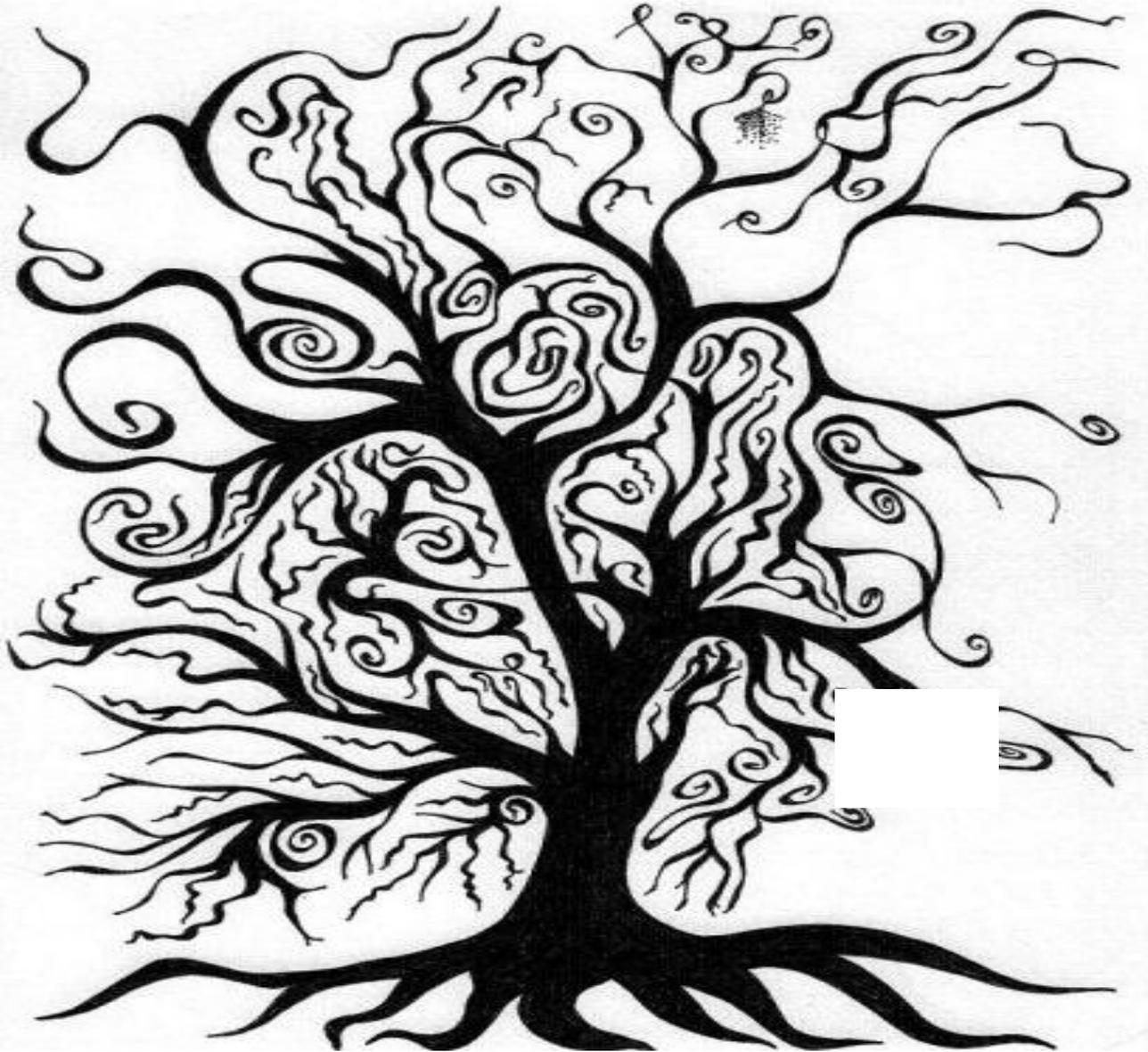




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LETTER FROM THE HOA PRESIDENT - Maryann Dube

