



# WOODS WATCH

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## SPOOK-TACULAR! Oct. 30 Party in the Park

You're getting a Halloween treat from your neighborhood association and here's the trick: Our 2022 Halloween Party in the Park will be Oct. 30 – one day before the holiday – at Cedarwood Park.

Oct. 30 is a Sunday, and the fun-for-all-ages event will be held between 4 and 6 p.m. The Halloween Party in the Park makes it easy for costumed kids (and grownups) to gather in one outdoor location during daylight on a non-stressful day of the week.

And there will be candy. Lots of it!

The free-of-charge gathering is open to all. Even pets on leashes.

This is the second year for the event, and it builds on the success of the Halloween Party in the Park that volunteers staged last year.

“More than 100 children and adults attended,” says Kari Heyink, who organized the 2021 event. “We had perfect weather. We had a food truck. Neighbors donated tons of candy. And after a quick

costume parade at 5 p.m., kids got quite their fill of treats.”

Kari Heyink, a CWNA board member, says some things will remain the same this year: Bottled water and juice boxes will be provided. Children, adults and pets are encouraged to attend in costume.

This will again be a rain-or-shine event.

We ask that families bring a bag of individually-wrapped candy to the in-park event, to be distributed to trick-or-treaters.

The food truck at this year's Halloween Party in the Park will be Sandwich Express. Their menu -- at [www.sandwichexpressCLT.com](http://www.sandwichexpressCLT.com) – lists 28 burgers, cheesesteaks, wraps, tacos and quesadillas, including four kid-size plates.

The playground at Cedarwood Park – north of Coronado Drive between Stonecrest and Reddman Road, on the eastern side of Coventry Woods – will be open. The boardwalk through the park's natural area has been repaired. A pre-party CWNA park clean-up will be held Saturday, Oct. 22.

More activities for the 2022 Halloween Party in the Park are being considered.

Updates and details will be posted on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/coventrywoodsneighborhood](http://www.facebook.com/coventrywoodsneighborhood)), Instagram (@coventrywoods28212), Nextdoor, and the CWNA website ([www.coventrywoods.org](http://www.coventrywoods.org)).

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## Free trees again available from TreesCharlotte

An abundance of trees has always been part of the appeal of Coventry Woods. There's the scent of spring blooms, shade on hot summer days, the beauty of fall color, the help in buffering winter wind and snow.

And the non-profit TreesCharlotte can help residents sustain and increase our natural canopy – free of charge.

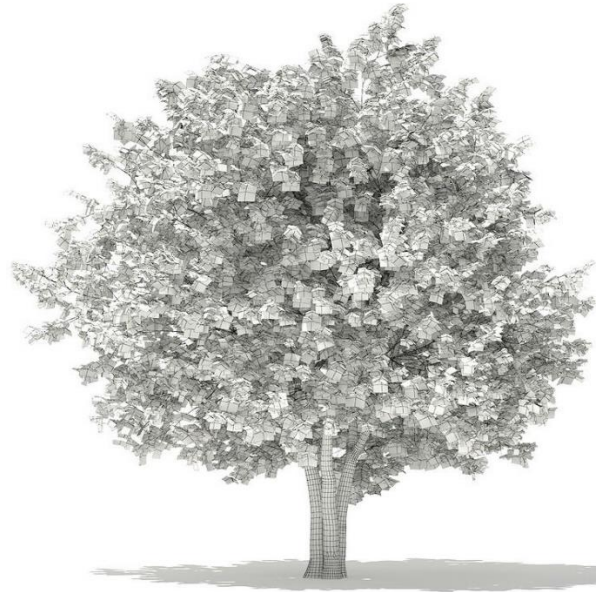
The CWNA partnered early this year with TreesCharlotte to receive 70 saplings – all suitable for urban Charlotte – for folks who applied for them.

Now their Tree Adoption program is offering all Charlotte residents two free trees: As before, TreesCharlotte will provide the saplings, mulch and planting instructions.

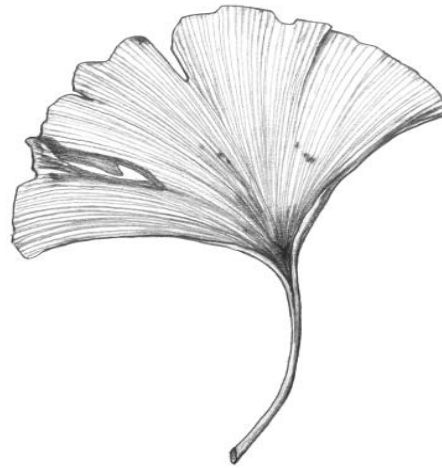
Registration for six East Charlotte ZIP codes – including us, in ZIP Code 28212 – opens Monday, Nov. 14, and closes Friday, Nov. 18 (earlier if all available trees are spoken for. So be sure to order early that week). Seven tree varieties will be initially available. The saplings will not be delivered: On Saturday, Nov. 19, you can pick up your ordered tree at TreesCharlotte, 701 Tuckaseegee Road.

