



# Sardis Forest Newsletter

*Sardis Forest Homeowners Association*

SFHA Website: <http://www.sardisforest.org>

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## **BOARD NEWS**

Your Sardis Forest Home Owners Association has been working hard to prepare future plans for our neighborhood. And to make our HOA a bit more structured for future ease of new board members as well as the existing board. Right now we are working on improving the look of our neighborhood. We hope you enjoy what have completed so far. Our next project is making some improvements to the entrance to our neighborhood park. We would like to make it easier to get in and out and add more curb appeal.

### **Mission Statement**

**“The Sardis Forest Home Owners Association is a proactive organization focused on the preservation and welfare of our Community”.**

We also need more volunteers for our neighborhood committees. If you are interested in the grounds committee, the social/membership committee or helping with the HOA board, please email [bricklend@yahoo.com](mailto:bricklend@yahoo.com).



## **NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

### **Concerns/Comments**

#### **Tis the season for break ins!**

With the holiday season quickly approaching we would like everyone to be very careful

about your home security. Here are a few tips to keep your home and our community safe.

- 1. Inscribe your NC driver's license number on all of your valuables.**
- 2. Do not leave boxes that contained all of your new “toys” out by the curb. Take the time to break them down and put them in the trash or recycle bins. If you leave them out by the road, it is just advertising what you have waiting just inside your doors!**
- 3. Make sure all of your hedges are trimmed back. It allows neighbors and patrolling officers to see movement in your yard.**
- 4. Leave lights on inside and out. It is a great deterrent for home break ins.**
- 5. Get to know your neighbors and watch out for each other.**

The Sardis Forest Homeowners Association would like to address all concerns for our community. However, we only have jurisdiction over part of our community, 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 cannot enforce the rules in all parts of the neighborhoods. Please email all concerns **with contact information** to [bricklend@yahoo.com](mailto:bricklend@yahoo.com). All information is kept confidential, however, if you choose not to include your contact information, it is hard to address concerns adequately.



### HOA DUES!

It has come to our attention that we have several delinquent homeowners who owe this years dues. We are going to start printing names of delinquent homeowners in the newsletter and turning them over to a collection agency. Please pay your dues. It is a minimal fee and because our community is non-profit, it only goes to benefit all of us!



### Holiday Yard Decoration Contest

We had so many wonderful yards this year for the **Halloween yard decoration contest**. Unfortunately we had to pick two. We picked 1413 Renfrow Drive, and 9604 Leeswood Drive. Please continue to decorate your yards and don't forget about the Winter Holiday Yard contest. The judging will be the weekend before Christmas.

**All Paid HOA members are eligible for the yard contests. Creativity is a must, and remember...more is not always better!**

### Park Keys

If you are a paying HOA member and do not have a key to the park, please contact [bricklend@yahoo.com](mailto:bricklend@yahoo.com) to schedule a time to pick one up. Remember, the park is for HOA members only.



### Winter Yard Tips

- Use your favorite indoor work area – your garage or basement – to clean, repair and refurbish all your garden tools. Sharpen shovels and hoes
- Bring in and clean up birdhouses and bird feeders. Clean birdhouses by brushing off dirt and debris. Never wash them. Bird feeders can be washed in warm water and mild soap.
- Create a garden plan for next year. Make a sketch of your house and garden, noting where you have planted flowers, shrubs, etc. Update your plan with what you want to do come spring. This is a great way to involve the family, Spencer notes, by including your spouse and children in the planning process.
- Research plants and landscaping plans. Use resources such as the Internet, libraries, local garden centers and even TV landscaping shows to further develop your planting plan for next spring.
- Spend some time on creative projects, such as decorating pots, building new birdfeeders or houses, etc. This is another great way to get the kids involved by encouraging them to participate in the building process.
- Keep composting. Put all your vegetable waste and yard debris (but no animal fats or weeds) into your mulch pile.
- Engage your children in a craft project for the garden. Decorate flowerpots together. Build a birdhouse, bird feeder or trellis. The project will not only produce an enhancement for your garden, but lasting memories as well.

**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, or neighborhood information, please contact Bricklend Ward at [bricklend@yahoo.com](mailto:bricklend@yahoo.com) for information regarding our neighborhood and social events.

**Homeowners Association  
Volunteer Membership**

If you are not part of the mandatory SFHOA consider becoming a voluntary member of the Sardis Forest Homeowners Association for only \$50.00/year.

Volunteer members are given a key to the park, and fees collected from volunteer 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.



**Sardis Forest Homeowners Association Board**

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*Meetings are always open to the public and we welcome any neighborhood support.*