

Sherwood Forest News

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Fall 2009

NEWKIRK, PRESTON TO SPEAK AT SFCA OCT. 15 MEETING - ALL INVITED

Two guest speakers will address residents at the annual general membership meeting of the Sherwood Forest Citizens Association on Thursday, Oct. 15. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the St. Thomas More Parish Activity Center on Dartmoor Drive near Goodwood Boulevard.

Peter Newkirk, P.E., director of the East Baton Rouge Parish Department of Public Works, will explain the many areas of citizen concern that fall under DPW's umbrella—street, road and drainage maintenance; sewerage treatment; environmental activities; construction engineering services, including permitting and enforcement of building codes; and traffic control engineering.

After a 24-year career with DPW, Mr.

Newkirk took over as director in November 2005. He is a resident of Sherwood Forest.

SFCA General Meeting

7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15
St. Thomas More
Activity Center

Guest Speakers:

Peter Newkirk - Director, DPW
Clarissa Preston - Deputy
Commissioner of Consumer
Advocacy, LA Dept of Insurance
Election of 2010 SFCA Board

Clarissa Preston is Deputy Commissioner of the Office of Consumer Advocacy, a division of the Louisiana Department of Insurance. Her office was created when the Legislature abolished the Insurance Rating Commission in 2007.

"We want to be more proactive in educating our consumers," she said. "We want questions to be raised at the point of sale rather than at the point of claim. People have to know what their policies cover and what they don't." To this end, Ms. Preston often speaks to citizens at churches, civic clubs and town hall

events about their rights as insurance consumers.

Father Tom Duhé, pastor of St. Thomas More Church, will deliver the welcome and invocation.

Board Elections

During the business portion of the meeting, SFCA President Dallas Ballmer will present a slate of proposed board members for 2010. Nominations will be accepted from the floor, and new members will be elected. Monthly board meetings are at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the St. Thomas More Parish office

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VOLUNTEERS CLEAN UP BLVD.

By Beth Friedel

On the morning of Saturday, June 6, several residents of Sherwood Forest gathered with the intent of removing unsightly trash from Sherwood Forest Boulevard.

The volunteers picked up trash all along the boulevard, from Florida to Old Hammond Highway. The median was cleaned as well as both sides of the street and the trash that

had blown into residents' yards.

With the amount of through traffic on the street and the volume of trash generated, it can be difficult for residents of the street to keep the trash at bay—although as we walked the street we noted that numerous yards were kept meticulously groomed and

trash-free. We thank those of you who continue to do battle against the trash.

Since we had many hands to help and relatively cool weather, the cleaning took only two hours. Fourteen bags

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VOLUNTEERS WITH 14 BAGS OF TRASH COLLECTED
Standing: Curt Friedel, Caroline Doling, Patty Madere, James Gray, Beth Friedel; kneeling: Jackie Gray
not pictured: Alyssa Wallace.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dallas Ballmer, SFCA President

2009 started quickly with the rezoning issue that arose Feb. 23. The case was dropped on April 29.

Deed restrictions are being updated with considerations intended to level the ground rules across Sherwood Forest. Several properties were sent to sheriff's sale and others challenged our fortitude by working outside city laws. Several properties are not being cared for or are abandoned. These are challenging the health of our communities and will lead to the decline of property values.

Many of us have invested our time, savings and efforts into making Sherwood Forest our home. If we do not continue to fight for safe streets and for accountability (to city laws and deed restrictions), then we will

have given up claim to the very things we hold dear to us, our safety and investment.

We have made a difference by enlisting patrols throughout our neighborhoods with member donations. We have dressed up our gardens and beautified the streets with flags and holiday adornments. Our collective vigilance has kept unsightly conditions to a minimum, as well as holding speeders accountable for racing through neighborhood streets. Close work with DPW has made a difference at our curbs and with the parish attorney in civil legal issues in the community.

Sherwood Forest has almost 3,000 homes within its borders, so our families and neighbors rely on us to stand up for each other daily. Lock your vehicle, set the alarm, and keep valuables

secure to prevent theft. Report suspicious activities to security. Take a picture, if possible, when you see suspicious activity; prosecution can be made with video or pictures of trespassing or burglary.

We have responsibilities to each other, especially by helping the elderly or disabled. We need to identify the homes and residents who may need help during crises such as storms, power outages or other emergencies that could come our way. We live in a nice area, but without our efforts that status will diminish.

Our country club has revitalized itself, and so should we revisit the reasons we made this subdivision our home. My heart still swells when I say my home is in Sherwood Forest.

VOLUNTEERS CLEAN UP BLVD.

