

September 2011



Woodlands edge

Nature's Neighborhood



Summer Dive-In Movie Night

Our Summer Dive-In Movie Night was a great success! Thank you to all who helped and all who attended! A special "thank you" goes to St. Vincent West who donated all of the ice-cream! Our next big event will be the Halloween Carnival in which we are in desperate need for volunteers. **If you are able to volunteer for the Halloween Carnival, please email ashanne@hotmail.com.**



- ### 2011 Events
- ◆ **September/October TBA** - Early morning trail hike hosted by WEEDS (ages 7+)
 - ◆ **October 29** - Halloween Carnival, hosted by Activities Committee (Rainout date—Oct. 30th)
 - ◆ **December TBA** - Santa's Workshop & Stuff the Sleigh, Deck the Yard Contest, hosted and judged by Activities Committee



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

Landscape Architecture: Your Environment. Designed

Landscape Architecture encompasses analysis, planning, design, management and stewardship of both the natural and built environment through a blending of art and science. It is a profession that is broad in scale and scope including: urban design; site planning; town or city planning; environmental restoration; parks and recreation planning; visual resource management; green infrastructure planning and provision; golf course design; trail design, ***even low impact developments like Woodlands Edge!***

Landscape architecture requires a collaborative, multi-disciplinary design approach to achieve successful spaces. Landscape architects collaborate with engineers, architects, environmental scientists, contractors, municipalities, planners, investors, horticulturalists and real estate professionals to shape a design solution that both respects the existing environment and enhances the human experience in the created space.

Will you plant my flowerbeds?

Landscape Architects are highly trained professionals holding degrees from accredited universities and possessing state licenses. Planting design is a very small part of the overall profession. Landscape Architects should be called Land Architects because they design unique spaces on the land, then utilize plant materials as a minor component to complete overall project. Landscape architects specify trees and plants like an architect would specify paint and carpet in an office building design.

The Design Process

The process of effectively shaping a site into a creative, ecologically-sound space takes an extensive, detail-oriented design approach. This design approach was used by Landscape Architects to design and construct Woodlands Edge.



Inventory – Multiple visits to the site, collect data, conduct research.

Analysis – Drawing conclusions and design directions based on inventory collected.

Concepts – Testing and critiquing design solutions in a loose form.

Design Solution – Finalizing the best solution for the site. Working through construction details and specific design challenges.

Construction – Building the designed space. On-site monitoring is mandatory to ensure design objectives are achieved.

Long Term Care – Implementing maintenance programs that ensure long term care of the project.

Reflection – Analyzing successes and areas for improvement to be used in future design challenges.

Landscape Architecture is the creative design force behind a low-impact, sustainable community like Woodlands Edge.



Nitron A-35

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roots soak up the additional soil nutrients as they grow. Best of all, Nitron A-35 is made of 100% natural enzymes and is safe for your family, home, lawn, and garden.

Nitron A-35 has been applied to numerous trees throughout Woodlands Edge including trees around the playground and park, along Woodlands Trail and in protected traffic circles. Many of the trees you see as you drive to work, are thriving as a result of Nitron A-35 application.

You can help ensure survival of your plants and trees by applying this product to the soil during the winter. For more information visit <http://www.gardeniq.com/store/product/Nitron-A-35,150,93.aspx>

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www.gcguides.org.



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 that meet regularly in the neighborhood.

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

Get Involved!

There are several events coming up in 2011. 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

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Pool Committee

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Tennis Committee

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Trails & Greenspace Committee

Bill Kemp-bill_kemp@sbcglobal.net

Welcoming Committee

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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

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501-954-9816.

Meet the Stocks Family

Randy & Anne



Randy and Anne Stocks reside on Wood Sorrel Point with their two children, Sarah, 17 years old, and Matthew, 12 years old. Anne and Randy crossed paths several times before they were married. Anne was born in the Midwest and moved to the East coast as a child. Randy was born on the East coast and moved to the Midwest early on. They crossed paths again several times over the years in college through mutual friends before they formally met on Randy's last day of his last year of college. They got married the very next year.

