



Woodlands edge

Nature's Neighborhood



Halloween Carnival

Jack-o-Lantern Contest Winner

The carnival was a huge success yet again! There were lots of fun treats and prizes won by many! Warm hot dogs and popcorn were enjoyed as well as the very popular slushees! A great addition to the carnival this year were the pony rides and pinea goats, and we hope to have them back next year by popular demand. Other attractions included the hay rides, scavenger hunt, exploring the MEMS ambulance, a Halloween photo opportunity/background, face-painting, and many games.



Riding the ponies and petting the goats were a big hit!!

The games included the cookie walk, lollipop tree, football toss, ring toss, basketball shootout, tic tac toe, and the new ooey—goeey eyeball dive! During the carnival food was also collected and donated to the Arkansas Rice Depot who was very appreciative of the community's contribution!

PUMPKIN DECORATING



Thank you for bringing your family out for the festivities!

Upcoming Holiday Events

- ◆ **December 4th - 3:00-5:00pm** Santa's Workshop & Stuff the Sleigh, hosted by Activities Committee
- ◆ **December 18th - Deck the Yard Contest**, judged by Activities Committee



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Woodlands Edge Community Association

Get involved! For a list of committees and chairpersons who might need your help, see page 3.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Costume Contest Winners!!



Special thanks goes out to the main organizers of the event who put in many hours, many trips around town, and lots of dedication: Ashley Cliff - Event Chair, Carolee Emerson - Activities Committee Co-Chair, and Andrea Hines - Activities Committee Co-Chair. In addition to the three mentioned above, the following people made tremendous contributions helping with the event: Whitney Elmore, Kim Moix, Karen Marriot, Jennifer Blankenship, Sarah Wherry, Shaye Bradford, and Greg Jones.

Big thank you's go out to: PARTY CITY (Ted and Amy Mitchell) for their generous donation of costume contest winner gift baskets; Jim and Kim Moix for bringing the Slushi Machine; Bo Dottley and Ryan Cowell for providing the hay rides; Matt Emerson for grilling the hot dogs; Greg Jones for organizing the MEMS ambulance for the kids to explore and enjoy; Woodlands Edge Community Association for organizing the food drive.



A special thanks also goes out to the men who helped provide the "manpower" during setup take-down, and throughout the event: Matt Emerson, Jerry Hines, Brandon Cliff, Scott McPherson and Matt House. There were also many many volunteers who manned the booths and games. Without them we would not have been able to have the event!

Thank you all for your generosity in helping to provide such a wonderful community event!

Scavenger Hunt



Fun events for the whole family!

Cookie Walk



Ring Toss



Face Painting



Eyeball Dive



Get Involved!

We would love to have your help! You can get involved by signing up for one of the committees below, contact the committee chairs for more information!

WOODLANDS EDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES:

Activities Committee

Andrea Hines-artsyandy@att.net

Carolee Emerson-cemerson0646@sbcglobal.net

Beautification Committee

William Fletcher-wfletcher@kinco.net

Pool Committee

Beth Tunnell - mbat3@att.net

Tennis Committee

Cindy Walker-holatennis@aol.com

Trails & Greenspace Committee

Bill Kemp-bill_kemp@sbcglobal.net

Welcoming Committee

Jennifer Blankenship -jlblank17@yahoo.com

Woodlands Edge Adult Activities

Are you interested in meeting more friends & neighbors in Woodlands Edge? You might consider joining one of the adult activity groups in the neighborhood.

- ♦ **Supper Club**-cammyjones@att.net
- ♦ **Poker** - michaelsmith9874@sbcglobal.net
- ♦ **Wine Tasting**-mbat3@att.net
- ♦ **Woodlands Edge Explore & Discover Scouts (WEEDS)**- adult volunteers needed, 18yrs & up, contact apeebles@woodlandsedge.com

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

The Woodlands Edge Community Association uses email to inform residents of upcoming events and neighborhood activities. If you want to receive this information, please make sure we have your current email address.

Also, if you have any updates on your family information, new family members, phone numbers, etc., please contact

Amanda—apeebles@woodlandsedge.com
501-954-9816.

Meet the Berry Family

Desi and Valerie



Desi and Valerie Berry live on Foxfield Lane with their two daughters, 7-year-old Hannah and 4-year-old Sarah. Desi is a project manager for the Arkansas Department of Public Schools and Academic Facilities and Transportation. He is also a financial services consultant with BRS Consulting. Valerie is a primary care physician and owns a full service travel planning business (travel agency). Both Hannah and Sarah are homeschooled. Both Desi and Valerie are originally from out of state. Desi is from Jacksonville, North Carolina and Valerie is from Indianapolis, Indiana. Desi went to the University of North Carolina, Charlotte earning a BS in Finance and then attended Southern Polytechnic University earning a MS in Construction. Valerie attended Rhodes College earning her BA in Biology and went on to earn her MD at Meharry Medical College.