I'd like to start by saying how blessed and thankful we are that all of our residents here in Woodlake are safe from our unwanted visitor "Florence". Our streets flooded quite badly after the heavy rains but receded quickly. I want to thank the residents who monitored the storm drains and helped keep them clean from debris during the storm to help minimize the flooding. Ed and Louise Lavigne, Debbie and David Akers and Kathy Kenny kept in constant contact with pictures and updates (I especially loved the pic of Ed in his yellow slicker cleaning ditches in the pouring rain!). Paul Lambert was overwhelmed with questions and concerns regarding flooding ditches. We are so grateful to the residents who maintain their ditches and those who have complied with the request to clean out their ditches. Most residents have been cooperative, understanding and a joy to work with during this project and we can't thank them enough. Paul has walked miles inspecting every ditch in this community with volunteers taking turns helping him during the last month. Thank you to Rosane Lambert, David St.Pierre and Alan Miles for walking with Paul Lambert on those hot days to get this daunting task done in a timely manner. I hope you all realize the importance of getting these ditches cleaned up and in good condition for proper water flow to accommodate storm waters we are so prone to here in the South. We all need to help out and do our part. Please make sure all hurricane shutters, sandbags and mulch bags and trash cans are removed and out of sight.

Another issue I want to address is the pool bathroom. I have gotten many complaints regarding the condition of the bathroom and for good reason. I am contacting a reputable cleaning woman who will take care of cleaning and stocking it. Also, the floor will be acid washed to clean and remove stains. It will also be equipped with a handicapped ramp and handicapped bars in the stall.

Another problem we have in this community is the lack of adherence to driving rules and speed. Please slow down and stop for Stop signs. I, myself, have almost gotten hit at that stop sign at the Bluebird mailboxes numerous times.

Dog walkers...please clean up after your dogs...bring your own bags and bring them home....DO NOT throw your dog's waste in the garbage pails at the Clubhouse.

The next HOA meeting is Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 10:30 AM in the Clubhouse.

The pool is closing on October 21st.

Flu shots will be offered in the Clubhouse. We are waiting to hear from the Walgreens' representative with a date. It will be posted at the mailboxes.

I received an email recently that I want to share a portion of with you for the simple fact that I want to urge residents to please bring up your displeasure and concerns at the HOA meeting instead of at the "pool gossip". This is how Community problems get out of hand. I would like to avoid another incident like the "anonymous" letter sent regarding the "gambling"! If you have a question regarding something the board is doing, bring it to the board - NOT the pool. We have been very open and honest with residents. Obviously there seems to be quite a few rumors that need to be addressed.

This is the email I received. Any residents who have questions with the issues listed in it, please address them at the HOA meeting on October 17th. Or if you would like to meet privately with the Board, call a board member to set it up.

Maryann:

The scheduled yard sale is just another incident where the Board created an issue and caused the whole deal

to fall thru the cracks. I personally was planning on the 6th of October 2018 yard sale which has been advertised for months. Yesterday, when I started checking on why there were no posters on any bulletin boards, I learned that Rhonda and Maureen are not handling it, because there was an incident concerning the money after the spring yard sale. Therefore, everyone assumed they were still handling the yard sale. Perhaps you should check the June Village Voice referencing the October Yard Sale. I checked with Gleora and she said the yard sale has never been a function of the Social Committee and she is absolutely correct. Sharon Price has done it several times as has Joann Laverly and several others. The bottom line is that it was left fall thru the cracks during the transition from Jann Bullock and intervention by a Board Member. I wonder if the Board even discussed the yard sale money issue or if this is just another example of one Board Member speaking for the Board Once again residents are being left in the dark. I sincerely hope the yard sale is "not a lost cause" as many residents, including myself, are counting on disposing of items no longer needed.

During the last Board Meeting Cedar was introduced as our new management company and since then nothing has happened. Residents were advised that Cedar was taking over as of August 1st and as soon as they got the info from Benchmark they would be holding a meeting for residents to sign documents on how they were going to pay the HOA fee and answer any questions, but here we are heading to the end of September and NOTHING. I was extremely concerned about Cedar's presentation as it was obvious the gentleman, who was supposed to be our representative did not answer questions regarding the 55+ program correctly. It was apparent he had very little knowledge about the program.

During Hurricane Florence we did receive several notifications from CAMS and nothing from Cedar. I found that very interesting, since we have received very little info from CAMS prior to this, but at least they did put out some info and Cedar did nothing. The "pool gossip" is that Benchmark is still our representative and that we may end up in a lawsuit because of how the cancellation of the contract was handled. I don't know if this is true or not because once again residents are completely left in the dark. I also wonder who the legal representative was that assisted the Board with the cancellation of the contract or if they just charged ahead without legal advice.

The rumor mill also is concerned that WoodLake may be fined by EPA for pulling the contaminated soil from the ditches and dumping it onto the Santee Cooper "right of way". Was this coordinated with EPA, Santee Cooper, International Paper or did folks just proceed without coordinating?

