



WOODS WATCH

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SIGN RESTORATION COMPLETED

We hope you've noticed that restoration work is completed at the neighborhood sign at Coronado Drive and Sharon Amity Road.

The sign was damaged in May 2008; two cars plowed into the sign, which was erected when our neighborhood was built. Getting bids for restoration work was complicated and prolonged.

Crews replaced the columns early this year, and the low brick border that faces Sharon Amity. Restoration work was paid for by the insurance settlement and by CWNA friends and members who purchased engraved bricks, which are mounted on the back side of the sign. The restoration includes solar lights which illuminate both sides of our sign at night, and more modern "Coventry Woods" lettering.

Greg Cole of the CWNA board spearheaded the restoration project. He and board member Todd Jennings also handled the logistics of putting the spotlights in place. Board member Jack Hudspeth orchestrated the engraved brick program. Billy Cooper, a recent Appalachian State marketing grad, coordinated the lettering. CWNA member Phil Johnson, a professional landscaper, was hired to select and plant low shrubbery around the sign. When the shrubs are fully rooted, they will require minimal watering and trimming.

Thanks to everyone who participated!

COMMUNITY GARDEN? WE'RE INVITED!

Residents of Coventry Woods have been invited to participate – and help develop – a community garden with other nearby neighborhoods, across from Winterfield Elementary School.

The project, spearheaded by the Mecklenburg County Park & Rec, with the Winterfield Neighborhood Association as the liaison, is a community effort to prepare public land for planting and lease plots to people who don't garden at home.

Organizers of the Winterfield effort are looking at a September launch, and are seeking assistance, including financial donations, in-kind gifts, sweat equity, etc. The first task is to get funding to connect the water hook-up to the main water line. That costs \$1,500. Any monetary gift will be held in the Partners for Parks account for this community garden.

Once the water hook-up has been established, plot rental can begin, as well as funding for fencing and other amenities.

For information on monetary contribution, contact Anna Helms at anna.helms@cms.k12.nc.us.

For general information, contact Winterfield Neighborhood Association president Diane Langevin at dlangevin809@yahoo.com.

INDEPENDENCE WOODS UPDATE

Our attorney, Kenneth Davies of Davies & Grist, has filed our suit against the City of Charlotte and Independence Capital Realty, with the N.C. Court of Appeal, in Raleigh.

Independence Capital is the company that has sought to build the Independence Woods in-fill development between the back of Town & Country Ford and Amity Place.

The CWNA doesn't anticipate new developments in our suit for the next several months.

If and when there is additional information to share with the membership, we will post it at www.coventrywoods.org.

YARD OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to recent yard of the month winners: Jan and Jim Faulkner, Nancy Wilson and Ina Bolt.

All neighbors, please keep Coventry Woods one of the most desirable, close-to-town neighborhoods by maintaining your lawns and property. If you see any code violations (parking on lawns, etc.), please call 311. You do not have to give your name.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Several homes have recently been purchased in the neighborhood. Welcome to all our new Coventry Woods neighbors. You're invited to become members of CWNA!

For information, visit our Web site -- www.coventrywoods.org -- or e-mail info@coventrywoods.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SHRUB-WATERING AT SIGN

The CWNA is seeking volunteers who will help tend the shrubs at our neighborhood sign. The new plants require periodic watering the first year in the ground.

The CWNA has purchased a long hose and received permission from Coventry Woods Condos to use a faucet there to water the shrubs as needed. During the summer heat, the shrubs may need watering once a week.

If you can help with the watering on a rotating basis, please send an e-mail to info@coventrywoods.org, or contact a member of the board.

IMPROVEMENTS COMING TO MUDDY CREEK

Char-Meck Storm Water Services has completed the construction plans for the Muddy Creek Stream Restoration Project. The following existing storm drainage systems will be improved as part of this project:

- The Reddman Road culvert will be replaced with a pedestrian bridge – not a vehicular bridge – over the creek, between the Coventry Woods and Country Walk neighborhoods.
- The wetland in Cedarwood Park will be restored

Shamrock Environmental Corp has been selected as the construction contractor to complete the work. Construction will begin in July and last between 12 and 18 months. A construction inspector will be on site daily to address any questions or concerns.