

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. 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 we have started and our plans include a new entrance façade for the park on Morningdale Drive. We welcome all comments and suggestions.

Mission Statement

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



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

The Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Dept has asked us to get this information to everyone in our neighborhood. There have been more reports of home break-ins along with car vandalism. The break-in’s are happening during the morning hours and they are entering homes by kicking down back doors. Please keep an eye out for anything or anyone suspicious. If you should see anything or anyone suspicious or unusual activity call 911 immediately. Avoid parking on the street if at all possible. TIPS that would help CMPD recover valuables if stolen:

1. Write down information of all your valuables. Size, Weight, make, model, serial numbers, etc.
2. Inscribe your NC drivers license number on all of your valuables.

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 cannot enforce the rules in all parts of the neighborhoods. Please email all concerns with contact information to 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.

Grounds

Entrances on Morningdale and near Berry Ridge

The installation of a new four-season flower garden has begun at the front entrance! One of our neighbors, Chantelle Kelly, has graciously dedicated her time and talents to design flower gardens for the front entrance sign and the entrance sign near Berry Ridge; as well as a bird and butterfly garden around the boulders in the front island. Her company, Garden Angels, has been hired to complete the installation.

White Horse Road Entrance

Chantelle also donated a design for the entrance on White Horse Road. Her design includes a matching sign (the same white and green sign that has been installed near Berry Ridge) as well as a blue switch grass, a phlox plant, Black-eyed Susans and catmint. Since this area falls outside of the

designated area (mandatory membership) for the SFHOA, we cannot use dues' money to pay for the sign and garden at this entrance. The sign will cost \$300, and the retaining wall will cost around \$200. We will be accepting donations of plants, compost as well as money and your time to complete this project. Please contact Kelley Wheeler at kellywheeler@earthlink.net to donate money for the sign, or to donate plants, compost or your time!

Park Upgrades

Please submit your ideas for upgrades to the park area to kellywheeler@earthlink.net. Ideas are being compiled in preparation for the annual meeting in September.

Lug a Jug

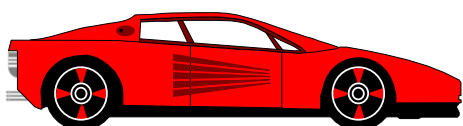
As you have probably noticed it is hot and dry out right now and the new flowers at the front entrance need water until they establish a good root system. Please fill your old milk and 2 liter soda containers with tap water and drop them off at the "lug a jug" tree in the front island. This is only temporary until they get established root systems so don't worry about the unsightliness of the jugs.

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/Kids playing

Please be mindful of our neighbors who are enjoying the outdoors while you are driving. Please drive slowly so you will have plenty of time to see everyone. 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 is guilty of driving to fast, **PLEASE SLOW DOWN!!**



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, or in your front yard, please be mindful of your neighbors and park in your driveway. It is very dangerous. It impedes traffic flow, if you can not see around the parked vehicle and take a chance that no one is coming in your direction. Children and pets get in between and behind parked cars and oncoming drivers cannot 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. Please watch out for any cars that are parked on the street to report to your neighbor about any vandalism or suspicious activity and call 911 to report this to the Police Department. Thanks for your cooperation, and with the community effort we will make our neighborhood a safe place to live and enjoy.



Garden Club

The first Garden Club meeting was held on Saturday, June 16 at 10 AM. Members decided to concentrate on installing the entrance sign and garden on White Horse Road, and to initiate a clean up and rehabilitation of the Walking Trail at the park. If you are interested in participating in seed/plant swaps as well as neighborhood beautification projects, then join the Yahoo! Group: [S F Garden Club@yahoo.com](mailto:S_F_Garden_Club@yahoo.com). All residents of Sardis Forest are welcome!

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. We have had one organization meeting but welcome all women to attend our next meeting, to be announced. We are looking forward to making neighborhood improvements and socializing. For more information please contact Kristin Frankel at Frankelkf@aol.com.

Eagle Scout Project

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. The new landscaping contract includes regular maintenance of the utility easement across from the park. Now, we need to add elements to make it more easily usable! Some ideas in consideration are distance markers as well as plant identification markers along the trail, which would make the trail an educational exercise location where everyone feels comfortable on a beautiful day. Sounds like a great Eagle Scout project! If you know someone who's looking for a project or for service hours, or if you have more ideas for the walking trail, please contact Kelley Wheeler at kellywheeler@earthlink.net.

Neighborhood Yard Sale

The Homeowners Association will sponsor a neighborhood yard sale on Saturday, October 6th, beginning at 8:00am. Note that the HOA will place an add in the Charlotte Observer on Thursday, Friday and Saturday prior and everyone will set up at their own house. This will be a great way to get traffic in our neighborhood and get our homes cleared. If you have any questions please contact bricklend@yahoo.com.



Halloween Yard Decoration Contest

All HOA members are eligible for the yard contest for Halloween. 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 to schedule a time to pick one up. Remember, the park is for HOA members only.



Fall Yard Tips

Because of the unusual drought we have been experiencing, the city has put into effect a water restriction. If your house number ends in an odd number you should be watering on Tuesday and Saturday. If your house number ends in an even number you should be watering on Thursday and Sunday.

It is time for aeration and seeding. It is best to weed and feed and put down lyme, six weeks before you aerate and seed.

Overseed bare spots and put down straw to protect the seeds until the start to grow.

Late fall is the time to plant bulbs to plan for a beautiful yard for spring. Plant bulbs before first frost.

Chrysanthemums and Aster are wonderful fall plants and can be used in pots in the fall and when they start to die back, plant them in your yard and mulch them, and they will come back next year.

Fall is the best time to plant bushes and trees because you don't have to fight the heat and drought, and the nurseries usually have great sales!

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 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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING
ANNUAL MEETING

Our Sardis Forest Homeowners Association annual meeting for 2007 will be held on September 27, 2007.

Time: 7:00pm until 9:00pm

We will be serving Pizza, soft drinks and dessert.

Location: Boy Scout Hut Across Sardis Road from Sardis Presbyterian Church.

- *WE WILL BE DISCUSSING THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT ALL OF YOU HAVE NOTICED, AND THE PLANS FOR PROJECTS THAT WILL BE STARTED IN THE FALL OF 2007.*
- *WE WILL BE ADDRESSING THE BREAK-IN'S AND VANDALISM IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.*



EACH YEAR WE NEED MORE AND MORE VOLUNTEERS THIS MAY BE YOUR YEAR TO HELP! PLEASE JOIN OUR COMMITTEES TO DONATE YOUR TIME AND EFFORTS IT WILL BE OF BENEFIT TO YOU AND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE ANNUAL MEETING!