



# WOODS WATCH

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## Welcome to our Current Newsletter

Usually at this time of the year we'd be enjoying a meal and neighborly fun together at our annual meeting, but these unprecedented times have altered this tradition. Although we can't meet as usual our neighborhood remains as vibrant and wonderful as ever – maybe even more so as so many of us have continued our newly enhanced routines of spending more time in our yards and walking throughout our beautiful neighborhood. There's so much joy around us if we look for it, and much hope ahead. Please stay safe and well, check in on your neighbors, and embrace the beauty that surrounds us.

We hope you enjoy this issue of our newsletter.

## Know Your Neighbors: Ron and Jane Brendle



It's not actual strings that attach Ron and Jane Brendle to Coventry Woods, though strings are part of their story.

Jane bought their residence on the 6300 block of Glenbrier Drive in 1994, just before joining the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra as a member of the first violin section. She married Ron in 1998 – and he is a string bass performer and educator.

As a neighbor, you might know the couple from their dog-walking schedule – King is the most recent in a line of pooches – or from their involvement with the Coventry Woods Neighborhood Association. The long-time members often help distribute CWNA flyers and newsletters.

During the COVID-19 shutdown, their professional careers have continued – streaming concerts for Jane, plus limited-attendance events with the Carolina Strings quartet. Ron teaches and streams from home as well as manages his LoNote Records label online and handles commercial work via his website, [www.ronbrendle.com](http://www.ronbrendle.com). He also performs at limited-attendance concerts and live-stream events. He also teaches bass online, via Zoom.

Ron slides among genres – jazz, blues, bluegrass, klezmer – and treasures having played and recorded with blues/jazz legend Mose Allison. His 2020 CD is “Ron Brendle Quartet: A Tribute to the Bassists of Jazz” ([www.ronbrendle.bandcamp.com](http://www.ronbrendle.bandcamp.com)).

Jane's studio work has included the HBO series “Eastbound & Down.”

She has performed in concert with the likes of Johnny Cash, the Moody Blues, Glen Campbell, Chicago, John Denver and Rod Stewart.

Home in Coventry Woods works fine for practicing, rehearsing and videotaping.

Right now, you can enjoy them on Youtube playing duets for ArtsPlus.org. Recorded live from Glenbrier Drive.

## A Message from Larenda Denien, Principal, Idlewild Elementary School

I'm beyond proud of our Idlewild community—everyone has come together in truly remarkable ways to support one another, our students & their families, our staff members, and our school as a whole.

Our teachers and staff did an incredible job of providing remote instruction during first quarter and are doing such wonderful things now, in Plan B, to ensure high quality hybrid instruction occurs. I'm so delighted that our teachers & staff have provided daily social emotional learning opportunities for our students; this has been one of the most important things we could do to support our students and maintain our overwhelmingly positive school culture.

Our Leadership Team & Student Support Services Team are working closely with teachers to use data to make informed decisions about how to best meet the varying needs of our students; this is especially important now more than ever.

At Idlewild, we are very fortunate to have such amazing school partners and a PTA who have provided support in so many ways to all of us. In addition, we have the best families; they have been terrific partners with us which makes such a big difference for our students.

Please follow our school on social media to learn more about the awesome things happening around The Eagles Nest!



#1 Magnet School in America, 2017



## Walking the Dog in the Age of the Coronavirus

Mark I. West

The swing on the porch  
Sat empty for years,  
But now it is occupied.  
In the afternoons,  
A woman sits there.  
She waves at us passersby.

A kid with a sax  
Stood on the stoop.  
He played a jazzy tune.  
He wasn't that good,  
But he didn't give a damn  
He was glad he'd escaped from his room.

We, the walkers of dogs,  
We pass in the street.  
We observe the six-foot rule.  
Our dogs though pull at the leash.  
They truly don't care.  
They greet as dogs always do.

Our dogs and ourselves,  
We are all social beasts.  
It's so hard to self-isolate.  
With a wag or a wave,  
We all strive to connect,  
As we wait out this viral outbreak.