It is no wonder the rumor mill is so active in WoodLake as most decisions are made at the private "Workshops" without homeowner knowledge and no minutes published, which is a disaster waiting to happen. (edited: names left out)

Now, I want to address the yard sale: Debra Akers and Sharon Price are coordinating the yard sale for the Community. The cost is \$2.00 and Debra will come around to each house to collect on the day of the sale. Signs are at the mail boxes. I will point out that just as the Social Committee has nothing to do with coordinating the yard sales, neither does the Board! It is a Community yard sale. People should also advertise on social media to make it a success.

As for Benchmark being so diligent in the information during the hurricane, the notices were meant for an entirely different community they mixed up with us which happens to be called WoodLake Village, Inc. In one of those emails instructions were given to the residents that made no sense to our residents which means the residents it was meant for didn't receive pertinent safety information during the storm. Many of our residents noticed that as I received emails and phone calls asking about the mix-up. Cedar could not send out bulletins as Benchmark will not turn over our resident's information to Cedar out of plain stubbornness. We have legal representation and have been assured we did everything correctly to end the contract with Benchmark.

Benchmark messed up YET AGAIN.

As for ditches, I have been in contact with Horry County Engineers and Storm water. I think they are well qualified to advise us on our ditches.

Also, the “rumor mill” in WoodLake is by no means active because of our board workshop meetings. The “rumor mill” in WoodLake has been alive and active because of nasty “gossip” by residents who assume, jump to conclusions and make judgement without knowing the facts, then passing “innocent” comments, thus “fueling” the “gossip pool”! It’s amazing how the most “innocent” passive aggressive comments passed can plant the most vicious seeds that grow out of control.

ACC REPORT - DS

The ACC received 30 requests since the last report. Just a friendly reminder that when submitting a request to the ACC, you must receive approval from the ACC in hand before any work can be started. If work is started prior to approval, fines may be imposed. Any changes to the exterior of your residence (painting, roofing, fence, tree removal, etc) requires an ACC request and approval. Fines will be assessed for any work that is done without a permit. A copy of the ACC Policies and Procedures were given to homeowners when the new phone directories were distributed. The ACC had two openings on the committee. These openings were posted at the mailboxes. One position has been filled and the other is being filled temporarily until a replacement is found. The October meetings for the ACC are Wednesday, October 3rd and Wednesday, October 17th. This Committee meets twice a month so please plan accordingly.

OCTOBER ACC REPORT - David St. Pierre

616	Bluebird Lane	Swimming Pool
2519	Oriole Drive	Paint existing house trim same color. Original request expired.
2514	Oriole Drive	Paint house trim white
406	Snowy Egret Drive	Replace driveway
504	Night Heron Court	Replace front door and screen door, repair and repaint front porch, Add cement patio, replace gutters
1109	Fox Sparrow Drive	Install air conditioner in side garage window
604	Bluebird Lane	Remove tree
1320	Carolina Wren	Dead tree stump
2512	Oriole Drive	Paint extension
606	Bluebird Lane	Paint extension
2531	Oriole Drive	Extension of paint
709	Humingbird Drive	Install vinyl fence in back yard
1617	Woodthrush Drive	Paint driveway pebble gray
1114	Fox Sparrow Drive	Two trees to be removed
635	Bluebird Lane	Widen driveway
403	Snowy Egret Drive	Screen porch, sidewalk, door, and siding
606	Bluebird Lane	Replace wood deck with concrete
407	Snowy Egret Drive	Add patio, slider, windows
2516	Oriole Drive	Remove tree and bush
126	Woodlake Drive	Paint shutters and door
138	Woodlake Drive	Concrete pad, Patio, fence
616	Bluebird Lane	Install pool
156	Woodlake Drive	Replace Siding

84	Purple Martin Drive	Replace Siding
671	Bluebird Lane	Replace Lattice Screen
671	Bluebird Lane	Remove Palm Tree
172	Woodlake Drive	Solid color stain to driveway Gull Gray
2511	Oriole Drive	Remove brush/trees from ditch
709	Hummingbird Drive	Install vinyl fence in back yard
205	Bobwhite Court	Remove down tree and others as well

