



WOODS WATCH

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Updates

City: No support for Sharon Amity project

On June 9, Charlotte City Council unanimously voted against the Housing Trust Fund giving a developer \$6 million dollars to build a five-story, 122-unit apartment building on Sharon Amity Road, just north of Coventry Woods condos. The CWNA board felt this project for low-income seniors was too large for the site, and that our area had already done its part: Similar developments are already in place nearby on Albemarle Road.

The CWNA's concerns, including high density and impact on traffic, were raised at two public meetings. Residents of Coventry Woods condos and Firethorne, which adjoin the site, also opposed the developer's request for funding.

District 5 Council representative Marjorie Molina, who represents our area, said Havenridge at Sharon Ridge wasn't a good fit for our area, and advised others on the Council to oppose it.

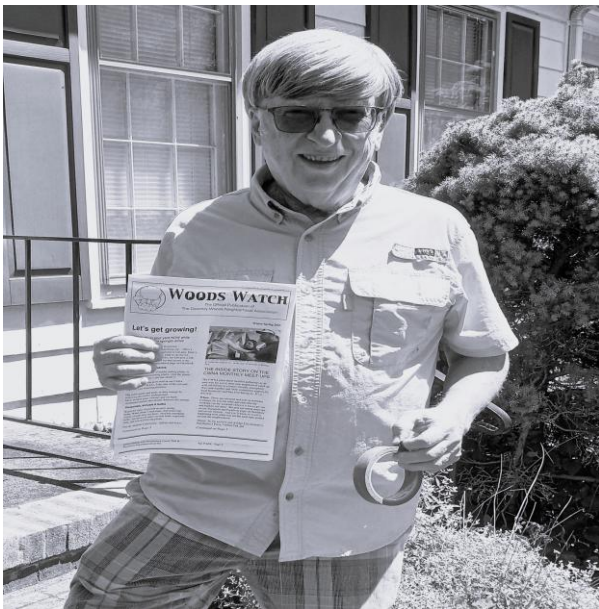
The \$6 million was essential to the project.

Alrose cut-through will proceed

Despite CWNA objections, the Alrose stub on Glenbrier Drive will be opened for about six months while Charlotte Storm Water replaces a culvert and the bridge over a small creek just north of us. The June 30 Storm Water decision following two heated public meetings. The construction blocks entrance/exit to approximately 75 units in the Glenhaven at Firethorne condos; that traffic will be temporarily diverted onto Glenbrier Drive. Storm Water cited project cost when choosing to open Alrose instead of an originally proposed route within the Glenhaven and Firethorn properties.

Residents on Glenbrier and Coronado Drive were very concerned about increased traffic and the safety of children, strollers and dog walkers on their streets, which have no sidewalks.

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Gene Tedder, route volunteer

Blue tape specials

Our volunteer crews keep you informed – and you can lend a hand

Like to stroll?

Get a little exercise?

Meet new people?

Help your community?

This is what one group of CWNA volunteers do: With a route map and blue painter's tape in hand, each delivers news and updates to front doors in Coventry Woods.

You're reading some of their work right now: Woods Watch, your quarterly, four-page newsletter.

They also deliver flyers for upcoming events, including details on the annual membership meeting and its free-of-charge dinner, and our spring pine straw sale.

And when an issue arises that you really need to be aware of, they deliver the details. In 2025, special one-

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page alerts filled you in about the Charlotte Storm Water plan to temporarily open the Alrose stub on Glenbrier to cars and trucks -- and a developer's proposal to build a too-large and dense affordable living tower on Sharon Amity, just north of us. **(See the updates, on Page 1).** The two flyers created a substantial turnout of concerned citizens at public hearings for both projects. For many in Coventry Woods, it was the first time they heard about either.

Our newsletters and flyers reach you in a time-tested process.