## Yard of the Month / Yard of the Season

Throughout the year residents are shown appreciation for their landscapes by being selected as Yard of the Month. And once a year we award Yard of the Season. Here are our recent recipients:

### 2020 Yard of the Season

Kari and John Heyink, 5029 Glenbrier Drive



### February 2021 Yard of the Month

Alex Vellve, 5218 Glenbrier Drive



## Real Estate Update

It's a new year and for many around Charlotte, a new view. Buyer demand continues to be at an all-time high as interest rates are still at near-record lows. With low mortgage rates and strong buyer demand in most market segments, the housing market of early 2021 looks to continue the trends we saw in the second half of 2020. At less than a month's worth of inventory (remember six

months is considered a stable market), Charlotte is very much a seller's market. With such low inventory, multiple offers on most listings continue to be common place.

Looking closer in Coventry Woods, sales have been hot! We've had a total of 18 listings in the past 6 months, with 14 closings, 4 currently under contract, and 1 active listing. Listing prices range from \$199,000 to \$384,900 with list price to sold price at an average of 98%, meaning most homes are selling at or close to list price with some selling at above list. Average days on market are at 9 days indicating that not only are homes selling at or close to asking price but that they are also selling quickly.

If you have any questions about selling or buying options in this incredibly hot market, please feel free text me at 352.359.2620 or email me at:

[erum@savvyandcompany.com](mailto:erum@savvyandcompany.com).

Here are some recent listings in our neighborhood:

### Active

1148 Cedarwood Lane – Listed 2/5/21 for \$384,900

### Under Contract

4706 Calico Court – Listed 1/29/21 for \$296,000

6215 Farmingdale Drive – Listed 10/20/20 for \$235,000

1112 Cedarwood Lane – Listed 12/22/20 for \$289,900



4719 Amity Place – Listed 2/4/21 for \$359,000

### Closed

5026 Coronado Drive - Closed: 01/15/21 for list price of \$260,000

6316 Farmingdale Drive - Closed: 01/15/21 for \$224,000 (Listed for \$235,000)

5014 Glenbrier Drive – Closed 12/14/20 for \$316,000 (Listed for \$299,500)

## Coventry Woods – Answers to some Frequently Asked Questions

### WHEN TO CALL 311

- 311 is the phone number for most city services – for getting information, lodging a complaint, or talking to code-enforcement or police about non-emergency issues.

### WHEN TO CALL 911

- Call 911 in case of emergency. Police, the fire department, or an emergency medical team will be dispatched.
- Call 911 if you see a crime in progress or see any suspicious activities.

### NOISE

- It is prohibited to operate loud machinery, including lawn mowers, between 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- It is illegal to play amplified sound – from house or vehicle – that bothers neighbors after 9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and after 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.
- Call 911 to complain.

### YARD CARE

- If grass grows more than 12 inches or if lawn contains debris, you can be fined by the city. Anyone can call 311 to file a complaint.

### YARD WASTE COLLECTION

- Yard waste will be picked up each week.
- Do NOT put in gray or green roll-out cans.
- Put grass clippings, leaves, etc. in large plastic or recyclable paper bags.
- Place at curb on Sunday night or by 6:00 am on Monday.
- Only tree limbs 5 feet or shorter will be collected – gather and place at curb.
- Logs must be NO larger than 4 inches in diameter.

### BULK ITEMS AT CURBSIDE / CALL 311

- Large items – lumber, appliances, furniture, and tires – will NOT be picked up without calling 311 in advance. Call 311 to schedule a time for pickup.
- Call 311 to learn what items will and will not be accepted (example: no nails in scrap lumber).
- Items to curb on night before pickup or by 6:00 am the day of scheduled pickup.

### GARBAGE / GRAY ROLL-OUT CONTAINER

- Bag all garbage before placing in the gray bin for pickup.
- Pick up is every Monday. Haul Roll-out containers to the curb Sunday night or by 6:00 am on Monday. Ensure containers are spaced 4ft apart.
- Move containers back to the back/side yard by midnight on Monday.
- Many liquids, including chemicals, are not accepted. Call 311 before placing in bin.



