

# The Woods Watch

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Sardis Woods Neighborhood Newsletter


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## HOW DOES NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH WORK?

Sardis Woods went through a series of steps outlined by the C-M Police Department to qualify as a member of the neighborhood watch program. It took the time and leg work of many volunteers canvassing and getting the necessary signatures of home owners. Now we have a neighborhood watch and we are urging each of you to participate in it and **KEEP IT WORKING**.

As a neighbor, each of us keeps watch over the people, property and peace of Sardis Woods. Over the past months there have been incidents of harassment and vandalism to residents and property. If anyone or anyone's property is mistreated Call 911 and report the problem.

 In fact, the POLICE THEMSELVES told residents at the National Night Out to use 911 to report any person causing a nuisance in the neighborhood.

1. If you observe any activity that appears suspicious or destructive, CALL 911.

The use of 911 has changed, it is not solely for emergencies, **IT IS FOR POLICE NOTIFICATION**. The police keep record of all calls and, over time, will use those records to identify those guilty of harassment or destructive behavior that disturbs the peace and safety of Sardis Woods.

2. Keep a written record yourself of the incident, any details you pick up, time and date. as a back up for further contact with the police.



## WE ARE SEARCHING FOR BLOCK CAPTAINS

The role of a block captain is vital to the continued success and strength of the neighborhood watch. There are areas of Sardis Woods lacking a block captain to represent them. If you are interested in helping, contact David Clark: DrC@carolina.rr.com, or call 704-845-1130.

If you are curious about what is involved, you are always welcome to attend block captain meetings. On October 21, at 5:00 pm, there will be a social gathering and informal block captain meeting at the Clark's at 9503 Covedale Drive. We will share a bowl of chili and some sides and continue to discuss the needs of our neighborhood. If you plan to come, call the number listed above.

Areas in need of a block captain:

Barksdale Circle  
Covedale Drive (9503-9601)  
Hammermill Road  
Sunnywood Lane (201-255 and 501-535)  
Wishing Well Lane

3. Contact your block captain. He or she will report the incident to neighborhood members so everyone is warned and aware.

There is no way to over-emphasize the need for all of us to join the effort in Sardis Woods to keep us safe.



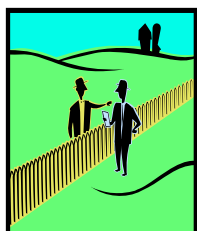


## SEMI-ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11 AT 7:00  
EAST BAPTIST CHURCH  
6850 MONROE ROAD  
(next to East Meck High School)

Why Bother to Come?

1. Hear from the Char-Meck Police, our Independence Division
2. Ask questions of them and each other
3. Offer ideas as to ways to improve Sardis Woods
4. Share a drink and a doughnut
5. BECAUSE YOU ARE NEEDED!



## NEW NEIGHBORS IN THE WOODS

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

- Sue Merz on Covewood Court, and
- Billy Limmer on Surreywood Place.

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

## GARDENING FACTS:

**Q:** What do you call a grumpy and short-tempered gardener?

**A:** A Snap Dragon.

**Q:** What do you call a country where the people drive only pink cars?

**A:** A pink car-nation.

**Q:** What do you call a mushroom who buys everyone drinks and is the life of the party?

**A:** A fun-gi.



## GREEN THUMBS AT WORK IN SARDIS WOODS

Neighbors have been meeting to plan a landscape improvement of the entrance signs on Covedale Drive and in the future, the signs on Sunnywood. So far they have received donations of \$310.00 from the neighborhood. Those working on this for all of us are Kathleen and Bill Haley, Cindy Campbell, Ellen Dillard, Martin and Katie Barron, and Enrique Nassar .

Their goal is to give those who enter Sardis Woods a great first impression. They are planning to rid the area of overgrown and ill-shaped vegetation. Secondly, they will choose shrubs and perennials wisely to compliment the sign (which are to be repainted by Mr. Nassar).

At present, there is a thick crop of Liriope (monkey grass) of a solid green around the entrance sign. It is available until September 21 to anyone who would like to transplant it for personal use.

The landscaping crew will be clearing and replanting the areas beginning September 22. If you have some of the following to donate to the committee, please contact Kathleen Haley through the [sardiswoods.org](http://sardiswoods.org) website. They are looking for Stella D'Oro day lilies, variegated Liriope and daffodil bulbs. Lights have been donated to add to the beauty and use of the entrance signs. Also money donations for the purchase of needed plants can be made out to Sardis Woods Association and mailed to Kathleen Haley, 1124 Longbrook. Questions? Contact Kathleen through our website, at [www.sardiswoods.org](http://www.sardiswoods.org)

## WHAT MAKES A GOOD NEIGHBOR OR NEIGHBORHOOD?

(from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg website)

While people have their own ideas of a good neighbor and a good neighborhood, there are some basic standards established either through the City's code and zoning laws or through common courtesies that make life better in your community.

