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CWNA'S AUTRY ELECTED TO CITY COUNCIL

John Autry, long-time CWNA board member and vice president, was elected to replace Nancy Carter in the City Council. Carter did not seek re-election for District 5, which includes Coventry Woods and other middle-ring neighborhoods in East Charlotte. Autry won by a landslide, taking 77 percent of the votes in the Nov. 8 general election. Woods Watch recently interviewed him.

Q. What does your election mean for the Coventry Woods neighborhood?

A. It means your City Council representative is someone who lives down the street, in the neighborhood. It means their representative is aware of their issues and shares their concerns.

Q. How has being on the CWNA board affected your outlook?

A. I am committed to all neighborhoods – and being in the thick of the Coventry Woods struggles has made me quite aware of what needs to be done to protect neighborhoods.

Q. What do you see as the most pressing issues that need to be addressed?

A. Bring us high-quality,

sustainable development. There's also the impact on Independence Boulevard commerce and the 90-acres of Eastland Mall that are prime for redevelopment.

Q. Our leg of Independence reconstruction is slated to begin in 2012. Early thoughts?

A. We need as soon as possible to get signs out there that say the area is under reconstruction – to show this stretch of Independence is being upgraded – that's why buildings are now being taken down. And when road construction on the Sharon Amity interchange begins, we need to make sure the streets in Coventry Woods will not be used as cut-throughs.

Q. Parting thoughts?

A. I'd like to thank the Coventry Woods precincts, which overwhelmingly supported my campaign. And I'd like to tell everyone that the best way to demand attention from the government is by voting. A high voter turnout always commands attention.

Q. When do you take office?

A. I'll be sworn-in Dec. 5.

Q. And when will you be on the job?

A. Now.

WHEN TO CALL 311

To keep our neighborhood attractive and safe, we are encouraging residents to adhere to residential ordinances - and to report any homes not in compliance, by telephoning 311.

- Trash at the curb. Throwing out furniture or other bulky items? First, call 311 and schedule a pickup... and take them out to the curb the day before the scheduled pickup, not sooner. Items simply left out there will not be picked up. Your neighbors, however, will call 311 with a complaint – and you may receive a possible fine – if materials are left at the curb.
- Trash and recycling bins that are left at the curb more than a day before scheduled pickup, or which are not taken off the curb more than a day after pickup.
- Parking on front lawns. This has been prohibited because it is unsightly and potentially dangerous (obstructed view to motorists).
- Lawns that need mowing. This is an appearance issue specifically covered in ordinances.
- Basketball hoops - permanent and portable - on or along the street are

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also illegal and can result in fines or confiscation. They pose a safety hazard: Kids playing in the street, their attention focused on the hoop, are at considerable risk for injury from passing vehicles. The hoops - and on-the-street basketball games - can block traffic. Everyone is encouraged to call 311 and report any code violation. When more calls are made, Code Enforcement is more clearly and quickly made aware of the situation.

GREAT TIME AT THE BBQ (SEE THE PHOTOS ONLINE)

On Saturday, Oct. 15, about 125 Coventry Woods residents turned out for our barbecue on the "stub" street off Glenbrier facing the Park & Rec lands. Board member Therese Bohn organized the project, with help from the board's Jack Hudspeth and wife Carolyn.

Special thanks to barbecue chef Robin Clark (who has won barbecue awards in pro-class competitions). Thanks also to Floyd Oakley (chicken), Eric Broadway (chicken smoking), Deet & Ryan Gilbert and Josh & Kimberly Rosenbaum (side dishes) and everyone else who brought dishes, desserts or otherwise helped. Association members have recently started a Facebook page - Coventry Woods Neighborhood - and there are photos posted of the good time we all had. "Like" the page to see those pictures, other great photos, and read and post items.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DEC. 1

Members and non-members of the CWNA are invited to the winter 2011 general membership meeting, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1 at Johnson Hall, at Amity Presbyterian Church.

PEOPLE

ARRIVED: Carina Noelle Domras was born on August 19, 2011, congratulation Michael, Kim and big sister Olivia.

NAMED: Congratulations to Angeles Ortega-Moore, of Cedarwood Lane, on being named in September to Charlotte's bi-partisan Steering Committee for the 2012 Democratic National Convention, to be held in Charlotte. The committee's task is to tell the broadest possible audience about Charlotte.

PUBLISHED: Gil Ballance, formerly of Cedarwood Lane and a retired English teacher at Garinger High School, is the author of "Leah's Journey Home" (\$9,99, Prism Light Press), a novel based on his ancestors in eastern North Carolina.

RUNNING: The Thunder Road Marathon is the second-largest marathon in the Carolinas, and 3 of our neighbors participated in the event, held Nov. 12 in Charlotte. Joanna Zanni and Leigh Broadway both finished their half marathon (13.1 miles) in 2 hours 30 minutes flat. Eric Broadway (Leigh's husband) completed the full marathon (26.2) 4 hours 2 minutes. They all did a awesome job!

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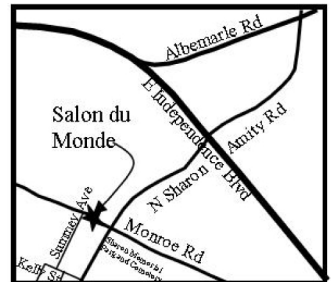
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