



# Woodberry Forest Newsletter

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## Spring Picnic

Thanks to our WFNA social committee lead by Camille Gotta and the WFNA board for pulling off the best spring picnic ever! The weather was absolutely perfect. Once again we had chicken from Price's Chicken Coup, many wonderful side dishes provided by the whole neighborhood and door prizes. Every year we seem to have more children to liven up the festivities too. Thanks to Garr Memorial Church for providing the perfect setting for a nice picnic in the shade and a place for the children to run around and have a good time.

Joseph Gotta, WFNA Chair

## Yard Sale

Thanks to Sera and Marv Callif for doing a great job in organizing our second annual WFNA Group Yard Sale. We had a good number of participants this year, great weather, and a lot of shoppers. This is a wonderful opportunity to do a little spring cleaning, make a little extra cash, free up some space, and enjoy the extra traffic generated by a well promoted and patronized event.

Joseph Gotta WFNA Chair

## Come Join our (your) Woodberry Forest Neighborhood Association!

WFNA 2008 annual dues are now due! We encourage every home (139) within the neighborhood to be an active participant in our community. United we do stand as a body to represent our mutual interests to the council, police, and other agencies capable of helping us maintain our identity and helping to insure our safety. \$25 is a small price to pay for this and our socials, etc. Please mail your checks, made out to WFNA, to: Tom De Vries, 1932 Summerhill Dr., Charlotte, NC 28212 (Year 1/1/08 - 12/31/08). Call Tom if you are unsure if you have already paid your dues.

### 2008 WFNA Dues Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2008 Dues: ☐ \$25.00

Additional Contribution:(optional)\_\_\_\_\_

Thank You: The Association.

## Save the Date

- **September 14** - Ice Cream Social - 3:00pm at the home of Diane and Pete Sherman (1800 Lumarka Dr.)
- **November 8** - Fall Bar-B-Que / Annual Association Meeting at Garr Memorial Church

### Crime Watch

In case of a crime or if you see something suspicious

**CALL 911**

Then call Walter Hoehn, our Crime Watch Chairman, at 704-531-1856 and tell him.



### Engravers Available

Woodberry Forest residents may borrow association engravers to mark their valuables, e.g. "\*NC1234567\*" (your license number). To borrow an engraver, please call Walter Hoehn at 704-531-1856.

### Crime Watch Report

The summer is here and many neighbors are finalizing their vacation plans. Things to do before you leave:

1. If you know your neighbors, let them know how you can be reached in an emergency.
2. Have someone check your property while you're away, or set up lights to go on and off automatically.
3. Call the Independence Police Station and ask for a zone check for your address.

And finally, have a great time while you're on vacation!

Walter Hoehn, Crime Watch Committee Chair  
704-531-1856

## Spring Garden Tour

The spring garden tour was held on Sunday, April 13th with 19 gardens on the tour. We had a terrific turnout. It was a great opportunity for neighbors to get out and visit with people they didn't know. Thanks to all of you who allowed us to visit your beautiful yards.

Jerry Talbert, Yard of the Month Chair

## Yard of the Month

Yard of the month judging started April 6th with Leslie and Tom Hancock of 7519 Gayle Avenue winning the honor - first time winners! The May award went to Zoe and Dick Shaw of 1624 Revlon Place - their yard is always beautiful. The June award went to Jo Ann Terry of 7626 Candis Drive.

Jerry Talbert, Yard of the Month Chair

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## Breakfast with Your Neighbors

Please join your neighbors at Crownpoint Restaurant (by Value City Furniture) on the second Saturday of every month at 8am!

## Welcome New Neighbors!

We would like to welcome the following new neighbors to Woodberry Forest:

- **Kate and Chris Keane**  
**Jack** (son), **Apple** (dog)  
7601 Gayle Avenue, 704-706-2495

Please update your directory.