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of trash were collected, along with quite a few memorable items: a perfume bottle, an I-Hop menu, Tex-Mex recipes, Monopoly money, an eyeglass case and a pair of hot pink hoop earrings.

A big thanks to all those who participated in keeping our neighborhood beautiful—Caroline Doling, Patty Madere,

Alyssa Wallace, James and Jackie Gray, and Curt and Beth Friedel.

We plan to make this a twice-yearly event, so mark your calendars. The next clean-up day will be Saturday, Oct. 24, beginning at 8:30 a.m. We will meet in the St. Thomas More parking lot. Bags, gloves and drinks will be provided.

SFCA Clean-Up Day

8:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 24

Meet at the St. Thomas More parking lot along Goodwood
Bags, Gloves and Beverages provided

Call Beth at 218-6931 to sign up

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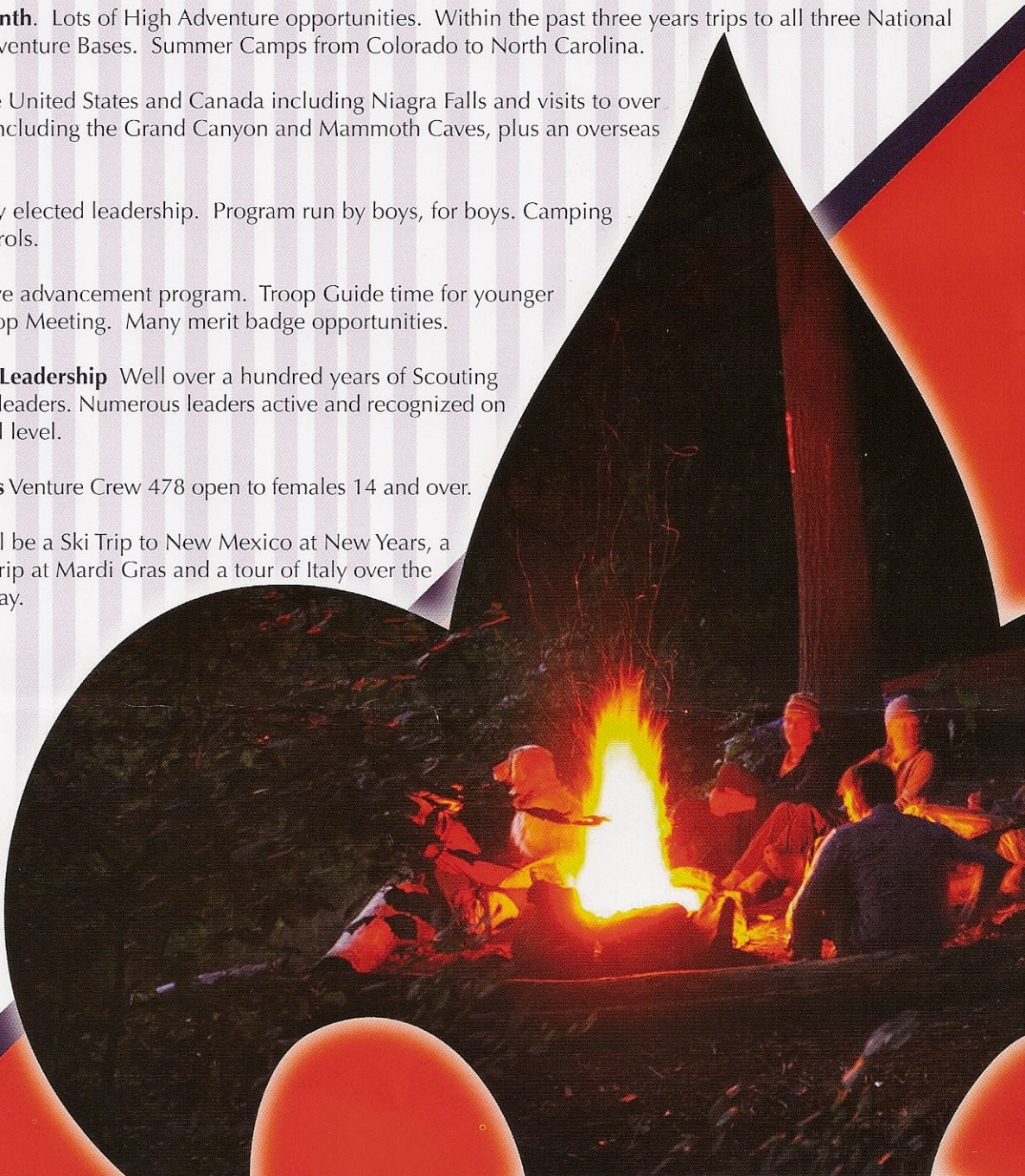