Citywide, if you have never received a tree from TreesCharlotte, you can sign up for 1<sup>st</sup> Timer tree distribution. You can sign up to receive one tree from among the nine species that will be offered. The pickup date for those trees will be Saturday, Dec. 10, also at 701 Tuckaseegee Road.

For information on the Tree Adoption program, including ordering information and species offered, as well as about TreesCharlotte, visit [treescharlotte.org](http://treescharlotte.org).



The ginkgo, native to China, does well in urban Piedmont environments. It has a distinctive leaf (below) and is a popular TreesCharlotte selection



### Park clean-up rescheduled

Due to Hurricane Ian – which, thankfully didn't hit Charlotte – the planned Oct. 1 cleanup of Cedarwood Park has been rescheduled to 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22.



Nikki C.

## Meet the CWNA board

Over the next several issues of Woods Watch, we'd like you to meet the board of directors – several each time!

**Name:** Nikki C.

**I live on:** Kipling Drive.

**About me:** “I was born in Charlotte and grew up on the north side. I live with my dog, Moxie, and enjoy hiking, camping, movies and going to restaurants. I work as a traveling nurse practitioner specializing in mental health. Odd fact? I love learning and school! I have five degrees and also am a certified hypnotist.”

**Moved to Coventry Woods:** 2008

**Joined the CWNA:** Shortly after I moved here. I moved away but rejoined when I returned in March 2020.”

**CWNA board member since 2020.** “I was involved in the spring 2021 TreesCharlotte program and the spring 2020 pinestraw/mulch sale fundraiser. I also do delivery routes for Woods Watch, flyers and Flag Night. I was also involved in a community yard sale in 2021.”

**What I love about where we live:** “I love that this is an established community and I like the home values and its proximity to many areas of Charlotte -- from Matthews to South Charlotte to Uptown. I don't use public transit but am glad we live close to it.”



Bill Cooper

**Name:** Bill Cooper:

**I live on:** Coronado Drive.

**About me:** “My hometown is Oswego, N.Y., and after college I went into banking – and banking is why we moved here in 1988.”

**Moved to Coventry Woods:** “In 1992 we bought a starter home -- and never moved away. My three kids were all CMS students, attending in-district or magnet schools. All three went to Independence High School.”

**Joined the CWNA:** “Pretty early! Before that, I pushed the city to put road humps on Coronado Drive to make drivers slow down and the street safer for pedestrians, especially children.”

**CWNA board member since 1999.** “I was recruited because they needed a treasurer – and I worked for a bank. I remain CWNA treasurer, which is why membership checks are mailed to me during our membership drive.

“My time on the board has been a highlight of living here – I super-enjoy the time. The CWNA has fought big battles and we've won some. The board members have included interesting people, and I'm friends with some. That has been extremely gratifying.”

**What I love about where we live:** “The trees. The overall beauty of the neighborhood. I love our location – so close to uptown, where I work. And the neighbors! There are people I've known over all these years. The neighborhood has changed, evolved. And it still feels like home.”

## Yards of the Month



**August 2022**  
Evelyn & Roberto Garcia, 4715 Wildleaf Court.



**September 2022**  
Kay & Terry Montross, 6511 Farmingdale Drive.



**October 2022**  
Alejandra & Tommy Bordsen, 5237 Glenbrier Drive.

## Real Estate Transactions

Recent activity in Coventry Woods.

### Under contract

5301 Glenbrier Drive  
List: \$350,000

4800 Pandora Court  
List: \$395,000

4814 Holbrook Drive  
List: \$330,000

### Closed

4701 Calico Court  
Sold: \$625,000

## CW artist in UNCC show

Coventry Woods painter Andrew Leventis is among the artists in a current exhibition of still-life works shown at Rowe Galleries at UNC Charlotte.

The touring exhibition of pieces by 55 contemporary artists was organized by the Museum of Contemporary Art London. It includes painting, photography, sculpture and video art and “explores a modern interpretation of what a still life (Nature Morte) can be.”

Andrew Leventis, who works in oils, is a professor of painting at UNCC and is a curator of the show. This spring, he had a solo show at the uptown Mint Museum of Art.

“Nature Morte” will be on display through November 3. Admission: free.

The Rowe Galleries are in the UNCC Rowe Arts Building. Galleries are open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Details: 704-687-0200 or visit [coaa.charlotte.edu/events-venues/venues-and-galleries/rowe-galleries](http://coaa.charlotte.edu/events-venues/venues-and-galleries/rowe-galleries)

## Dead or damaged tree near your curb? The city might remove it for free

The City of Charlotte plans, coordinates, approves and permits work within the rights-of-way of city-maintained streets. Right-of-way is a legal overlay that makes transportation and movement safe on roads and sidewalks.

It covers everything from potential transportation blockages (moving vans, trucks, construction dumpsters) to sidewalk and driveway construction to factors that can block public signage – like placement of private signs and banners and landscaping. It includes maintenance of trees on private property that are within the right-of-way.

Some trees close to streets in Coventry Woods were planted by the city, some by residents and others by developers. The city can get involved when any trees (or huge limbs) within the right-of-way or tree limbs fall – or are in danger of falling – onto streets and sidewalks.

