



# WOODS WATCH

The Official Publication of  
The Coventry Woods Neighborhood Association

## 2014 Neighborhood Retreat

Some of the CWNA board members attended the 2014 Charlotte Neighborhood Retreat hosted by the Community Engagement Division of City of Charlotte Neighborhood & Business Services.



What we did was to strengthen our mission/vision statement "TO PRESERVE, PROTECT AND PROMOTE COVENTRY WOODS" by outlining, brainstorming goals and objectives we feel will help strengthen and unite our community even more. We discussed what we value, what are the best things about our community and the people who live here, what our past successes were, and what are our potentials and possibilities moving forward. This was a great opportunity for us and our community as a whole. More to be discussed at our next general membership meeting.



Thank you for allowing us to represent Coventry Woods Neighborhood.

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## Coventry Woods Neighborhood Events

**June. 2014 ANNUAL HOT DOG DAY** – CWNA hosted our annual Hot Dog Day. We had a grand time. These are just a few of the pictures – check us out on Facebook at **Coventry Woods Neighborhood** to see the rest. This is a free event for the whole neighborhood.



Be there or be square – see you next year!

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## Coventry Woods Events cont.

**July. Flag Day** – July 3<sup>rd</sup>, CWNA board and neighborhood volunteers placed an American flag in every yard of our neighborhood in honor of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Last year we completed the event in 90 minutes, this year 50 minutes, **yes that's right folks...only 50 minutes – 502 households!** Thanks to all the great friends and families that came out to help.



The Charlotte Museum of History has wrapped up our first full fiscal year of operations under our new business model and we would like to share our progress with you. During this past year we concentrated on building a strong foundation by focusing on four key areas: Education, Preservation, Collaboration, and Fiscal Responsibility.

Thanks to the many individuals, foundations, and corporations that made a gift to us, we were able to accomplish the following:

### **Educational Programs**

We reopened on a regular public schedule for visitation. We have engaged students and adults in our local history. Our neighborhood walking tours and educational teas have exceeded capacity. We have opened one of the closed galleries as an art gallery featuring Charlotte artists. We are working to reopen the Piedmont Backcountry gallery by the end of September.

### **Fiscal Responsibility**

We achieved a balanced budget. Our audit was issued with no management concerns. We do not have any debt. We adopted financial procedures based on best practices for nonprofits.

### **Historic Preservation**

Conducted an environmental study of the Hezekiah Alexander Home Site. We have compiled a list of repairs that need to be made also.

### **Collaboration**

We worked in partnership with the May 20 Society, Central Piedmont Community College, Charlotte Mecklenburg Libraries, Mecklenburg County Courthouse, Mecklenburg County, Mint Museum, Charlotte Folk Society, Levine Museum of New South, Historic Charlotte, and Johnson C. Smith University to produce educational programs.

Thank you for your continued interest and support. It is very meaningful to us and the persons who come here seeking to learn about Charlotte and Mecklenburg County's history.

## 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.

**May – Chris & Amy Thomas of 5608 Amity Place**  
Chris & Amy moved into Coventry Woods 16 years ago. They have two daughters, Jessica and Jenna. Like a lot of us in Coventry Woods the Thomas's were drawn to the feel and craftsmanship in their 1960s home as well as to the mature treescape and the nature surrounding it. Their work on the yard includes adding bluebird boxes in the backyard although so far only chickadees have roosted! To the Thomas family – Thank you for taking the time to make your part of our neighborhood beautiful!



### June – Mr. Gene Tedder of 6214 Knollgate Drive

Mr. Tedder has been in Coventry Woods for 13 years. His front yard is always well-maintained and welcoming with his bright spot of blue from a vase on his front entry.... His backyard is an extra special treat! The lilies and garden ornaments draw you through garden paths toward a beautiful, mature and healthy peach tree that was a housewarming gift! His finches chirp happily from his back porch in this secluded retreat.

Thank you Mr. Tedder for the time and care you take to make your part of Coventry Woods a special treat.



### July – Walter & Susan Stone of 5117 Amity Place

Walter & Susan along with their son Mitchell have transformed their yard into an engaging and lively living space! Their design ideas include winding walkways, gazebos, living fences and eye-catching vignettes at every turn. The Stones are avid "pickers" and take various bits and pieces for re-purposing in their beautiful yard. Thank you to Walter, Susan and Mitchell Stone for Living, Loving and Gardening in Coventry Woods.



## Yard of the Month - cont.

August—Mr. & Mrs. Robert White, 4808 Kipling Drive Robert, along with his wife Tracia and daughter Khadijah, have put together a welcoming and colorful yard. The roses at the mailbox and along the driveway are lovely. The addition of the front swing with birdbath gives them a place for quiet moments under the trees. Thank you to the Whites for being part of why we love where we live.



See you around the neighborhood.

## Remember

When you have bulky items to put on the street for trash pick up, YOU MUST MAKE AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING 311 OR ONLINE <http://charmeck.org/services/Pages/default>.

## THE CHARLOTTE HISTORY MUSEUM IS OPEN AND GOING STRONG!

We've all been concerned about the fate of the Charlotte History Museum, but fear no more.

They are open Tuesday - Saturday from 1-5 pm for visitors (\$7 regular tickets, discounts available, different pricing for special programs) and still offer daily tours of the old Hezekiah Alexander home site led by knowledgeable costumed docents.

Where, you say? 3500 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, NC 28212

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
**Haunted Home Site**  
**Friday, October 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**

Join us for ghouls, goblins, and ghost stories!

**Backcountry Beer Fest**  
**Saturday, November 8, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Our second annual beer fest will again feature colonial beers made from the natural spring flowing on the home site.

Go to: <http://www.charlotteeast.com/> for more local eastside events.

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

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