



WOODS WATCH

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Let's get growing!

What to do in your yard NOW while you're waiting for spring to arrive

N.C. State's Mecklenburg Extension – www.mastergardenermecklenburg.org – offers a monthly garden calendar tailored to our area. Here's a shortened version of their what-to-do list for February. When March arrives, we will post a link to their complete to-do list for that month at the Coventry Woods Neighborhood page on Facebook.

General landscape advice

Reassess your garden. Consider adding plants or replacing underperforming plants. (Are the plants suited to your home's sun and shade?).

Focus on plants that grow well in our USDA planting zone (7B-8A). Take care of the soil and improve your watering practices.

Dig wild onions and garlic as they emerge by removing the bulblet underground.

Mow monkey grass (liriope) and cut back ornamental grasses this month. Remove all cuttings.

Perennials, annuals & bulbs

Watch for signs of growth in early spring bulbs. When about 1-inch high, start removing mulch (cloudy days are best). Fertilize emerging bulbs. Spread wood ashes on bulb beds, vegetable beds, and non-acid-loving plants.

Dig up, separate if necessary, replant and water.

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Here are the Parkers of Farmingdale Drive -- Caroline, Chris & Catherine (almost 3) -- at the Jan. 14 meet-up at Bodega Deli.

THE INSIDE STORY ON THE CWNA MONTHLY MEET-UPS

The CWNA plans these monthly gatherings as an easy way for you to meet new neighbors or catch up with old friends in a family-friendly atmosphere. We come together and show community support for local businesses and they love having us. It's a win-win.

When: These are informal and held on weekday evenings (so you can relax and chat after the workday) on the weekend (when it is fun to get out and explore our area). We post upcoming meet-ups on our Instagram and Facebook page, on NextDoor and on our website. And you'll know an event is happening soon when you see the yard signs posted around the neighborhood.

Where: So far we have met at Edge City, Steamer's, Hawthorne's Pizza, Vaulted Oak and

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Meet the CWNA board



Kari Heyink, left, and Nancy Wilson

Over the next several issues of Woods Watch, we'd like you to meet the board of directors – several at a time!

Name: Nancy Wilson

I live on: Coronado Drive

About me: “I am originally from Kannapolis, N.C.; however, I have lived in Charlotte since August 1969. At that time, I was hired by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System (CMS). After teaching for 15 years at Midwood Elementary and Shamrock Elementary, I went into administration for my final 15 years in education and served as assistant principal and then principal at Albemarle Road Elementary. Following retirement, I was given the opportunity to work part-time for seven years in human resources with CMS. I feel strongly that each should find a way to give back to the community. I serve on the Coventry Woods board, work early voting and serve as a volunteer with Hospice and Palliative Care Charlotte Region. I love working crossword puzzles, Sudokus, other challenging games/puzzles, seeing plays and meaningful quotes.”

Moved to Coventry Woods: 1978

Joined CWNA: “I believe I joined CWNA when it started in 2001.”

CWNA board member since 2016. “My incentive was to work on improving our entrance sign -- lettering and landscaping. I hope you enjoy the finished product! I continue to try to find ways to beautify our neighborhood. If each of us works on the curb appeal of our home, the entire neighborhood benefits.”

What I love about where we live: “I have lived on Coronado Drive for 35 years. When I first moved here, I loved it and I still do. It is a wonderful neighborhood with an inviting atmosphere and great people. I love that folks wave as you drive by them, and I enjoy seeing so many young families moving into the neighborhood. We are so convenient to all areas of Charlotte!”

Name: Kari Heyink

I live on: Glenbrier Drive

About me: “I am originally from Michigan (Go, MSU!), but moved to Charlotte in 2007 to teach for CMS. I taught both public and private before staying at home with my two boys, Jake 5.5 and Colin 4. I currently tutor with Augustine Literacy Project and also like to volunteer at my boys' schools. My husband, John, is from Ohio (Notre Dame alum and fan) and works for Wells Fargo. If you see us out and about in the neighborhood or at the park with our boys and our two dogs, both Australian shepherds, please say hi!”

Moved to Coventry Woods: 2015.

Joined the CWNA: “2015. We joined right away and have helped with various projects over the years: park clean-ups, pine straw delivery, and annual membership meetings.”

CWNA board member since April 2022, “but I organized the First Annual Halloween Party in the Park in 2021 and worked closely with the board. I truly enjoy meeting and chatting with folks, which is why I suggested the monthly meet-ups. Happy to have joined and do my part.”

