



# Woodberry Forest Newsletter

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## A Special Thank You to Terry St. Martin and Woodberry Forest

Thanks to all the volunteers, our Christmas event turned out to be a very successful event. Thanks to you, Rose Wood and your neighbors for bringing all those goodies. The residents of the Shelter were truly appreciative of what our ministry did. Thanks again for your help and please extend my thanks to your friends and neighbors for joining us at the Shelter last month. God Bless.

Wally Penilla, St. Gabriel's Church

## Our Deepest Sympathies

- Dora St. Martin passed away on December 23, 2008. Dora was the mother of Raymond St. Martin (Terry), 1523 Woodberry Road and Clarice S. Locke (Jack), 1811 Woodberry Road.
- Polly Landers of 1800 Woodberry Road recently lost her brother.

## Joint Garden Club Meeting

The Woodberry Forest Garden Club hosted the Woodberry Forest Home & Garden Club at our annual March joint meeting on March 17th, St Patrick's Day. Our theme and decor was St. Patrick's Day. We hosted with a meal of chicken dishes with vegetables, salad, and lots of delicious desserts. We mingled and renewed friendships and played Bingo. There were lots of NEAT prizes with everyone winning a prize. Our door prize was a gift certificate donated by Crown Point Restaurant. We had 24 in attendance and all had a great time.

Joan Roberts, Woodberry Forest Garden Club President

## Join our (your) WFNA!

We urge every home within Woodberry Forest to be an active member of our community. \$25 is a small price to pay for the benefits you'll receive. Please mail checks payable to WFNA to: Jerome Byers, 7511 Gayle Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28212 (Year 1/1/09 - 12/31/09). If you're not sure you paid your dues, please call Jerome.

### 2009 WFNA Dues Form

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

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

2009 Dues: ☐ \$25.00

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

Thank You: The Association.

## Save the Date

- May 16 - Spring Picnic at Garr Memorial picnic area

### 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

With the coming of spring, many of us will be out working on our yards. When working out in your yard, please remember to follow a few safety rules:

1. Please do not leave yard equipment unattended.
2. Make sure you do not leave your garages, and/or sheds, open for extended periods of time when you are not able to see if someone might enter them.
3. If approached by someone who offers to do work for you:
  - a) Best option is to say no thank you if you do not know the person.
  - b) Secure all tools and buildings before showing the person around the property for work you want done (A popular con is to have a second person rob the house while the other person is "surveying" the work with the home owner).

Remember to be cautious and to keep your eyes open, and tell your neighbors to do the same.

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

## Yard of the Month

The "Yard of the Month" award for April went to Peggy and Bill McGalliard of 1826 Summerhill Drive. Congratulations Peggy and Bill!

Judging for the upcoming months will take place on May 3rd, June 7th, July 5th, August 2nd, and September 6th.

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## **Breakfast with Your Neighbors**

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

## **Fire Ant Control**

Fire ants are a serious safety hazard as anyone who has been attacked can attest to. Please frequently inspect your property for fire ant mounds and treat them with mound/queen killing granules. This is the only way to control these rapidly growing ant populations and keep our neighborhood safe for us, our children, and pets. Also, please consider broadcasting fire ant preventive granules across your entire yard, especially areas close to curbs and sidewalks where they prefer to build.

Joseph D. Gotta WFNA Board Chairman

## **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 D. Gotta WFNA Board Chairman

## **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).

