

The Woods Watch

Sardis Woods Neighborhood Newsletter

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OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS!

Do we have an invitation for you!



You will find an invitation in this newsletter inviting all of you to a

SAFE COMMUNITY FORUM

Thursday, February 22, at 6:30 PM

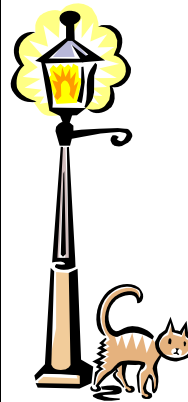
Garr Memorial Church

7700 Wallace Road

This forum will be attended by the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Chief, Darrel W. Stephens, several city council members, our service area Major (CMPD) and Captain Poston of the Independence Division. Here is a portion of the letter from the Chief:

“What are some of the best weapons we have to fight crime and increase safety in our community? You and your neighbors. While we made strides last year in reducing violent crime by nearly 5%, property crimes, like burglary and auto theft increased by more than 5%. These are some of the most preventable crimes and you, your friends, neighbors, and business associates can have a major impact in reducing them.

That is why the Department is sponsoring a series of Safe Community Forums around the city-to bring members of the community together to work on the urgent crime and safety issues impacting our neighborhoods.



THE LIGHTS ARE “ON”!

The city of Charlotte has notified Duke Power that Sardis Woods has reached a 75% approval for the improvement of the lighting in our neighborhood. Steve Steelman, a Duke Power engineer, will be coming to “stake out the project” in the coming days. After his preparation, Duke Power will send a crew to place lights in pre-approved areas. Mr. Steelman estimates that 4-6 weeks after the work begins, the installation will be complete.

An interesting note: in the future, The city, will not allow neighborhoods to request such a large scale project. It appears we accomplished something no one “Uptown” thought could be done. Yeah!! Sardis Woods!

Between January and April, the CMPD will be hosting Safe Community Forums in each of the 13 patrol divisions to engage as many people as possible in tackling the ongoing challenges we share in reducing crime and increasing safety in our neighborhoods. The feedback we receive at these meetings will be used in a community-wide Safety Summit we will host in April to bring people together from throughout the city to develop a comprehensive action plan.”

ALSO: SARDIS WOODS COMMUNITY MEETING: MARCH 8, 7:00 PM, AT EAST BAPTIST CHURCH, 6850 MONROE ROAD. WE NEED YOU TO BE THERE. BE A PART OF THE TEAMWORK TO KEEP SARDIS WOODS ON TOP!



ON THE "SUNNYSIDE" OF THE WOODS

Block captains from Sunnywood are currently visiting their neighbors with a petition requesting the city install speed bumps on Sunnywood. Why? Let's just say you don't have to go to Lowe's Motor Speedway to view speed. Families on Sunnywood have experienced an increase in volume of traffic and much of it exceeds safe speeds. Sunnywood has no sidewalks, and no stop signs, but lots of children and walkers use the street. This plan calls for four speed bumps 500 feet apart starting just below Watergate. Studies estimate approximately a 60% reduction in speeders and traffic volume with the installation of speed bumps.

IMPORTANT: IF YOU ARE A SUNNYWOOD RESIDENT AND HAVE NOT YET SIGNED THE PETITION PLEASE CONTACT YOUR BLOCK CAPTAIN OR E-MAIL NANCY KUTE AT carolinacajuns@alltel.net. BLOCK CAPTAINS HOPE TO FINALIZE THE PETITIONS NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 18TH. The CITY REQUIRES A 60% APPROVAL FROM SUNNYWOOD RESIDENTS AND THOSE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE NEW SPEED BUMPS.

SPRING CLEANING IS COMING TO SARDIS WOODS

Plans are being made for a neighborhood clean up day in the coming weeks. March looks like the month. We will be announcing the date in the near future and look forward to seeing all of you who are able to join us in "spiffing" up the Woods.



THINK HOT!

Remember August 1, 2006? On one of the hottest days of the year, Sardis Woods had a great time. Our neighbors met on Wishing Well for our first organized observance of National Night Out. There was food, fun, and friendly handshakes all around. National Night Out is a nationwide event to focus on crime prevention and safety awareness. It is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch in partnership with Target and the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. Nationally, 35.2 million people participated in 'America's Night Out Against Crime'.

An event like this needs a combined effort from many people. We would like to invite anyone who is willing to help make the event this August bigger and better than last year. Please contact Mia through the Sardis Woods website or call 704-841-8445.



CLIMB ON THE WELCOME WAGON!!

The Sardis Woods Watch Association is interested in formulating a method to provide a welcoming hand to each new resident in our neighborhood. The block captains are looking for people who might enjoy greeting new arrivals with a friendly welcome as well as information that might make the transition to their new home more convenient and comfortable. We are interested in hearing from anyone with ideas from past experiences and enthusiasm to help make this project a successful one. Contact Robin Sharpe through the Sardis Woods website or call 704-847-9250.

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ON THE SARDIS WOODS WEBSITE AT: <http://www.sardiswoods.org/>



Safe Community Forum February 22, 2007

Join with your neighbors and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department for this important community event.

- **Learn about the crime trends in your area**
- **Find out what CMPD is doing to increase safety... and what you can do to help**
- **Let us know what ideas you have for reducing crime and increasing safety in our community**

**Sponsored by CMPD's Independence Division
Garr Memorial Church
7700 Wallace Road
6:30 p.m.**

Light refreshments will be served.

For additional information, call CMPD Public Affairs at 704-336-4098 or the Independence Division office at 704/841-1477.