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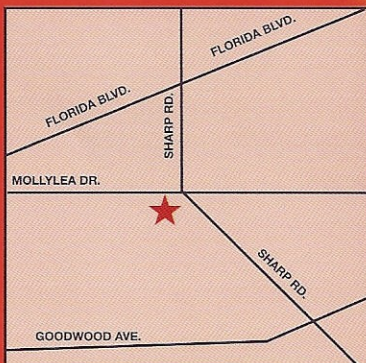
GO EXTREME JOIN SCOUTING

- **Camping Every Month.** Lots of High Adventure opportunities. Within the past three years trips to all three National Boy Scout High Adventure Bases. Summer Camps from Colorado to North Carolina.
- **Special Tours** of the United States and Canada including Niagra Falls and visits to over 10 national parks including the Grand Canyon and Mammoth Caves, plus an overseas trip to England.
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- **Experienced Adult Leadership** Well over a hundred years of Scouting experience among leaders. Numerous leaders active and recognized on District and Council level.
- **Coed Opportunities** Venture Crew 478 open to females 14 and over.
- **Next Year** there will be a Ski Trip to New Mexico at New Years, a wilderness caving trip at Mardi Gras and a tour of Italy over the Thanksgiving Holiday.



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The Louisiana Horticulture Law states that no person shall receive fees, advertise, or solicit business in a regulated profession (examples, arborist, landscape horticulturist, irrigation contractor) or occupation unless he holds the appropriate license or permit, or has a regular employee who holds the appropriate license or permit, or is employed by a person who holds the appropriate license or permit. For specifics on what each license or permit authorizes, see Section 3808 of the Horticulture Commission Law. All licensees are required to place at least one of their license numbers on all business related vehicles that have advertisements on them (Section 115 E of regulations).

EIGHT TIPS FOR SELECTING AN ARBORIST

1. Beware of door-knockers. This is especially common after storms when non-professionals see a chance to earn some quick money.
2. Never let yourself be rushed by bargains such as, "If you sign an agreement today, I can take ten percent off the price..."
3. Ask to see his/her arborist's license. All practicing arborists must be licensed by the State of Louisiana through the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. The license should be in the following format. Year- License number.
Ex: 09-1234
4. Ask for certificate of insurance including proof of liability for personal and property damage, and workman's compensation. Then phone the insurance company to make certain the policy is current.
5. Ask for local references-other jobs the company has done. Take a look at some.
6. Have more than one arborist look at your job and give you estimates. Don't expect one to lower a bid to match another's, and be willing to pay for the estimate if necessary.
7. A good arborist will not use climbing spikes if the tree is to remain in the landscape.
8. Beware of an arborist who is too eager to remove a living tree.

For current information about Louisiana's licensed arborists, please call the Louisiana Department of Agriculture at (225) 952-8100, or www.ldaf.state.la.us

1. Scroll down to the bottom of the page
2. Click on "Find a Licensed Horticulture Professional"
3. Click "Arborists"
4. Scroll to your parish or use the search option at the top of the page

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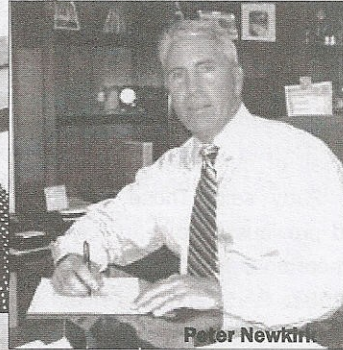
building facing Goodwood Boulevard.

Dallas encourages SFCA members to volunteer for one or more of the board's committees. "It's not necessary to be a board member in order to serve on a committee," Dallas said. "We need volunteers in all areas." Residents may go to a table after the meeting to sign up for the Oct. 24 clean-up day, the Nov. 7 plant swap, or a committee of their choice.

"Ours is one of the largest associations in the city, with a membership in excess of 1,350 households," Dallas said. "Come to our Oct. 15 meeting and learn how you can be a part of this dynamic organization."



Clarissa Preston



Peter Newkirk

SWAP A PLANT & EAT LUNCH! FALL PLANT SWAP & LECTURE

This fall, the SFCA is excited to host its first ever plant swap and we want you to join us! Do you have flower beds that are bursting at the seams, or a bare spot that is longing for some vegetation? Do you like sharing your plants and your love of gardening with others? If you need plants or just need to get rid of them, then come join us. You can bring a little, bring a lot, or just bring yourself.

The date is Saturday, Nov. 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be a plant swap followed by a

lecture on fall gardening from a local expert and some great door prizes.

