

The Sherwood Forest News

Fall 2017

Annual Residential Meeting

Monday, October 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM

**St. Thomas More Church Activity Center on
Dartmoor Drive**

Mark your calendars for this special event. The Sherwood Forest Citizens' Association will hold its' annual neighborhood meeting on **Monday, October 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM**, in the St. Thomas More Church Activity Center on Dartmoor Drive. Come out and meet the members of the SFCA Board. We will have a representative from the City Parish SSO (Sanitary Sewer Overflow) Program on hand to discuss what has been taking place in our subdivision and answer specific questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you October 9, 2017.

From the President's Desk

Richard Empson, President, Sherwood Forest Citizens' Association

Since our last newsletter there have been notable improvements to our subdivision. New homeowners are moving in, and renovated homes have increased in value. Flooded areas are beginning to look good again and I applaud all who have worked so hard and have been so patient.

Many homeowners are not aware that improvements to the residences must follow deed restrictions for each filing within the Sherwood Forest Subdivision. There are 47 + filings. Deed restrictions can be found on our website sfcabr.org. The SFCA Board is working diligently to keep home improvements within these specified guidelines. Before you build a fence or storage shed, make home additions or enclosures, you should check with the City of Baton Rouge Unified Development Code (brgov.com/dept/planning/UDC/UDC.asp), along with The Code of Ordinances, for city

guidelines (brgov.com/dept/council/code.asp). After you check with the City of Baton Rouge, **you cannot start your project until you present your plans to the SFCA Architectural Control Committee.** Working together eliminates disappointments and possible court costs.

The SFCA Board would like to thank all those residents who have stepped forward and alerted the board of things occurring that are not in harmony with our subdivision. This is what it takes to return our subdivision to the desirable place it was prior to the August flood. Alert neighbors have contacted the board about businesses being operated out of residences, construction issues, proposed night clubs and even an adult entertainment site. We have gone to court on some issues, attended Alcohol Beverage Control meetings, council meetings, and planning and zoning meetings. Remember, we are all volunteers and have personal issues to attend to also. The more help we have the more we can accomplish.

Join us in the effort to have families “**COME HOME TO SHERWOOD FOREST**” and keep our neighborhood a lovely place to live and raise a family.

Remember that debris generated from a contractor remodeling or a contractor removing a tree is the responsibility of the contractor to haul off the debris. The City Parish will not pick this up and the property owner may be assessed fines for unkept property. The city can not differentiate between a homeowner or a contractor doing the job.



CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE



The Sherwood Forest Citizens' Association announces our new web site. There is more information imbedded on the site than before, so make sure you visit. The new concept will be beneficial to anyone who wishes to explore the information that directly impacts them within the subdivision or in the surrounding areas. Our website address is:

www.sfcabr.org

EYEWATCH

It has been over a year since the Great Flood of 2016. Sherwood Forest continues to be a great place to live. We have seen the dedication and resiliency of the neighborhood as we continue to recover and rebuild.

I would like to thank everyone who continues to be involved in helping keep their community safe from crime. The beginning of 2017 saw an increase in the thefts in our neighborhood, but because of your involvement and our SFCD, and police patrols, together we have been able to reduce those thefts significantly. We have a network of neighbors who care about Sherwood Forest and want it to be a safer place to live and raise our families. Not only are you the eyes and ears, but also the hands and feet of Sherwood Forest helping one another. Again, thank you!

We need more block captains. We would like to have at least one block captain on every street. If you are interested in joining our efforts, please contact me at teresaharalson@gmail.com.

Remember to lock your vehicles and report any suspicious activity. For emergencies call 911. For suspicious activity or non-emergency crimes call the non-emergency police at 389-2000, and SFCA at 273-1353 to leave a call back message and leave your email for online communication with SFCA (security@sfcabr.org).

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

This is a reminder of city-parish parking ordinances that, when violated, can result in a traffic ticket. To keep streets clear for emergency vehicles and to maintain the beauty of the neighborhood, residents' cars should always be parked in the carport or garage or on a paved driveway. Parking is not permitted on a sidewalk (or blocking a driveway sidewalk), in the area between the sidewalk and street, on grass (particular, on medians, (neutral grounds), or close to intersections. Wreckers, 18 wheelers, and other large, heavy trucks are not permitted in the neighborhood except while providing pick-up or delivery services. On-street parking is limited to nine hours consecutively. The relevant ordinances, including these and others, are spelled out in the EBRP Code of Ordinances, Title 11, Chapter 28, and "Traffic Code," online at http://search.municode.com/html/10107MCC_TOC.htm

Crime District Fall Report

Our security patrol continues to work approximately 350 hours per month. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated team working to ensure the safety of our neighborhood. Our Eyewatch Block Captains work hand in hand with the security patrol. The combination has turned out to be very successful.

