



Sardis Forest Newsletter

Newsletter of the Sardis Forest Neighborhood

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Rezoning Update

The Matthews Board of Commissioners voted to defer until their March 13 meeting a decision on the request to rezone the 22-acre property next to Sardis Forest Patio Homes and across from Family Dollar Headquarters. This proposal, if approved, would increase the number of homes permitted to be built on this property from 44 to 123.

Many concerns have been expressed about the high density of housing, increase in traffic congestion, loss of trees, increased noise, and other potential problems with this request. The Planning Board voted no on the proposal for these very reasons. Members of the Board of Commissioners have suggested that the petitioners meet with nearby neighborhoods, but they have declined to meet with Sardis Forest residents. The petitioners seem determined to get approval for as many homes as possible on this property.

Anyone who has questions or concerns about this proposal should plan to attend the Board of commissioners Meeting on March 13 at 7:00pm in the Matthews Town Hall.

For more information please visit the Town of Matthews website at www.matthewsnc.com or call them at (704) 847-4411.

St. Patrick's Day



Over 1,500 years ago a son named Patrick was born to a Roman magistrate named Calpurnius, probably in what is now Scotland. At the age of sixteen Patrick was kidnapped and taken to Ireland, where he was enslaved to a sheep herder. Patrick later escaped and journeyed to Rome, but he had become determined to return to Ireland and convert its people to Christianity.

In 432 A.D. Patrick, now a priest, received permission from Pope Celestine to return to Ireland. Despite opposition from the Druids, Patrick was eventually successful. According to one story, Patrick used the shamrock, three leaves of clover growing from one stalk, to explain the concept of the Trinity. Since then the clover has been the symbol for St. Patrick's Day. Patrick died on March 17, 465.

Springtime Celebration!



Please join us at the park on Saturday, April 22nd from Noon to 3pm as we celebrate the arrival of spring.

Enjoy food, fun, & laughter. There will be moon bounce, games, and crafts for the kiddies and bocce ball & horseshoes for the adults.

Meet new neighbors & hang out with old friends! There will also be BBQ, hot dogs, drinks, ice cream & more!

\$5.00 for Sardis Forest member families

\$8.00 for non-members

Please RSVP by APRIL 18th

Tammy Walker at 704-845-6885

or tammywalker@vnet.net

WANT TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP?

Of Course You Do!

Just let Tammy know!

Matthews Easter Egg Hunt



Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 8th on the Matthews Elementary School athletic field. Admission is \$5 per child. Activities at 11am Easter Egg hunt begins at 12:30pm. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will be \$2.

Future of Southeast Light Rail



As light rail construction proceeds in the South Boulevard area, the Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) is working on a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Southeast Corridor Rapid Transit.

The Southeast Corridor extends 13.5 miles from Center City Charlotte to the border of Mecklenburg and Union counties. The planned rapid transit route will run along Elizabeth Avenue from Center City Charlotte to Independence Boulevard and out Independence Boulevard to approximately Krefeld Drive. From there it follows the proposed Independence Pointe Parkway and terminates at Central Piedmont Community College Levine Campus. Approximately one-third of this segment is located in the town of Matthews.

CATS is working with NCDOT on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement because NCDOT is planning to widen and improve Independence Boulevard (US-74). By working together they plan to arrive at an efficient design that will provide long-term transportation solutions for the corridor.

See next issue for an update on the Environmental Impact Statement and more details on the proposed rapid transit for the Southeast Corridor.

To be added to the Southeast Corridor mailing list, you can contact:

Pam Davis
Public Information Specialist
Charlotte Area Transit System
Pdavis@cl.charlotte.nc.us
(704) 432-3037

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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