The event will be held at The Oaks at Sherwood and will include a lunch. The plant swap portion of the event, from 10:30 to 11, is open to all and is free. The lunch and lecture portion of the event is free to members—non-members' cost is \$25 which includes SFCA membership. Due to limited space for the lunch and lecture, participants must pre-register by Oct. 23. To reserve your space, call Beth

Friedel at 218-6931.

Please bring plants in a plastic pot or a plastic bag secured at the base and make sure plants have adequate water prior to arriving at the swap. Tags and markers will be provided for participants to mark the plants they will be taking home with them.

This promises to be a fun event and a great way to meet your fellow neighborhood gardeners, so please mark your calendars and join us!

EVENTS CALENDAR

October

- 15 SFCA General Membership Meeting, 7pm, St. Thomas More Activity Center
- 17 Louisiana Book Festival, 10:5:30 pm, State Capitol
- 24 Trash Clean-Up Day, 8:30 am

November

- 7 Plant Swap, 10:30 am
- 19 SFCA Board Meeting, 7pm
- 21 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. For more info see brgov.com/DEPT/Recycle/householdhazardous.htm

January

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JOIN THE EYEWATCH TEAM

SFCA EyeWatch chairman Patty

Domingue would like to welcome four new block captains: Carol Cross, 12187 Archery Drive (275-4498); Joe Glass, 1085 Braeburn Drive (272-3752); Marlene Wilcox, 12638 Warwick Ave. (273-2158); and J.M. Dowd, 11580 Millburn Drive (275-8135).

"I wish to thank all of our other current block captains," Patty said. Those who have volunteered previously are Jean Kay Brown, 11832 Sheraton Drive (272-1804); Joe Magyar, 12687 E. Sheraton Drive (275-4844); James Gray, 11530 Manorwood Drive (273-2930); Louis and Juanita Achee, 13204 Avants Ave.

(272-0998); Jack Haynes, 302 Robindale Circle (275-7681).

Also Ella Vance, 448 Nassau Drive (273-8104); Jan Beatty, 878 Tifton Drive (273-4462); Joe Self, 343 Shadydale Drive (275-2469); Patrick and Kay Hughes, 1330 Woodcliff Drive (272-1370); Beverly Wagener, 12237 Fairhaven Drive (272-8459).

Also Marilyn Holland, 12560 Lockhaven Ave. (272-0115); Frank Duke, 11673 Goodwood Blvd. (275-8178); Wayne and Edna Thaxton, 1313 Sherwood Forest Blvd. (272-2292); Mary Broussard, 11016 Sheraton Dr (274-1742); Jerry Hammons, 1308 Woodcliff Dr (275-7912).

Also Pete Walsh, 10926 Major Oak Drive (275-6010); Nick and Maggie Richard, 10928 Burton Ave. (275-3404); Dorothy Britt, 405 Wilton Drive (272-1379); Larry Ferracci, 1077 Woodcliff Drive (272-6659); Tom Ketterer, 11463 Mollylea Drive (275-2007); and Mary and Lou Heuchert, 12368 Buckingham Ave. (272-8585).

"We are still in need of more block captains," Patty said. "If you do not see your street represented, please consider being a block captain."

Anyone who is interested should call Patty at 272-2955, or e-mail her at pattydno@bellsouth.net.

KEEP IN TOUCH AND STAY INFORMED

Call **911** in case of an emergency. The non-emergency number for City Police is **389-2000**.

For suspicious situations that are not time-sensitive call the SFCA Security Line, **273-1353**. Leave a call-back message.

To find a governmental agency to address your concerns, call **311** and speak with a Citizen Services Specialist. The call will create a service request that will automatically be routed to the proper department to deal with things like zoning violations, pothole repair, tree branch hazards, loose pets and many more.

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

To report general concerns about the neighborhood, call District 8 Metro Councilman Mike Walker's office at **272-9088** and speak with him or with his legislative assistant, Zona M. Pickens.

For the latest information about your subdivision, listen to the messages sent out to members from the SFCA board through its Internet-based voice-messaging system, **Notification Server™**.

Check the SFCA Web site, www.sfcabr.org, where you will find breaking news, links of interest and archival information about



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YARD OF THE MONTH

By James Gray

The Sherwood Forest Citizens Association chooses four yards each month, one yard from each quadrant, starting in April and continuing through September. The beautification committee chooses one yard of the four, and Louisiana Nursery donates a \$50 gift certificate to the winner. We look for yards that are neatly trimmed and well maintained. The yards do not have to be a professionally landscaped.

A yard is chosen then the homeowner is contacted. With their permission a Yard of the Month sign is placed in the yard and a photo is taken for the Web

site. The sign stays up for a month and then it is removed.

Congratulations to the following homeowners.