### RECYCLE / GREEN ROLL-OUT CONTAINER

- Recycling is picked up every other Monday.
- Do NOT bag recyclables. Place all recyclables loosely in the cart.
- Recyclable items ONLY – cardboard, glass, paper, plastics with necks, and beverage cans.
- Do NOT include large or heavy items.
- Haul Roll-out containers to curb spaced 4ft apart on Sunday night or by 6:00 am on Monday.
- Move containers back to the back/side yard by midnight on Monday.
- Call 311 in advance if not sure what can be placed in bin. or visit [www.mecknc.gov/LUESA/SolidWaste/Disposal-Recycling/Pages/what-can-and-cannot-be-recycled.aspx](http://www.mecknc.gov/LUESA/SolidWaste/Disposal-Recycling/Pages/what-can-and-cannot-be-recycled.aspx).

### PARKING

- It is illegal to park vehicles on front lawns. A fine by the city is possible. To report illegal parking on lawns, call 311

## Frequently Asked Questions – cont'd

### **CURFEW**

- Anyone under the age of 13 cannot be in a public place or business between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. any day of the week.
- Anyone between the ages of 13 and 15 cannot be in a business or public place from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. any day of the week unless accompanied by a parent, guardian or other authorized adult; working; dealing with an emergency; or other authorized exceptions.
- Violation of this ordinance can result in a misdemeanor charge against the parent or guardian.
- Additional details on the Youth Protection Ordinance can be found by visiting:  
[charlottenc.gov/CMPD/Pages/Resources/Ordinances.aspx](http://charlottenc.gov/CMPD/Pages/Resources/Ordinances.aspx)

### **PETS**

- Taking care of your pet is part of being a good neighbor. Dogs cannot roam free, and must be kept on a leash at all times in public places.
- If you see a lost animal, notify the city's Animal Control by calling 311 or filing a lost pet report at:  
[www.animals.cmpd.com](http://www.animals.cmpd.com).
- If you see a dangerous animal, contact the police by calling 911.
- You are required by the city to remove feces left by your pet in the yards of others. Put in a plastic bag, and put that bag in the gray roll-out bin at your home. Not complying with this ordinance can result in a fine. Contact the city's Animal Control department at 311 to report an offender.
- Abuse of animals is illegal – Animals cannot be abused, abandoned or neglected, nor left outside in bad weather. Contact Animal Control at 311 to report abuse, etc. The pet may be confiscated; a fine will be issued.
- A city permit is required for anyone to own three or more outdoor dogs or cats.
- A permit is required to own any livestock, including chickens. Violation of this ordinance may result in a fine.

**MORE QUESTIONS?** Contact the Coventry Woods Neighborhood Association. By e-mail: [info@coventrywoods.org](mailto:info@coventrywoods.org). On Facebook: Coventry Woods Neighborhood.

## Our Representatives

We're lucky to live in East Charlotte for many reasons. There's so much going on with new developments and improvements, and we're all waiting anxiously (and yes, impatiently) to see what happens with the former Eastland Mall site. Our city and state representatives are here to advocate for us and to keep us informed.

### **Coventry Woods is represented by:**

#### *US Congress – District 12*

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## Stay Informed

To stay informed between newsletters like our Facebook page and joining us on NextDoor ([nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com))

## Updates from John Autry Representative – NC House District 100

A free COVID-19 vaccine will be available to all who want it, but supplies are limited.

COVID-19 vaccinations are now available to people 65 and older. Because vaccine supplies are still limited, those 65 and over may have to wait, but they have one of the first spots to take their shot. If you are 65 or over—or assisting someone who is—here is how to take your shot against COVID-19:

- Supplies are limited.
- You will likely need an appointment to get vaccinated. You may have to wait to schedule your appointment to get your vaccine. However, pop-up opportunities do occur with very short notice.
- Your local health department or hospital can help you get your shot. Because supplies are limited, most doctors cannot provide vaccinations in their offices.
- Use this website, <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/findyourspot> to find the health departments and hospitals giving vaccinations in the area. Because of the limited supplies, providers on this list may have very little to no vaccine doses available when you contact them.
- You can also call the COVID-19 Line 1-877-490-6642. It's a free call.

