



WOODS WATCH

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Holiday Lights in the Skies



2013 winner – Andrew & Sarah Williams, 4701 Wildleaf Ct.

Once again, Coventry Woods is ready for the holidays, from one end of our neighborhood to the other. Besides the monthly Yard of the Month award, the CWNA encourages members to decorate their yards with lights for the holidays.

Again, we were not disappointed. From one end to the other, dark December nights are aglow in Coventry Woods.

Competition, as usual, was also glowing – it was hard for our judges to pick the Holiday Yard of the Season.

Congratulations to entrants, and a joyous holiday season to all.

We hope you'll drive or walk through Coventry Woods to enjoy your neighbors' decorations. We live in a very special and beautiful place. And for this, we are thankful.

Yard of the Month

Every month of the year, a home in Coventry Woods is saluted for its yard -- the lawn, the trees, the shrubbery, the flowers or improvements.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS 'NEXT DOOR'

Imagine an online social network that's free-of-charge – like Facebook – but limited to people in your neighborhood.

It's here, and it's called Next Door. And it allows you a new and important way to share and receive information from others in Coventry Woods.

Next Door became operational in 2011 and has been rolled out to various metropolitan areas across the country, including Charlotte. While available in many parts of the city, the networks are limited to individual neighborhoods, though you have the option of being in contact with similar Next Door networks in nearby neighborhoods, including Eastway/Sheffield, Oakhurst and Idlewild Farms.

Next Door is by invitation only, and limited to people who live in pre-set boundaries. The Coventry Woods network was launched by the CWNA.

The Charlotte–Mecklenburg Police Department is encouraging all neighborhoods to start their own networks. CMPD is part of the Charlotte-wide rollout of the local network, and if the police department has urgent news – an uptick in break-ins, traffic jams or lost children, for example – it can directly and immediately send messages to targeted neighborhoods.

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People can also send messages to others within the network – sharing news, asking questions, commenting on anything concerning the neighborhood, etc. When messages are posted, you receive an email that says there is a new post. You can click to that post.

Because your email address will be associated with the Coventry Woods network, once you're in the Next Door network you can also simply click www.nextdoor.com to go directly to the Coventry Woods area. When you post a message, you can personally control whether you want your message sent only to Coventry Woods.

There are currently 44 members in the Coventry Woods network. There are some cool things about Next Door, including an area map showing who in our neighborhood is already in the network.

This fall, the CWNA board did a test roll-out of Next Door to see if it was a worthwhile endeavor. We then compared notes with other associations and touched base with CMPD.

We're now encouraging all residents of Coventry Woods to receive this free-of-charge email service.

Here's what to do:

1. Send an email to info@coventrywoods.org.
2. We will send you a link to the www.nextdoor.com application.
3. You will be required to give your name and address. Remember: You must be a resident of Coventry Woods.
4. Your request to join will be sent to the administrators ("lead members") for the Coventry Woods Next Door network.
5. With a click of a button, you're wired into Coventry Woods' Next Door community.

Home Gets Historic Designation

1154 Cedarwood Lane – just north of the Cedarwood Lane barricade – has been named a historic property. The designation by the city's Historic Landmark Commission was approved Nov. 12.

The flat-roofed, modernist-style home is owned by CWNA members John Moore and Angeles Ortega-Moore.

According to the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute, the "box-shaped house and its Modernist architecture was an unusual one for that era in tradition-loving Charlotte. Designed in 1960 by Charlotte architect Murray Whisnant, it had a wall of windows overlooking a wide deck and tree-lined backyard, a flat roof and open rooms with angular lines and skylights. The 1,728-square-foot, three-bedroom house was designed to include a separate suite, with a kitchenette, living area, bedroom and bathroom.

"Over the past decade, the Charlotte City Council has designated two Mid-Century Modern homes in Charlotte as historic landmarks, one in Eastover and one in south Mecklenburg."

"Modernist houses, which aim to provide a sense of bringing the outdoors inside, proliferated across the country after World War II but never won widespread popularity from homeowners, who preferred more traditional housing designs. The Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired styles built between the mid-1950s through the 1960s are generally described as Mid-Century Modern. Only a few dozen Mid-Century Modern houses were built in Charlotte, where Whisnant became an award winning architect of modern architecture."

Area Results in Fall Election

Charlotte has a new mayor, and a new City Council, following the Nov. 5 general election.

John Autry of the CWNA board of directors, the incumbent representative of East Charlotte's District 5, won the Democratic primary in October by a 67 to 33 percentage against his opponent. He was unopposed in the general election.

Autry, who this fall was voted "Best Member of Local Government" in the citywide "Best of Charlotte" readers' poll in Creative Loafing, won the general election; 98.8 percent of District 5 voters voted for Autry.

Patrick Cannon, an at-large, Democratic member of the City Council, was elected mayor over former at-large Republican City Council member Edwin Peacock by 53.02 percent to 46.78 percent. Countywide turnout was just under 18 percent.

The four at-large members – selected by voters citywide – elected Nov. 5:

Michael Barnes (Democrat)

Vi Alexander Lyles (Democrat)

David Howard (Democrat)

Claire Green Fallon (Democrat)

Residents voted in two precincts: at Amity Presbyterian (Precinct 666; western Coventry Woods) and Cokesbury United Methodist (Precinct 130; eastern Coventry Woods).

