



Woodberry Forest Newsletter

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Keeping In Touch

Since our last newsletter, we've had a couple storms come through resulting in lightning strikes to neighborhood property and power outages. We also had a significant power outage caused by a car collision on Monroe Rd. It's times like these that we especially need to reach out to each other and see if our neighbors are okay. If the phones are out, a knock on the door is all it takes. If you have a gas oven or grill, invite a neighbor over for dinner, or see if they have enough candles or batteries. I wasn't here during Hugo but these are examples of what Woodberry Forest neighbors did for each other then. I continually hear of other similar examples of good Samaritan activity all the time: people taking each others papers and mail while they are away, calling when they see unusual activity, or even cutting their grass for them in a time of need. The neighborly stewardship here makes me proud to be a resident of Woodberry Forest.

We have a wonderful block captain system for neighborhood communication in the event of emergency but on occasion we also send out e-mails about issues relevant to Woodberry Forest, Mason Wallace Park, and our surrounding East Forest area. Please check the WFNA directory to see if your phone number and e-mail address is current. If there are any corrections or additions, please call or e-mail so we can update our records and keep in touch.

Joseph Gotta, WFNA Chairman, (704) 563-8230
or wfnassoc@gmail.com.

Come Join our (your) Woodberry Forest Neighborhood Association!

We encourage every home (139) within the neighborhood to be an active participant in our community. United we do stand 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 checks, made out to WFNA, to: Tom De Vries, 1932 Summerhill Dr., Charlotte, NC 28212 (Year 1/1/08 - 12/31/08)

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.)
- **October 26** - Halloween home decoration judging
- **October 31** - Halloween Social - 6:00pm at the Gayle Ave. entrance to Mason Wallace Park.
- **November 8** - Fall Bar-B-Que / Annual Association Meeting at East Baptist Church (beside East Meck High School)

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

If you are going away for a late summer and/or Labor Day vacation, consider doing the following:

- Hiring a "House sitter."
- Do not publicize the fact that you are going on vacation.
- Put lights and a radio on timers.
- Keep shrubbery from blocking the view of doors and windows.
- Burn an outside light all night, not just when you go away.
- Lock garbage cans in a storage room, or have someone share his/her garbage with you while you are gone.
- Leave window coverings as they normally would be.
- Do not stop deliveries! Have a neighbor pick them up for you, as well as circulars that accumulate by the front door.
- Make arrangements to have the lawn cut while you are away.
- Turn telephone ring down to low or turn on the answering machine.
- Lock all doors (including garage doors), windows and screens before leaving.
- Store items such as lawn furniture, garden tools and hanging baskets in a secure area of your residence.
- Ask neighbors to look out for your residence while you are away.
- Tell them which lights will be left on.
- Consider asking a neighbor to park a vehicle in your driveway during your absence.
- Leave a phone number with a neighbor where you can be contacted in case of an emergency

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

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Yard of the Month

We continue to have so many beautiful yards in Woodberry Forest. Selecting just one yard for “Yard of the Month” is sometimes very difficult. Congratulations to Linda and Ward Mullis of 7514 Dwight St. for winning this honor for July. Our August winners are Vicki and Rick Kelley of 1625 Woodberry Rd.

Yards are judged on the following criteria:

1. **Lawn:** Color, mowing, edging, cleanliness and weed control.
2. **Trees and Shrubs:** Foliage, mulching and layout.
3. **Sidewalks and Driveways:** cleanliness.
4. **Extra/Something Special:** Plantings and/or decorations that enhance the character of the yard.

September is our last month of judging. You can receive this honor once every three years so all of you have a good chance to win. Join the friendly competition!

Jerry Talbert, Yard of the Month Chair

New Block Captain Chair

Sue Keene moves from the position of member-at-large on your WFNA board to block captain chair. Many thanks to Sera Callif for her service this year and generous ongoing assistance in helping deliver newsletters to block captains for distribution.

Woodberry Automotive

Woodberry Forest has a new namesake in an auto repair shop! Woodberry Automotive is offering a 10% discount to all residents of Woodberry Forest. They are so close they can give you a ride home and pick you up when the job is done. Camille and I have used their services on our cars and were happy with the results. They are located off Wallace Rd. across the street from Wallace Woods Apts. For information call (704) 566-8282.

Joseph Gotta, WFNA Chairman

Halloween Festivities

Get ready for the first annual Woodberry Forest Halloween Social and home decoration judging. On Halloween, trick-or-treaters will gather at the Mason Wallace Park end of Gayle Ave. at 6:00 PM. Pizza and drinks will be provided by the Woodberry Forest Association. From there, trick-or-treaters are welcome to travel with the group through the neighborhood in search of goodies. Please RSVP to Chris Cudabac at (704) 532-2740 or ccudabac@earthlink.net. Home decorations will be judged by the yard of the month committee on Sunday, October 26th.

Joseph Gotta, WFNA Chairman

Breakfast with Your Neighbors

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

Woodberry Forest Website

If you haven't seen our Woodberry Forest website, check it out at 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.

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