April/May winners: Joseph and Martha Self at 343 Shadydale (\$50 gift certificate); Joseph and Andrea Chbeir at 1315 Wellington; and Frank and Martha Stewart at 11943 Milburn. Only three yards were chosen in April/May.

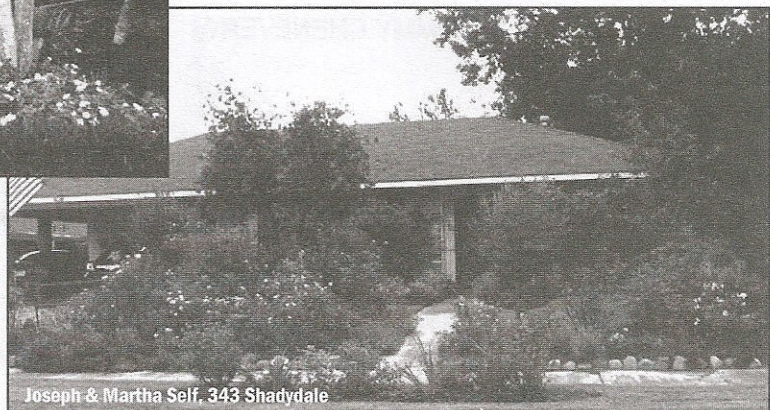
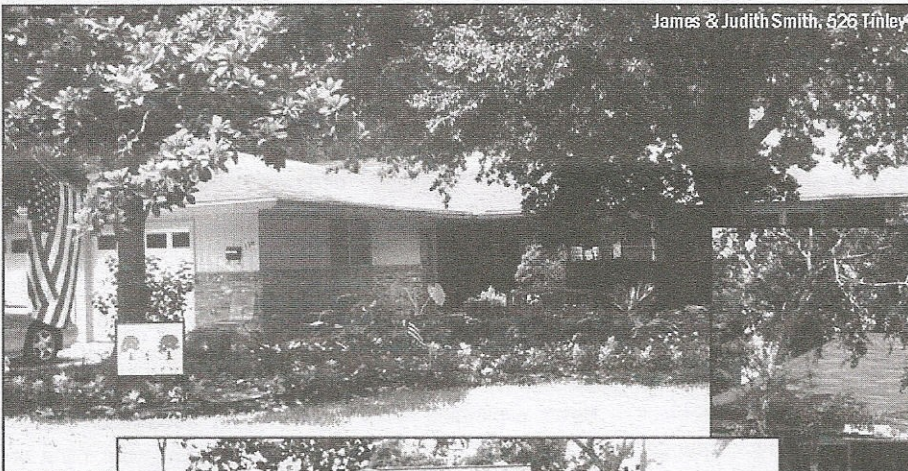
May/June winners: Gordon and Patty Madere at 1338 Silverton (\$50 gift certificate); Nannie Carper at 10868 Ranchwood; Bob and Linda Powell at 12623 Brookshire; and Walter and Edeltress Weiss at 12471 Parkwood.

June/July winners: Carroll and Sharon Phillips at 924 Westbrook (\$50 gift certificate); Robert Thomas at 10724 Sherwood; Tom and Juanita Griffiths at 10966 Sheraton; and Mia and Joel Wallace at 12245 East Millburn.

July/August winners: James and Judith Smith at 526 Tinley (\$50 gift certificate); Suzette Kennedy at 1521 Sherwood Forest Blvd.; Carla Hartzog at 364 Wingate; and Todd and Monica Shattuck at 1375 Braeburn.

You are encouraged to volunteer to select the best yards in Sherwood Forest and promote the beatification of our neighborhood.

*Congratulations to all
our winners. Keep those
gardens growing!*



RENEWAL OF DEED RESTRICTIONS

Many of you may not be aware that your home comes complete with its own set of deed restrictions. These were put into place by the builders during the initial development of the area, beginning in the early 1950s. These deed restrictions come up for renewal 25-30 years after they are put in place, and then every 10 years thereafter. Updates and amendments may be made during these renewal periods. This year marks the renewal date for several filings in Sherwood Forest, so the SFCA is working to update these documents.

Our subdivision is unique in that it is made up of many smaller subdivisions, each with its own name. Some of these larger subdivisions of Sherwood Forest were built in stages and may have several filings of deed restrictions.

Deed restrictions, common in most subdivisions, govern how properties are to be maintained and updated in the future. Restrictions include things such as the types of building materials that can and cannot be used for additions and exterior remodeling, how tall additions can be, and lot setbacks for outbuildings and fences. They also govern what types of animals can be kept, prevent the operation of store-front

businesses, and dictate how many unrelated people may live in the same house.

