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Fall/Winter 2017

Message From Association President

Upcoming Picnic, Neighborhood Issues

Hello, neighbors

I hope everyone had a happy and safe summer. The Woodland Hills Neighborhood Association is active and healthy. I would like to thank everyone who paid their voluntary dues this year.

Approximately half of the residents participated.

We are planning a picnic in association with Sassafras. There is more information about the picnic in this newsletter **on page 2**. I want to encourage everyone to come out and meet your neighbors.

Keeping our neighborhood beautiful and safe takes a team effort. Many times people call on the neighborhood association for help when it comes to issues with other residences. Often these issues are out of the reach of our association, but there is action you can take.

If you have issues that need addressing, please **call 311** for information on how to proceed with these matters.

The neighborhood association can't give legal advice and only city officials have jurisdiction on many of the issues that we face in the neighborhood.

It's been an honor to serve as your president this year. I am always amazed that people will take so much of their time to serve, and I hope they all know that they are appreciated.

If you would be interested in serving the neighborhood in some capacity, please contact your section leader.

Sincerely,

Michael Quinn, President

Woodland Hills Neighborhood Association

Woodland Hills Pool in Peril!

Our beloved Woodland Hills Pool is threatened with closure. This wonderful, value-adding, community asset is set to revert to the company that first deeded the land to the Woodland Hills Swim Club unless we come together as a community to save it.

The pool, which has been at the center of our neighborhood for over 40 years, is in need of repairs that exceed the funds available to the Swim Club. A crack in the concrete pool has formed that, all told, will cost \$10,000 to fix.

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If the pool does indeed close the land will likely be sold to a developer, and Woodland Hills will lose not only its pool, but also the future Woodland Hills Pocket Park that was slated to open this year behind the pool.

The new partnership between the Woodland Hills Neighborhood Association and the Swim Club would have seen a beautiful pocket park right at the heart of our community. This additional value-adding amenity was to feature benches, a large picnic table, blueberry and blackberry bushes, and fruit trees. The park overlooks a picturesque ravine and forest and would have provided a wonderful space for gatherings of all kinds. With the loss of the

pool we will lose this park project opportunity as well.

The Woodland Hills Neighborhood Association and Swim Club are making one last attempt to save the neighborhood pool and park. We are asking the community to contribute to the \$10,000 Pool Rescue Fund to help fix the pool. We are also asking community members to reserve a pool membership for next summer to show the level of interest in using the pool.

If you'd like to contribute to the Pool Rescue Fund, reserve a family membership for next summer, or learn more about the initiative, please contact Andy Grace at agrace@ua.edu.

Sassafras Block Party Potluck

Mark your calendar! On Sunday, Oct. 8, Sassafras will be throwing a Block Party Potluck at Sassafras Park, and all of Woodland Hills is invited. Bring a dish to share in this third annual community potluck, and enjoy

delicious food, tasty drinks, excellent local live music, and fun games for the kids.

Come meet your neighbors, make new friends, and enjoy a beautiful afternoon in the park.

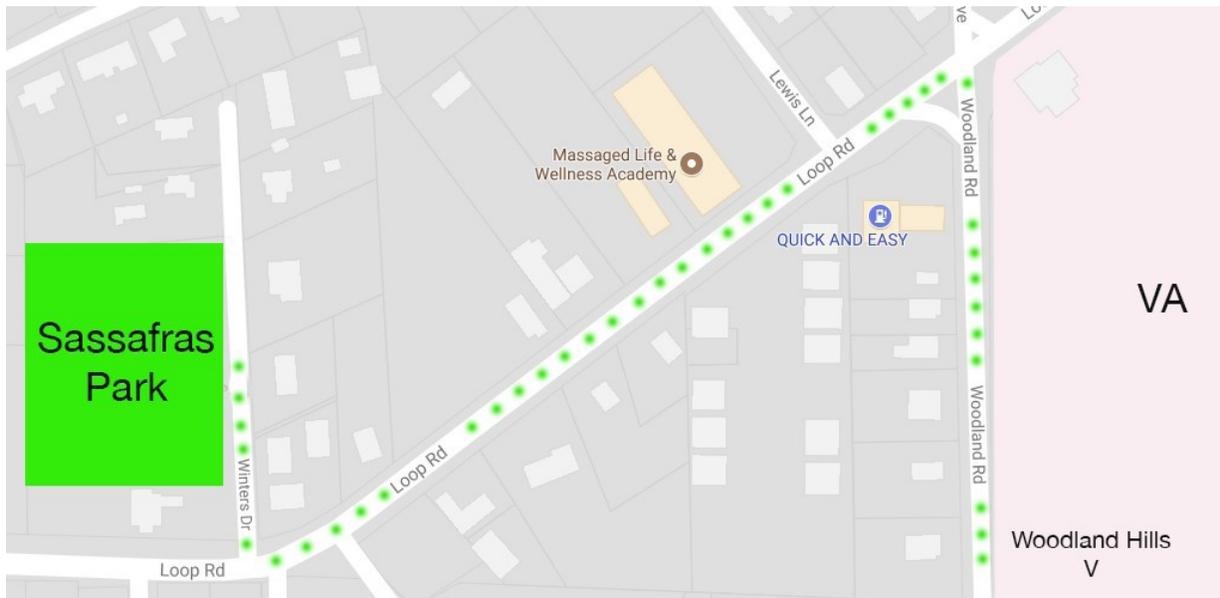
Who: Woodland Hills Neighbors and Friends.