### General Assembly Convenes

The North Carolina State House and State Senate convened the 2021-2022 General Assembly on January 13th. House members elected Rep. Tim Moore (R-Cleveland County) Speaker of the House.

The first bill of the session was also our first COVID-19 relief bill. Senate Bill 36 makes a number of important technical adjustments and deadline extensions for previous COVID-19 relief. It also appropriates \$2.2 billion in federal funds North Carolina received from the last federal COVID relief bill. Here is where that money is targeted:

- \$1.6 billion in funding for K-12 schools.
- \$547 million in emergency rental assistance.
- \$95 million in vaccine preparedness.

I proudly supported Senate Bill 36, but we need to do more than simply pass-through funds received from the federal government. Because North Carolina did not pass a State Budget last year, we have over \$1.4 billion available to spend on immediate needs right now.

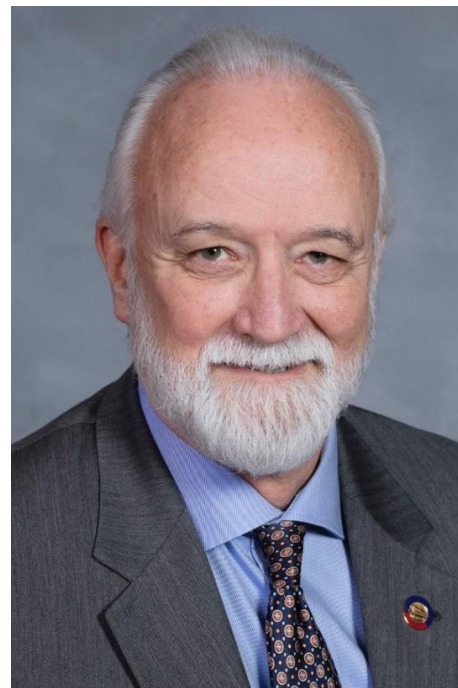
Here are some of the priorities I plan to push for in our next relief package:

- High-speed internet expansion to all corners of North Carolina.
- Small business relief grants to businesses suffering from the pandemic.
- Bonuses for the teachers and the public-school employees left out of previous year's pay raises.
- Hazard pay for front-line public employees.

No doubt there are other good ideas and I look forward to working with my Republican and Democratic colleagues on common-sense solutions.

The best way to contact our office is with my legislative assistant, Ms. Tina Riley Humphrey ([tina.riley-humphrey@ncleg.gov](mailto:tina.riley-humphrey@ncleg.gov)) by email or phone.

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# It's Time to Renew Your Membership!

## Or Become a New Member

For just \$30 per year your household can become a member of CWNA.

Your annual dues help us to fund projects like the front entrance landscaping, community projects and the hosting of community events like our annual dinner meeting.

For your convenience we now have 2 ways for you to make your payments:

- 1) Simply complete our membership form, attach a check and send it to our Treasurer.

Bill Cooper  
CWNA Treasurer  
5310 Coronado Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28212

- 2) We are now able to receive payments via the Zelle network. Our organization name is Coventry Woods Neighborhood Assn Inc, and you can use the phone number attached to it (704-231-0244). Please include your name(s), address, email(s) and phone number(s) in the message section when making the payment.

*Note that Zelle doesn't accept the symbol "@" in messages so please substitute the word "at" for the symbol.*

The nominal dues we collect from members helps us to remain active in our community, so please join!



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### Membership Registration Form

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### We're interested in helping with the following:

Membership  Communications

Real Estate  Civic Meetings  Social Events

#### Please complete the following for future event planning purposes:

Number of Adults in Household \_\_\_\_\_

Ages of Children in Household \_\_\_\_\_

#### Comments:

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