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Independence Boulevard update

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Latest info from N.C. DOT on the project that's now underway

A May presentation by the N.C. Department of Transportation, held at the Public Library on Conference Drive, answered several key questions about the reconstruction of Independence Boulevard... and raised others.

Timetable

Poster boards at the open-house presentation indicated construction between Sharon Amity and Conference Drive will be done in four stages between now and fall 2016.

Now through this fall: Resurfacing and restriping of pavement in select areas; temporary barrier shoulders put in place; grading for storm drainage; utility relocation; detour created at Sharon Amity Road.

Fall 2013 through summer 2014: Construction of Conference Drive bridge; roadway work in preparation for future Idlewild Road detour; begin construction of Sharon Amity bridge and relocation of Sharon Amity Road; continued widening of Independence; opening of retooled Sharon Amity (including bridge); creation of Idlewild Road detour.

Summer 2014 through summer 2015: Closure of Idlewild Road and construction of bridge there; construction of remaining ramps at Sharon Amity.

Summer 2015 through fall 2016: Completion of Independence widening. Estimated completion date: Oct. 15, 2016.

Adjustments to the plan:

Early plans called for the inclusion at Independence and Sharon Amity of a parking facility between the thoroughfares and the ramps - in the area just west of the former Wolf Camera.

At the meeting, the N.C. DOT map instead labeled that location as "Future Park & Ride" and an aerial depiction of the intersection showed that site as planted with grass.

The map of the intersection was not detailed enough to indicate the presence of a brick-façade retaining wall, to hold back earth at the Sharon Amity intersection; it will be similar to the wall on the south side of Independence at the Pierson exit (next to Amity Gardens). That retaining wall, according to an N.C. DOT engineer, will be the only one constructed for the Sharon Amity-Conference project. John Autry - District 5 City Council representative, as well as a Coventry Woods resident and board member of the CWNA - has requested the NCDOT policy and study on sound factors concerning NCDOT projects.

Autry said the high-mast lighting usually seen on such projects is not being used. This is good news for those concerned about living near a highway otherwise too bright at night.

Where's our express bus?

N.C. DOT maps at the presentation showed no lane-widenings to accommodate express bus service near Farmingdale. Express service from there on the 64x, 65x and 51x routes ended June 3.

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CATS has permanently removed its express stops from uptown to Village Lake Drive. Express bus service has been discontinued at the Eastland Transit Center, too.

The 52X Express buses can now be boarded on Idlewild Road, at Cokesbury United Methodist Church, where you may park. Getting there by foot: From the intersection of Amity Place and Reddman Road, follow Reddman two blocks south, where it ends at Elm Forest Drive; turn right. The rear of the Cokesbury parking lot is directly ahead of you.

Councilman Autry will continue to work with city and state leaders to ensure an equitable transit system for the SE Corridor with access for all.

Updates will be posted on the “Coventry Woods Neighborhood” Facebook page.

Coventry Woods Neighborhood Events

Yard of the Month

Every month of the year, a home in Coventry Woods is saluted for its yard – the lawn, the trees, the shrubbery, the flowers or improvements.

April: Bonnie and Bud Edwards, 5015 Amity Place

May: Mae Love, Corner of Keats and Kipling Drive

June: Kelly and Lee Robinette, 6424 Farmingdale Drive

Hot Dog Party – CWNA will host the annual Hot Dog Party – June 29th. We’ve changed the location this year – to the stub on Farmingdale and Cedarwood Drive. Come meet your neighbors, play games, and have a dog or two on us. More details and flyer to come.

Flag Day – July 3rd, CWNA board and neighborhood volunteers will be placing an American flag in every yard of our neighborhood in honor of the 4th of July. If you would like to participate, please e-mail info@coventrywoods.org.

People - Our Coventry Woods neighbors

Jim and Jan Faulkner celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on May 30th, 2013.

Congratulations to all the neighborhood 2013 graduates

The James and Moss families are proud to announce Zachary James has graduated from East Mecklenburg High School – June 11th. He will attend college in Greensboro in the fall.

Lee and Eric Broadway are proud to announce Adair Nicole Broadway’s graduation. Adair was home schooled (Broadway Christian Academy) and graduated May 31st. She will attend The Art Institute of Charlotte in the fall of 2013, to study Fashion Merchandising and Marketing. Adair had the opportunity to travel to Greece and Italy as a World Ambassador with the People to People Leadership Organization to study European culture. She has also given her time to various non-profit organizations in the Charlotte area, and is a certified Lifeguard, Assistant Swim Team Coach, & Swim Lesson Teacher at the local Simmons YMCA.

CWNA Board is introducing a new neighborhood feature **“What do you want for Coventry Woods?”** Bring your ideas, suggestions to any neighborhood event, and talk directly with board members. Or e-mail us at info@coventrywoods.org. Board members are elected to serve you and our beautiful neighborhood.

“Please observe our custom: Nod, smile and wave at anyone you meet when walking, jogging, bicycling or driving in Coventry Woods.

We who live here are not strangers.

We are neighbors.”

CWNA FAQ

What is the Coventry Woods Neighborhood Association?