Much of our crime is due to the fact that sometimes we make it easy for criminals by not locking our vehicles, leaving items lying around unsecured in plain view and not leaving outdoor lights on. Criminals do not like well lit areas – take the opportunity away!

As residents, we all have the responsibility of calling the police if we see something that just does not seem right, something odd/suspicious, a car moving very slowly seeming to be checking things out – CALL THE POLICE. 389-2000 When you call the police our security will be aware of the call.

Earlier this year our four main entrance signs were refurbished, thanks to the Crime District. This falls under the Neighborhood Improvement part of the Crime District Bill.

January 2017

14 calls w/ file numbers
75 citations Issued
27 warning citations
103 parking citations
20 parking warnings

February 2017

14 calls w/ File Numbers
58 Citations Issued
36 citation warnings
62 parking citations
35 parking warnings
4 vehicles towed
2 felony arrests for drugs

March 2017

5 calls w/ file numbers
30 citations issued
20 citation warnings

April 2017

5 calls w/ file numbers
30 citations issued
20 citation warnings
62 parking citations
35 parking warnings

May 2017

4 calls w/ file numbers
22 citations issued
18 citation warnings
34 parking issued
50 parking warnings

June 2017

15 calls w/ file numbers
35 citations issued
25 citation warnings
51 parking issued
63 parking warnings
2 arrest

For more information please visit the Crime District Website at:
sherwoodforestcrimedistrict.org

SSO PROGRAM UPDATE



The current round of the city-parish's SSO (Sanitary Sewer Overflow) Program that has involved digging up streets and servitudes to replace sewer lines in Sherwood Forest is nearing an end. The two contractors involved with replacing the sewer lines, Grady Crawford and Boone Services, are now finalizing their remaining restoration work and should complete that work in August. Some deficiencies work will be performed after August.

Boone Services, which still has sewer line work to do east of South Flannery and north of Brinwood on South Flannery, will continue to operate out of its laydown yard at the east end of Goodwood Boulevard until the end of this year.

One more major sewer pipeline will be installed in Sherwood Forest. It will involve the following drives - Westbrook, Mollylea and Littlejohn. The date when that sewer pipeline will be installed is being finalized.

Wharton-Smith, the contractor building three new pump stations in Sherwood Forest, is targeting to complete the one near Christa McAuliffe by the end of the year and the one at Major Oak and Sherwood Forest by first quarter 2018. Each of these two pump stations is designed to pump three times the current volume of effluent currently being pumped at these two locations. A third pump station will be built in 2018 on Shelby Drive next to Miller's RV.

CH2M, the SSO Program manager, has informed us that the issue of sewer manholes popping during heavy rains should go away for those areas that feed into the pump station at Major Oak and Sherwood Forest - once that pump station has been commissioned (the Christa McAuliffe pump station feeds into the one at Major Oak). We have requested that CH2M have a plan in place to address this issue for those areas that feed into that pump station - in the event that we continue to experience popping sewer manholes during heavy rains once that pump station has been commissioned.

Hospitality Committee Welcomes Our New Residents

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Sue & Michael Larisey have volunteered to serve on the Hospitality Committee. They contact our new residents and deliver a welcome packet with valuable information and other material including your deed restrictions.

New Residents 2017	New Residents 2017	New Residents 2017
LATOYA WILLIAMS	VIET HUNG CAO LE	JOHN NDERSON
BRIAN F. SMITH	BRENT DUROCHER	BRUCE WILLIAMS
MCKINLEY SANDERS JR.	HAYDEN HOWARD & MORGAN McMANUS	ZHUNG QIAO LEE
BETTY ROWLEN	DEYONNA LOCKETT	JOHN & ELEANOR CASTEIX
NATHAN & AMANDA SMITH	WILKES LESCOANO	KAYLA PRESTON
WONGCHIN & NIVEA VILTZ	CONRAD & ANTHONISE DAVENPORT	CHASSSITY ELAINE NEAL
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ELLA FLETCHER	HEATHER SHAW	HIEP VAN HOANG
MICHAEL WADE & MICHELLE	SUNDAR & JANCY VINCENT	BRIGGETTE MARKS
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ZHEN ZHENG	FRANK & ANA OBY	KIMBERLY CAZENAVE
ROY & COURTNEY HAWKINS	VOLANDRUS WATTS	JEFFREY A. LENDO JR.
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MONTRELL MARTIN	KELLY WILLIAMS	JACK DUPUY
MARKR & VANESSA ZACHRY	JOHN WILKINSON & CATHERINE MCMANUS	DERRICK HALL
JOSEPH & BETTY WILLIAMS	NICHOLAS MARTIN & AMANDA	GEORGE MOTYGIN
RASHIKA TSON	LONDON MOORE	MARGIE SEVIER

James Gray / Membership Chairman



REMEMBER WHEN

The neighborhood stopped at Stockton and the kids played in the woods, There was a bus stop at Stockton and Goodwood where the kids would ride to Bon Marche and do their Christmas shopping. Then they would eat at the Piccadilly. We never had a reason to worry.

