



# WOODS WATCH

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## CWNA Spring Fling

Come for fun Saturday, April 22, at our neighborhood's Cedarwood Park!

Park your parka in the attic -- and the rest of your winter wardrobe, too. Step outside for warmer temperatures and see flowering trees, blooming flowers and green lawns. It's spring.

And time for the CWNA's second annual Spring Fling, Saturday, April 22, rain or shine, at Cedarwood Park.

It kicks off with a volunteer trash and litter sweep through our neighborhood, with all materials provided by Keep Charlotte Beautiful. We will post meet-up times and locations in the days ahead on Facebook and Instagram.

The main event – open to all – is at Cedarwood Park, from 4 to 6 p.m. The Meck Rec & Roll truck will be there with free outdoor games and activities for all ages. There will be food you can buy from the @saycheez518 food truck. Menu info online: <http://SayCheez518>.

Cedarwood Park, our neighborhood park, is on Reddman Road, north of Amity Place – just east of the end of Coronado Drive

Bring your own folding chairs, picnic blanket, picnic baskets, toys and whatever. Feel a breeze? Bring a kite.

It's a great time to kick back at an afternoon event with your friends and neighbors.

This is a public event. All are welcome!

## Record-breaking success for pinestraw sale



*From left: Nancy Wilson, Kari Heyink and Richard Pickett ready for pinestraw deliveries at the Scelina stub on Glenbrier Drive on Saturday, March 18.*

# 1,493 BALES

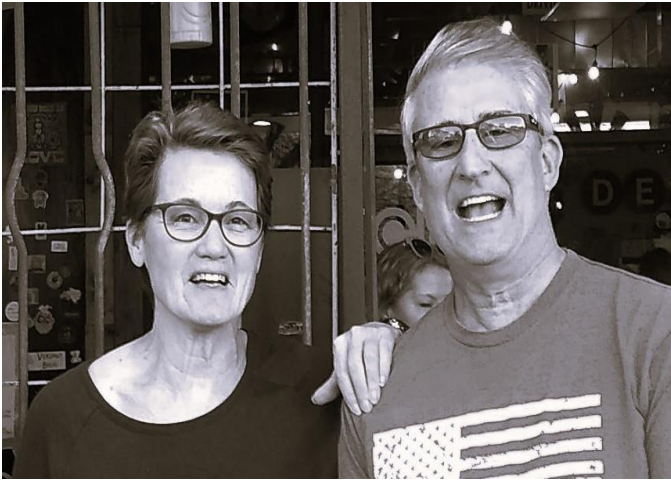
After last year's COVID interruption, the annual CWNA pinestraw sale returned – with a record number of pre-ordered bales.

Despite a light drizzle the morning of March 25, our 13 volunteers worked to deliver 983 bales that arrived from Pageland, S.C., the day before. Our fleet of pickup trucks delivered them free of charge to the 57 people who bought anywhere from two to 75 bales. The enormous wall of pinestraw bundles was gone in three hours.

Most deliveries were in Coventry Woods or nearby neighborhoods.

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## Meet the CWNA board



*Mimi Curlee, left, and Scott Page*

*Meet the board of directors – several at a time!*

**Name:** Mimi Curlee

**I live on:** Knollgate Drive

**About me:** “I’m a Charlotte native and have always lived on the east side of town. I went to Garinger High School, UNCC, and then I got my Masters in Library Science at the University of South Carolina.

“Having worked for the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library since 1991, I think I’ve gotten good use out of my education investment. I enjoy spending time with my great nephews, who are teenagers now and appreciate me more for transportation than personality. Over the years they’ve helped put out flags for the Fourth of July in our neighborhood and (with a little arm twisting) helped clean up our Coventry Woods entrance sign area.

“My younger sister often comes to stay during holidays with her sons, so they have enjoyed our decorated houses and walkable streets too.”

**Moved to Coventry Woods:** 1998

**Joined CWNA:** 2000

**CWNA board member since:** 2016.

**What I love about where we live:** “When I decided to buy a house, I had lived in several apartments -- so I wanted to have some space between myself and neighbors. I felt a little like Goldilocks looking for a neighborhood with just the right amount of yard and house, not too close to uptown but not too far; a brick house but not exactly like every other house around me.

“I found it on Knollgate. I did not want to have to deal with an HOA, but our volunteer neighborhood association has been just right.

“Fortunately, I also found really nice neighbors who’ve been helpful and fun over the years.”

