

Sardis Forest News

Newsletter of the Sardis Forest Homeowners Association

info@sardisforest.org

November/December 2005

2005: Year in Review

Throughout the past year the SFHA Board has coordinated numerous improvements in the common areas of our neighborhood. These have ranged from replacement of park benches and tables to installation of speed humps on Morning Dale Road.

Other park improvements include new signs for the entrance, new gravel for the park driveway and parking lot, and repair of a railing. Old decaying trees were removed from the front entrance and the park area. The trees will be replaced in the fall/winter.

The Board also organized the community yard sale last December and the Party in the Park this October.

SFHA Board is in Need of Members

The SFHA Board currently has two vacancies and is looking for any member of the Association who would be interested in helping out. Being a member of the board is a terrific way to get to know your neighbors and to become an active part of maintaining our neighborhood as a place we all can enjoy living.

Members of the Board meet once a month for two hours and perform the various duties associated with their position.

The open positions are Grounds and Architectural Control.

The Grounds position would be responsible for monitoring the condition of the common areas of the Association.

The Architectural Control position involves processing requests for changes to homeowner properties. Because these rules apply only to those in the Mandatory Section of the Association the person interested in this position is required to live in the Mandatory Section.

If you would like to assist with any area of the SFHA, or would like additional information, please contact Eric Johnson at 704-577-1633 or send an e-mail: info@sardisforest.org.

Election Day!

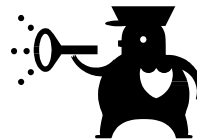


Don't forget to vote! All residents of Mecklenburg County can vote early beginning October 24th. Early voting is available at a number of area libraries and goes through November 5th.

Voting will also be held at all polling locations on November 8th from 6:30 am-7:30 pm.

A list of the locations for early voting and a list of polling locations is available on the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections web site: www.meckboe.org. They can also be contacted at (704) 336-2133.

Neighborhood Crime



There have recently been car break-ins reported, as well as vandalism. To ensure the safety of all residents of Sardis Forest, if you notice any questionable behaviors please contact the police through 911.

Please take special note of anything that may appear out of the ordinary at the park. It is everyone's responsibility to help maintain it as a safe place to play. That area closes at sundown and any activity noted there after dark should be reported. The park address is 299 Morning Dale Road.

If you have reported an incident, please let the board know so that the entire neighborhood can be informed of what to be watchful for. The board can be contacted either through email at info@sardisforest.org,

or through any of the phone numbers included at the end of this newsletter.

A big thank-you to everyone in advance for doing his part to keep Sardis Forest safe.

Storm Drains: For Water Only



This time of year with the leaves falling, homeowners tend to accumulate yard waste. The waste can be managed in a variety of

ranging from composting to bagging for city pickup. If there is a drain near your property please try to keep it clear of leaves.

Ordinances prohibit any yard waste or debris from being put into storm drains or creeks. Doing so can clog the drains and creeks leading to flooding and other damage. Nothing but rainwater is to go into the storm drains since they drain directly into creeks.

To help prevent damage and pollution of our creeks and drainage systems, the city has provided the following guidelines:

- Never dump yard waste in creeks or storm drains.
- Blow grass clippings back into yards and off of streets and sidewalks.
- Bag yard waste when possible to avoid having it enter the storm drainage system.
- Keep storm drains clear of yard debris.
- Replant bare areas to avoid soil erosion.
- Adjust sprinklers so that irrigation water does not land on streets, sidewalks or driveways.
- Consider natural alternatives to pesticides and fertilizers.
- Reduce the amount of fertilizers applied by performing a soil test..
- Do not use pesticides or fertilizers near creeks, rivers or ponds.
- Avoid applying fertilizers before a large rain storm.

- Use native plants for landscaping. They are adapted to local conditions and therefore require less maintenance.

The city provides markers to remind everyone that the drains are for rainwater only. If you would like to place labels on drains in your area, please contact Molly Olmsted at newsletter@sardisforest.org or (704)-321-9908.

If a Street Light is Out?

Burned out street lights can affect the safety of pedestrians as well as homeowners. If you note a malfunctioning light please contact Duke Power either via their email address at www.dukepower.com where you can access the form “Request Lighting Repair” or call them at 1-800-777-9898.

When filing the report you will need to provide the following information: the street where the lamp is located, the nearest cross street and the type of lamp. Any additional information you can provide, such as directions to the light or what type of problem you have noted, will also be helpful in prompt repair of the light.

Reporting a home power outage is done through the same website, but the phone number is 1-800-POWERON (1-800-769-3766).

Adding Additional Street Lights

Our neighborhood has the number of street lamps that Duke Power will put in at their and the city’s expense. Even so, there continue to be dark areas.