LAGNIAPPE

As we look back on the Great Flood of August 2016, it is an understatement to say it changed our community and perhaps for some of us, our personalities. To have our homes, belongings, cars and memories ripped away in a matter of hours was nothing short of humbling. My husband and I admittedly had too much stuff, but it sure would have been nice to voluntarily downsize instead of experiencing the forced purge brought on by the flood.

Despite the sadness of the event, I am reminded of how our community drew together to help each other. One neighbor we hardly knew thankfully allowed us to put our cat and Great Dane puppy in his boat along with several of his unprepared family members. We walked through waist deep water to Old Hammond Highway while holding hands for safety and comfort with other neighbors. Our neighbor, Steve, later collected us in his new bass boat to form a “Cajun Navy” and rescue other residents trapped by the floodwaters.

During the clean out and gutting of our home, volunteers riding through the neighborhood provided us with meals, snacks and beverages. People we didn’t even know showed up to help with tools and no expectations of a “thank you”. After one exhausting day of dirty, stinky work, Steve and a law enforcement officer returned our American flag, cleaned and perfectly folded in a triangle. We didn’t even realize it was gone since the devastation was so overwhelming. I cried and hugged them. Apparently they gathered flags from homes as the water rose with the intent of later returning them to the homeowners.

Our flag now sits in a display case on a new bookshelf among other salvaged belongings. We had our new home blessed by the Pastors of our church and life is returning to some sense of normalcy.

If you don’t know your neighbors, tell them hello and take time to visit. We all need each other.



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MAJOR OAKS DRIVE TO OLD HAMMOND HWY.
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SHERWOOD FOREST BLVD. TO SHARP ROAD
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BORDERS:

OLD HAMMOND HWY TO FLORIDA
SHERWOOD FOREST BLVD. TO FLANNERY ROAD

PHONE NUMBERS:

- 311 BATON ROUGE RED STICK: (USE THIS NUMBER TO REPORT TRASH, UNKEPT PROPERTY, BLIGHTED PROPERTY, POT HOLES, SIGNS THAT ARE DOWN, RUTS MADE BY TRUCKS OR SCHOOL BUSES.)

SHERWOOD FOREST ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL BOARD

Enforcement of Sherwood Forest deed restrictions is a top priority of the SFCA. The Association enforces deed restrictions through the Architectural Control Committee (ACC), which is made up of the SFCA Board of Directors. Every property owner is bound by the deed restrictions of the filing they live in, without exception. When you purchase your home, you legally agree to abide by those deed restrictions. Any construction or accessory building has to be approved by the ACC. We have many filings in Sherwood Forest and the common controlling language in each filing states **“No construction or building shall be erected, placed or altered on any lot until the construction plans and specifications showing the location of the structure has been approved by the Sherwood Forest Citizens’ Association ACC as to the quality of workmanship and materials, harmony of external design with existing structures, and as to the location with respect to topography and finish grade elevation”**.

A permit issued by the city parish for construction does not supersede deed restrictions. The direct language on the permit card that has to be posted onsite states - **“The permit issued for subject structure conveys no right to occupy any street, alley or sidewalk, or any part thereof, either temporary or permanently except that specifically provided for in the building code. The issuance of the permit does not release the applicant from the conditions of any applicable subdivision restriction”**. Clearly the founders of Sherwood Forest sought to control what type of activity, construction and construction materials were to be allowed with the goal of maintaining reasonable “harmony” of design within the subdivision. Architectural control and deed restriction enforcement has one purpose and that is to protect your property value.

Contact the ACC to schedule a review of construction plans or alert us of any possible violations. Please call Richard Empson, President at 272-2372 or James Gray, Vice President at 273-2930 to set up an appointment. Our property values are linked together and depend upon each property owner maintaining their property. Help us keep Sherwood Forest a strong neighborhood by being vigilant in what is taking place around each of your residences. You can review a copy of your deed restrictions at www.sfcabr.org.

Richard Empson, President
James Gray, Vice President



Membership Report July 15, 2017

July 15, 2017, our total membership was 629 paid members. Over 100 residents have sold their homes due to the 2016 flood in August. Thanks to all of the residents who have continued to support Sherwood Forest Citizens Association. Membership in the association is voluntary, but strongly encouraged, because your membership strength enables us to be effective in providing services. If you are a resident of Sherwood Forest and not presently a member of SFCA, we urge you to join with your neighbors.

