

The Woods Watch

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Sardis Woods Neighborhood Newsletter

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NEED FOR BLOCK CAPTAINS IN SARDIS WOODS

It is hard to over-emphasize the importance of residents in Sardis Woods stepping up to volunteer time and ideas (and leg work on occasion) to keep our Neighborhood

Watch viable and move our volunteer association toward goals to better the spot we call home. Sardis Woods has no official organization mandated to look out for the improvement of our community. What we do have are some great, willing volunteers over much of our neighborhood taking on the challenge. We have some areas needing new block captains:

Barksdale Circle

Covedale Drive (9500-9601)

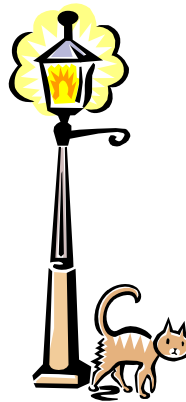
Hammermill Road

Sunnywood Lane (501-535)

One block captain serves 7805-7942 Surrey-wood as well as Ivy Run Court. That is a big territory for one person and we would like to see someone share that with her.

Are you the one who would take on the role of block captain and thereby insure that Sardis Woods continues to be a wonderful neighborhood?

Our sincerest thanks to Suzanne Butler and James Compton for their contribution of time and talent to Sardis Woods voluntary Home Owners Association and Neighborhood Watch.



NEW STREET LIGHT INSTALLATION HAS BEGUN

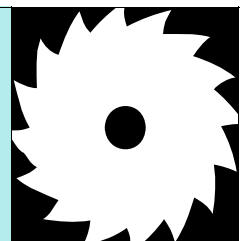
The fact that the Duke Energy project of adding streetlights to our neighborhood has begun, with work done on Smokehouse Court and Surrey-wood, is music to our ears. We are not sure of where the next lights are being added but the project has begun and will continue to completion. We can whistle that happy tune!! If you are aware of other street having had the streetlight installed, would you contact DrC.@carolina.rr.com and let us know. Thanks.



NEW CHARTER SCHOOL TO OPEN

A new charter school is opening this fall for 100 6th graders. Charlotte Secondary school will be located in our area on Monroe Road. The plan calls for the school to eventually serve 6 – 12th grader with a Paidaia philosophy in the middle school and a college prep curriculum in the high school. For further information you can go to www.charlottesecondary.org

**For Sale: An 8-1/4 sliding
compound miter saw with
separate table:
\$125.00.
Call 704-847-2368**





STOP SIGNS VOTED DOWN ON SUNNEYWOOD

Unfortunately the recent stop sign petition met the same fate as the speed bump petition and did not meet the required number of signatures. A city official believes that speed bumps are still the preferred option, so inquiries are being made as to when the process may be repeated. A couple of block captains are spearheading this effort, and updates will be outlined in the Woods Watch as they become available. In the meanwhile, help slow down the speeders by calling 311 if you have specifics regarding reckless driving in our neighborhood -such as an address and/ or license plate number.



A NEW NEIGHBOR STEPS UP

Cliff Reilly, on Surreywood is exploring the placement of a traffic light at Covedale and Monroe Road. He has contacted the city and talked with Shirley Dillard the "Engineering Service Director" for our area. She plans to initiate a study of those factors considered by the city such as accident records and traffic volume to make a recommendation concerning that intersection. The last time the intersection was studied was 2004. If you have a question or comment about this, you can contact him at creilly@carolina.rr.com



SPRING CLEANING IN SARDIS WOODS

The clean-up project held April 21 was very successful. A real encouragement to the block captains that participated was the involvement of neighbors who just wanted to join in. Getting the sense of community and community teamwork passing from the block captains to other residents is a big goal for us right now. A special thanks has to be given to the ladies who did the extra work and cleaned the entrance area at the Covedale entrance and area running along Sardis Road North.

CALLING ALL EXPECTANT MOTHERS IN SARDIS WOODS

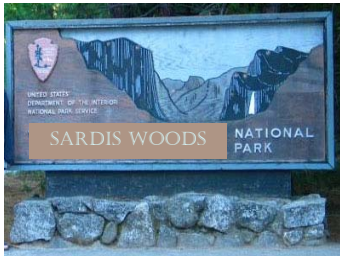
You and your baby (12 months old and under) are invited to a bagel brunch on Saturday, June 30th at 10 AM, at the home of Kathleen Haley.

Come get to know your neighbors and share your favorite stories, tips and resources about babies, pregnancy and parenthood. Kathleen will provide the bagels, please bring a brunch type item to share. Please RSVP by June 25th - 704.321.7845.



CAT SEEKING NEW HOME

She is an adult cat, grey, spayed, declawed and totally litterbox trained. Her name is Charlotte and she is an "attitude cat" in purrr-fect health. If interested, please e-mail Christie Driscoll at christie.driscoll@gmail.com



ENTRANCE SIGNS: THE NEXT STEP

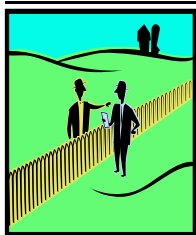
Kathleen Haley (Longbrook) has chaired a meeting of interested neighbors to focus on the project of improving the landscaping at the entrance signs on Covedale. Kathleen Haley (Longbrook), Ellen Dillard (Covedale), Cindy Campbell (Falls Church), Martin Barron and Katie Prastaro (Falls Church) are working to develop a landscape plan that they hope to present to the neighborhood at the National Night Out gathering in August. They are seeking an artist/graphic artist in the neighborhood who would be willing to develop a sketch of their proposals. There will also be opportunity for neighbors to donate time/plants and or money to further this project. If you would like to share any ideas with the committee, call Kathleen Haley at 704-321-7845 or email k_pane@hotmail.com.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS ON THE WAY!

If you haven't already done so, mark Tuesday, August 7 on your calendar for a special evening of food and fun, right here in the neighborhood. Best of all, you can walk to the party. You won't have to use any gas! It's our annual Sardis Woods observance of National Night Out, part of a nationwide program to help neighbors get better acquainted and deter crime. This year the event will be held on Watergate Road, in front of the Fords' house at 9630 Watergate, from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be hot dogs and ice cream for everyone, plus fun and games for the kids. You'll have time to chat with your neighbors and meet some of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg police officers who serve our neighborhood.

Many volunteers have already signed up to help, but there's always room for more. If you'd like to help, contact Russ or Carolyn Ford at 704-847-3302. Duties include helping set up/tear down, serving hot dogs and ice cream, and helping with kids' activities. There's no charge for the food, but donations of \$2 per person (maximum of \$5 per family) will be accepted to help defray costs. All you need to bring is a lawn chair. So reserve the date and plan to join us for a good, old-fashioned neighborhood get-together. It'll be a blast!



NEW NEIGHBORS IN THE WOODS

- Falls Church; Martin Barron and Katie Prastaro. Welcome to Sardis Woods!!



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