The Coventry Woods Neighborhood Association (CWNA) is a not-for-profit organization comprised of home and property owners and renter who live in the Coventry Woods neighborhood. Unlike an HOA, membership is voluntary and not mandatory. But what better way is there then to show your support and concern for the continuing quality of life that Coventry Woods offers. Please, take a few minutes of your time, pick up that newsletter, come to a CWNA meeting, volunteer, and make some great friends in the process!

How much does it cost to join the Coventry Woods Neighborhood Association?

It costs \$25.00 for membership per household, per year. The funds are used to pay for our quarterly Woods Watch newsletter, events, and event flyers.

How can I join the Coventry Woods Neighborhood Association?

Please mail your \$25.00 check to Bill Cooper, CWNA Treasurer, 5310 Coronado Drive, Charlotte, NC 28212. We'd love to have you and your families become a part of the neighborhood association.

How can I keep up-to-date with news in Coventry Woods?

We are now on Facebook and have a Webpage. We publish important news on a regular basis. Search for Coventry Woods Neighborhood Association, and "like" us on Facebook today, or go to our webpage at www.coventrywoods.org.

Coventry Woods Neighborhood Association



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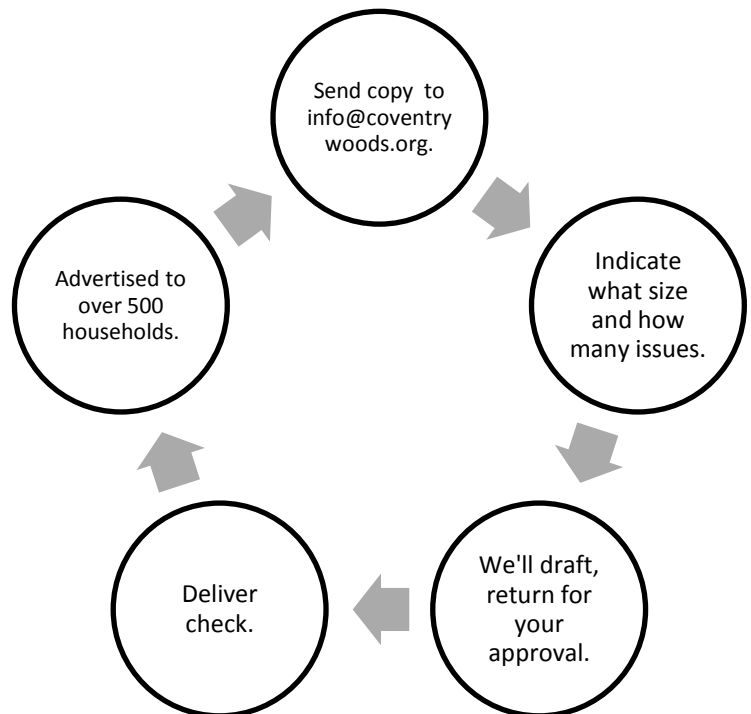
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2013 SAFE SUMMER ACTIVITIES



Preschoolers, Youth, Adults & Families

**Location: Amity Presbyterian Church
2831 N. Sharon Amity Road
Charlotte NC 28205**

June 18, 25 & July 9 Tuesday Movie Mornings

(preschool & youth)

Time: 9:30am to 11:30am, Children age 3 through grade 5 can enjoy supervised fellowship with neighborhood youth in Johnston Hall located behind the sanctuary building on the Amity Church Campus. Age appropriate films will be screened for the children to view.



Betsy's Book Club (Adults)

During our June book study we will read *Miles to Go* by Richard Paul Evans. The book picks up the story where *The Walk* left off continuing the unforgettable series about one man's unrelenting search for hope. Cost of the book: \$9.00. Contact the church office to purchase.

Discussion schedule: **Wednesday, June 19, 5:30pm OR Thursday, June 27, 2:00pm**

At the Movies with Betsy & Bill present a Summer Movie Series featuring the works of C.S. Lewis: "The Chronicles of Narnia" (families)

Thursday evening, June 20: "The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe"

Thursday evening, July 25: "Prince Caspian"

Thursday evening, August 15: "The Voyage of the Dawn Treader"

Sunday evening, August 25: "Shadowlands"

All movie times: 6:00pm in Johnston Hall located behind the sanctuary building on the Amity Church Campus. Spend quality time with your family at the Movies & get to know your neighbors at Amity. Theatre popcorn & lemonade provided.

July 15th to 19th, 2013

Vacation Bible School

Time: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm Amity Preschool Staff & the Amity Church members are busy planning a fun filled VBS entitled "Kingdom Rock, Where Kids Stand Strong for God". Meet new friends, conduct amazing experiments, play great tournament games, make cool crafts, enjoy lip-smacking snacks, participate in

surprising adventures and learn rockin' music! If you are ages 3-11 you won't want to miss this week of mid-summer fun.

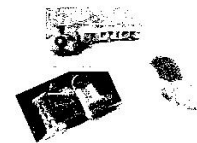


Family Fun Friday!

July 19th 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Neighborhood Welcome!

Popcorn, Snow Cones, Fantastic Food, Rock Climbing Wall, Bounce House, Trackless Train, Radar Speed Pitch, Balloonist, Face Painting and more! Come see what's Rocking at Amity Presbyterian Church this summer.



Click on our website www.amitypc.org for details as events unfold or call the church office 704-537-3484 with questions regarding the planned 2013 summer programs.