



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 picnic ever! Rain was threatening but it turned out 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 their new covered patio adjacent to the old picnic grounds and a place for the children to run around and have a great time.

Joseph Gotta, WFNA Chair

Woodberry Forest on Facebook

Woodberry Forest is now on Facebook and we already have over forty neighbors as friends. This is a great way for us to stay in touch. You can post items of interest on the Woodberry Forest wall or share pictures of yourself and your family. If you are not yet familiar with Facebook simply go to www.facebook.com and sign up for an account. It's free, it's easy, and it's fun!

Joseph Gotta, WFNA Chair

In Memoriam

Mack (Buddy) Smith of 1734 Woodberry Rd. passed away on May 20th.

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

• August 30 - Ice Cream Social

Join your neighbors on August 30th at 3:00pm at the home of Diane and Pete Sherman (1800 Lumarka Dr.) to sample some home made ice cream and desserts as well as some store bought varieties. Make sure to bring a lawn chair or two. Face painting will be available for the children.

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

Vacation Crime Prevention

Here's some ideas to keep your residence safe while you are away. Before Leaving...**Secure Your Residence:**

- 1) Make sure all the locks on the doors and windows function properly and use them.
- 2) Make sure your residence looks lived in and not empty.
- 3) Leave the shades and blinds on doors and windows in a position that you would normally have them.
- 4) Ask several neighbors to keep an eye on your residence while you are away. Leave your vacation address and telephone number with the neighbors so you can be reached in an emergency.
- 5) Make sure your smoke and burglar alarms are functioning properly and are armed.
- 6) Arrange for a neighbor to pick up your deliveries: mail, newspaper, and any other packages.
- 7) Arrange for someone to maintain your yard so your home appears occupied.
- 8) Have someone place your garbage cans at the curb for normal pickup and put them away after the pickup has been made.
- 9) Make sure you have timers for lights, television, or radios so they turn on and off at the appropriate times.

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- 10) Turn the ringer on the telephone down low or off. A possible intruder will not be alerted to your absence by a ringing telephone. If you can, forward your calls to your cellular phone or a trusted individual.
- 11) Leave a normal message on your answering machine; do not announce your absence on the answering machine.
- 12) Ask a neighbor to park in your driveway while you are gone so it will appear that someone is home. If you leave your car at home, park as you normally would.
- 13) Consider taking valuables that you cannot live without to a safety deposit box.
- 14) Call local police to advise them that you are on vacation.

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

Yard of the Month

What a wonderful neighborhood of active and vibrant yard keepers we have! It is a joy to live in a well-established, wooded neighborhood, and with so many properties where our homeowners take such care and pride in a beautiful yard.

Yard of the month judging is done on the first Sunday afternoon, of every month, April-September. If your yard is selected one season, you are ineligible for a 3 year period. It is very gratifying that so many homeowners take pleasure in a beautiful yard, irrespective of neighborhood recognition.

Congratulations to our 2009 Yard of the Month recipients so far:

- **April 2009** – Bill and Peggy McGaillard, 1926 Summerhill Dr.
- **May 2009** – Greg and Phyllis Sidebottom, 1837 Summerhill Dr.
- **June 2009** – Earl and Jerry Talbert, 1601 Woodberry Rd.

Rose Wood, Yard of the Month Chair

Neighbors for a Safer Charlotte

www.neighborsforasafcharlotte.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.

Neighbors for a Safer Charlotte

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

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

Joseph Gotta, WFNA Chair

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!

Please Be Mindful of Speed Limits

Woodberry Forest's streets and front yards are vibrant and full of life. Every morning and evening I see folks jogging, neighbors walking their dogs, families playing catch, parents pushing strollers, and residents enjoying the outdoor beauty of our neighborhood. I'm also seeing more and more kids running and playing within Woodberry Forest.

With all this increased outdoor activity, I ask that we all make sure to keep our eyes open when we drive our neighborhood streets and that we be mindful of the posted speed limits. A little patience in getting out and through Woodberry Forest goes a long way in helping to keep our streets, and your fellow residents, safe.

Let's all do our part to make sure we all have an enjoyable summer in Woodberry Forest.

Joseph Gotta, WFNA Chair