Property Transfers (homes sold) as of July 9, 2017

As of July 9, 2017, 119 homes have been sold, 65 homes have been sold "as is" due to the flood. The number of "non-flooded" & or "remolded homes" sold was 54. Information taken from property transfers listed in the Advocate total \$ sales = \$17,203,484.00 average sales \$144,567.09. Several renovated homes have sold from \$170,000.00 and upwards of over \$350,000.00.

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**To join SFCA, complete the form below and mail your 2017 dues to:
Sherwood Forest Citizens' Association
P.O. Box 45142
Baton Rouge, LA 70895-4142**

SHERWOOD FOREST CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION 2017 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Comments: _____

_____ ***I would like to be an EyeWatch block captain.***

_____ ***I would like to volunteer for the following committee(s):*** _____

Volunteering for a committee is open to all Sherwood Forest residents. Please consider giving of your time and talent for the betterment of our neighborhood!

2017 Annual Membership Dues (Jan. 1- Dec. 31): \$25

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Yards of the Month

MAY



TW & IRIS TERRAL 10869 GOODWOOD BLVD



HOLLY & TON NGUYEN 12251 MOLLYLEA

JUNE



JESSICA & CARL HUDSON 12369 QUEENSBURY



SUSANNE & KEVIN DUCOTE 13229 AVANTS

JULY



ALICE ELOFSON 12570 E. MILBURN



KEN & LAURIE MILLER 12710 SHERATON

HOUSE NUMBERS NEED TO BE VISIBLE IT'S THE LAW

Sherwood Forest residents are reminded that the EBR Parish Municipal Ordinance, in Sec. 7:26; "Uniform Grid System," requires all home addresses be displayed in **Arabic numerals no less than three inches high.**

Although the ordinance does not specify where the numbers must be displayed, we recommend placing them either above your front door on the eaves or to the right or left of your door. Most importantly, be sure no bushes, trees, or other obstructions block either the doorway or the house numbers. Always be sure there is enough exterior lighting on the premises to assure the numbers are visible from the street. In an emergency every second counts leaving no time for guesswork!

WHAT'S CAUSING CRAPE MYRTLES LEAVES TO TURN ORANGE AND DROP OFF?

You've probably noticed many of the leaves on your crape myrtles are turning orange and dropping off. What is causing this, and do you need to be concerned? What should you do? **Answer:** This is a fungal disease called Cercospora Leaf Spot. You will see dark spots on the leaves, then the leaves turn yellow, orange or red – depending on the cultivar (variety) of crape myrtle-- and fall off. This disease is encouraged by rainy weather, which is why we are seeing so much now. Crape myrtle cultivars vary in how susceptible to this disease they are. You will see some crape myrtles showing few symptoms, these are resistant cultivars. Even though trees may lose a large portion of their leaves, there are generally no long-term, serious health effects. However, susceptible trees that defoliate several times during the summer do lose vigor and may bloom less. Spraying is not effective since by the time you see this disease it's too late to spray for it.



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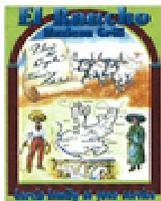
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Virtually everyone knows to phone **911** in an emergency. However, there are other numbers you can use to register complaints or seek action to solve a vexing problem.

Use the **City-Parish Call Center (311)** to report suspected zoning violations (deviations from A-1 code), public safety hazards like potholes and fallen tree limbs, egregious or repetitive parking violations, junked cars, unsightly carports and many more. **REMEMBER: YOU MAY REMAIN ANONYMOUS WHEN USING THIS SERVICE!**

The number for Baton Rouge City Police is **389-2000**. To report suspicious situations that are not time-sensitive call the Sherwood Forest Citizens' Association Security Line, **273-1353**. Leave a call-back message, and include your email for online communication.

Specific questions about streets, drainage and sewerage, construction and building codes or the environment should be directed to the EBR Department of Public Works (DPW) at **389-3090, 380-2070**, or online at <http://brgov.com/DEPT/dpw/>.

To receive up-to-date information about your subdivision, **PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS** on your membership form, or call a member of the board of directors. Names and contact numbers are listed below

2017 SFCAB Board of Directors and Committees

Sherwood Forest Citizens' Association Security Number — 273-1353

(Note: All officers, directors and committee members are volunteers.)

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SFCAB Board of directors meetings are at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month, except October and December, in Room 3 of the St. Thomas More Activity Center. Get in touch with Richard Empson at least four days in advance of the meeting if you would like to present an item to the board.