If you feel that your home is in one of these dark areas you have the option of having a street light installed on your property by calling Duke Power at 1-800-943-6911. The light will cost an additional \$13 per month to the homeowner. If you are in the mandatory section of the HOA, you should obtain Board approval for the location of the light.

Teen Volunteers Needed

Project Linus makes handmade blankets for children who may be ill, in children's homes or in a crisis situation. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg chapter was part of a nationwide effort to give blankets to children who survived Hurricane Katrina. In 18 days the 357 chapters provided 20,239 blankets.

The organization needs high school students to walk with them in the Carolinas Carrousel Parade on Thanksgiving Day.

Students will hand out Project Linus literature to adults and candy canes to children or may carry handmade blankets to demonstrate what the organization provides. This is an excellent way to earn those precious community service hours for scouts or for school.

Please contact Gail Nock at 704-847-3502 or at ProjectLinusClt@aol.com for more information or to sign up! You can also visit their website at www.ProjectLinusCharlotteNC.org.

Volunteer to Help our Community

Occasionally throughout the year volunteers are required to help with minor tasks such as clearing debris or making minor repairs to common areas. E-mail alerts are sent out to notify members about such activities.

If we have enough volunteers to help out with these jobs then we can avoid paying someone to take care of them, thus allowing our funds to be spent in other ways.

If you are not receiving these email updates please join the database. If you do get them please keep in mind that your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

Join the SFHA E-Mail Database

We occasionally send messages to members in our database concerning security issues, trash delays (due to weather), and other matters relevant to our community. To receive SFHA info by e-mail, send us your e-mail address, name, home address, and phone number: info@sardisforest.org

You may also use the above SFHA address to send comments or address concerns to the Association Board. You do not have to be a member of the SFHA to join the database.

How Can I Get Another Set of By-laws?

The SFHA Articles of Incorporation are now available in PDF format via e-mail. E-mail: info@sardisforest.org. You can also send a written request to: PO Box 1283 Matthews, NC 28106. Be sure to include your name, home address, and e-mail address.

SFHA Dues & Membership

If you are not a mandatory Sardis Forest Homeowners Association member, please consider becoming a voluntary member for only \$50.00/year.

Members are given a key to the park and fees collected from members are used to help pay for services such as landscaping, general maintenance, and insurance.

Volunteer Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Mail or deliver to **Irene Suchoza**, 309 Morning Dale Road. Make checks (\$50.00) payable to the *Sardis Forest Homeowners Association*. Call Irene at 704-845-5607 for more info.

2004-2005 SFHA Board

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Architectural Control

* If you have a question/concern concerning any of these areas please contact the board through Info@sardisforest.org or call any board member.

Advertisers—Tell them “Thanks!”

The restaurants, service providers and merchants who advertise in this newsletter help to pay for the printing and delivery costs associated with it—When you patronize these businesses please tell them you saw their ad in The Sardis Forest News and thank them for their support.

Contact Molly Olmsted at 704-321-9908 or at newsletter@sardisforest.org for details about ad rates for the Sardis Forest News. Also note that there are discounted rates for businesses based in Sardis Forest.

Classified Ads

If you are interested in placing a classified ad please contact: Molly Olmsted 704-321-9908 or at newsletter@sardisforest.org. The rates are \$10 for 20 words.

Desk for Sale: Desk with hutch and chair. Please contact John 704-321-9908.

7ft Brunswick Pool Table: Very good condition. Originally \$900, professionally packed for transport. \$450. 704-708-6089

ATTENTION LADIES!

25 WOMEN NEEDED TO PARTICIPATE IN A SPECIAL 16-WEEK FITNESS AND NUTRITIONAL TESTIMONIAL PROGRAM

To Qualify, You Must Have

15-100 Lbs or More of Weight to Lose

Ladies Workout Express is conducting a special 16-week Aerobic Weight Training and Low Fat Nutrition Program consisting of the following:

16 –WEEK PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- Supervised by a personal trainer
- Complete Fitness and Body Fat Assessment
- Full membership privileges to Ladies Workout Express
- Complete workshop program on low fat eating and cooking
- Weight training on state-of-the-art exercise equipment
- Special low impact circuit classes

IF YOU QUALIFY:

You will receive the 16-week program valued at \$249 FREE!

You are only required to pay the normal monthly club dues on a regular membership at Ladies Workout Express and allow us to feature you in a Testimonial Portfolio.

Preliminary Qualifications

- Must have 15-100 lbs or more weight to lose
- Must be able to exercise at least 3 times a week

CALL TODAY! 704.849.7702

Accepting calls Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.– 7:00 p.m. (Week of 10/31)

LADIES



Galleria Village 1636 Sardis Road North
(Corner of Monroe Rd—Near Eckerd)