**Name:** Scott Page

**I live on:** Amity Place.

**About me:** “I’ve been an RN for 16 years, adult cath lab, cardiac operating room, radiology, and now pediatric cath lab and electrophysiology.

“I also work with Carolina Pool Management as a lifeguard/gate attendant as a way to be near the water in the summer. I also work with Opendoor brokerage as a tour assistant, showing homes. I have also been involved in new home sales and restaurant management.

**Moved to Coventry Woods:** August 2019

**Joined CWNA:** in March 2020

**CWNA board member since:** 2020

**What I love about where we live:** “I like the ease of getting to and from the hospital at 5:45 -- it takes about 12 minutes. Also, proximity of the other interstate access for showing property.

“I love our community of all-brick homes. The unique and mature landscapes really stands out now in April. Finally, the long-standing neighbors of the community who have so many stories of what has gone on here.”

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Volunteers included John Autry, John Bordsen, Bill Cooper, Tim Hoag, John Heyink, Kari Heyink, Phil Johnson, Jack Jones, Floyd Oakley. Scott Page, Richard Pickett, Kelley Robinette and Nancy Wilson.

Special thanks go to Fran McGrath, a former CWNA member who now lives in the Coventry Woods Condos, on Sharon Amity Road. She had heard about the return of the pinestraw fundraiser and brought it up at the condo association’s March board meeting.

Their board voted to buy 500 bales through the CWNA’s pinestraw sale. Their part of the order was trucked to the condos from Pageland the following week and spread by condo volunteers around their buildings.

It was a win-win event for all. The condos and the CWNA members all received quality pinestraw at a competitive price.

CWNA treasurer Bill Cooper says, “The total of 1,493 bales was the most successful we’ve ever had, and the fundraiser has been going on for over a decade.

“As a result, our association will be able to continue, enhance and expand our work to ‘protect, preserve and promote’ Coventry Woods.

“Our board thanks our community and our neighbors for their help.”

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**Yards of the Month**



**February 2023**

Ruth and Gary Lieske, 5128 Coronado Drive.



**March 2023**

Scott Page, 4735 Amity Place.



**April 2023**

Mike Roberts, 5101 Amity Place.

## Mark Your Calendar

April 21-23 – Lyrid meteor showers. Best viewing: the night of April 23.

**April 22 -- Earth Day/Spring Fling. See Page 1.**

April 27 – National Take Our Sons and Daughters to Work Day

April 28 – Arbor Day

May 4 – National Day of Prayer

May 5 – Cinco de Mayo

May 5 – Full moon (Flower Moon)

May 14 – Mother’s Day

May 29 – Memorial Day (federal holiday)

June 3 – Full moon (Strawberry Moon)

June 9 – Last day of CMS spring semester

June 18 – Father’s Day

June 19 – Juneteenth (federal holiday)

June 21 – Summer solstice (the longest day of the year)

## Real Estate Transactions

Recent activity in Coventry Woods

### For sale

4832 Keats Avenue  
List: \$425,000

5111 Coronado Drive  
List: \$394,000

### Sold

5623 Amity Place  
List: \$350,000  
Closed at: \$345,000

6430 Farmingdale Drive  
List: \$375,000  
Closed at: \$346,000

5201 Amity Place  
List: \$405,000  
Price: \$415,000



*New city-planted trees, looking north on Sharon Amity Road, between Kipling Drive and Amity Place.*

## Landscaping update

The City of Charlotte has taken a keen interest in enhancing the natural beauty of our neighborhoods through planting trees along sidewalks and providing resources to residents on landscaping.

Recently, encouraged by the CWNA, the city’s landscaping management team has planted new trees along the sidewalks at the entrances of Coventry Woods between Kipling Drive and Amity Place. The trees add aesthetic value to our neighborhood -- and contribute to a healthier environment.

The city also offers resources and programs to support residents’ landscaping efforts. Homeowners can access information on selecting and planting trees, as well as advice on maintaining healthy and vibrant landscaping. These resources are crucial in ensuring our community remains sustainable and healthy.

Information: <https://charlottenc.gov/GS/asset/LandscapeManagement/Pages/default.aspx>.

Closer to your own home? A city ordinance prohibits weeds/grass longer than 12 inches, parking on front lawns and accumulation of trash/junk and junk autos. Just call 311 to report violations.

Add to your to-do list: keep your yard mowed, clear debris from your curb, clear any curb drain, and remove dead tree branches. This helps maintain a clean, well-kept appearance throughout our neighborhood.