WOODLAKE DITCH REVIEW – Paul Lambert

The first review of the ditches in WoodLake Village has been completed. It should be noted that of the 448 homes involved it was determined that 125 had deficiencies of some sort. Most were due to a buildup of weeds, pine needles and pine cones. While I realize the preliminary inspection came as a surprise to some, I felt it necessary to at least be sure that each homeowner was aware of their particular situation. Every homeowner was given a slip of paper indicating what actions, if any, were needed to assure their ditch met expectations. Looking at our shortcomings, it is clear that the older sections of WoodLake Village have, by far, the majority of problems. It is also clear that the vast majority of homeowners that were cited with a problem have been very cooperative in seeing that appropriate arrangements are being made to correct the problems. Everyone that has contacted me to reinspect his or her ditch has received a favorable outcome. There is still a lot of work to be done and it is hopeful that all the deficiencies can be corrected by the end of October. We do have some major work scheduled for the Canal that starts behind the Bluebird mailboxes and ends at the Wood Thrush mail boxes. That work is currently scheduled for the end of September. In addition there is work to be done on the ditch between Sweetwater and the homes on Green Heron, Blackbird, and Skimmer. This work is planned to be completed in October. There is also an issue with golf course personnel blowing debris into the ditches. Your Board is currently talking with golf course management in an attempt to resolve that issue. I firmly believe that the work done so far contributed to reduced flooding from the recent hurricane and as we go forward to completion of the project we will all be able to rest a little easier. Thank you to the volunteers that have helped with this project.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH – Janice Smith
Most homeowners landscape their homes to enhance

visual appeal and ensure privacy. All homeowners want their homes to be secure and limit any break-ins. How you landscape your yard can effect your chances of being burglarized. Shrubbery that blocks your front door and a lack of lightening can be enticing to a home invader. Hedges and shrubs that block windows may give you privacy but they are also great hiding places for burglars. Perhaps you can use curtains or shades as they can be opened when not in use. You can also consider thorny bushes or vines that will ensure your privacy but discourage hiding places.

Finally nosy neighbors may seem like a nuisance but they are a huge asset when it comes to preventing home invasions. People with bad intentions do not want to be caught while they are casing your place, they are sure to notice those prying eyes watching them from across the street.

LINE DANCING – Gail McCoy

Line Dancing will no longer be held on Mondays. Beginning in October, we will be line dancing on Fridays at 11:00 AM. Hope to see you there.

LADIES LUNCHEON

Our October Ladies Luncheon will be on October 9th at River City Cafe. (Sound familiar?) Same time (12:00 noon) and same menu as advertised for September. If you signed up for September and are planning to attend in October just let us know. If you cannot join us this time, also let us know and your money will be refunded. If you did not sign up before and want to come this month the cost is \$17.00. Sign up is Tuesday, October 2nd from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM in the Clubhouse.

HALLOWEEN DANCE - GW

Hope to see all at the Fall / Halloween Dance on Saturday, October 27th. Music will be provided by Surf and Sand and the cost is \$8.00. You do not have to dress up, but if you do we will have a first and

second prize. The sign up is October 2nd from 10 till 11:30 AM at the Clubhouse and the cost is \$8. Please bring a food item for the main table. Iced tea and ice and water will be there for all who need it. It will be a BYOB. There may be a nice surprise on the food table. Please call Ginny Watsom 843-650-8569 or Geanie Barton 843-866-5369. The cut off is October 19th.

CHARLESTON TEA PLANTATION - LY

Sign up for the car-pool trip to the Charleston Tea Plantation will be October 2nd at the Clubhouse. The November 8, 2018 trip will include the Tea Plantation, a visit to Angel Tree and lunch. The cost will be \$22.00 per person. The trip is open to anyone living in WoodLake Village (not just the ladies). When you sign up, please indicate if you are willing to drive and how many people you can take with you. Those willing to drive will have their admission paid for as thank you. Cash or checks payable to WoodLake Social Committee.

Lunch details are still being organized. Indicate if you wish to join the group or wish to dine on your own. Cost for the lunch will be pay on your own.

Other questions, call Lexia Yankovich 330-554-1084.

LOOKING AHEAD - GJ

November 22 Thanksgiving Dinner -Information in November Village Voice.