The CWNA board of directors considers if a flyer or Woods Watch story is needed for our community; when a final version is approved, it goes to a printer. While information may be sent out via email, Facebook and Instagram, not everyone has them or uses them frequently. But printed information can be a reminder for all on your kitchen counter or refrigerator door.

According to CWNA treasurer Bill Cooper, \$1,100 per year is spent for printing flyers and Woods Watch for approximately 500 homes.

What the printer returns to us is batched by routes, and our volunteers are contacted.

Routes range from 39 to 51 homes, and are planned to eliminate delivery confusion. The same route maps are used every July 3 for Flag Night, when American flags are placed in each front yard in Coventry Woods.

Volunteers do their route with a map and blue painters' tape (so a door doesn't get mused or scratched).

Some volunteers have been doing routes for years. A few -- like Gene Tedder and Ellen & Ron Stewart -- routinely do more. (Gene covers the two Farmingdale routes; the Stewarts cover the two Glenbrier routes).

Gene says, "It gives me good exercise, and I get to meet a lot of neighbors. It takes me 45 minutes for each route I handle -- and that includes time talking with people along the way. I usually walk an hour each day, so this works for me."

Some volunteers have favorites routes, close to their own homes. Others, like Tim Hoag, are ready to handle any route that is uncovered.

Tim's thinking: "I want to help keep the neighborhood informed."

When a regular route volunteer is too tied-up to help, or is out of town, we go through our list of members who have previously helped with newsletter/flyer distribution.

And we help first-time volunteers get their footing.

**Want to help as a CWNA
route volunteer?**

Details: cwna-board@gmail.com

Yards of the Month



May 2025

Kimberly Rosenbaum and Chris Tomey, 4819 Beechknoll Court.



June 2025

Medi Nomile, 5019 Amity Place.



July 2025

Linda Xiong and Sam Baynes, 4801 Beechknoll Court.

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www.cwna.org

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[@coventrywoods28212](https://www.instagram.com/coventrywoods28212)

Neighborly

Newcomers to Coventry Woods add to our amazing mix of families from different states and nations. You can meet some in this Woods Watch series.

Name: Santi Rai
(pronounced “SAN-teel Ray”)

How did you come to live on Glenbrier Drive in 2016?

I am from Jhapa, a village in Nepal. Actually, I was born in Bhutan but lived as a refugee in Nepal. Most of the time, I speak Nepalese. I moved to the United States in 2009, and lived in Portland, Ore., for three years. We have cousins and friends who live in Charlotte.

Tell us about your family.

I live with my brother, my sister-in-law and their 4-year-old daughter, Shayana Rai. Our mother lives with us, too. I am 34.

What is your occupation?

I am a full-time caregiver for our mother and my niece. My brother and his wife work full-time for Amazon. I was a little kid when we moved to Nepal, and that is where I learned to make household objects – kind of like being a carpenter. I made the wooden flower boxes in front of our house. I also know how to make things for inside our house.

What do you like about living here?

It’s a good location for work – my brother and his wife work for Amazon; I occasionally work delivering food from restaurants.

I like the shopping, and the way the streets look.

If you have a question about something, where do you go to ask for an opinion or answer?

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The project was proposed years ago, but Coventry Woods residents were not notified. The Alrose cut-through was added later, but we were first notified this spring, when construction was about to begin.

Storm Water apologized for this bureaucratic fumbling, but construction began July 21.

A June 25 memo by the Storm Water director said that following completion, the stub will be re-closed.

Pavement for the temporary connection will be removed, the barrier will be reinstalled and trees will be planted.



Santi Ray and his niece Shayana Rai.

I have a cousin who lives nearby, on Coronado. My uncle’s house.

One thing I am working on now is what I need to do to get better grass to grow in my front yard.

What back-home holidays do you observe, and how do you celebrate them?

We have the same holidays they do in India, especially Diwali (The annual festival of lights is Oct. 20-21 this year.)

We are Christians, so we celebrate Christmas.