Randy is an Architect for Stocks-Mann Architects and Anne is a designer for Leisure Arts. Sarah attends Robinson High School while Matthew attends Robinson Middle School. Randy is originally from Chicago while Anne is from Connecticut. Randy received his Bachelor of Architecture in Fayetteville at the University of Arkansas where Anne attended as well.

The Stocks family is a very active family with many hobbies/interests. Randy enjoys playing golf, following the Razorbacks, and home improvement. During Anne's free time you will often find her gardening, knitting, or reading. Sarah spends most of her time with gymnastics and cheerleading and is interested in photography and fashion. Matthew can be found on the soccer or football fields when he is not playing video games or soaking up more information about Greek mythology. They also enjoy spending time with their other family member, Missy, who is their 7-yr-old golden

retriever. If going out on the town for dinner the family prefers to satisfy their appetites at Capers when it's an adult evening or The Purple Cow if the kids are picking.

The most memorable vacation for the Stocks family was a family cruise to Mexico to celebrate Anne's parents' 50th wedding anniversary. They also like to vacation locally in Hot Springs.

Randy and Anne moved to Woodlands Edge in 2004 after living in the Hillcrest neighborhood for 18 years. They had always wanted to design and build their own home, but couldn't find the right place to build until they stumbled upon Woodlands Edge. Randy's firm ended up designing the Woodlands Edge Clubhouse and Randy currently serves on the Beautification Committee. According to the Stocks, their wait was well worth it.

"We not only live in a wonderful neighborhood; we have wonderful neighbors that are friendly, caring, and always willing to lend a helping hand." – The Stocks Family

Pool News

A huge "thank you" goes out to the Pool Committee for ensuring a successful pool season! We had many people actively involved in making sure the pool was a wonderful place to be this summer. Thank you to the following people: Beth Tunnell, Chris George, Suzanne Catlett, Mike Tunnell, Brandon Cliff, Matt Emerson, Ron Tyne, Vicki Tyne, and of course the lifeguards!

The Pool Committee would like to say that they really appreciate the residents working with them this year on the 10-minute adult swim. They plan on continuing this next season as a 10-minute rest period.

We hope you all enjoyed the pool this summer!



Trail News



Hopefully with fall approaching the weather will be better suited for walking the trails. It's not a lot of fun walking when it's 100+ degrees. The trails are in pretty good shape thanks to the committee members and non-members that have helped to maintain them. Additional trails have been added on the north side and trail markers placed for all the trails. If you see any areas that need some work, feel free to contact me at

Bill_Kemp@sbcglobal.net.

Try to get out and enjoy what your community has to offer as fall approaches and so does the cooler weather.

Meet the Wright Family

Randy & Donna

Randy and Donna Wright live on Bluestem Cove. Randy is a home builder and has built many homes in Woodlands Edge with partner, Bill Darby. Together they make the HRH Builders, Inc. team and also built the Woodlands Clubhouse. Donna attended the University of Medical Sciences and earned her Advanced Nurse Practitioner's license. She is currently an Advanced Nurse Practitioner with the Arkansas Center for Sleep Medicine. Both Randy and Donna are from Little Rock. Randy and Donna have one daughter, Hannah, who is currently attending UAMS School of Nursing. Hannah will be getting married in May!! The family also has a pug named Sasha and a miniature yorkie named Jasmine.



The family's most memorable vacation was a trip to Virginia Beach. The whole family gathered for a trip full of fun and laughter. The Wright family loves to entertain and have fun! Randy sings in the choir at First Assembly of God in North Little Rock as well as in the Arkansas Choral Society choir. He is also an amateur radio operator whose call sign is AE5RW. He helps with the Skywarn spotters alert system and helps KARK Channel 4 get information out to the public during severe weather.

The Wrights love the greenbelts and surrounding nature Woodlands Edge has to offer. They have lived in the neighborhood for at least 6 years. We are so glad to have the Wright family as a part of the Woodlands Edge community.