What: Community Block Party Potluck

Where: Sassafras Park (Winters Drive at Loop Road)

When: Sunday, Oct. 8 – 4-6:30 p.m.

Why: Because - food, live music, and friends!



Income And Expenses

Income:		Postage	9.80
Beginning balance as of:		Printing/Mailing Newsletters	204.16
December 31, 2016	\$8,518.25	TuscaBlue (banner patch)	43.60
		Water	257.17
*Income	5,176.46	Web Host (HiWAAY)	124.40
<i>*Includes "Pocket Park" Donation</i>		Total	\$3,631.48

Expenses 3,631.48
Balance \$10,063.23

January 2017 to July 6, 2017

Expenses:
 Alabama Power \$698.89
 Lawn Care 2,250.00
 Meeting Supplies 43.46

To pay your dues:

Please make your check payable to:
 Woodland Hills Neighborhood Association

Mail to:

Woodland Hills Neighborhood Association
 c/o Lorraine Smith
 3834 Somerset Place
 Tuscaloosa, AL 35405

Neighborhood Association Needs Your Financial Support

If you are new to Woodland Hills, or if you have lived here for a while but have never joined the Neighborhood Association, you may wonder what the \$50 annual membership dues is used for.

A primary responsibility of the Neighborhood Association is to maintain the appearance of the four main entrances (Skyland, Brewer Porch, Azalea, Woodland Road), three traffic circles (Woodland Hills Drive near Skyland, Azalea/Woodland Hills Drive, Lake Wood circle), and the Lake Wood dam.

If the Association did not maintain these areas, they would become covered in weeds and other growth, the entrance signs would not be maintained (or replaced as ours were a few years ago), and the entrances would become unwelcoming and a turn-off for potential home buyers in Woodland Hills.

The fact is, if the Association did not do this work, no one else would – not the City or the County or anyone else.

So, the lion's share of the annual dues pays for the lawn care service that mows the grass, trims the shrubs, and picks up trash and debris.

The flowers and other plantings are the work of a few wonderful Woodland Hill neighbor/volunteers, and these great folks also maintain the flora on

these sites, year after year. Another chunk of the budget goes to pay the water bill to keeps these sites green and beautiful.

The rest of the budget goes for items like this newsletter and the postage to send it to you, the rental of the room at the McAbee Center for the annual meeting, to mail dues notices to the residents, the fee to maintain our website address, the summer picnic, and a few other expenses.

Of course, if anything breaks like a sprinkler head, or if the signs become faded, the repairs have to come from the dues as well.

This year, of the approximately 350 homeowners in Woodland Hills, well less than half chose to join the Association and pay the \$50 annual dues.

Unfortunately, this is close to the numbers who join year after year. And while the amount of the annual dues have not increased in at least 10 years, the costs for doing the things noted above have increased.

The point is, we gratefully thank you if you have paid your dues this year. And, if you haven't, it isn't too late! You can mail it to Neighborhood Association Treasurer Lorraine Smith at 3834 Somerset Place, Tuscaloosa, 35405. If you have any questions, email her at flamingolorraine@gmail.com.

Houses Sold Since January 2017

2502 Woodland Hills Drive - Nuy Nguyen
4633 Stonehill Lane - Manley Bailey
2547 Woodland Hills Drive - Arique Prohaska
2955 Juniper Lane - Jackson Price
4921 Red Oak Lane - Felix Gailes
4115 Pelham Heights Road - David and Penelope Mitchell
4729 Woodland Hills Drive – Names of new owners not available*
2961 Azalea Lane - Robert Morre, and Lisa Mauess
3712 Woodland Hills Drive - Patricia Schelia
2540 Woodland Hills Drive - Kenneth and Stephanie Massey
3138 Firethorn Drive - Peggy and Arthur McBrayer
3317 Woodland Hills Drive- Gayle Griffin Mousse
2534 Woodland Hills Drive - James and Carolyn Smith
3452 Firethorn Drive - James and Elaine Waltman
4103 Pelham Heights Road - Jeffrey Moore

*Deeds are recorded six to eight weeks after purchase. Names of some new homeowners may not have been available at the time of publication of this issue of the Association newsletter.

Volunteers Needed For Study Of Life Goals

Lessye DeMoss, a doctoral student at the University of Alabama, needs volunteers 18 years or older who have lived in Tuscaloosa for at least five years to interview them about what they think

is important for having a good life.

If you're interested in participating, contact Ms. DeMoss at 512-251-2719 or email

LDeMoss@crimson.ua.edu.

Thankyou.

Lessye DeMoss

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