



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. We are continuing to work 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. 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. Do not leave your garage doors open even when you are at home. That just invites unwanted people into your home. 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 driver’s 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 anitifurr@carolina.rr.com All information is kept confidential, however, if you choose not to include your contact information, it is hard to address concerns adequately.

Grounds

The installation of our flower garden at the front entrance has looked much better this year! We have had adequate rain to keep it going. On occasions it has overgrown somewhat and it is hard to find volunteers to help maintain it. If you or anyone you know would like to lend a hand once a month, please let us know! We would be very happy to have you join in.

We have a new landscaping crew, Lukes Landscaping; he has bought Blue Horizon lawn care and is keeping our contract in place. He is doing a great job and if there are any concerns or suggestions, again please let us know.

Park Upgrades

Please submit your ideas for upgrades to the park area. Ideas are being compiled in preparation for the annual meeting in **September 25th, 2008.**

Social Activities

Do you have ideas for social activities? If you would be interested in being involved in neighborhood groups and if you have any ideas that you would like to share with us? Please email all ideas and get together to anitafurr@carolina.rr.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. **SPEED 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.

Women's Club

The Sardis Forest Women's Club is trying to reorganize! All women who live in Sardis Forest are welcome to join for socializing as well as service in our neighborhoods. We are looking forward to making neighborhood improvements and socializing.



Halloween Yard Decoration Contest

Can you believe it, fall and another spooky contest for our neighborhood..?Last year we had an excellent turn out and some very creative decorations. We know this year will be just as **great!**

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 isuchoza@ganthuberman.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 are still experiencing, the city has put into effect a water restriction. If your house number ends in an odd number you should be watering on Saturday. If your house number ends in an even number you should be watering on 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 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 for more information regarding our neighborhood and social events.

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 Anita Furr – 9001 Tree Haven Drive, Charlotte, NC 28270. Make checks (\$50.00) payable to the *Sardis Forest Homeowners Association*. Call 704-847-6427 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 2008 will be held on September 25th, 2008. Time: 7:00pm until 9:00pm

We will be serving Pizza, soft drinks and dessert. Location: Sardis Presbyterian Church Boy Scout Hut – 6100 Sardis Rd.

- **Would you like to see the school district change for our neighborhood????**

- The HOA Board has been looking into getting our neighborhood schools changed. This change would affect the value of our homes and the amount of time our homes are on the market in a **very** positive way. Each year we lose several young families due to the fact that they do not want to send their children to Greenway Park Elementary School, McClintock Middle School or East Meck High School.

Irene Suchoza attended an education forum for Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools where assignment plans were discussed and there appears to be a chance that we can make this change happen. As you can imagine, this will be no small task. **We will need the support of all our neighbors and lots of signatures on a petition.** What better time to get this started than at the annual meeting. Please plan to attend and hear more details about the forum and how we can make this possible.

We cannot do this without you!

- *We will be discussing all the improvements that all of us have noticed and enjoyed, along with plans and improvements that we have for the fall of 2008.*

- **Volunteer Membership-** *Over the past two years we have been working hard to improve our community. This benefits everyone whether you are a mandatory or voluntary member. We could not have done this without voluntary members. The fee is only \$50.00 per year per family. It not only allows using the park, tennis and basketball courts, but you are making a contribution to you community.*

- **Board Members:** *Over the past several years it has been a task with busy schedules etc trying to keep an active board. Our neighborhood depends on our board otherwise it would not be as well maintained as it is. It is your neighborhood too. If you would like to have a voice in your neighborhood, please consider becoming a part of our HOA. The time involved is minimal and the rewards are great! If you have a neighbor or even yourself, please feel free to open the nominations with a name and it will be voted on.*



New Construction at Monroe Road Entrance:

- *The construction on the 2 story commercial building is close to completion. The workers are finishing up interiors.*
- *Donatos pizza has their building permit and should be starting their space soon.*
- *We have a Diner interested in opening a breakfast, lunch and dinner restaurant in one of the first floor areas. Negotiations are in process.*