The Berry family also keeps very busy with many active hobbies! They enjoy jogging, traveling, basketball, and ministry activities. The girls take gymnastics, swimming, and dance. They are very active members at Mosaic Church where they volunteer much of their time.

The family's most memorable vacation was a recent Disney cruise to the Mexican Riviera. Locally, the family enjoys vacationing in Hot Springs. For local dining, Valerie and Desi enjoy occasional date nights at 1620. When the family dines locally as a whole group they prefer Bravo.

The Berrys are somewhat new to the neighborhood and are looking forward to joining a community committee soon!

We are so glad that the Berrys decided to call Woodlands Edge their home!

"We came to Arkansas initially thinking it was just going to be a temporary place as we transitioned after the birth of our first daughter. However, after almost 6 years in the area, we have found a place we love and feel like Little Rock is a hidden gem! It's been great for us professionally and our kids are enjoying every moment." - The Berrys

Meet the Moix Family

Jim and Kim

Jim & Kim Moix reside on Foxfield Cove with their daughter, Kaylee, 4 years old, and their Papillon dog named Sam. Jim is a Medical Dosimetrist for CARTI at their Baptist clinic and Kim is a CT/MRI Technologist for RAPA located in the Doctor's Building. Kaylee attends the pre-K program at Grace Lutheran ECDC. While both are Arkansas natives, Jim grew up in Conway while Kim grew up in Nashville. Both Jim and Kim attended the University of Central Arkansas and both obtained bachelors degrees in Radiologic Technology.

The Moix family enjoys snow skiing, having cookouts and getting together with friends (many are their neighbors). They also enjoy watching the Razorbacks and going to the lake. Kim enjoys doing some wedding consulting and Jim likes to dabble with electrical projects. They both volunteer and help out with community activities throughout the year and CARTI's Festival of Trees event in December.



A favorite local restaurant that Jim and Kim like to frequent as a couple is Ferneau in Hillcrest where they enjoy the great tenderloin and fried chicken. As a family they like to eat out at Larry's Pizza and are thankful for the new Bowman location! As for a local Arkansas vacation spot, the family enjoys spending time with friends at Lake Ouachita during the hot, humid summers.

The most memorable vacation for the Moix family was originally their honeymoon in Spain until this past February when they took Kaylee to Smugglers Notch, Vermont. Kaylee was only three, but they heard about a great ski school for her age. By day four Kaylee was riding lifts and skiing. What a fun and proud moment for them as parents to be skiing down a mountain for the first time with their child! Kaylee actually learned to ski before she learned to swim! The Moix family loves Vermont and all that it has to offer; covered bridges, Lake Champlain, cheese, chocolate, maple syrup, and the Ben and Jerry's factory!!

We are happy to have Moix family as part of our community. Jim has served on the Beautification Committee since they moved in and Kim helps the Activities Committee as well. We are lucky to have them here!

"We've been in the neighborhood now for about two and a half years, and Woodlands Edge has been great! We love our house on the cul-de-sac, we have the best neighbors and have made some great new friends! We like being able to let Kaylee out with the other kiddos riding their bikes, tricycles, and power wheels while the adults get together. We all get to have a good time while knowing our children are safe. We've actually enjoyed it all so much that we've started a crawfish boil for our area with the cul-de-sac group. It's gotten bigger and bigger each year and everyone seems to enjoy it. Thank you Woodlands Edge for the great neighborhood!"
—The Moix Family

Pet Responsibilities

- Letting your pets run loose is not only a danger to your pets, it is also a danger to others. Please contain your pets.
- We have had several complaints of dogs barking incessantly at night. Please be aware that this disturbance of the peace may be reported by your neighbors to the City of Little Rock.

Little Rock Code of Ordinances

Little Rock has a Code of Ordinances governing domestic pets. See link below.

http://library.municode.com/HTML/11170/level2/COOR_CH6AN.html#TOPTITLE

Report using the following link or call 311.

<http://www.littlerock.org/citizenServices/311-citizen-request.aspx>

Eagle Talon/Windrush "Halloweenie Roast" Street Party

Rick & Marla Wirges and Jeff & Tricia Bell organized a fun street party for the Eagle Talon and Windrush residents. The neighbors were informed of the "Halloweenie Roast" by fliers distributed to their homes. There was a good turn out and everyone pitched in with food & drink. There are several new neighbors on the street so everyone was glad to have a chance to meet everyone. Kids enjoyed running around in the dark with flashlights. They plan to make this at least a bi-annual event!



