

CWNA Neighborhood Quality Team (NQT)

Update November 17, 2005

The Team works to maintain and increase the quality of the Cambridge Woods Neighborhood

A. HOUSING STOCK

1. Survey of housing stock in collaboration with DNS (annual)
2. Monitor of existing ordinances e.g. illegal rooming houses, underage drinking (ongoing)
3. Maintenance of owner occupied housing in the CW area: "CW Houses for Sale" list (ongoing). Deed restrictions on CW homes (started spring 05).

B. NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION

1. Access & enhancement of Cambridge Woods green area along the river (ongoing, need volunteers)
2. Planting and trash/graffiti removal on traffic circles : Circle Keepers (ongoing)
3. Litter removal (ongoing, volunteers needed)
4. Public art at entrance points and other locations in the CW area (volunteers needed)
5. Plant exchange and recognition of beautiful gardens and their owners (volunteers needed)
6. Rain gardens, green roof and rain barrels (ongoing)

C. GOOD RELATIONS AMONG NEIGHBORS

1. Distribution of welcome letter and pertinent information to new neighbors (Fall)
2. Dissemination's of "best practices" in interactions among neighbors (ongoing)
3. Highlight a neighbor (ongoing)
4. Neighbors helping neighbors (ongoing)

D. GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN NEIGHBORS, LANDLORDS, LOCAL BUSINESSES & SCHOOLS

1. Open Pantry (ongoing)
2. Businesses at the Oakland/Locust intersection (ongoing)
3. Schools: Riverside, Hartford, Maryland (parent volunteers needed)
4. Names, contact info. and track record of CW Home Ownership (started July 05)

E. UMBRELLA GROUPS

UNA = University Neighborhood Associations

CWNA is one of the 4 neighborhood associations represented at the umbrella organization UNA. Our representatives inform and solicit input from CWNA members on issues like the decline of owner occupied homes, enforcement of noise and rooming house ordinances, and increased police protection in fall and spring.

ETMA= Eastside Transportation Management Association

CWNA is one of the 4 neighborhood associations represented at the umbrella organization ETMA. Our representatives inform and solicit input from CWNA members on traffic and parking issues. ETMA supports the use of mass transit and bicycles as means of transportation, the increase of UWM satellite parking lots, and a resident parking permit program. In fall 2005, the ETMA became a subcommittee of UNA

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Meeting dates and times:

3rd Wednesday of the month, 7 PM, Location TBA