### Do's

- Cut your grass once a week
- Clean your gutters regularly
- Change batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors twice a year
- Empty excess water collecting in pots, buckets, and containers that can attract and breed mosquitoes
- Plant perennials for the upcoming year
- Schedule bulky items for pickup (by calling 311)
- Properly display house numbers
- Clean up after your pets (carry plastic shopping/grocery bag for easy pick-up)

### Don'ts

- Park your car on the front lawn
- Store excess trash and debris around your home
- Play loud music after 10 p. m.
- Park inoperable vehicles on your property
- Forget to retrieve trash rollout containers by midnight on your collection date
- Allow your dog to bark excessively during the night
- Pour contaminants down the storm drains

SEE PHOTOS OF OUR NNO ON THE WEBSITE AT: <http://www.sardiswoods.org>



## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - NNO or H-O-T?

For the second year, Sardis Woods sponsored a block party on the night chosen to emphasize neighborhood efforts against crime. The acronym for National Night Out is NNO but it should be spelled HOT.

The first Tuesday in August has had triple digit temperatures both years we have held this neighborhood party. Even in that heat, many of us met in front of Russ and Carolyn Ford's home on Watergate Rd. for hot dogs, chips, cold drinks, and ice cream. There was music, and visits from our great local fire and policemen. Games for the children, food, and some unexpected free gifts- what's not to like?

We want to give a hearty thanks to Russ and Carolyn Ford who organized the event, as well as others like Dennis Carter, Ron Michaels, Becky Thompson, Suzanne Butler, John and Emmie Gunn, Voneida Blevins, Casey Powers, Mia Delmontange, Madeline and David Lyon, and Martin and Katie Barrons, David and Virginia Moore all of these good folks gave time, supplies, and effort to give us another great chance to celebrate Sardis Woods.

## GARDEN TRIVIA



- The pistol of a flower is its only protection against insects.
- Dew is formed on leaves when the sun shines down on them and makes them perspire.
- Mushrooms always grow in damp places and so they look like umbrellas.



## NEIGHBORS ON THE MOVE

Casey Powers, of Surreywood Place, has accepted the challenge of entering the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer Research to be held October 20- 21. This is a major commitment. Casey has agreed to walk just under 40 miles, 26 on Saturday and 13.5 on Sunday to raise money for breast cancer research. She also has to raise \$1,800.00 in advance to qualify to enter the race! Way to go Casey! If you would like to join in Casey's fight for a cure, you can donate by going to [www.avonwalk.org](http://www.avonwalk.org) and look for her name. ***Another great way to support her is to stop by her house on Surreywood on September 22 and check out her yard sale.***

Another energetic neighbor, Phil Evans of Shadow Rock is also "gearing up" for a long distance bicycle trip in support of Multiple Sclerosis. Phil, his dad, brother in law, and a friend are making the trip. The Tour to Tanglewood, starts in Winston Salem over the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of September. This has become a yearly event for Phil, and we applaud his willingness to give of himself to such a worthy cause.

## ARE YOU SEEING BLUE WHEN YOU LOOK AT YOUR GRASS?

Duke Energy sub-contractors are in the process of replacing our outdated electrical supply lines to our homes. The blue paint you see (orange, yellow, red) identify underground utility lines that need to be avoided in this digging project.

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## UPDATE ON REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC LIGHT

Cliff Reilly, on Surreywood has explored the placement of a traffic light at Covedale and Monroe Road. He contacted the city and talked with Shirley Dillard, the "Engineering Service Director" for our area. She initiated a study of those factors considered by the city such as accident records and traffic volume to make a determination concerning that intersection. The last time the intersection was studied was in 2004. Upon completion of this recent survey, it has been determined that we are not eligible for a traffic light at this time.



## WAY TO GO!

Sardis Woods hit the Charlotte Observer this summer! An article on Peter and Yvonne Darragh (Covedale) and their English garden appeared with photo. There was an article on National Night Out, including a photo of some of our block captains and our NNO signs, and a follow-up photo of Sardis Woods neighbors socializing at the NNO on Watergate August 7.

## WEBSITE IS PROVING POPULAR

Our webmaster, Rod Turnham reports that August records about 35 daily hits to the Sardis Woods website. There are new items popping up all the time. If you are looking for a recipe to inspire your next meal...try the website. Anytime the Woods Watch or [www.sardiswoods.org](http://www.sardiswoods.org) can help publicize a resident's participation in a community event or to announce and greet new neighbors in our area let us know.