

# The Woods Watch

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## MEETING WITH CASHEL ROCK INVESTORS

We had an excellent turnout for the meeting with Cashel Rock Investors on February 4th concerning the development of the 25 acre property on Monroe Road, butting up to Sardis Woods. Thanks to all who attended! It was a very informative and well-organized presentation, which proved to be very helpful in many respects.

I will not attempt to repeat the whole two-hour meeting at this time, but will do my best to give a fair summary, with a promise to post details on the Sardis Woods website. Keith MacVean has sent documents to be posted, which provide most of the meeting review. (See end of article.)

Here is the really short version, for those who missed the meeting. This is a "mixed use" development, although current plans are mostly residential. Four buildings, three to four levels in height, will provide 1 and 2-bedroom apartments. These will be well-constructed, upscale units designed for long-term investment by the developer/owner/operator. Pricing and credit qualification will help to maintain occupant standards compatible with nearby neighborhoods.

Townhome-style units will be built at the back of the property (nearest to Sardis Woods), no more than 2 levels high. These will be designed to be sold as individually-owned homes, but will be rented out initially, due to the very difficult housing market at the present time.

The bulk of the property bordering Monroe Road will be reserved for "light industrial" use (stores and/or offices). There are no specific businesses planned for that part of the property, at least as of now. A small area at the entrance will contain a few units with commercial businesses on the first floor, and residential on the second, possibly occupied by the first-floor business operators.

There will be NO access from this property to Covedale. There will be a buffer zone at the back of the property, adjoining Sardis Woods, which will

be a minimum of 100-foot width. Three ponds will control storm water runoff, as well as partially cleaning it up before discharge into the creek.

Traffic in the area will be increased by this development, but no more than it would have been increased by any other development, and less than it would have been increased by some of the other developments which have been proposed. Having the land remain unused as it has been is NOT an option.

The earliest possible start for construction is the spring of 2010. Permits and detail design will require most of this year, and the start of construction is dependent on the availability of financing.

Please note: this summary was provided by Rod Turnham. I have tried to keep it as factual as possible, but some opinion may have crept in. If so, I apologize, and will correct any mis-statements you can point out to me.

The agenda for this meeting with Cashel Rock Investors has been posted on the Sardis Woods website; it contains an excellent overview of the project. The site plan is also available as a PDF document.



## SEMI-ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

**THURSDAY, MARCH 12th AT 7:00 PM  
EAST BAPTIST CHURCH  
6850 MONROE ROAD  
(Next to East Mech High School)**

As a Neighborhood Watch, we have this opportunity twice a year to meet with an officer of the CMPD and get an update on crime in Charlotte and specifically crime problems in Sardis Woods. We can also ask questions and state our opinions to the CMPD representative.

The meeting gives all of us a chance to discuss neighborhood needs, ideas, and brings us in contact with those who are ready to be a positive influence in our neighborhood.

Drinks and desserts will be provided.



## LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

After an early slug 'attack' on the pansies at the Covedale entrance, the flowers made a valiant effort to recover and have provided some color throughout the cold winter months. Thank you to Voneida Blevins, Carolyn Ford, Chris Fritts and Pam Minto who volunteered to help with watering throughout the fall.

Plans are underway to refresh the Covedale entrance with summer annuals and fresh mulch. We also hope to have volunteers who are interested in making improvements to the Sunnywood entrance. The sign at that entrance will be painted to match the colors at the Covedale entrance. We would like to refurbish the plants at the Sunnywood entrance to give the area a more tended appearance. The challenge at this entrance will be keeping plants watered and nourished. Volunteers will be appreciated!

**The target date for sprucing up the entrances at both Covedale and Sunnywood is April 25 at 9:00 a.m. The rain date will be May 2.** Anyone willing to help is welcome!

Paint for the Sunnywood sign and plants, soil and mulch for both entrances all come with a cost. *If you like the idea of nice-looking entrances for our neighborhood, please consider contributing to the cause either financially and/or by volunteering to help! Thank you! E-mail me [k\\_pane@hotmail.com](mailto:k_pane@hotmail.com)*

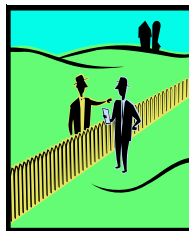


## MY FAVORITE TIME OF THE YEAR...

It is that happy time of year again... having my heart filled with smiles as the sounds of bagpipes are here, the smell of corned beef is everywhere, and the pouring of green beer is close by....it is St. Patrick's Day! The day encompasses family, fun, great food and of course the parade. Did you know Charlotte has a huge parade downtown each year? I have a personal attachment to the parade, some of my family members are the founding members of the parade and I get to see my husband march in it each year (what

fun). It is family friendly, with rides and games for the kids, Irish music, food, laughs and of course some 'adult beverages' for those folks who want to celebrate in the true Irish tradition. Each year the parade draws a larger crowd, and the energy is always an upbeat one. It begins at 10:00am and goes all day. Streets near the Irish pubs on 5<sup>th</sup> and Tryon are closed off and bands begin later (worth finding a sitter for that part of the day!). I hope to see you there, I promise it will be a fun tradition! Please visit <http://www.charlottestpatsday.com> for pictures from last year, information in general and parking suggestions.