GOOD NEWS! There will be a *New Years Eve Dance* at the WoodLake Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome! Dance to a fabulous band **“HARLEQUIN”** More information to come... See the November Village Voice

LIBRARY NEWS - Louise Lavigne

The following books are the latest donations:

LARGE PRINT

Baldacci D	Stone Cold
Miller L	Rachel
Plain B	Fortunes’s Hand
Reader’s Digest	2018 #1

FICTION INCLUDING MYSTERIES

Andrews M	Spring Fever
Banks M	No Place to Run
Banks M	After the Storm
Banks M	Forged in Steel
Banks M	Whispers in the Dark
Box C J	Cold Wind
Box C	Free Fire
Child L	Make Me
Clark M	Lights Out Tonight
Coben H	Drop Shot
Connelly M	The Overlook
Connelly M	The Poet
Cussler C	The Assassin
Green J	Saving Grace
Hiaasen C	Lucky You
Hoffman A	The Red Garden
Kingsbury K	In This Moment
Macomber D	16 Lighthouse Road
Neggers C	Thief’s Mark
Paris B	Behind Closed Doors
Patterson J	Princess
Ross A	Miss Julia Takes Over
Slaughter K	The Kept Woman
Spillane M	Black Alley
Steel D	Rushing Waters
Thompson J	Swinging on a Star
Tonkin A	Someone in my Corner
Wax W	A Week at the Lake
White K	Flight Patterns
Woods S	Indecent Exposure

BIOGRAPHIES

Stephen Taylor

TRIVIA - Kathy Jellison

TRIVIA will be held Monday, October 8th at 6:30 PM at the Clubhouse. It is FREE to play. Please bring your team of six or less. If you don't have a team, please come and we will hook you up with a team. Enjoy an evening of fun and frustration!

DUPLICATE BRIDGE - PB

We did not play in September since we could not get enough people to play. If you want to play on October 2nd or the 16th please give Pete a call at 843-651-3962.

WHIST

The Whist group gathered on September 8th and the winners for the night were: First place went to Tom Regan with 13 wins, Second was a four way tie with Evelyn Ainsworth, Joe Kowalski, Mary Ann Poeschl

and Lee Metz all winning 11 games. And Booby went to Barb Metz with 12 losses. Watch your bulletin boards for the date of the next Whist game and then come join us. It's fun and an easy game to learn. To sign up, call Henry Villegas at 718- 877-1300.

ADOPT A HIGHWAY - Bob Shantz
Our monthly clean up of the Garden City Connector

Road was on Saturday, September 1st. We collected six large bags of trash and some plastic pipe. Thanks to Lee and Lorraine Orvis, Fred and Maureen Scott, Edgar Lavigne and welcome to our newcomer Scott Olson. Due to the yard sale on Saturday, October 6th, our next clean up is on Saturday, November 3rd. We leave the Clubhouse at 8 AM. Thanks again.



VILLAGE TRADER

To place an ad for your personal property in this section, contact Agnes Hoffman, 2511 Oriole Drive, phone 843-748-0142. Ads placed on Bulletin Boards will be removed on or about the 20th of the month. Residency will be verified and the ad will be placed in this section. This is free for WoodLake Residents only.

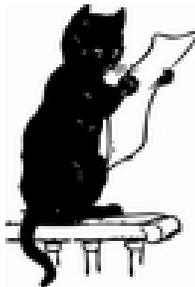
FOR SALE

7 Piece Rattan Sunroom or Living room Set. Cushions are New! Sofa, two end tables, coffee table, chair with ottoman and magazine rack. Asking \$500.00. Call Jackie 843-450-5060.

Neutral Love Seat and Sofa Set. Beautiful Set. Priced lowered - Love Seat \$275.00. Sofa \$375.00. Set. \$650.00 or Best Offer. Call 774-207-7281

WANTED

40" Round patio glass table with or without chairs. Call Agnes 843-748-0142



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Village Coordinators

Newcomer Welcoming
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Outreach for the Needy
Joan Thomson 843-357-3892
Bernie Sanford 843-651-2193
Bill and Leslie Miller 843-650-9517

Ride Needed
Transportation Coordinator: Phyllis Healey 843-357-8106
Assistant Coordinator: Diane Anderson 843-947-0272
Can't Drive, Need to Get to a Doctor's Office or the Drug Store? Is Your Supply of Food Critically Low? Just Call the Coordinator Who Will Arrange for One of Our Transportation Volunteers to Provide Assistance.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT - BS

Apparently the HOA Board is ending the program for "Liability" issues. I was not included in this conversation. I found out through the "Grape Vine". At least, I thought I would hear a "Thank You" from one board member for four years of helping out our community. Silly me! I will always be grateful to have met so many of you where I may not have otherwise. If you have any questions, please call me, Bernie Sanford, at 843-650-0379.

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