Charlotte’s Tree Ordinance also allows the city to take an active role in helping the city maintain a healthy tree canopy. Trees that are covered are listed on a right-of-way inventory kept by the City Arborist’s office – property by property.

Jamie Murray of the city’s landscape management team says you can contact her at 704-336-4262 or [Jamie.Murray@charlottenc.gov](mailto:Jamie.Murray@charlottenc.gov) or email [landscapemanagement@charlottenc.gov](mailto:landscapemanagement@charlottenc.gov). Just give her your address and you can learn if you have trees listed on the right-of-way inventory.

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## Keep our woods safe for all

Reddman Community Park – the official name of the 29 acres of woods and wildlife in the center of our community – is a wonderful place to hike.

(Pedestrian access is at the Scelina stub, off Glenbrier.)

That’s great to know. And here’s why.

Many front-yard trees in Coventry Woods were planted when our neighborhood was built five decades ago. Some large, old trees are dead or dying. (The sycamores are numerous and easy to spot.)

Have a dead or dying tree near your curb? If it’s on the city inventory, they city will send an expert out to do a tree health/condition assessment. And the tree is a goner, a city crew will come out and cut it down, remove its stump and – according to Jamie Murray – plant a replacement tree. All at city expense.

The bad news? Charlotte is a big city with many trees along many streets. If you want the city to remove a damaged or dead tree that’s within the right-of-way, call the Charlotte Arborist office now to set up a tree health/condition assessment.

Murray says it could take a year before you get to the top of the non-emergency removal list.

If a resident does not to wait this long and has the means to address the issue, a permit can be issued for the homeowner to have the work done by a private company.

### Need emergency help?

If a tree or large limb falls into the road, please call 911 to report this. They will enter an emergency “storm call” into the system for Landscape Management to address the issue. These “storm calls” are usually addressed in 24 hours but can be extended if there is a large weather event.

And the safety of visitors, nearby neighbors and the animals that live there is important.

According to CMPD, it is illegal to discharge firearms, or use bows and arrows, crossbows, etc., in the park for any reason. CMPD asks that you call 911 immediately.

## Mark your calendar

Oct. 14 -- Deadline to register for voting in the fall general election

**Oct. 18 – CWNA Meet-up at Hawthorne Pizza, 5-7 p.m.**

Oct. 20 -- First day for absentee voting (in person)

**Oct. 22 – Cedarwood Park Clean-up, 9-11 a.m.**

Oct. 26 -- Early release day for CMS

Oct. 28 -- Annual leave day for CMS

**Oct. 30 – Party in the Park, 4-6 p.m.**

Oct. 31 -- Halloween (a Monday this year)

Oct. 31 -- Teacher workday for CMS

Nov. 1 -- All Saints Day

Nov. 1 -- Last day for absentee voting (by mail)

Nov. 5 -- Last day for absentee voting (in person)

Nov. 6 -- Daylight Savings ends. Set your clocks **BACK** on hour on this night.

Nov. 8 -- Election day

Nov. 8 -- Last day to return absentee ballots

Nov. 8 – Full moon (“Hunters Moon”)

Nov. 11 -- Veterans Day

**Nov. 18 – CWNA Meet-up at Vaulted Oak Brewing, 5-7 p.m.**

Nov. 24 -- Thanksgiving

## Fall elections

The calendar above lists key dates for the 2022 general election. Coventry Woods voters will choose from among candidates for the following races:

U.S. Senate

U.S. House of Representatives

N.C. Senate

N.C. House of Representatives

N.C. district judges

Mecklenburg County Commission

District Attorney

Mecklenburg County Sheriff

Mecklenburg Soil & Water Conservation District

Supervisors

Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Board

Also: 3 Charlotte bond referenda (for housing, neighborhood infrastructure, transportation)

For voting information: contact the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections: 704-336-2133; [www.mecknc.gov/BOE/elections](http://www.mecknc.gov/BOE/elections)



## CWNA Meet-Ups!

It’s hard sometimes to attend or lend a hand at CWNA events. But if you want to raise a glass with your Coventry Woods neighbors when your workday is done, it’s hard to beat one of our informal monthly meet-ups. We had one in August at Edge City Brewery, in the MORA development just across Monroe Road from East Meck High School. We had one in September, at Steamer’s, on Pierson Drive.

Our next meet-up is Tuesday, October 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Hawthorne Pizza’s MORA location, just across Monroe Road from East Meck High School. (Note: Kids 12 and younger eat free when an adult buys a meal.) Next month? The meet-up will be Thursday, Nov. 18 from 5 to 7 at Vaulted Oak Brewing, 3726 Monroe Road.

These are friendly places whose proprietors support their neighbors and neighborhood groups like the CWNA. The meet-ups are a great opportunity for you and your friends to meet – or get to better know -- the great people in our neighborhood.

These are kind of impromptu things on weekday evenings. Just relax. And chat. We post upcoming meet-ups on our Facebook page and on our website. When you get to the meet-up, just look for familiar faces – or CWNA table signs that will lead to you to your relaxing neighbors.

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