Whenever you are considering additions or changes to the exterior of your home and outbuildings, you should consult your deed restrictions to see what is required of you and what rules you must follow. Many changes require written approval from the Architectural Control Committee. You must also follow the UDC and any municipal codes that apply. Failure to do so could result in fines and other penalties.

Deed restrictions are not meant to stamp out individual freedom; rather, they are intended to protect your and your neighbors' investments in your homes and in this community, maintaining and increasing home values for the future. Restrictions ensure that the standards for the subdivision set by the builders are upheld. When residents adhere to these restrictions, the community maintains a level of quality and visual beauty consistent with the lifestyle of its residents.

When you review your current deed restrictions and the new ones, you should understand that anything currently existing on your property is "grandfathered in." This means that your property stays as it currently is; only future

modifications are affected by later restriction changes.

The SFCA began the renewal process earlier this year by reviewing current deed restrictions to identify areas of the document that were out-of-date. We also examined deed restrictions for other local subdivisions to compare the wording used and types of restrictions. Working with a lawyer, we revised the document.

One of the most significant updates was to name the SFCA Board as head of Architectural Control, making the board responsible for maintaining deed restrictions. This was not a change to the document but rather a clarification, since the original document listed names of individual board members instead of the board at large.

In order to put the changes into effect, each filing must obtain a majority vote (50%, plus one) of the affected residents through signatures. Volunteers go door-to-door to talk to residents and obtain their signatures. During this process each resident receives a letter explaining the changes and a copy of the new document.

This year the filings designated as Broadmoor Park (Third Filing), Rotolo Place, and East Sherwood Forest (Second Filing, Part 2)

went through the renewal process. The amendments passed for Rotolo Place and E. Sherwood Forest; however, Broadmoor Park (Third Filing) did not get enough votes to pass the amendments. This does not mean that this filing is now without deed restrictions since the old restrictions still stand; however, this area is left without the assistance of the SFCA Board when dealing with violations. Passing the amendment for this filing now requires 75% of homeowners' signatures. If you live in this area, which encompasses Ranchwood Drive, Voohries Drive and a section of Mollylea Drive, and would like to volunteer to get the new document approved, please call Jackie Gray at 273-2930.

To view your deed restrictions, go to the SFCA Web site at www.sfcabr.org and click on the deed restrictions link to find your filing. If you don't know your filing, your subdivision name or your lot number, go to <http://gis.brgov.com/maps/> and do a search using your street address. This will give you your lot number and subdivision name. You can then find your filing on the SFCA Web site.

You also may call the Clerk of Court's Office (293-2933), give your street address and ask for subdivision and filing information.



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PROPOSED REZONING OF LOTS IS WITHDRAWN

Early this spring, the SFCA was involved in preventing the development of two vacant lots on the corner of Nassau and Archery drives by a New Jersey developer who planned to build 10 apartment units and was requesting a zoning change to do so. After a deferment of the first zoning change request by the City Planning and Zoning Commission, an informational meeting was held for the community. The developer was invited to attend but declined the invitation.

At the next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, the developer changed his zoning petition from A3.1 to A2.9 and stated his intention to build four duplex units. This petition failed to receive a unanimous vote of the commission, causing the case to be passed on to the Metro Council for a deciding vote.

The SFCA initiated a letter-writing campaign to our Metro councilman, Mike Walker, who initially favored the rezoning, seeing it as a positive solution to

a long-term problem. His office received more than 200 letters. As a result of this and further investigation on his part, Mr. Walker asked the developer to withdraw his request for the zoning change.

What does this mean for the future of these lots? Well, because the request was withdrawn instead of defeated by a vote, the developer may petition for another zoning change at any time. Through Mr. Walker's efforts, the developer

has agreed to go through a planning process that will include Councilman Walker, the City Planning and Zoning Commission, and select members of the SFCA. The goal of these meetings will be to come to a decision for the future of these lots that is in the best interest of both our community and the developer.

As new information arises, we will keep you updated through our Web site, www.sfcabr.org.

"BLIGHT" BE GONE!

By Zona M. Pickens
Assistant to Metro Councilman Mike Walker

On July 13 a workshop was held on Mayor-President Kip Holden's new Blight Enforcement Program, and how the "Litter Court" will operate. This idea was born as a result of Mayor Holden's "listening tour" meetings during which, again and again, he heard residents complain about the trash and blight that seems to be overtaking EBR Parish.

The five most common violations on which this program will concentrate are (1) accumulation of junk, trash and debris; (2) failure to maintain property (overgrown vegetation, open and/or vacant buildings);

(3) swimming pools (gate and fence requirements for security) and overall condition; (4) sign ordinance violations (size, zoning, location, signs non-permitted); and (5) garbage containers.