Amity Presbyterian mayoral results:

Cannon: 282

Peacock: 86

Amity Presbyterian at-large results:

Barnes: 277

Fallon: 248

Howard (tie) 261

Lyles (tie) 261

Cokesbury United Methodist mayoral results:

Cannon: 170

Peacock: 108

Cokesbury United Methodist at-large results:

Barnes: 182

Fallon: 173

Howard (tie) 170

Lyles (tie) 170

Voter turn-out in Precinct 006 (Amity Presbyterian) was 13.2 percent; turn-out was 15.7 percent in Precinct 130 (Cokesbury).

The 2013 election cycle was not in a presidential-election year, which is usually characterized by a higher turn-out. That said, some precincts in Charlotte had a turn-out of at least 33 percent this time around.

The mayor and City Council decide many issues that bear an immediate and often important effect on Coventry Woods. Voting for the candidates of your choice affects elections. The simple act of voting makes our neighborhood more important to all candidates: a higher turn-out makes all candidates more responsive to our problems and opportunities.

In terms of voter-turnout, Coventry Woods needs to get on the ball. There is no excuse for not voting for our future.

"Please observe our custom: Nod, smile and wave at anyone you meet when walking, jogging, bicycling or driving in Coventry Woods.

We who live here are not strangers.

We are neighbors."

Can You Lead? Can You Help? (And Can You Smile?)

OUR BOARD NEEDS YOU!

We're on the edge of 2014, and that means elections for the 2014 Coventry Woods Neighborhood Association's board of directors.

Anyone who is a current member of the CWNA may choose to run for the board of directors. You need to throw your own hat in the ring; you can't be nominated by neighbors.

For more than 15 years, the mission of the CWNA has been to "protect, preserve and promote" our neighborhood. The CWNA has been recognized by members of the City Council, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department and other organizations as a driving force for making Coventry Woods one of the most vibrant, stable and up-and-coming places to live in East Charlotte.

The board of directors sets the organization's general policies and decides its direction. Members are elected annually at its January general membership meeting.

The board of directors are all volunteers; they receive no compensation. The board meets once monthly; projects and initiatives are ongoing. Board tasks are distributed to match board members' strengths and interests.

Are they busy? Of course. Are their tasks difficult? Sometimes. Is there the feeling of reward that comes from doing the right thing for your neighbors? Definitely. And there's fun and camaraderie involved, too.

If you'd like to be on the 2014 board of director's ballot, send an email to info@coventrywoods.org by Dec. 31.

Coventry Woods Neighborhood Events

ON THE HORIZON: MEMBERSHIP DRIVE, SPAGHETTI AND PINE STRAW

Late December. We will ask current members to renew their CWNA membership, and non-members to join. The annual fee will remain the same: \$25. Your joining is crucial to our community. You will receive a flyer about why you should be a member.

Mid-January. General membership meeting and spaghetti dinner – free for EVERYONE to attend, at Amity Presbyterian Church. Meet your neighbors, bring the kids, enjoy a great, no-charge dinner, and hear great speakers. You will receive a flyer with all the details.

Mid-March. The CWNA's biggest fundraiser of the year has always been our pine-straw sale – just when you need it to make your yards beautiful for spring, summer and fall. The cost is low, the quality of the pine straw is excellent, and CWNA volunteers will deliver it to your home. You will receive a flyer with all the details.

Coventry Woods Neighborhood Association, Board of Directors wishes you and yours a very Happy Holiday Season and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!!!!

See you around the neighborhood



The new COVENTRY WOODS T-shirts are now on sale for only \$10.00;
E-mail your order to info@coventrywoods.org.

We are an all-volunteer association; membership dues of \$25.00 per household per year – are used to pay for Woods Watch, events, and event flyers. We'd love to have you and your families become a part of the neighborhood association.

Membership Registration Form

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Home Phone: _____
 Email: _____

We are interested in helping with the following:
 Membership _____ Communications _____ Real Estate _____
 Civic Meetings _____ Social Events _____

For future event planning purposes, please complete the following:
 Number of Adults in Household _____
 Ages of Children in Household _____
 Comments:

Please mail with your \$25.00 check:
 Bill Cooper
 CWNA Treasurer
 5310 Coronado Drive
 Charlotte, NC 28212

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Advertisement Rates:

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- \$50 Quarter Page
- \$75 Half Page
- \$100 Full Page

Publication Dates:

- Spring
- Summer
- Fall
- Winter

The newsletter is a black and white publication. Please send ad copy to info@coventrywoods.org and indicate what size ad you would like, and how many issues you would like your ad to run. Payment is due prior to publication.

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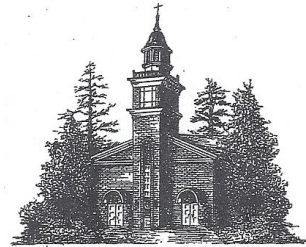
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Telephone: 704-537-3484
Pastor: Rev. Betsy Williamson

What can we do for you?

The CWNA board of directors wants to know "What do you want for Coventry Woods?" Bring your ideas or suggestions to any neighborhood event, and talk directly with board members. Or e-mail us at info@coventrywoods.org. Board members are elected to serve you and our beautiful neighborhood.
