

Sardis Forest Newsletter

Sardis Forest Homeowners Association

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BOARD NEWS

Your Sardis Forest Home Owners Association has been working hard to prepare future plans for our neighborhood as well make our HOA a bit more structured for future ease of all board members. Kelley Wheeler has been helping us with teambuilding exercises, as well as guiding us towards a neighborhood plan for the future. One of the newest items we can share with you is our new mission statement. We hope you enjoy what we are planning, and welcome all comments and suggestions.

“The Sardis Forest Home Owners Association will be known as a proactive organization focused on the preservation and welfare of our Community”.

Goodbye Tim!

Our HOA president, Tim Messick has decided to step down and he and his family will be moving to the Netherlands in July. We wish him and his family the best and greatly appreciate all he has done for our board. Our Vice President Irene Suchoza will be stepping up as President for the time being.



HOLIDAY YARD DECORATION

The winter holiday yard decorations was a huge success this year! This was the first year we have had this contest and our neighborhood seemed to have a lot of fun with it. Our next planned event is for Halloween 2007, but if you have more ideas, please email our social chair, Bricklend Ward at bricklend@yahoo.com

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Concerns/Comments

The Sardis Forest Homeowners Association would like to address all concerns for our community. However, we only have jurisdiction over part of our neighborhood, as dictated by our by-laws. We understand that certain problems exist (i.e. parking on the street and yards) and would love to help you address these, but can not enforce the rules in all parts of the neighborhoods. Please email all concerns with contact information to bricklend@yahoo.com. All concerns will be kept confidential.

HOA Group Seeding and Aeration

The HOA will be offering group seeding and aeration on April 21. This would be a great time to get your yard looking beautiful for the summer. For more information call 704-845-5607.

Social Activities

Do you have ideas for social activities? Are you involved in neighborhood groups that you would like to share with us? Please email all ideas and get together to bricklend@yahoo.com.

Joggers/Walkers

As the weather warms and the time changes, there are going to be more of our neighbors walking and playing outdoors. While driving, please be mindful of your speed and be cautious of your surroundings, especially on streets in our neighborhood without sidewalks.

Parking on the Street

This has been mentioned in previous newsletters, but we continue to receive

complaints about this every month. If you are parking on the street on a regular basis, please be mindful of your neighbors and park in your driveway. Not only does it look bad but, it can be dangerous. Children and pets get in between and behind parked cars and oncoming drivers can not see them until it is too late. Also, there have been many reports of vandalism for the cars parked on the street. One way to avoid this is to keep your cars parked in your driveways. This makes our neighborhood safer and more attractive. Thanks for your cooperation.

There have been several complaints regarding speeding issues in our neighborhood. Remember that there are many small children in our neighborhood that are outside playing. **SPEEDING KILLS!** Please adhere to the city signs that display a **25mph** speed limit.

WATCH OUR CHILDREN!

If you or anyone in your household are guilty of driving to fast, **PLEASE SLOW DOWN!!**

◆ **FRONT ENTRANCE ISLAND** ◆



We are working to improve our entrance to Sardis Forest from Sardis Road. There are several ideas that have been presented to the board that are being considered and we are open to any suggestions that you may have. Please contact the info@sardisforest.org and let us know your thoughts.

Grounds Committee

Do you have a vision for our neighborhood park? A vision for what could be done with the old baseball field behind the park or for the replacement of the two beautiful trees that used to occupy the front island? Do you have an urge to plant daffodil bulbs around the trees at the entrance? If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, please contact Kelley Wheeler at kellywheeler@earthlink.net or Gamal Nasr at gamalmm@aol.com and share your ideas! Together, we can come up with something beautiful!



Garden Club

If you enjoy growing flowers and vegetables and are interested in sharing your knowledge (as well as your bounty), please contact Kelley Wheeler at kellywheeler@earthlink.net. We're looking for some green-thumbed individuals to start a neighborhood Garden Club. In addition to helping to plant flowers in the neighborhood common areas, we'll swap seeds, plants, produce and stories! "**Gardening Restores Our World!"**

Walking Trails

Sardis Forest has a walking trail! A beautiful walking trail that goes through the woods around the park, and could be extended to create a truly magnificent amenity in our neighborhood. We just need to clean it up and make it more easily accessible! We could have distance markers as well as plant identification markers along the trail, and make it an educational exercise location where everyone feels comfortable on a beautiful day. If you would like to help us clean them up and improve our neighborhood please contact Kelley Wheeler at kellywheeler@earthlink.net.

Women's Club

The Sardis Forest Women's Club is reorganizing! All women who live in Sardis Forest (and the adjacent neighborhoods) are welcome to join for socializing as well as service in our neighborhoods. Please contact Kelley Wheeler at kellywheeler@earthlink.net if you are interested.

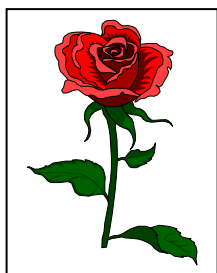
Neighborhood Yard Sale

Don't have the time to organize and plan a yard sale? If there is enough interest, we would like to have a neighborhood yard and bake sale in

the park this spring. There will be a cost per space for those who wish to sell their own items, and a group space for those who do not have time and just wish to clean out their attics and garages. All proceeds to benefit the renovations of the neighborhood walking trails. If you are interested, please email Bricklend Ward – bricklend@yahoo.com

Supper Club

Are you interested in meeting your neighbors and socializing? If you would like to join a supper club, meeting once a month, please email bricklend@yahoo.com



Spring Yard Tips

Putting out mulch or pine needles can be an easy way to spruce up the look of your yard and natural areas.

Raking up those nasty sticker balls can help make your yard look better and keep your mower blades sharp longer.

Your monkey grass can be dug up and split and replanted to create borders around flower beds and sidewalks. There is no need to buy more.

Daffodils can also be dug up and split.

Every spring pick out 2-3 new perennials to plant in your yard, and within a couple years, you will have a yard full of flowers!

A new beautiful pot with fresh annuals on your porch will brighten up any yard and you will have fresh flowers all spring and summer. Ten minutes of weeding every weekend will make your yard greener and softer all summer long.

NEW NEIGHBOR? WELCOME TO SARDIS FOREST!

If you are a new neighbor and would like information regarding the social events, need a

key to the park, please contact Bricklend Ward at bricklend@yahoo.com for information regarding our neighborhood and social events.

Homeowners Association Volunteer Membership

If you are not part of the mandatory homeowners association 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 Bricklend Ward, 1213 Richard Barry Drive, Clt 28270. Make checks (\$50.00) payable to the *Sardis Forest Homeowners Association*.
Call 704-814-9499 for more information.



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