PLEASE SLOW DOWN!

**WATCH FOR CHILDREN,
WALKERS, AND JOGGERS.
DRIVE SAFELY! HELP KEEP
YOUR NEIGHBORS AND
NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE!**

Tennis Lessons

- ◆ family, private or group
- ◆ Kids and adults or hitting sessions
- ◆ Pee Wee, 5-6yrs, 7-9yrs, 10-12 yrs. based on skill
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- ◆ Afternoon and weekend sessions available

Fun for all ages!
Cindy Walker
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Green Etiquette

Our common greenspaces add lots of value to our individual property! We are probably the only community in Little Rock with such an asset. Because of this fact, we need to abide by the **community regulations which prohibit homeowners from doing any clearing, under brushing, planting, extending pipes, excavating or dumping in the greenspaces. These violations are easy to spot and there are several. We know who you are. The community may initiate fines and/or withhold privileges.** The greenspaces do not belong to the homeowner. **They belong to the community.** This means those gorgeous flowers need to stay gorgeous for everyone to see, please don't pick them. You are only permitted to work on your lot. Respect everyone's values and *Keep Woodlands Edge Green!*



YARD OF THE MONTH

JUNE

JULY



1ST PLACE—3004 SWEETGRASS



1ST PLACE—11 WOODFERN



2ND PLACE—2905 WOODSGATE



2ND PLACE—3420 BUCKHORN



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AUGUST



1ST PLACE—12 WOODFERN



2ND PLACE—4 HIGHFIELD

Woodlands Edge 2011 Yard of the Year

This year, there will be one Grand Prize winner at the end of the season which will be "Residents' Pick." To qualify for Yard of the Year, a home must have won Yard of the Month in the current year and maintained the appeal through the end of the season. Judging of the top 5 houses, for 2011, will be done by the residents based on the photo taken during the winning month and on the current condition of the yard in September. The winning yard's owner will receive a \$150 gift certificate to River Valley Horticultural Products, Inc.!

You should have received an email with a link to a survey in order to make your selection for which yard should be designated Yard of the Year! Please join in the voting!

Containing your pets is important!

Letting your pets run loose is not only a danger to your pets, it is also a danger to wildlife. Loose pets cause unnecessary destruction of natural areas and can cause harm to local wildlife. Respect your neighbors...Respect the wildlife...Respect nature.



Little Rock Code of Ordinances



Little Rock has a Code of Ordinances that require owners to keep dogs confined and/or on a leash as well as requiring owners to clean up after their pets. Please comply.

We ask that you do not use the community park as a dog park, and always pick up after your animals.

Thank you!

Call 311 to report loose pets.

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

Yard Waste

The efforts you put into making your yard look nice are greatly appreciated by all!

Please remember the following requirements with regards to yard waste and trash collection in the Woodlands Edge community:

- Placement of yard waste should not occur prior to the night before scheduled pickup.
- Please place bags on the curb or driveway and out of the street right-of-way.

Bags should be stored in your garage or to the side of your home, behind a fence or landscape screen until the evening before scheduled pick up/

***If you have a lawn service please have them either haul off your bags or place your bags in a position that can not be seen from the street.**

Woodlands Edge Living

Bill Rausch, Woodlands Edge Resident



It's that time of year again. Winter is just around the corner and will soon drape its bleak veil over the self-renewing landscape. Autumn is practically here and a cleansing is filling the air.

But there is a cleansing that has nothing at all to do with the great outdoors. I'm talking about the part of our lives that is larger and more significant than the grand spectacle that Mother Nature writes, directs, and stars in. Evidence is popping up everywhere you look. Even before the season's first red, orange, and yellow leaves explode in a saffron blizzard on our neighborhood front lawns, these other

seasonal signs spring up prodigiously overnight. The ubiquitous strain of inorganic indicators of American consumerism: *Yard Sale signs*.

