



# WOODS WATCH

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The Coventry Woods Neighborhood Association

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## Hello Neighbors

A lot has happened this year within our neighborhood and all over the world. The global COVID-19 pandemic has brought about unprecedented impacts on our lives. The usual ways of life have been disrupted. Some people have lost their loved ones, while others have lost their sources of income.

We have all had to readjust our lifestyles to promote our wellbeing and that of our loved ones. The healthcare professionals and essential workers on the front line fighting against the virus have done a commendable job to ensure that lives are protected—and we thank you!

In addition to the pandemic, there have been protests concerning various issues that affect people in our societies. The recent events have sparked worldwide protests against injustices and oppression. A significant number of people have stood in solidarity with movements pushing for equality.

Amid everything happening in the world right now, we are reminded that though separated, together we can do so much. The people in our community have been there for each other through various highs and lows. Our neighborhood diversity and inclusivity have strengthened us to overcome the multiple challenges we have faced along the way. Our hope for a better tomorrow continues to push us forward and prepares us for the good things that lie ahead.

Let us always keep in mind that tough times never last, but tough people do. We should continue walking together in love as we have always done, and always remember that we are stronger together than alone. As a community, our act of giving and supporting one another has been the heart of our resilience. Together, we will continue progressing forward, and we will continue growing through our interactions with one another. Take care of yourselves, and if you can, help a neighbor in need.

## A Holiday Wave – and Thanks!

Did you awaken on July Fourth to find an American flag planted in your front yard? The evening before was the 11<sup>th</sup> straight year the CWNA distributed the flags, free of charge, to every house within the CWNA boundaries.

We hope you strolled or drove through Coventry Woods to enjoy the holiday display, view Coventry Woods' solidarity and to get a handle on the size of our neighborhood. Approximately 505 flags were parked in each yard as well as in the Coventry Woods' entryway sign/landscape at North Sharon Amity Road and Coronado Drive.

Flag Night teams, 11 in all, included these volunteers: Erum Faruqui, Pat Bordsen, Mimi Curlee, Niki Conner, Jennifer Bragg, Louise and Dick Woods, Gene Tedder, Jack Jones, Ron and Ellen Stewart, Candace Mayhew, Ronnie Reddig, Bill and Eve Cooper, John Heyink and John and Rebecca Autry.

Photos and comments are posted on the CWNA's Facebook page: Coventry Woods Neighborhood. (More photos and comments are welcome.)

Many Flag Night participants and other volunteers are an essential part of our organization, also distributing event flyers as well as the Woods Watch newsletter. Volunteers are always needed. If you'd like to lend a hand with our 11 routes email us at [coventrywoodsboard@gmail.com](mailto:coventrywoodsboard@gmail.com)



## A Message from Matt City Councilor, District 5

2020 is proving to be the year of challenge and change. A new normal, that no one could have envisioned just six months ago, is emerging. Whether it be social distancing or social justice, we are at a crossroads redefining who we are.

The same can be said for East Charlotte. A new normal, placing a renewed emphasis on the eastside, has begun. This year’s City budget earmarked millions of dollars for Silver Line planning and design, for the Gold Line Phase III, for eastside infrastructure including sidewalks and traffic lights, and for an economic development collaborative specifically for our side of town. What’s more, discussions for expanding our trail network and improving our streetscapes are currently underway.

Then there’s Eastland. Great strides have been made in the first half of this year towards restoring the site, as well as the surrounding area, to the vibrant, productive community center it once was. Most recently, the City Council unanimously approved a rezoning that includes ample space for retail and restaurants, a sports facility, and a dedicated park. That rezoning places us even closer to a final vote on the site’s eventual redevelopment.

As we move into the second half of 2020, East Charlotte is well positioned to succeed. Our new normal includes a more prosperous, stronger community for all. In our newly emerging world, the eastside stands on the precipice of a very bright future.



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## Stones of Love and Hope

Where did they come from? Like magic they appeared one day. Inspirational messages lovingly painted on stones by an anonymous neighbor, placed in yards throughout the neighborhood.



Some other messages include:

- L♥VE 1 ANOTHER
- Be Kind
- LOVE is as LOVE Does ♥
- YOU ♥ MATTER

Thank you to our kind and talented neighbor for bringing cheer with your kindness!

## Yard of the Month

Throughout the year residents are shown appreciation for their landscapes by being selected as Yard of the Month! So many of our neighbors take amazing pride in their yards, and it really shows.

Recent Yard of the Month recipients:

- May – Shellie Rowan, 4838 Amity Place
- June – Maria Martinez, 1335 Cedarwood Lane
- July – Sanchez Family, 5345 Coronado Drive (below)



## Expanded Community Sharing

Our neighborhood now has three locations where you can share with others – and each is a colorful box atop a curbside stand. All three help our community during this time of stay-at-home quarantine.

Two are “little free library” curbside boxes filled with books: Take a book and, if you can, leave one in its place. Or just donate books. (All are accepted, with the exception of those with “adult” or religious content.)

The first, erected in early 2019, is on the 5300 block of Coronado Drive. A second was recently erected on Glenbrier Drive, between the Scelina stub and Pandora Court.