What I love about where we live: “We loved the neighborhood from the very beginning and have met and friended some of the most genuine and down-to-earth folks around Charlotte right here in Coventry Woods. Central location, big trees and the newly renovated park are also big pluses in our book. Some of my neighborhood friends probably laugh at me when I always stop people to ask if they are new to the neighborhood. But we felt very welcomed when we first moved in and I just want to pay that forward.”

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Plant seeds of columbine, foxglove, coreopsis, phlox, daisies.

Feed pansies in late February.

Wait until new growth emerges before cutting back lantana and salvia. Trim away dead leaves and stems from asters, coreopsis and rudbeckia. Clean up lenten roses and Epimedium. Remove old, dead and dying leaves to reveal the flowers.

Shrubs & trees

Don't prune azaleas, dogwood, gardenia, forsythias, loropetalum, Hydrangea macrophylla and spirea now, but remove dead or damaged wood. Prune after they bloom.

What you can prune: Hydrangea (paniculata by a third, as needed, and cut back arborescens to 10 inches.)

Prune hybrid teas, grandiflora and floribunda roses before bud break in late February. On mature plants thin out a third of the old canes to the ground to open up the plants.

Boxwood can be lightly pruned. Prune evergreens for shape and to encourage new growth. Prune fig trees. Prune any dead, diseased, dying or damaged wood.

Take stems of Red Twig Dogwood down to the ground to prepare for new spring growth. Prune to get a desired shape or form. Severe pruning can be done now -- but take no more than 1/3 of the plant's height.

Transplant trees and shrubs so that they get settled in before the summer heat sets in.

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Real Estate Transactions

Recent activity in Coventry Woods

For sale

6430 Farmingdale Drive
List: \$380,000.

Yards of the Month**November 2022**

Megan & Ed Laroque, 4919 Glenbrier Drive.

**Yard of the Season 2022**

Ginnie & David Fender, 1121 Cedarwood Lane.

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OMG Donuts. These are all places within a five-minute drive of home.

Our most recent meet-up was at lunchtime on Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Bodega Deli, on Albemarle Road. Thanks to Luis Jimenez, of Coronado Drive, for the suggestion! Have an idea of where to meet-up in the coming months? Send an email to CoventryWoodsBoard@gmail.com.

Why: Our mission as a volunteer neighborhood association is to preserve, protect and promote Coventry Woods. You are Coventry Woods, your neighbor is Coventry Woods and we are stronger together.

Mark Your Calendar

Feb. 1-28 – Black History Month

Feb. 2 – Groundhog Day

Feb. 5 Full moon (“Snow Moon”)

Feb 8 – Early release day for CMS students

Feb. 8 – CWNA Annual Membership Meeting & Dinner (See below!)

Feb. 14 – St. Valentine’s Day

Feb. 18 – MahaShivarati (Hindu)

Feb. 20 – Presidents Day

Feb. 20 – No school for CMS students

Feb. 21 – Mardi Gras

Feb. 25-March 29 – Gamma Normids meteor showers (peak: midnight 1;30 a.m. March 13-14)

March 1-31 – Women’s History Month

March 7 – Full moon (“Worm Moon”)

March 8 – Early release day for CMS students

March 12 – Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 a.m.. Move your clocks AHEAD one hour.

March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day

March 20 Spring equinox (official start of spring)

March 22-April 30 – Ramadan (Islamic)

March 27 – No school for CMS students (teacher workday)

April 1 – April Fool’s Day

April 6 – Full Moon (“Pink Moon”)

April 6-13 – Passover (Jewish)

April 7 – Good Friday

April 7 – No school for CMS students (holiday)

April 9 – Easter

April 15 – Federal & state tax deadline day

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

It’s back! Save the date for our annual Italian dinner and 2023 CWNA Membership Meeting

**Wednesday, February 8th
6 - 8pm**

AMITY PRESBYTERIAN FELLOWSHIP HALL

All are welcome, whether you are a current CWNA member or not. There will be an opportunity to learn more about the CWNA, how to get involved and join/pay \$30 dues. Come out and enjoy a FREE meal catered by Hawthornes and provided by the Coventry Woods Neighborhood Association Board. There will be local representatives excited to share updates on projects happening around our neighborhood. Meet or catch-up with neighbors and friends. Hope to see you!