Not to be left out on this fall ritual as practiced by the suburban dwelling species (identified in anthropology text books as *Suburbanus Dwellus*) Joanne informed me Wednesday evening as we cleared the dinner dishes (an empty grease-stained pizza box, two paper plates, some plastic forks, and a two-liter bottle half-full of flat Diet Dr. Pepper) from the little table that nestles between our twin La-Z-Boy leather recliners mere inches from our 46-inch flat-screen, where we often dine so we won't miss even one exciting episode of *Survivor*, "*We are having a yard sale.*"

Her words resonated with metallic clarity as they were being chiseled into the granite wall I had installed in our garage for recording all of her proclamations. We recently moved to our new home here in Woodlands Edge, and missed the annual yard sale orgy that I understand occurs every spring.

I reached for my laptop, nearly knocking off the half-full bottle of flat Dr. Pepper that the pizza kid delivered with our dinner. It was half-full when he handed it to me at the front door with our cold half pepperoni-half sausage (no onions) entrée. I noticed that the front of his red and white striped Patty's Pizza shirt was soaked – probably when he was trying to cop a sip while he was texting and driving and changing his B-Legit gangsta rap CD. I clicked on favorites and pulled up the website of our favorite local television meteorologist to check his forecast for Saturday. He called for a 90% chance of thunderstorms, so we knew it would be an incredibly clear, sun-shiny day. We've been watching him for too many years.

The next day, I was charged with making the Walmart run to pick up the necessary yard sale accoutrements. I didn't realize that an entire industry had sprung up around this great American enterprise. There were multi-colored, stick-on paper dots that are used, according to the instructions printed on the back of the package in Chinese, French, German, Spanish, Croatian, and there on the bottom – English, to identify the price of the priceless relic. Red – 25¢, yellow – 50¢, green – \$1.00, and blue – \$5.00. I wondered where the \$50.00 stickers were that I needed for my vintage AC/DC 1981 *Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap* black tee shirt.

I filled a wonky-wheeled shopping cart with colored dots, a cash box that looked remarkably like a fishing tackle box except that it cost twice as much, a money change apron, a card table and two folding chairs, (several years ago our old neighbors borrowed ours for their son's ninth birthday party. Their son now lives in Dallas with his wife and three children), poster board and magic markers, glitter, balloons, ribbons, and 12 boxes of Oreos (I guess Joanne's marketing strategy was to induce a hyper-glycemic euphoria in the multitude that would surely pack into our yard, thus stimulating sales).

Then – the dilemma. It took a cell phone call to Joanne to resolve the issue. I gazed upon the preprinted signs that we would staple to our balloon, ribbon, and glitter festooned poster boards: Garage Sale...Yard Sale...Porch Sale...Lawn Sale...Junk Sale...and finally...Big Clarence Sale (the printer apparently spells as poorly as most American College freshman). It was decided that we were having a Yard Sale. We don't have a porch. And to call my chick-weed, dandelion, and wild onion infested pathetic green patch a lawn would be an insult to horticulturalists.

Friday night arrived and we had barely assembled the years of accumulated household detritus that would be transformed into must-have bargains simply by applying a colored dot. With reckless abandon we rummaged through everything in the closets, under the beds, and in the attic that could only be accessed via the rickety, Rube Goldberg three-way folding stairs that didn't quite reach the floor and required a phone book under one leg and two of Joanne's mother's fruitcakes under the other.

Finally, a little after midnight, we sat in the garage on our new Walmart folding chairs and surveyed row upon row of our life's acquired treasures while we shared a six-pack of Miller Lite and a package of Oreos.

As we strolled through the pathways, our colorful and sometimes checkered family history unfolded right there before us like some archaeological dig revealing the cultural secrets of a past, glorious civilization. At 2:00 AM, misty-eyed and overcome with nostalgia, we tore up the yard sale signs festooned with the glitter, ribbons, and balloons and stuffed them into the garbage can along with our empty beer cans. Hand in hand, we stumbled off to bed.

