



The Woodgate Way

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Easter

Sunday

April 12, 2009



Hop On Over to Brandywine for an Eggciting Easter Egg Hunt

Spring is one of the loveliest times of year in Tallahassee.

The dogwoods, azaleas and wisteria, along with most other things, are in full bloom.

In Woodgate, Spring marks the rebirth of festivities, kicking off with Tallahassee's best neighborhood-sponsored Easter Egg Hunt. On Saturday, April 11, come on down to 3117 Brandywine Drive. Activities kick off at 10 a.m.

Children are grouped according to age so every child comes home with a basketful of goodies. We promise. There even are special prizes for children who find the Golden

Eggs.

We warn you, though. You better be ready to get your chocolate on if you go to this event. The WNA holds nothing back when it comes to supporting this annual event. Last year, about 700 Easter eggs were placed throughout Woodgate yards for eager children to find.

This year will be no different.

We cordially invite you to take advantage of this wonderful spring-time event and meet and greet your neighbors. Did your children grow up in the neighborhood? Come see the new generation of youngsters hunt for eggs. We guarantee it

will bring back memories of your precious children and you'll leave with a smile.

This event couldn't be made possible without the wonderful efforts of Ed and Connie Garrett.

The Easter Egg Hunt—like all of the seasonal events hosted by the WNA—is made possible through your association dues. Dues remain just \$25, one of the best deals in town. Please remit them at your earliest convenience to **Suzanne Byrnes 1521 Woodgate Way, 385-2059.**

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A Note from the WNA President

The proposed slate of officers for the Woodgate Neighborhood Association was presented at the WNA Annual meeting held January 22, 2009. The Chair of the nominating committee submitted the following individuals for consideration as officers of the WNA:

Bill Dillon – President

Cindy Teem – Vice-President

Chris Williams – Treasurer

Joan Maddox – Secretary

An opportunity was provided for additional nominations from those in attendance at the meeting and with no such nominations being made the slate of officers was accepted. Now with the formalities out of the way I would like offer a few words for the upcoming year, which by the time this published will already be ¼ over.

First, I would like to take a moment to thank my predecessor Erin Kaven and all of the former and current officers and directors of the WNA. While service to one's community is rewarding it can also be time consuming and occasionally down right burdensome. We all benefit from the dedication and service from those neighbors that volunteer to serve so again, Thank you!

Moving to Woodgate several years ago from Southwest Florida, my wife Kelli and I immediately noticed the pride and community spirit that was clearly evident in Woodgate. From our first Woodgate Day to watching neighbors take a fallen tree off of another neighbor's home, while those neighbors were out of town, we quickly realized that Woodgate is a special place. However, keeping Woodgate a special place takes work. So while those of us that have agreed to "formally" serve pledge to do our best to keep Woodgate a special place we do so knowing that our efforts will only make up small part of the overall effort that goes into to making Woodgate the place we all call home.

During the remainder of the year, the WNA will continue to hold many of the events that have become Woodgate traditions. The WNA will also continue to move forward with some of the newer community activities such as "Neighbor Helping Neighbor" and the "Tour of Homes". The dates for most of these events are in the calendar of events contained in this newsletter, the remainder will be announced soon.

Finally, should you have any comments, concerns or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact me directly. While I may or may not be help, given the nature of the issue, I am willing to listen. My email address is WoodgateBill@gmail.com.

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Woodgate is a neighborhood located one mile south of I-10, off Thomasville Road in Tallahassee, Florida. It began in 1970 with about 70 homes. Today, there are nearly 250 homes in the area, attracting people from all over Tallahassee. Along with being zoned for Leon High, Cobb Middle, and Kate Sullivan Elementary schools, the neighborhood is in close proximity to hospitals, shopping centers, and malls. Woodgate Celebrates its community with the annual Woodgate Day festival. Other neighborhood events that take place at Woodgate are the October Chili Dinner, holiday caroling, and a Christmas party as well as an Easter egg hunt.

WNA Board Votes Kaven Neighbor of the Year

Former WNA President Erin Kaven was voted Neighbor of the Year 2008 at a Woodgate Board meeting in December.

She will be remembered for launching the Neighbor Helping Neighbor initiative. Last October, two neighborhood homes were improved when volunteers and neighbors worked side by side at one house trimming overgrown shrubs, cutting the grass and pulling weeds. At a second, neighbors pitched in to build a French drain.

Money used for the event came from a springtime open house event (where a \$5 donation got you into some of the nicest homes and gardens in the neighborhood) and a generous contribution from neighborhood residents Russell and Marian Bevis.

Kaven also served as the editor of the newsletter—the *Woodgate Way*—until she stepped down last year.

Kaven—who served two consecutive years as WNA President—accepted the Neighbor of the Year plaque at the recent annual meeting. She dedicated it in part to Cathy Baer, who served as WNA vice president in 2008 and, among other things, helped lead the volunteers at Neighbor Helping Neighbor Day.

Also considered by the WNA Board for Neighbor of the Year was resident Suzanne Byrnes. She has over the years helped make Woodgate a great place to live. Oftentimes, Byrnes delivers home cooked meals to older neighbors and—unsolicited—brings them their newspapers on her early

morning walks.

While these women were recognized for their work, we know there are many of you out there who daily help make Woodgate a great place to live and to raise a family. The Woodgate Neighborhood Association wants to thank you, too!

If you'd like to get to know your neighbors better, now is the time. Get involved in the WNA. Meetings are held Tuesday evenings. Check the calendar for the dates. Visit the website, www.mywoodgate.org for the exact location.

April 2009

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Embrace Spring Cleaning with a Garage Sale

The Woodgate Neighborhood garage sale is scheduled for May 2, so start preparing. That means there's no time like the present to try to recycle your old stuff and turn a buck or two at the neighborhood wide Woodgate Garage Sale. It's scheduled for May 2 so start preparing. The WNA places the advertising in the Tallahassee Democrat. Bring your stuff out to your driveway and prepare to rake in the cash. The larger the pool of participants, the better chances for everyone to do well at this event. Come on. Clean out that extra bedroom or garage and get some CASH.

Schedule of Events

- **April 7** WNA Board Meeting 7:30pm 1515 Willow Wick
- **April 11** Easter Egg Hunt 10:00am-Noon 3117 Brandywine Drive (Garrett House)
- **April 21** Ladies Night Out 6:30pm-TBA
- **May 2** Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale-8:00am
- **May 5** WNA Board Meeting 7:30pm-TBA
- **May 7** Tour of Homes-TBA
- **June 2** WNA Board Meeting 7:30pm-TBA