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**THE HONORABLE LORANNE AUSLEY TO SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL
WOODGATE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25TH AT 7:30 PM
THE ASHFORD CLUB APARTMENTS CLUBHOUSE
2055 THOMASVILLE ROAD**

We are so very pleased to announce that through the efforts of a past Woodgate Neighborhood Association President, Tom Napier, our speaker for the annual meeting will be the Honorable Lorraine Ausley, Florida House of Representatives, District 9. Representative Ausley will speak on the upcoming legislative session and its effects on the state and Leon County. This is a great opportunity for residents to meet and speak with their local representative in the Florida House. All residents of Woodgate are most cordially invited to attend this informative meeting.

The WNA meeting agenda will also include a review of the 2006 financial report, presentation of the WNA Neighbor of the Year award, and the election of the new Woodgate Neighborhood Association Board of Officers. The WNA Nominating Committee, with past President Elizabeth Duggan presiding, would like to present the following slate for the 2007 Executive Board:

President:	Erin Kaven
Vice President:	Ed Vertuno
Secretary:	Kelli Dillon
Treasurer:	To be determined

Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

Refreshments, provided by the Woodgate Board, will follow the meeting, along with plenty of time to mingle and meet Representative Ausley, fellow Woodgate residents and the new Board. Please mark your calendars.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Karen Russell

Two years ago, I never envisioned the time when I would be writing my final column, but all of a sudden, here it is. Serving as President has been a wonderful experience – successes, challenges, and lots of fun. I will always appreciate the dedicated Board members who have served with me as well as the Zone Leaders who provide the essential individual contact with each neighbor.

In looking to the future, please, if you haven't already done so, complete the survey recently distributed by the Zone Leaders. (Zone Leaders, please check with those who have not returned their surveys to you.) It will take 5 minutes, 10 minutes at the most, to complete the survey, and we would really appreciate your feedback. Neighborhood activities are planned and run by volunteers, often a core of neighbors who have donated their time for years. The purpose of the survey is to get an update on everyone's ideas, what people enjoy doing, or what people would like to change. There is no sense in planning and having activities in which people have no interest. The Board would also like to know if you are willing to help now and then - if you don't say anything, how would we know? Many activities take one hour max - or less if you feel your time is limited. For example, help with the Front Island maintenance for 30-45 minutes one month, or help put the tables and chairs up after Woodgate Day's lunch. You will not be "stuck" with an unreasonable commitment – you give what you can. The planners will appreciate the help, and "new blood" and a fresh viewpoint is invaluable. It is also nice to have our youth volunteer. Several years ago I had a terrific group of youth help me set up the luminarias at the Front Island, and we zoomed through the task in about 30 minutes. Woodgate Day 2006 also had some new volunteers, and I hope they realize what a help their assistance was for our long-time organizers.

The Board would also welcome new members on the Board or Committees. The time required varies depending on whether the Committee is event-oriented or need-oriented, but is minimal. I would also like to see each Committee have both a Chair and an Assistant/Backup to help the Chair, so a back-up position might better fit your schedule. Board meetings, which are open to every neighbor, are monthly except for February, July, and August, and the meetings usually take an hour or so (or more depending upon how chatty we are). Then those who can stay enjoy a short get-together with refreshments by some pretty good cooks.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve as President for the last 2 years. I shall now pass the gavel, become Past President, and happily slip back into my position as Historian (anyone who enjoys photography like to be my back-up for scrapbook photos?)

Karen Russell

Ladies Night Out

Have you recently moved into the neighborhood and would like to make some new friends? Perhaps you've lived in Woodgate for years but never had the time to meet the other women in the neighborhood. To All Woodgate Ladies, the neighborhood association has planned a lovely evening of fun, fellowship and lots of laughs, Tuesday, February 20th at 6:30 p.m. The location of the get together this year is one of Tallahassee's newest eateries, Romano's Macaroni Grill, located directly in front of Governor Square Mall on Appalachie Blvd. Attendees run the gamut from singles to seniors stay at home moms to professionals, and we would love to have you there. Please call Katie Simmons at 385-9601 or email her at Katiehelmus@yahoo.com.

Holiday Decorating Contest Winners/ Luminaria Update

Congratulations to the Leblong family, 1511 Willow Wick, the Regis family, 1549 Woodgate Way and the Withrow family, 1416 Woodgate Way, as the winners of the Woodgate Neighborhood Association decorating contest. Blue ribbons were placed on the mailboxes of these homes the night of the Luminaria display in recognition of their efforts.

Many thanks to Tom Napier for obtaining a great discount on our candles for the luminaries from Albertson's, (THANK YOU ALBERTSONS!); Erin Kaven and family for obtaining the bags at cost from Publix (THANKS PUBLIX!), assembling and distributing the packets to the zone leaders; Zone leaders for your distribution of the packets to the residents and collection of money; all the residents of Woodgate who every year go to the sand pile and fill there bags to show a united and lovely neighborhood to the community; and to the Wynn Family, the Logan Family, Ed Vertuno and Erin Kaven for set up and clean up of the front island display. As usual it was a beautiful sight, with almost all the homes in the neighborhood participating. What started out as a gift to Tallahassee during the energy crisis has turned into a beautiful gift the residents of Woodgate and it's Association gives each other each year. Thank you to ALL!

Annual Dues

Woodgate Neighborhood Association dues remain at \$20 and are used for maintaining the Front Island entrance (electricity, water, mowing charges and planting), funding special activities (such as Woodgate Day, Neighborhood dinners and the Easter Egg Hunt), neighbor and community outreach (Thanksgiving baskets, condolences), and the WNA Newsletter. All of these functions enhance the value of our neighborhood, give support to those who might need a little TLC, and help to increase the property value of our homes. Joe Wynn is returning in the position of Membership Chair, but additional help with collections would be appreciated. Joe can be reached at 553-3350. A pre-addressed envelope for submission of dues is attached to this newsletter for your convenience.