P.S. This is a FREE event!!



## NEW NEIGHBORS IN THE WOODS

We would like to welcome new neighbors to the Sardis Woods neighborhood:

- Bass Lane - Susan Fadero
- Cloverwood Court - Stephen Scott & Meng Ni
- Covedale Drive - Anthony Hill
- Falls Church Road - Michael Brinley & Gwendolyn Pearson
- Lone Oak Court - Joshua and Michelle Keeter
- Riverwood Drive - Graham and Katherine Meeks
- Riverwood Drive - Michael and Deborah Clark
- Shadow Rock Court - Carrie Jadick
- Sunnywood Lane - Michael and Alison Cox
- Surreywood Place – Brian Boger
- Winterset Drive - Jose and Gina Acosta
- Wishing Well Lane– Natalie Allen

We all hope you love this place as much as the rest of us do!



**GET THE LATEST NEWS, LINKS AND OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION ON THE SARDIS WOODS WEBSITE**

AT: <http://www.sardiswoods.org/>

## NEW RESTAURANTS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

New restaurants are popping up everywhere in our area, and we in Sardis Woods get to reap the tasty benefits.



### Donatos P i z z a

opened its doors last month in the new Sardis Commons shopping center. This pizza chain that began back in 1963 promises its customers “to serve the best pizza and make your day a little better.” There you’ll find a wide variety of mouth-watering pizzas with fresh toppings edge-to-edge (including a 100 Pepperoni pizza!) on either thick or thin crust,



along with wings, oven-baked subs, hearty salads and even desserts!



Coupons can be found on their website [www.donatos.com](http://www.donatos.com), and the best part is... they deliver, too! Call them at (704) 708-4770.

For those who are wanting a quick sandwich or are craving something with a Cuban flare, there’s **Carolina Grill**, located in the Wal-Mart shopping



center next to Great Clips. Carolina Grill just obtained new owners about three months ago, who have deemed the restaurant “Home of the Cuban Sandwich.” The restaurant offers authentic Cuban cuisine, including Chicken Chicharron, Cuban Roast Pork and fried plantains, as well as more traditional diner foods, such as hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken salad sandwiches and BLTs.



Carolina Grill is open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Customers can call in orders anytime, and they also deliver between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. The owner said they can cater events, and the restaurant is available to rent for a Sunday afternoon event. Call them at (704) 841-2054

Stay tuned for updates on more restaurants opening up in the area, including an old-fashioned diner and a custard shop!



Please remember to frequent the **Caffeine Highway**, on the corner of Sardis Road North and Krefeld Drive. They are local family-owned and are sponsors of **The WoodsWatch Newsletter**, with the money going to the landscaping committee.



### SARDIS WOODS LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Sardis Woods Ladies Night Out started strong but attendance has decreased significantly over the last few months. Schedules are busy, cash flow and free time is at a premium these days, so... these socials will now happen on a quarterly schedule with the next one slated for Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM at Salsa's.



### NEW OR EXPECTANT MOM'S BRUNCH

Hey moms, do you need a chance to vent, have tips or resources to share? Join us for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sardis Woods New or Expectant Mom Brunch!

Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM At the home of Kathleen Haley. RSVP: [k\\_pane@hotmail.com](mailto:k_pane@hotmail.com) or 704-321-7845. Kids 2 and under are welcome!

### POOL NEWS FROM JUST AROUND THE CORNER IN SARDIS FORREST

Spring is on the way and before you know it the Sardis Forest Swim Club pool will be open! Do you know that you and your family can swim all summer long for less than what you'd pay for *one* week at Myrtle Beach?

2009 membership information will be posted to the website soon. Discounts and specials are available. Please see their website for details: [www.sardisforestswimclub.com](http://www.sardisforestswimclub.com).



### FREE FUN THINGS TO DO IN CHARLOTTE

1. **The Mint Museum of Art** is FREE on Tuesdays from 5pm-10pm.

2730 Randolph Road, 704-337-2000,

[www.mintmuseum.org](http://www.mintmuseum.org)

Hours: Tuesday 10:00am – 10:00pm, Wednesday – Saturday 10:00am – 5:00pm,

Sunday 12:00pm – 5:00pm, Closed Mondays and major holidays

2. **The Mint Museum of Craft + Design** is FREE on Tuesdays from 10am- 2pm and the third Thursday of the month from 5-8pm.

