www.wooddrives.com)

## Message from the Prez

by Mary Frederick

Is it a sign of the times that I was as happy taking down my holiday decorations as I was putting them up? I don't consider myself a Scrooge, I think I just wanted to pack 2008 up with the garland and wreaths and get on with 2009. As we greet the new year many people are taking a new appreciation of the good things around them. I want to take a moment to recognize the good things and thank all the good people who make this neighborhood great!

One of the great things I've noticed in the 'hood is that we have an increasing number of young families who have moved here. It's wonderful to see families taking walks and enjoying what our neighborhood has to offer. To build on this great trend, neighbors Meredith and Brett Keen will head up the Spring Fling networking event for kids and parents (see story on the front page). I hope this event will help strengthen our area's family network that is so important to a vibrant neighborhood.

As everybody tightens their purse strings in these tough economic times, it becomes more and more important for volunteers to step up to the plate to strengthen our neighbor bonds—especially as government budgets and services continue to get slashed. Even our local newspaper has cut its reporting staff—which means news that could affect us could also be limited.

I'm not sure what the future holds but with the help of neighborhood volunteers with a commitment to our neighborhood, I think Woodland Drives will remain the vibrant neighborhood as it has been since 1935.

I hope to see you at the annual meeting on March 10!

	<b>CAPITAL CITY COUNTRY CLUB</b>
<b>MEMBER FOR A DAY</b>	
<b>Package A \$35</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Breakfast or Lunch in our 19th Hole</li><li>• Warm up with a bag of range balls</li><li>• Tune-up lesson with our PGA Professionals</li><li>• Play our Tillinghast course in a 2009 Club Car</li></ul>
<b>Package B \$25 • Golf and Cart only</b>	
Promotion ends February 28, 2009 Call the Golf Pro Shop to book your tee time.	
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## Short & Sweet!

Thanks to all the volunteers who made our Plant-in at the west end of Circle Drive so successful! The Beautification Committee organized this event, with co-chairs **Pam Sawyer** designing the landscaping plan and **Joel Dawson** organizing logistical details. Others who helped include **Betty Lou Joanos, Dan McKeague & Lauren Hylerson, Paul Elliott, Kevin & Dominick Sossong, Lee Congdon, Ron & Erica Clark, Martha Weinstein, George Dawson, Lee McNeil, Rick Hilburn & Mary Frederick** and we're sure we're forgetting others! Check out our website for photos of this event: [www.wooddrives.com](http://www.wooddrives.com)

Hearty thanks to **Joel and George Dawson** who are working on erecting wooden signs in the triangle on Circle/Myers Park drives and north Seminole (near Lafayette St.) in the next few months. Speaking of which, once those wooden signs get erected, we'll have two extra metal signs available if anyone living on our neighborhood's perimeter wants to erect them in their street's right-of-way. Call Mary Frederick at 878-1698 if you're interested.

Thanks to **Joe Dawsey** who has adopted the Circle/Seminole traffic circle. He has weeded and cleaned the circle and it looks great! We would love to have other area residents "adopt" other common areas. Any takers? Contact Mary Frederick at 878-1698.

A tip of the hat to all the women who have made our Women In The Hood evenings so enjoyable—we had a great time at **Quincie Hamby's** home in early February. We look forward to continuing this new tradition in 2009. And if you're not on our distribution list, send an email to **Mia Shargel** at [mshargel@gmail.com](mailto:mshargel@gmail.com).

Thanks to **Dan McKeague** for storing our association's tables in his garage—and to **Anne Peery** who has stored them in the past!

To keep connected with the neighborhood's landlords, your board will be mailing this newsletter to neighborhood property owners who rent out their homes. Thanks to **Sandy Frazier** for her work in providing us these addresses!

Thanks to all who participated in our fall '08 Household Hazardous Waste Roundup. Almost **6.5 TONS** of waste was dropped off.

## What Makes Up Woodland Drives?

Our neighborhood consists of about 400 homes. Generally, we are bordered to the north by Lafayette Street; Capital City Country Club and Myers Park on the west; with Magnolia Drive providing our eastern and southern edges.



## Safety Alerts!

A rabid raccoon was found on Old Fort Drive in the fall. According to the City's Animal Control, it's not a huge public safety issue but there's a few things to keep in mind:

1. Make sure all your pets are vaccinated against rabies
2. Do not feed any wild animals
3. The rabies virus is carried by saliva (normally bites)

If you see an animal that is acting strangely or for more information, you can call Animal Control at 891-2958. We also have links to information on our website, [www.wooddrives.com](http://www.wooddrives.com).

In addition, there have been eyewitness accounts of coyotes in Indianhead Acres and possible reports of them here. Please ensure your animals are safe!

## Woodland Drives to Adopt Portion of Lafayette Street

The Board of Directors has voted to participate in the city's Adopt a Street Program. The program, which has been in effect for several years, requires adopting entities to collect trash once every two months over the designated area. In return, the city agrees to post a sign with the name of the sponsoring entity, in this case, the Woodland Drives Neighborhood Association. The Board has agreed to adopt Lafayette Street, between the railroad trestle and South Magnolia Drive. Volunteers to assist with the bi-monthly cleanup are encouraged to contact Board member Greg Youchock at 656.7759.

## Save Green by Going Green!

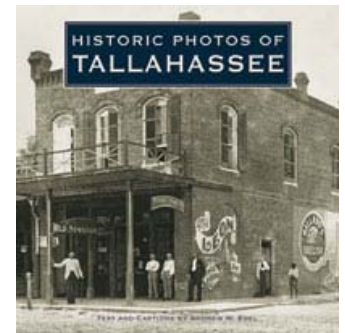
Have you looked at your utility bill lately? Yikes! To help Tallahasseeans become more energy conscious, the Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA) is sponsoring a Neighborhood Energy Challenge as a way for neighborhoods to help promote sustainability through energy conservation (and help you save money!)

Neighborhoods can be represented either through individual participation, or a concerted neighborhood-sponsored approach. CONA and the City of Tallahassee will provide education and incentives to assist residents in finding ways to lower their electric, natural gas, and water consumption. Neighborhoods or individuals can form groups to discuss and promote energy conservation and to share tips, ideas, and insights. If you'd like to participate, contact **Gayle Muenchow** at 894-9212 or [gmuenchow@comcast.net](mailto:gmuenchow@comcast.net).

CONA will be providing information at [www.tallyenergychallenge.com](http://www.tallyenergychallenge.com) and a speaker will make a presentation at the Woodland Drives annual meeting on March 10.

## Historic Photos of Tallahassee

By the late nineteenth century, the city of Tallahassee was a vibrant cultural center of the South. Through changing fortunes, Tallahassee has continued to grow and prosper by overcoming adversity and maintaining the strong, independent culture of its citizens.



A new book, *Historic Photos of Tallahassee*, captures this amazing journey through still photography from the finest archives. Edited by Tallahassee's own Andrew Edel (president of the Tallahassee Historical Society), follows our city's historic life, government, education, and events throughout the city's history—including photos of our immediate area.

This volume captures unique and rare scenes through the lens of hundreds of historic photographs. Published in striking black and white, these images communicate historic events and everyday life of two centuries of people building a unique and prosperous city. For more information, contact Turner Publishing at 615-255-2665 or see their website: [turnerpublishing.com](http://turnerpublishing.com).