When someone greets you, how would they say “Hello” or “Goodbye” in your native language?
“Namaste” (“na-MAS-tay”) means both “hello” and “goodbye.” “Ke cha?” (“GEEZ-oh”) is informal and means “What’s up?” or “How are you?”

Where do you shop for hard-to-find groceries?

We go to Central Market for Indian/Nepali; it’s on Albemarle Road, near the McDonald’s. Also, Compare and Super G.

When your family goes to a restaurant, does any place come to mind?

If we go out, it’s often China Buffet (Independence Blvd. at Albemarle Road), or King of Spicy (East W.T. Harris Blvd., south of Albemarle Road). Another place is Maharani, near the Best Buy that’s uptown (901 S. Kings Drive).

CWNA September Meet-Up

Join your friends and neighbors for food and drinks. No reservations required. Just come!

6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25 at Las Margaritas

4426 Independence Blvd.
(between Albemarle Road and Sharon Amity Road)

Real Estate Transactions

Recent activity in Coventry Woods

For sale

6430 Farmingdale Drive / List: \$390,000

Sold

4801 Kipling Drive / \$295,000

5329 Glenbrier Drive / \$400,00

4114 Glenbrier Drive / \$420,000

4838 Holbrook Drive / \$459,900

1327 Cedarwood Drive / \$490,000

Mark Your Calendar

July 24 -- Thursday CWNA walk, 7 p.m.

(Details: below, right)

July 29 -- Tuesday CWNA walk, 7 p.m. (Details:

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July 31 -- Thursday CWNA walk, 7 p.m.

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Aug. 5 -- Tuesday CWNA walk, 7 p.m. (Details:

below, right)

Aug. 7 -- Thursday CWNA walk, 7 p.m.

(Details: below, right)

Aug. 7 -- East Charlotte District 5 Candidate Forum/Meet-and-Greet, 6-8 p.m. at SMS Catering Services, 1764 Norland Road

Aug 8 -- Carolina Panthers vs. Cleveland Browns (pre-season), 7 p.m. at Bank of America Stadium.

Aug. 8 -- Raksha Bandhan (Hindu holiday)

Aug. 12 -- Tuesday CWNA walk, 7 p.m. (Details: below, right)

Aug. 14 -- Thursday CWNA walk, 7 p.m.

(Details: below, right)

Aug. 19 -- Tuesday CWNA walk, 7 p.m. (Details on this page)

Aug. 21 -- Thursday CWNA walk, 7 p.m.

(Details on this page)

Aug. 25 -- First day of school for CMS

Aug. 21 -- Carolina Panthers vs. Pittsburgh Steelers, 7 p.m. at Bank of America Stadium)

Aug. 26 -- Tuesday CWNA walk, 7 p.m. (Details on this page)

Aug. 28 -- Thursday CWNA walk, 7 p.m.

(Details on this page)

Aug. 29 -- Full moon (Sturgeon Moon)

Sept. 1 -- Labor Day (Federal, state and Charlotte holiday; no school for CMS. Regular garbage/trash pickup in Coventry Woods)

Sept. 7 -- Full moon (Corn Moon)

Sept. 9 -- No school for CMS (teacher workday)

Sept. 23 -- No school for CMS (teacher workday)

Sept. 25 -- CWNA Meet-Up (**Details on Page 3.**)

Summer in Coventry Woods



On July 3, Flag Night volunteers put American flags in the front yards of the 502 homes in our neighborhood. We had 30 volunteers, including Megan O'Herron and her family, shown here.



Neighbors braved the heat Saturday, July 19, for the CWNA Cookout at Farmingdale Drive and Cedarwood Lane. The annual event, coordinated by the CWNA's Kari Heyink (far left) drew a hungry crowd.



Every Tuesday and Thursday, Coventry Woods residents and friends can turn out for planned group strolls through our neighborhood. Gather at 6700 Farmingdale Drive (at Coronado) at 7 p.m. either evening.