Robin Williams, 2008 Hospitality Committee Chair

## Neighbors For A Safer Charlotte

([www.neighborsforasafarcharlotte.org](http://www.neighborsforasafarcharlotte.org))

Above is the website for Neighbors For A Safer Charlotte. This is a grassroots Charlotte organization. These are their stated goals:

- Continue meeting with CMPD, city/county leaders, the DA's office and court system, and other appropriate agencies to understand the nature of crime in our community, as well as past and current crime fighting efforts.
- Partner with other civic groups (Charlotte Chamber, Center City Partners, CMS, Foundation for the Carolinas and other civic-centered foundations) and citizen coalitions to understand what community-based efforts are underway or have been identified as priorities.
- Bring together neighborhood associations across Mecklenburg County to share information on crime in our community and on efforts to deter and prevent crime.
- Commission studies to identify areas of strength and deficiency in the law enforcement and justice system in our region .
- Seek the participation and financial support of the civic and business community throughout Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.
- Develop the "Neighbors for a Safer Charlotte" website as the primary source for):

1. CMPD communications and updates.
2. Statistical information on crime, law enforcement, the court system and related budget issues.
3. Preventive measures.
4. News on neighborhood watch efforts.
5. Contact information for elected officials and district judges by address and district.
6. Bi-partisan information on elected officials and political candidates who are committed to the issues of community safety.
7. Community meeting announcements.
8. Education on the functions of our city, county and state governing process.
9. Background on legislative issues and efforts related to crime and community safety.
10. Information on resources for organizing and strengthening neighborhood associations.

If you would like to get involved you may join this organization through their website.

Joseph Gotta WFNA Chair

## Mosquitoes: Get Them Before They Get You!

Mosquitoes present both a public health concern and a community nuisance to citizens, particularly with emerging mosquito-transmitted diseases such as West Nile virus, Eastern equine, and LaCrosse encephalitis. However, the more we know about mosquitoes, the more we can do to address the problem and reduce their numbers within our neighborhood.

The best way to combat mosquitoes in our area is to manage any standing water sources around the home which might support their breeding. Pooled water is where adults lay their eggs and where the larvae develop, feeding upon any plant matter found within the source (leaves, algae, etc.). Water that is clear of debris is no threat; it's once the water becomes contaminated with plant matter that it becomes a potential breeding site.

To prevent mosquito breeding, make sure to clean out your bird baths regularly and unclog any gutters that may be full of leaves, causing water to back up. Periodically flush the water at the bottom of plant pots and turn unused buckets and pots upside down. Most adult mosquitoes live about 2-3 weeks so once the breeding source has been eliminated it is only a short time before the present adults die off and therefore relieving the problem.

If you have removed all standing water sources around the home and are continuing to experience a mosquito problem, or have a creek or ditch near your home that appears to have standing water, then various physical, chemical, or biological control measures may need to be put in place by the Public Health Pest Management & Environmental Services section of the Mecklenburg County Health Department. They can be reached at 704-336-5554; or by email at [dennis.salmen@mecklenburgcountync.gov](mailto:dennis.salmen@mecklenburgcountync.gov).

## Woodberry Forest Website

If you haven't seen our Woodberry Forest website, check it out at [www.neighborhoodlink.com](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com). Once there, simply type in your zip code, click "go" or press "enter," scroll down until you find Woodberry Forest, and click on it to see our home page. For fast future access, add the site to your "favorites" to keep up with what's new! You will have to register at first but this is extremely simple. Check the Community Calendar for upcoming event information. More detailed information can be found under the Community Pages heading, including a discussion forum where you can post your thoughts or announcements. Our newsletter will be available, photos from recent events can be seen, and many relevant links to city and county services and resources are readily available.

Joseph Gotta, WFNA Chairman

## Our Neighborhood Entrances Need Your Help

Hot weather is upon us and that means the beautiful new landscaping at our neighborhood entrances will need regular watering. If you are able to help out by watering an entrance once a week, please contact Ashley Boyd (704)568-1108 or email [ashleyboyd@earthlink.net](mailto:ashleyboyd@earthlink.net). Let her know which entrance and what day is most convenient for you. Thank you!"