DON'T FORGET the FESTIVITIES!

Santa's Workshop/Stuff the Sleigh
December 4th, 3:00-5:00pm, Clubhouse
 Please bring an unwrapped toy to stuff the sleigh!

Crafts, Hot Cocoa, and Santa!

Deck the Yard Contest
Sunday, December 18th
 Judging will take place after dark, so have your lights on and decorations ready!



Special thanks to Party City for helping out with our Halloween festivities!
501-223-4929
 Located on Rodney Parham Rd.



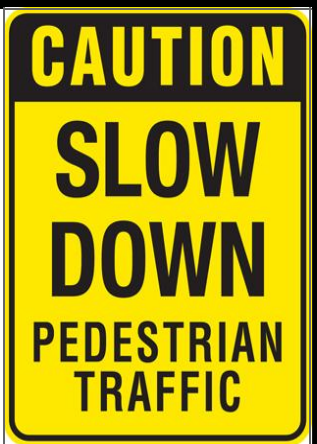
Starting in 2012:
Beginners Yoga
 At Woodlands Edge Clubhouse

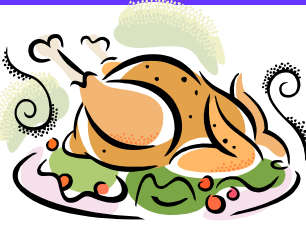


Interested? Let us know what times and days work for you. Schedule will be determined by community input.

Contact: nancyewelsh@yahoo.com
 Facebook : Woodlands Edge Yoga
 Or call Nancy: 903-353-8444

Remember to take it slow and abide by the speed limit in the neighborhood (25 mph). Woodlands Edge is a highly active neighborhood with many children and pedestrians outside on trails. We want all of our neighbors to feel safe!





The Trouble With Turkey

(contributed by Woodlands Edge resident, Bill Rausch)

Since 1991, the year that they moved to within what I like to call “striking distance”, we have gone to Joanne’s parents’ home for Thanksgiving. Prior to that, during our “pre-striking distance” period, life was good. Weekends went by uninterrupted, but then became punctuated by 5:30 a.m. Saturday morning door poundings: “We were just driving by and thought we’d stop in and say hello.” The extemporaneous “drop-ins” usually concluded right after the 10:00 o’clock news when they would finally rouse from our La-Z-Boys and predictably look at the clock and mumble something like, “Oh my, look what time it is,” and slowly shuffle toward the door, stopping three or four times to listen to the Channel 7 news guy. Or a Walmart commercial. The latter commanding their absolute attention. Then, as they grabbed the doorknob (we just continued to lie on the floor, never bothering to get up and show them out), they would turn toward us and implore, “...see you after church tomorrow?” Whereupon we would shake our heads ambiguously, indicating neither a positive nor negative response, leaving them to assume (as they always did), that we would visit them after church for a nice chicken dinner with mashed potatoes, gravy, coleslaw, and biscuits.

Like clockwork, we always walked through their front door at 11:37 after we went to the 10:30 mass. Even a few minutes later, and the table conversation would have been dominated by how Father Schemmel’s sermon went long. The table was already set. Her folks fidgeting around in the kitchen. Joanne’s mother, having abandoned her domestic cooking responsibilities since she retired in 1991 as one of the lunch ladies at St. Andrew’s school cafeteria, always tried to hide the bucket, thus maintaining the façade of having spent hours in the kitchen preparing her home-cooked Rockwellian Sunday feast. She even went so far as to heat lard in a frying pan and sprinkle it with flour and seasoning and leave it on the stove as a testament to her labors that she fully expected would elicit our fawning praise for her loving labors. We played the game for years, consuming the Colonel’s regular recipe on one Sunday, extra-crispy the next, only to repeat the cycle over and over again, never asking any questions, never showing a glimmer of suspicion, never hinting how it tasted remarkably similar to the 11 secret herbs and spices recipe safely stashed in some cellar deep in the hills of Kentucky or wherever.

Then one Sunday the whole house of cards came crashing down when we brought Fluffy with us because she was feeling poorly (which usually meant that a hairball the size of the Harlem Globetrotters red, white, and blue basketball was about to hurl from her amazingly tractable throat), and Joanne wouldn’t leave her home alone. The last time it happened, Fluffy was nearly asphyxiated by her esophageal spasms when the hairball became lodged. I gave her two sharp smacks with my tennis racket—sort of like a cat Heimlich maneuver—to assist her in dispelling the offending mass.