An explanation of the process follows:

(1) Residents are requested to report violations to the 311 Call Center; (2) DPW or Office of Neighborhood representatives assigned to the area in which the offense is located will take pictures of alleged violations using a specialized camera system; (3) ATS (the same company that sends out traffic-light violation letters) will generate a 15-day warning letter

(from date of letter), with hearing notice date, to the property owner(s); (4) If the problem is not addressed by the owner within the specified time, new photos will be taken, and ATS will issue a certified letter (this does not have to be signed for by the owner in order to be a determining factor) to alert the owner to the date and time for a hearing by an Administrative Hearing Officer (this keeps cases from backing up on a judicial docket) and; (5) The AHO will have the authority to assess a fine of \$117 for each violation, as well as court fees and DPW clean-up costs. Owners who refuse to pay clean-up costs will find that amount attached to

their property tax bill the following year.

The main things that are exciting about this program are that instead of only four DPW inspectors to cover the entire parish, there are now 15 (and possibly more) inspectors; there is now a special AHO who will hear only these cases; and this is a streamlined process that significantly cuts the time between the report of offense and when it is heard in court.

The program began Aug. 1.

For more information, call your Council District Office at 272-9088.

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MARLENE GROSE ENJOYS FOURTH OF JULY FLAG PROJECT

By Neissy Graf

Have you noticed that just before Fourth of July American flags begin sprouting up in front of the homes in Sherwood Forest?

These flags do not appear by magic. Marlene Grose, a Realtor® with Re/Max First and a Sherwood resident, orders the flags and personally walks the neighborhood to put them up.

"It's a project I like to do," Marlene said. "I get a great deal of pleasure out of it. I love to walk and I enjoy talking to people as I go around. Sometimes I feel that they are waiting for the flags and the chance to thank me."

Marlene began on a small scale. "I started in 1996, buying a few flags from a catalog and putting them in the yards of my real estate listings on the Fourth of July. They were appreciated by both my clients and their

neighbors, and the next year I found a better source and bought 500. I put them around my listings in several subdivisions and saved a few for my neighborhood. When people saw me doing it, they asked me to do their street and I did, until I ran out of flags."

She received so many favorable comments that she began ordering more flags and putting them in front of other houses. The effort soon expanded to include more territory. "Since the first years, I have increased the number of flags, and some years I have distributed almost 2,500," she said.

Marlene knows people are disappointed if a flag doesn't appear near their front walks.

"There are many factors involved, including my available time, the weather, and to some extent the day of the week that the Fourth of July falls on. Sometimes I have had help from friends, but 'getting my flags out' remains one of my favorite solo projects,

and I believe I will do it as long as my legs will let me."

Marlene's effort is by far the most extensive in the city. In addition to Broadmoor and Sherwood Forest, she covers Shenandoah, Jefferson Terrace

and other parts of Baton Rouge.

"On the morning of July 4, 1997, the first call I received was from a neighbor on Brookshire," Marlene recalled. "He was overcome with gratitude, not just for his flag, but

for the sight of the flags waving on his street. Over the years since then, I have received many thank-you notes and phone calls, some from very emotional veterans, and I know that my project has touched many people."

Also this year someone placed American flags on the street lights along Mollylea Drive between Burgess and McGehee drives. This anonymous gesture serves as another important reminder that we are indeed privileged to live under the banner of Old Glory—in the land of the free and the home of the brave!

The flag banners placed at the subdivision entrances are purchased by the SFCA.

"Since the first years, I have increased the number of flags, and some years I have distributed almost 2,500"

YARD EDGING FREE TO SFCA MEMBERS

By Beth Friedel

Yikes, the grass sure grows fast down here! I don't know about you, but I get tired of battling the never-ending creep of grass.

To assist those of you who are faithfully battling the grass without the aid of a lawn care service, the SFCA has purchased a professional edging machine.

To "rent" the machine for free, all you have to do is be a current member and leave a check for \$50 while you borrow the machine. The check will be returned when you turn in the machine. Rentals will be available Monday through Friday from 4 until 8 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., with a rental time limit of two hours.

You must call ahead to 218-6931 to reserve the edger. If no one answers the phone, just leave your name, phone number, street address, and the date and time that you'll need the edger. Pick-up and return will be at 11655 Manorwood Drive. If you would like to "rent" the edger, but are physically unable due to health, disability or age, please call and

we will arrange for a volunteer to edge your yard.

The SFCA plans to purchase more machines if there is a demand for this service.

With this program, we hope to help our neighbors keep the neighborhood beautiful and win the war against the grass!



