

Sardis Forest Newsletter

Newsletter of the Sardis Forest Neighborhood

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Rezoning Next Door 123 Homes vs. 44 Homes??



At its January 9 meeting, the Matthews Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on a request to rezone the property on

Monroe Road next to Sardis Forest Patio Homes and across from Family Dollar Headquarters. This 22-acre property is currently zoned R-20, allowing approximately 44 single family homes to be constructed on the site.

The proposed rezoning is for a R-VS classification, which would allow 123 homes to be built. Lots would be about 0.1 acre each, and there would be virtually no open space. The proposal includes a wall along Monroe Road and a wall between the development and Sardis Forest.

There would be one entrance to the development from Monroe Road, and a street is planned to connect to the Galleria Boulevard and the traffic light at the intersection of Galleria and Monroe Road.

Several Sardis Forest Residents expressed concerns about the rezoning proposal:

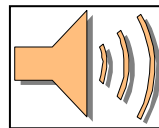
- There is already plenty of high density housing in this area.
- An additional burden would be placed on our already overcrowded schools.
- A significant amount of new traffic would be added to Monroe Road.
- The amount of traffic using the Galleria Boulevard from this development and the commercial development already approved by Charlotte on the other side of the Galleria Boulevard would be too much for Galleria Boulevard, which is a very short road.

- The lack of open space would degrade the quality of life in the new development and perhaps cause problems for the surrounding neighborhoods.
- Elimination of most trees on this property would greatly increase the road noise from Monroe Road.
- The proposed setback buffer from Monroe is less than normally required and not adequate.

An attorney for Family Dollar also expressed serious concerns that traffic from the new development would be competing for the turning lane with tractor trailers from Family Dollar.

The Matthews Board of Commissioners could vote on this proposal at their meeting scheduled for 7pm on February 13 at the Matthews Town Hall. Anyone concerned should plan to attend.

Noise Ordinance



Our high quality of life in Sardis Forest can be credited in part to the peacefulness of our neighborhood. The City of Charlotte supports this peace and quiet with a noise ordinance that prohibits unreasonably loud and disturbing noises.

This ordinance is particularly strict between 9pm and 7am, when the operation of power tools out-of-doors is prohibited.

It is also unlawful to keep any pet which makes loud noises and produces “seriously annoying disturbance to any person or to the neighborhood.”

If you believe the noise ordinance is being violated, you should call the Charlotte or Matthews Police.

Happy Valentine's Day



Valentine's Day dates back to ancient Rome, when February 14 was a holiday to honor Juno, queen of the Roman gods and goddesses, and goddess of women and marriage. It was a custom for young women to write love notes and place them in a large urn. Men would then draw the note and each man would pursue the woman whose note he drew.

During the third century A.D. the Emperor Claudius II was experiencing difficulty recruiting soldiers for his legion. He attributed the problem to the reluctance of men to leave their wives and families so he cancelled all engagements and marriages. St. Valentine and a few other Christian priests are said to have married couples in secret. Eventually St. Valentine was arrested and executed on February 14th. According to legend Valentine sent a friend (the jailer's daughter) a note signed "From Your Valentine" before he died.

Safety Tips for Walkers and Drivers

Many of us enjoy walking in the Sardis Forest Neighborhood. To prevent tragic vehicle-pedestrian accidents both walkers and drivers should observe common-sense rules:

- Motorists should stay under the speed limit and be alert for pedestrians, especially children.
- Walkers should stay on sidewalks whenever possible. In areas without sidewalks, walk on the left side of the road facing traffic.
- On the road, bicycles operate under the same rules as motor vehicles and should always stay on the right side.

- Be extra careful when walking at night and at dusk. Don't assume that motorists can see you. Wear reflective outdoor clothing or shoes or lights to make yourself more visible. Again, stay on the sidewalk or left side of the road.
- Provide proper supervision and training for children. Parents and motorists are both responsible for the safety of children when they are near automobile traffic.

Project Linus: National Make a Blanket Day 2006

Please come help us make blankets on Saturday, February 18th at the Candlewyck Baptist Church, 7200 Providence Road. These are for children who are ill or who may be in a crisis situation. Bring with you fabric (cotton), yarn (no wool), sewing machines, knitting needles, crochet hooks, cutting mats, scissors, rotary cutters and any other blanket making supplies.

Soup, sandwich and beverages will be provided for lunch. Door prizes will be given away hourly. For more information call Gail Nock at 704-847-3502.

Join the SFHA E-Mail Database

The Sardis Forest Homeowners Association sends messages to members in its database concerning security issues, trash delays, and other matters relevant to our community. To receive SFHA info by e-mail, send your e-mail address, name, home address, and phone number to info@sardisforest.org

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

SFHA Dues & Membership

Please consider becoming a voluntary member of the Sardis Forest Homeowners Association 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 704-845-5607 for info.

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