We woke Saturday morning at 11:15 to the sound of window-rattling thunder. It was a downpour. We smiled at each other and pulled up the covers.

Coming Up—So What's Next?

Have you noticed the concrete washout pit at the 3rd circle is gone? If so, you've probably also noticed a new roadway being built. This new road will access new phases that are being built. Development of the 12th phase of Woodlands Edge actually began last June. The new road, yet unnamed, will be an extension of the collector street system and just like Woodlands Trail. It will continue through a greenspace for approximately 1/4 mile, will cross Brodie Creek via a "stone bridge" and will enter a new traffic circle—the 6th traffic circle built in Woodlands Edge.



From this circle the road will head westerly to access the new phase which will contain three cul-de-sacs and will be similar in character to Winthrop Point and Hoggard's Ridge. This phase will also contain a number of flat ridge-top home sites. Completion of phase 12 (yet to be named) is anticipated late this year or early next year. Heading easterly out of the circle a future road will be built to access the largest home sites yet developed in Woodlands Edge to be known as "The Preserve". Construction has not yet started on The Preserve.

A Message From The Plant Nerd:

(contributed by a Woodlands Edge Resident)

If we ever decide to build another house, the first thing I'll do is put a fence around every single tree on the lot that we want to save. This lesson was learned the hard way. Five glorious oaks were dead within a year of moving into our new home. Janet Carson said their roots were tamped down from heavy equipment during the building process, stressed beyond recovery. So after months of construction, we had the house of our dreams on a lot that looked like a helicopter landing pad.

My father is a true old school tree hugger. Walking in the winter woods, he'll identify every single tree by its bark; knowledge gained from a longtime passion for Arkansas and her trees. He had recently put out several hundred on his farm and called to offer a few he had leftover. I was thrilled until I saw them. They looked like sticks; "bare root" to highbrow horticulturalists. I politely thanked my dear Daddy and proceeded to put them in an inconspicuous spot in my bare backyard. Never gave them another thought until the following spring when a brilliant lime green caught my eye. The sticks had sprouted. By the end of that year, those sticks had become respectable small trees worthy of the front yard.

Daddy and I set a planting date. We discussed various locations and settled upon my choices of course. Our dining room desperately needed afternoon shade, plus I wanted a Crimson Queen near the front door which also likes afternoon shade.

Fast-forward seven years and those once bare root sticks are now fine tulip poplar trees thirty feet tall. The dining room is much cooler in the afternoons and a happy Crimson Queen will greet you on your way to my front door. Best of all, when Daddy comes over we stand side by side and admire the trees we planted not so long ago. He'll be 80 in January.

Make a memory with someone you love and plant a tree together this fall. River Valley Horticulture Products on Lawson Road has a vast array of hardwoods and native species. **Bring this newsletter and they'll not only give you expert advice but also a ten percent discount on your purchase.**



Local Fall Events

As the weather starts to cool down you are probably wanting to spend more time out and about. There are many things to do around town as the fall season sets in.

September 12-30th—Wings of Wonder Exhibit—Witt Stephens, Jr. Central Arkansas Nature Center—www.centralarkansasnaturecenter.com

September 24th—Heifer Village Family Day—"Living Local, Buying Local"
www.heifer.org/heifervillage

September 24th—2nd Annual World Cheese Dip Championship—War Memorial Stadium—www.cheesedip.net

September 30th—Dedication of the Clinton Presidential Park Bridge and Bill Clark Wetlands Featuring Bill Clinton. Reservations required, visit
www.clintonpresidentialcenter.org/presidentialrun20

October 1st—3rd Annual Family Fun Fest at Dickey Stephens Park
www.nlrfamilyfunfest.org

October 8-9th—Harvest Festival—Wildwood Park for the Arts—
www.wildwoodpark.org

October 22nd—Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure—
www.komenarkansas.org

October 22nd—Apple Fest, Whole Foods Market, Rodney Parham

October 29th—**Woodlands Edge Fall Festival**



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