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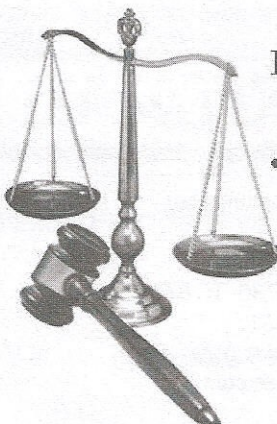
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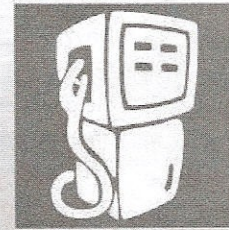
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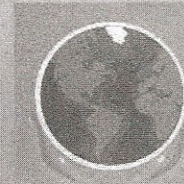
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MUNICIPAL CODES PROVIDE RULE OF LAW

By Neissy Graf

If you've ever wondered, aloud or to yourself, why there's a guy at your front door peddling magazines, knives or any other product, you might want to become familiar with Part II, Sec. 12:200(b)(1) of the Municipal Code.

Part II deals with "House-to-House Peddlers" and excludes anyone who rings your doorbell with a religious, political or charitable solicitation (think Girl Scouts with their cookies). To be defined as a "peddler," an individual must be hawking the sale of goods or services for personal profit (his or her own).

Ah, but there's a catch: house-to-house peddling, although defined as "a nuisance and punishable as such," is permitted during the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. unless a "No Solicitation" sign is posted

at your residence. Peddling outside these hours is not permitted and can result in the peddler's incurring a fine of \$100 or a 20-day jail term, or both. So report it!

What about the damaged signs still remaining in front of neighborhood businesses since Gustav blew through last Labor Day? There's an ordinance [8A:105(l)] that allows citizens to file complaints about damaged or abandoned signs by calling 311 and asking for the Complaint Department. After investigating the circumstances, the city will send a letter to the business owner asking that the sign be repaired or removed before a specified date. If that doesn't work, the city will remove the sign and send an invoice to the property owner or place a lien on the property.

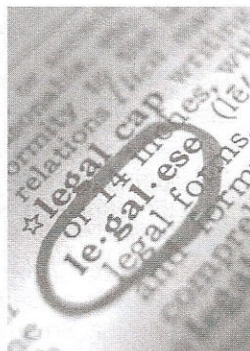
Chapter 2, Part 1, Sec. 14.200 holds owners responsible for keeping their dogs and cats from running at large at all times. Furthermore, when the behavior of the dog (including excessive barking) or cat is deemed a nuisance, the owner may receive a summons and a fine.

To complain, call the animal control center at 774-7700, or dial 311 and speak with a Citizen Services Specialist. Your message must include the pet owner's address and the name, address and phone number of

the person who is complaining. The next step is to write a letter to the Animal Control and Rescue Center at 2680 Progress Road, ZIP 70807. An officer will visit the owner, advise him or her of the complaint, and ask that the situation be corrected within 15 days, after which a summons may be issued. For details about owners' responsibilities go to brgov.com/Dept/animal/petowner.htm.

To research the municipal code for solutions to these or other vexing problems, go to www.municode.com/Resources/gateway.asp?pid=10107&sid=18

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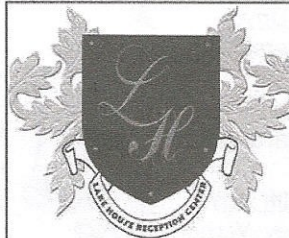
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SPECIAL THANKS TO DICK BARTOL

For many years Dick Bartol, a resident of Sherbrook Drive, has been a member of the Sherwood Forest Board of Directors. Most recently he was membership chairman (*i.e.*, keeper of the roster) and advisor for the treasurer. The board would like to thank Dick to his faithful service to the Sherwood Forest community! We welcome our new membership chairman, Curt Friedel.

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Thank You, Ken Bui, K&L Real Estate

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LEGISLATORS IMPOSE LIMIT ON STORM DEDUCTIBLES

By Neissy Graf

In June 2009 the Louisiana Legislature approved, and Gov. Bobby Jindal signed, a bill preventing insurance companies from imposing more than one storm deductible on a policyholder during a single season.

According to the bill, owner-occupied homes suffering damage from separate weather events in a single calendar year would be subject to only one deductible. Weather events included are hurricanes, named storms, windstorms and hailstorms. Depending on the specific insurer's policy language, deductibles are expressed either as a percentage of the insured value of the property or as a specific dollar amount (for instance, \$1,000).

Policyholders must maintain receipts and other records of losses so that any deductible balance left over after one loss may be applied to a second loss, should one occur before the end of the calendar year.

The law will take effect for homeowner policies issued or renewed on or after Jan. 1, 2010.

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