

2020 Neighborhood of the Year Award Application

Neighborhood Contact Information

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Award applied for: 2020 City of Tallahassee Best Neighborhood
Program Award
Best Social Neighborhood Improvement

Neighborhood Association Board Approval:

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Woodland Drives Neighborhood Association
Mary Frederick, President
January 20, 2020

Neighborhood Association Information

1. What type of organization is your association?

Neighborhood Association

2. What is the legal/tax exempt status?

State Incorporated non-profit and active

3. Please provide the boundaries of your neighborhood.

See map next page

4. How many homes are in your neighborhood?

450

5. What is the total number of members in your association?

~125

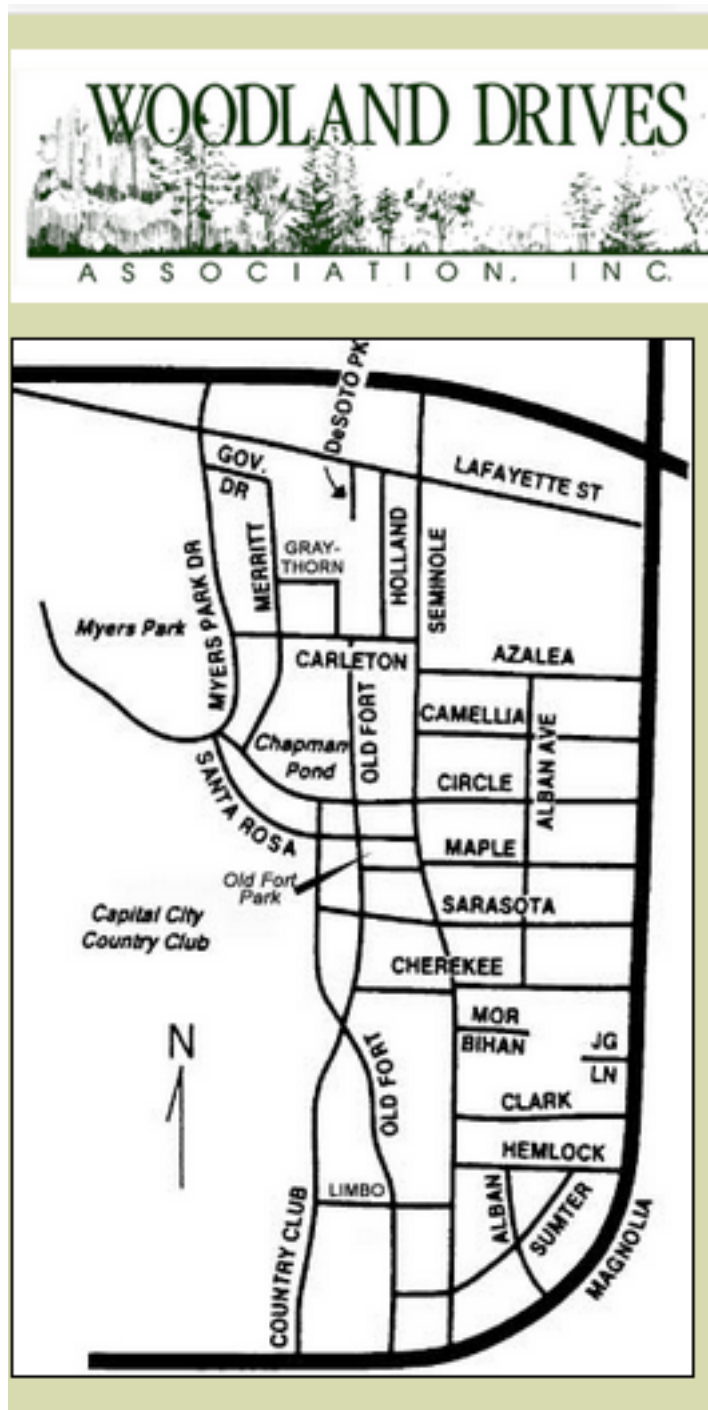
6. How active was your neighborhood association in 2019-2020?

One annual meeting
Two neighborhood picnics
1 virtual Hurricane Safety Fest

7. List the community programs that your neighborhood participated in during 2019-2020?

Neighborhood PREP

Neighborhood Map



Name of Nominee: Woodland Drives Safety Committee
Chair: Kathy Regan Figley
Committee Members: Alex Casa, Wendy Morgan, Sara Smith, Lisa Tripp, Gwynn Virostek
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Neighborhood: Woodland Drives (WD)

- I. List and describe the neighborhood improvements/projects/activities the organization has completed since January 2019-20.

Since assuming the role of WD Safety Committee Chair, Figley grew the Committee into an educated PREP team. They promoted PREP across three neighborhoods (Indianhead-Lehigh/Myers Park/WD), and provided timely information during hurricane season. In 2019, building on WD's Safety Fest held at its Oct2018 neighborhood picnic, Safety Committee envisioned a larger event that would bring four adjacent neighborhoods together. The City awarded, a Vibrant Grant to support the Fest to be held on May 16, 2020. (The Fest was postponed due to the Covid pandemic).

http://wooddrives.com/southside_hurricane_fest.html

<https://www.facebook.com/WDSafetyTLH/>

- II. What critical needs were addressed by the improvements/projects/activities and how were those needs identified? (50)

While the Vibrant Grant application was in review, Safety Committee ramped up its effort with representatives from Blairstone Forest, Indianhead-Lehigh, Myers Park, South City Foundation, and Woodland Drives. Prior to grant approval, the Committee met a total of four times. After the grant was approved, they resumed

their work. Ten meetings were held before ceasing plans due to the Covid pandemic.

- III. Describe the level of effort that was involved in completing the improvements/projects/activities. For example, the finances needed, people involved, time, etc. (75)

Figley envisioned distribution of 300 PREP buckets at the Fest. She donated 200 buckets (purchased in cooperation with Neighborhood Affairs). Due to the pandemic, Safety Committee donated 500 KN95 masks, and coordinated with Sustainable Tallahassee for an additional 500 cloth masks. Volunteers worked along side Parks & Rec staff to put promotional items and masks into the buckets. Volunteers stored the buckets until delivery and transported the buckets to five locations in South City identified by Neighborhood Affairs and South City Foundation.

- IV. Describe the impact of the improvement/project/activities on the neighborhood and, if applicable, the broader community. (75)

Safety Committee succeeded in meeting Fest goals, though on a smaller scale due to Covid.

- Neighborhood volunteers networked, created a critical link to South City Foundation, and shared resources for hurricane preparedness.
- On May 16, 2020, WD Safety Committee held a virtual Fest. This served as a single location for hurricane-resources dissemination.
- The committee developed contacts for resident managers should disaster hit.

- 200 families in South City were better prepared because they received PREP buckets.
- Best of all, South City families learned that their neighbors to the north care about them. There's no better outcome than that!

Nominated and approved by

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Woodland Drives Neighborhood Association
Mary Frederick, President
December 1, 2020