



WOODS WATCH

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Topper project on track

Volunteers, grant power improvement project

Plans are moving forward for the Coventry Woods sign-topper project. When completed next year, all 41 street intersection signs in our neighborhood will each be topped by a distinctive, permanent aluminum sign that reads "Coventry Woods."

The signs help identify a neighborhood for residents, visitors and home hunters. They are a display of pride in many up-and-coming neighborhoods in Charlotte.

The signs were made possible by a \$3,037 grant from the Neighborhood Matching Grant Program of the city's Neighborhood & Business Services Department. Our application was approved Oct. 28 and the documents were signed Nov. 12. The grant includes manufacture of the signs and the hardware needed to affix the signs to the tops of intersection poles.

It is a "sweat equity" grant: In preparing our application this fall, 62 Coventry Woods residents signed pledges for topper-related activities. The hours pledged were assigned a monetary value, which – along with CWNA outlays – matched the \$3,037 requested from and approved by the city.

Volunteers for the design committee prepared rough sketches that showed their ideas for signs that would be distinctive, practical, unique, attractive and which would complement our neighborhood.

The sketches were then formalized under the direction of former Coventry Woods resident (and former CWNA board member) Brian Hetherington. His previous design-related efforts for the organization include the current CWNA T-shirts and the Holiday Yard of the Month sign.

The finished designs will be reviewed by the board of directors; the approval of the Charlotte Department of Transportation for the two finalist designs will be required because the toppers will be mounted atop city-owned poles and street signs.

On Jan. 22, at the CWNA's first membership meeting of the year, residents of our neighborhood – CWNA members and non-members – will have the opportunity to vote for the design that will be manufactured for Coventry Woods.

Our crews will install the signs after they arrive.

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Holiday Yard of the Month

The winner is



Joaquin and Trujillo Guadalupe Avelino live at 5015 Glenbrier Drive; they have lived in the neighborhood for 10 years, raising their 3 daughters and a son.

Thanks to all of our neighbors for making this year merry!

Happy Holidays

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Topper project on track They volunteered!

The entire project – including proceeds from the spring 2015 pine-straw sale – is the work of volunteers; we have many people in Coventry Woods to thank.

They include...

For Woods Watch and flyer distribution: Jane Brendle, Michael Domras, Mimi Curlee, Pat Bordsen, Gene Tedder, Andrea Smith, Jim Faulkner, Bill Cooper, Ronny Reddig, Ron Brendle, John Autry and Ellen Stewart;

For CWNA meeting setup and cleanup: Bob Smith, Jan Faulkner, Kimberly Rosenbaum, Josh Rosenbaum, Lee Broadway, Thomas Meyers, Barry Rhudy, JC Konecny, Sherry Hunter, Louise Woods, Lauren Bonnema, Kristen Snyder, Marie Dillon, Eve Cooper, Rebecca Autry, Ruth Smith-Byers and Richard Byers;

For sign-topper installation: Todd Jennings, Eric Broadway, Ed LaRocque, Mike LaRocque, Greg Cole, John Hausmann, Mike Davis, Kenny Davis, Brett Bonnema, Maria Jennings, Cholly Penn and Debbie Jackson;

For pine-straw delivery: Phil Johnson, Melanie Esham, Floyd Oakley, Jack Hudspeth, Ron Stewart, Chris Thomas, Kelly Robinette, Tim Hoag, Lucky Anneheim, Stephen Dillon, Jason Miller, Brian Gott, Mike McGlamery, Sarah Clark, Mike Ferrone and Sidney Covington;

For design coordination: Jim Frakes, Chris Schatz and Jae Emerling;

For communications: Therese Bohn, Jennifer Noto and John Bordsen.

Coventry Woods Neighborhood Events

Mark your calendar for Jan. 22!

Here are six great reasons why you should attend the first CWNA membership meeting of 2015. It starts at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, Jan 22.

1. You can see the two finalists for Coventry Woods street sign-toppers – and vote for the one you like best.
2. It's our annual spaghetti dinner meeting – and everyone is welcome. Bring the whole family... and come hungry.
3. You can join the CWNA or renew your membership for 2015.
4. Current and new CWNA members will elect the 2015 board of directors.
5. We'll have interesting speakers.
6. You'll meet your neighbors!

AND, we are growing – 2 new additions to our Coventry Woods Family.



Congratulations to Brent and Lauren Bonnema; their son Ethan John was born this past Saturday 12.13.14 at 8:26am. He weighed 9 lbs. 1 oz. and is 21 ½ in. long. Big brother Caleb loves him already and wakes up each morning asking for "baby"!

Congratulations to Eddie and Megan LaRocque; their 2nd son William was born 12.9.14. He weighed 9 lbs. 6 oz. and is 21 ¾ in. long.

The new COVENTRY WOODS T-shirts are now on sale
for only \$10.00;

E-mail your order to info@coventrywoods.org.

More fun stuff!!

October 2014 Fall Extravaganza – CWNA hosted our fall event at Cedarwood Park this year. We had a great turn out with lots of kids in costumes, good neighbors and good eats. These are just a few of the pictures – check us out on Facebook at **Coventry Woods Neighborhood** to see the rest. This was a free event for the whole neighborhood.



Let the games begin.



The families.



And of course – the desserts.



October Annual Pumpkin Wall – The Coventry Woods 1st Annual Pumpkin Wall was a great success. Hosted by Krissi Rafidi and JC Konecny, the wall provided a great central location for neighbors to gather before trick or treating. Check out some of these creative pumpkins. Perhaps next year will include a carving contest? Be sure to mark your calendars for next year, we plan to make this a Halloween tradition!



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.

September – 5200 Coronado Drive – Brian Gott and his trusty dog, Thumper, chose to live in Coventry Woods because of its older houses and diverse community. He appreciates the easy access to uptown, Elizabeth, Cotswold, Plaza Midwood, and even Matthews where his brother lives. He loves the diverse, local restaurants on the east side.

Brian has a busy schedule like a lot of us so, Thank you, Brian and Thumper for taking the time to add to the beauty of our neighborhood!



October – 5123 Glenbrier Drive – Steve & Marie Dillon and their children Steven & Christina moved here in 1998. Marie's mother, Maria Militana, came to live with them 5 years ago. Maria is Sicilian and her kitchen garden is amazing! Marie gives all the credit to her mother for transforming their yard into bountiful fruiting and flowering goodness.

Thank you to The Dillons and to Mrs. Militana for the loving care that goes into their home.



November's Yard of the Month is... A lot of yards!!! Everyone had such great fall colors and welcoming front doors (well, some were a little more scary) but what a wonderful time of year! We've had some great weather, lots of camaraderie and enjoyable times with our neighborhood friends, both old and new! We look forward to continued fun and festivities with everyone! Check out our Facebook page for more.

Thanks to everyone who takes our neighborhood into their hearts and pours forth that care and concern in so many different ways including with their yards!

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://charmack.org/services/Pages/default>.

December Beauties



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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