Also new this year is a curbside box on Farmingdale Drive – on the stretch closer to North Sharon Amity Road and between Coronado Drive and Cedarwood Drive. It was thoughtfully erected by a neighbor concerned about families economically affected by the economic downturn caused by COVID-19. Donate unopened food items there for those in the neighborhood who need them. Small personal items, including unused face masks, are also welcome.



We truly appreciate the people who host and maintain these boxes – sharing is caring.

## Real Estate Update



6632 Farmingdale

My name is Erum and I am a real estate agent with Savvy + Co Real Estate as well as your Coventry Woods neighbor! I am here to give you a quick update on the current Charlotte market conditions and what’s been happening in our own neck of the (Coventry) woods.

Activity during the lockdown months had slowed down a bit from Charlotte’s usual spring market due to restrictions on showings, both from buyers and sellers. Since the Phase 2 opening, however, we are now experiencing what would normally be a hot spring market as a VERY hot summer market.

Sales prices continue to rise, up 11.2% from last year, pending contracts which indicate future sales as well as buyer demand are up 26.8%, while available inventory is down 50% from last year at 1.3 months (if no new listings come on the market, all listings in Charlotte would be sold in about a month and a half). These numbers indicate that Charlotte is still very much a seller’s market as demand from buyers, due to lower mortgage rates and relocations to the area, is at an all-time high.

In our own Coventry Woods neighborhood, in the past six months, we have had 6 closings and currently have 3 actively listed homes. Average list price was around \$142 per square foot with 5 of the 6 homes selling for 94% or higher of their list price, one home selling for list price, and two for over list price.

Questions about Coventry Woods Real Estate? You can reach Erum at [erum@savvyandcompany.com](mailto:erum@savvyandcompany.com) or call: 352.359.2620

### **Recent Sales:**

3307 Aspendale – List \$242,000; Sold \$242,000 (3/12/20)  
 4801 Beechknoll – List \$265,000; Sold \$272,000 (6/18/20)  
 6632 Farmingdale – List \$264,500; Sold \$273,000 (5/15/20)



## Find Things to Do Around Charlotte

The [Event Calendar](#) is kept up to date with all the free AND cheap events. You can look weeks ahead and plan your free and cheap adventures.

<https://www.charlotteonthecheap.com/>

*Charlotte Parent magazine* is made for parents like you — **local, engaged, involved**. A free and local publication since 1987, our monthly publications, website, newsletters and social media networks are created to help make life easier for parents navigating life in the Queen City. We are a one-stop parenting resource, **with a daily calendar of events**, locally generated blogs, directories and so much more.

<http://www.charlotteparent.com/CLT/Calendar/>

The Charlotte Observer newspaper has been reporting on events in Charlotte since 1869. They know a thing or two about what's going on.

<http://events.charlotteobserver.com/>

This website of events is put together by the Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority.

<https://www.charlottesgotalot.com/>



The Charlotte Mecklenburg Library has gone virtual. Check out the calendar to find programs you can watch via Facebook and Zoom. Download eBooks, e-audiobooks, magazines, movies, and music. Learn something new by taking a class through Lyndia.com or Universal Class. All you need is a library card number and you can get that online too now. At this time, you can put books on Hold and pick them up at the library building while returning any you checked out. Watch the website for changes in services.

<https://www.cmlibrary.org/>



The Simmons YMCA is right around the corner from our neighborhood, off Albemarle Road. There are classes and pools and fun for all. Simmons YMCA, 6824 Democracy Dr., 704-716-6600.  
[simmonsYMCA@ymcacharlotte.org](mailto:simmonsYMCA@ymcacharlotte.org)

Mecklenburg County has great parks and facilities. There are teams and classes and camps. Create an account, find the fun and sign up.

<https://www.mecknc.gov/ParkandRec/eParks/Pages/default.aspx>

Looking for educational games and tools to keep the kids minds active during the summer? Lakeshore Learning has a shop near Independence and Hwy 51 with everything you need.

<https://www.lakeshorelearning.com/stores/locator/matthews/054/>

## Things for the Family to Do while Staying at Home

These 50 Fun Activities for Kids Will Keep Them Entertained for Hours

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/home/craft-ideas/how-to/g1389/diy-kids-activities/>

Boredom Busters: 110 Fun At-Home Activities for Families & Kids

<https://familyguide.com/boredom-busters-110-fun-at-home-activities-for-families-kids-2/>

101 Summer Activities for Kids

<https://fitnessbythesea.com/101-summer-activities-for-kids/>

A couple of links of suggestions from our neighbor John Autry.

<https://conta.cc/2Qoo2W1>  
<https://conta.cc/2xocb4d>

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

Labor Day: Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>  
Early Voting: October 15<sup>th</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup>  
Voter Registration Deadline: Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>  
Election Day: Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

## 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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#### *Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education – District 4*

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## Stay Informed

To stay informed between newsletters like our Facebook page and joining us on NextDoor (nextdoor.com)

## Become a 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, and host community events like our annual dinner meeting.

Simply complete our membership form, attach a check and send it to our Treasurer. Or visit our website ([www.coventrywoods.org](http://www.coventrywoods.org)). The nominal dues we collect from members helps us to remain active in our community, so please join!

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your completed membership form with your **\$30.00 check payable to CWNA** to:

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CWNA Treasurer  
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