220 North Tryon Street, 704-337-2000,

[www.mintmuseum.org](http://www.mintmuseum.org)

Hours: Tuesday – Saturday 10:00am – 5:00pm, Third Thursday 10:00am – 8:00pm,

Sunday 12:00 – 5:00pm, Closed Mondays and major holidays

3. **The McColl Center for Visual Art** is always FREE.

721 North Tryon Street, 704-332-5535,

[www.mccollcenter.org](http://www.mccollcenter.org)

Contact [tourinfo@mccollcenter.org](mailto:tourinfo@mccollcenter.org) for individual or group tours.

Hours: Tuesday – Saturday 11:00am – 4:00pm,

Sunday – Monday Closed

4. **The Afro-American Cultural Center** is always FREE.

401 North Myers Street, 704-374-1565,

[www.aacc-charlotte.org](http://www.aacc-charlotte.org)

Hours: Tuesday – Saturday 10:00am – 6:00pm,

Sunday 1:00pm – 5:00pm

5. **The Light Factory** galleries in Spirit Square are always FREE.

345 North College Street, 704-333-9755

Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00am – 6:00pm, Saturday 12:00pm – 6:00pm

Sunday 1:00pm – 5:00pm

6. **ImaginOn** is always FREE.

300 East Seventh Street, 704-973-2780,

<http://www.imaginson.org/index.asp>

Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 9:00pm,

Friday – Saturday 9:00am – 6:00pm

MORE FREE FUN THINGS  
TO DO IN CHARLOTTE  
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7. **Wing Haven Gardens & Bird Sanctuary** is always FREE.

248 Ridgewood Avenue, 704-331-0664,

[www.winghavengardens.com](http://www.winghavengardens.com)

Hours: Sunday 2:00pm – 5:00pm, Tuesday

3:00pm – 5:00pm, Wednesday 10:00am - noon

8. **Chamber Music At St. Peters** First Tuesday Concerts are FREE at 12:10pm and 5:30pm the first Tuesday of each month at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Uptown.

115 West Seventh Street, 704-335-0009,

[www.chambermusicatstpeters.org](http://www.chambermusicatstpeters.org)

9. **Take a FREE Public Art Walking Tour** around uptown Charlotte.

Contact: Jean Greer, Vice President of Public Art, Arts & Science Council, 704-333-2272

10. Enjoy FREE Family Day Sundays at **The Charlotte Museum of History**.

3500 Shamrock Drive, 704-568-1774,

[www.charlottemuseum.org](http://www.charlottemuseum.org)

Hours: Tuesday – Saturday 10:00am – 5:00pm,

Sunday 1:00pm – 5:00pm

11. **The Charlotte Symphony** offers FREE Symphony 101 talks at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Libraries on the second Monday of each month.

<http://www.charlottesymphony.org/Symphony101.asp?mn=8&sm=8-4>

Matthews Branch Library, 230 Matthews Station Street at 9:00am, 704-847-6691

Main Branch, 310 North Tryon Street at 12:15pm, 704-336-2725

Guests who attend the talks will receive a 10% off coupon for any upcoming Charlotte Symphony Friday Classics Concerts.

12. **North Carolina Blumenthal Performing Arts Center** offers FREE tours the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 11:00am – 2:00pm.

130 North Tryon Street, 704-379-1378,

<http://www.blumenthalcenter.org/>

13. **NoDa Gallery Crawls** are FREE and are held on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month.

[www.noda.org](http://www.noda.org)

14. **Historic South End Gallery Crawls** are FREE and are held on the 1st Friday of the month.

[www.historicsouthend.com](http://www.historicsouthend.com)

15. **Concerts on the Green** in Davidson are FREE on Sundays April - September.

[www.concertsonthegreen.com](http://www.concertsonthegreen.com)

Located at Downtown Davidson's Town Green from 6:00pm – 8:00pm

16. **Summer Concerts with the Charlotte Symphony** are FREE on Sundays in June at Symphony Park by SouthPark Mall.

<http://www.charlottesymphony.org/summer.htm>

Concerts begin at 8:15pm with preludes at 7:00pm

**Enjoy FREE Holiday Festivals throughout Charlotte-Mecklenburg including:**

17. **Matthews Alive – Labor Day Festival**

<http://www.matthewsalive.org/>

18. **The International Festival at UNC-Charlotte**

<http://ifest.uncc.edu/>

19. Select **Charlotte Shout!** Events

[www.charlotteshout.org](http://www.charlotteshout.org)

20. **Festival in the Park** [www.festivalinthepark.org](http://www.festivalinthepark.org)



## GARDEN JOKES

- Botanists have developed a vegetable that eliminates the need to brush your teeth. *Bristle sprouts.*
- If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? *Pilgrims.*
- Gardening requires lots of water - most of it in the form of perspiration. - *Lou Erickson*
- What was green and a great trick shooter? *Annie Okra.*
- What do you call two young married spiders? *Newly webs.*
- What socks does a gardener wear? *Garden hose.*