

Sardis Forest Newsletter

Sardis Forest Homeowners Association

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

Summer 2007

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. Right now we are working on improving the look of our neighborhood. 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”.



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.

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 donated 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 will be 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. 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

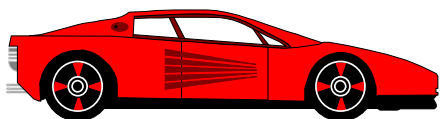
As you have probably noticed it is hot and dry out right now and the new flowers at the front entrance need water until they establish a good root system. Please fill your old milk and 2 liter soda containers with tap water and drop them off at the "lug a jug" tree in the front island.

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

Now that we are in the full swing of summer, 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, please be mindful of your neighbors and park in your driveway. Not only does it look bad but also, 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.



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. 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 July 14th at 9:00 am at the park. We are looking forward to making neighborhood improvements and socializing. We also encourage the MEN to start their own club or group. 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, that 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 September 22 beginning at 8:00am. Note that the HOA will place the 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.

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

Block Parties

A great way to meet your neighbors is to throw block parties. Some of our neighbors have already hosted a few, and there are a few more planned. Make a flyer and hand it out to your street or block and have everyone bring a dish. Have fun!

Theft

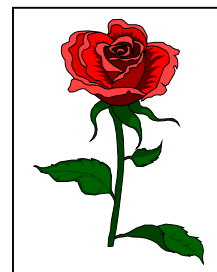
It has come to our attention that some of our neighbors have had items stolen such as bicycles. This only brings down our neighborhood value and hurts the people around you. If you have any information, please call 311 or your local CMPD.

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.

Summer Tennis Clinics: Get Fit, Learn Tennis, Have Fun, and Maximize Your Time

Our tennis pro, Mike Iskandar, would like to encourage everyone to give tennis a try this summer! He's offering morning and evening classes for juniors and adults who are looking to get fit, learn the game, and have fun. Classes are geared toward beginners and scheduled around swim practices to allow you to make the most of your time at the club (a.m. JR classes start 15 minutes after each practice ends; adults can take a class while their child swims). He's also offering one-on-one private lessons and Tennis Birthday Parties! Even if it's just for one class, he would love to see you and your kids come out to the courts and give tennis a try. To register for classes, go to the Sardis Forest Location on TrimpTennis.com, sign up at the pool, or contact him directly (Mike@TrimpTennis.com, 919-599-9350).



Summer Yard Tips

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

It is time to water if footprint impressions stay in the lawn and do not spring back. Water early in the morning and only for short periods for time so the soil may absorb the water. Longer grass has stronger roots and retains water better.

Longer is Better. Make sure the lawn mower blades are sharp. Grass that is slightly long makes a strong, healthy lawn with few pest problems. Weeds have a hard time taking root and growing when grass is around 2½ to 3½ inches for most types of grass.

You can split up your hasta plants just like you would monkey grass.

Hummingbird and butterfly feeders are a great way to spruce up your yard. They come in many shapes and sizes to fit any yard theme.

Roses, water deeply once per week. If you water everyday the roots will surface. Put a piece of PVC pipe by your plants and pour the water through the pipe to water the roots. Remember to spray your roses for bugs and feed them.

Summertime is a fun time to install a fish pond. You can buy kits at your local home improvement store and is a great way to add some fun to your yard.

Don't have room for a veggie garden? Plant a few tomato plants and an herb garden on your patio.

Try mowing in opposite directions each time, it will keep the grass from being trampled down.

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