We sat down to our predictable repast. The side dishes were carefully scooped from their Styrofoam containers into glass bowls. When the kitchen mumblings subsided, her folks marched in together, beaming over their steaming platter of chicken parts. And this being the third Sunday of the month—the extra-crispy chicken. The parsimonious four flaky fresh-baked biscuits were already on our plates; as if to tell us that no additional biscuits would be forthcoming. Joanne’s Father had no sooner said grace then we heard the commotion from the kitchen. Fluffy’s moment had arrived. Like a nervous mother awaiting her daughter to give birth to her first child, Joanne jumped up from the table and bolted for the kitchen.

False alarm. Fluffy was rolling around under the kitchen table, attacking the familiar red and white bucket, ravenously licking away at the morsels of extra-crispy coating that had fallen off the 12-piece family meal deal. All that was visible was her tail, flickering furiously as she pushed ever deeper into the bucket of pleasure.

Joanne’s Mother stared at us like a deer in headlights as we silently shuffled back to our seats at the dining room table. No words spoken. No explanation was offered as we consumed our chicken in quietude, none of us knowing what to say at such a clumsy culinary moment. That was the last Sunday that we were “expected” for dinner. The incident has been swept under the family rug of shame, disdain, and unmentionables.

Last year we decided to try something different for Thanksgiving. Rather than load up the Corolla with Joanne’s famous store-bought pumpkin pies from Kroger, along with my famous cranberry relish from Kroger, we would invite her aging parents to our home to share in this timeless tradition.

Our preparations began on Monday, frenetically cleaning a house that hadn’t been, what Joanne called, “deep cleaned” since our party last summer when my buddy Julius, having had a few too many Miller Lite’s, punctured our pool, prematurely ending the festivities at 2:30 a.m. By Wednesday the cleaning was complete and the waste disposal company had hauled away the dumpster. Then, our meal preparations began. I drove to Kroger for the pumpkin pies and cranberry sauce.

We awoke Thanksgiving morning to a steady, cold downpour. Joanne rose early at 10 a.m. to set the table. As our prescribed dinner hour approached, I tricked Fluffy into the garage and locked her in her Kitty Karrier with a fresh package of Ding-Dongs and turned her 12-inch color TV to her favorite station. We weren’t taking any chances.

I arrived back home as her parents were seating themselves at the table and quietly snuck in the back door. Joanne arranged the 12-piece family meal deal on an oven-warmed platter and we walked into the dining room, beaming like Ward and June Cleaver.

As I passed the platter to her mother, I remarked how the turkeys were getting smaller and smaller every year. Probably global warming or something.

YARD OF THE MONTH



SEPTEMBER



1ST Place - 9 Wood Sorrel Point



2ND Place - 3424 Buckhorn Trail



3RD Place - 15 Foxfield Cove

YARD OF THE YEAR



11 Woodfern Drive

Dear Woodlands Edge,

We wanted to thank everyone who voted our garden for this amazing prize! We remember moving to Little Rock from Atlanta in 2006 as resident physicians at UAMS. We were the first people on our street in our first house. Winning this prize means a lot to us because, this being our first house, I didn't even know how to use an edger when we moved in... and ironically got "the letter" from the Association about keeping our yard up. Well, we took action, found out we not only liked maintaining our yard, but also love keeping it manicured and full of flowers. We love the dear people who are our close neighbors and all of you throughout the neighborhood whom we've come to know over the last several years. Again, we graciously thank you all for the award... now let's get out there and keep our yards something to be proud of!

Eric & Thea Rosenbaum



DID YOU KNOW...

Take a Walk in the Wild!

From "Outside" Magazine, December, 2011, page 72.

Cognitive scientists are only just beginning to understand what being in nature does for our mental health. But—big surprise!—the evidence is promising. Here are five smart reasons to go wild. *By: Madison Kahn—Outside Magazine*



1. Increased attention span. A 2008 study by University of Michigan psychologists found that walking outside or even just looking at pictures of natural settings improves directed attention, the ability to concentrate on a task. Put another way: nature restores our ability to focus.

2. Better memory. The same study supported previous experiments showing that being in nature improves memory—by 20 percent when it came to recalling a series of numbers.

3. Reduced stress. Office workers with views of trees and flowers reported lower stress levels, higher job satisfaction, and fewer physical ailments than colleagues with views of buildings, according to a 1989 study by the University of Michigan.

4. Improved mood. In a 1991 study by Texas A&M psychologists, subjects who viewed scenes of water or trees reported a much quicker return to a positive mood after a stressful event than those who viewed urban scenes.

5. Greater creativity. In a pilot study this March, psychologists found that students in an Outward Bound course showed a 40 percent boost in frontal-lobe activity—which is linked to creativity—after four days in the backcountry.

Woodlands Edge has been designed to give you the “peace and tranquility” of nature...and a better memory!

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