COME HOME TO SHERWOOD FOREST

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LETTER FROM SFCA PRESIDENT

Fall is a great time for landscaping. We will be looking to award Yard of the Month. Thank you neighbors in the northwest quadrant who voiced their opposition to the rezoning of the property on S. Havenpark Court. Your voice was heard and the rezoning item was removed from the Metro Council agenda. To our Newest Members...welcome to The Sherwood Forest Citizens Association! We are glad that you choose to live and raise your family in Sherwood Forest Subdivision.

We encourage YOU to support your homeowner's association. When you receive this newsletter if you haven't done so, please mail in your dues for 2022. Our dues determine exactly what SFCA can and cannot do for the calendar year. Our annual dues of \$50.00 are an important investment in your home, your family, and your community. Please fill out the form on the last page today and mail it in.

ARCHITECTURAL PRE-APPROVAL IS CRITICAL!

Thinking of building a structure or making modifications? One email to the Architectural Committee can save time, money and aggravation. The city-parish inspector and the Architectural Control Committee will need to pay a visit prior to construction or modifications. Recently, buildings, carports and sheds have had to be removed at the owner's expense for violation of deed restrictions and city ordinances. The cost to remove or change un-approved construction can be significant. Contact the city-parish permit office and James Gray at jrjhgray@cox.net before beginning work and save everyone a lot of heartache, time, and money.

REMEMBER: The one who builds or alters without obtaining the required approval creates the problem, not the one who discovers it.

SFCA MEETING IN OCTOBER

SAVE THE DATE! After a TWO-YEAR HIATUS, the 2022 Annual SFCA General Meeting will be held IN PERSON at 7 pm, October 17th at St. Thomas More Activity Center. Please come out for our guest speakers, the latest neighborhood updates, and important news.

FIVE REASONS WE LOVE LIVING IN SHERWOOD FOREST Reprinted with permission from Tiffany at WWW.RedStickMom.com

The Sherwood Forest neighborhood has been our home for our family for the past year. Although we just recently moved here to Sherwood Forest, my husband and I are both alumni of Broadmoor High School (Go Bucs!) so we are very familiar with the area. When we began looking to move out of our starter home in July 2020, we were not sure where in Baton Rouge we wanted but had a wish list of items for our future house and fell in love with this area. Some of the reasons we fell in love with the area and decided to move here:

Easy access to areas of Baton Rouge without sitting in Interstate Traffic -We all hate traffic, and our prior house we had no choice but to sit in interstate traffic on I-12 every single day. It got old so quickly. Now, with easy access to Goodwood Blvd. and Florida Blvd., we can get to various areas of Baton Rouge without a horrible morning commute.

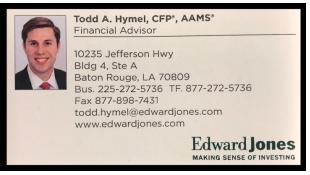
The BEAUTIFUL trees! - The greenery in this area of Baton Rouge makes my heart soar. We have huge, aged, Oak Trees throughout our neighborhood. These beautiful trees attract a lot of various birds and offer us plenty of shade to enjoy the fall and spring in Baton Rouge. This may make me an old lady at heart, but I love watching all the various birds eat out of our bird feeders in our backyard. We have seen birds we never saw in our old backyard.

Bike Paths - Goodwood Boulevard is equipped with a bike lane on either side of the boulevard. This gives us a safe way to enjoy biking around our neighborhood.

Diversity of neighbors and friends - I love the most that the Broadmoor/Sherwood Forest is an incredibly diverse neighborhood. Our neighbors represent various ages, genders, gender expressions, national origins, races, religions, and sexual orientations. As we walk around the neighborhood, everyone waves, and chats and I feel that this area of Baton Rouge really represents the diversity of the City of Baton Rouge.

Families & Kids - We rarely drive down the street or go on a walk without seeing kids playing outside. My daughter has friends in the neighborhood she loves playing with and we love seeing kids out and about playing outside and laughing. We really love being a part of the Broadmoor/Sherwood Forest neighborhood. We are close to mid-city without being in all the traffic. There are plenty of grocery stores, parks, and restaurants within close distance. We love living so close to the Heart of Baton Rouge that we can get to anywhere we need with ease!





SFCA would like to help grow your business.

To advertise in this newsletter, please contact Jackie Gray at jrjhgray@cox.net.

SPRING GARDENING

PETITE KNOCK OUT ROSES ARE A LANDSCAPE MUST!

The petite Knock-Out rose is the compact in the Knock-Out family. They have the same abundance of flowers and are disease resistance. Being much smaller in size they are great for containers as well as the landscape. The height of a mature petite plant is about 18 inches, and they need 6 hours of sun. It is a very rewarding plant with minimum care.



ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING

Please join us for the Annual Member Meeting of the Sherwood Forest Citizens Association, October 17th, at 7:00 pm in the St. Thomas More Activity Center.

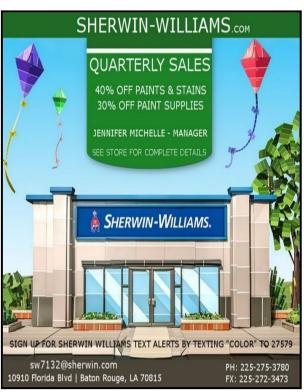
VIETNAMESE TRANSLATOR VOLUNTEER

Please email: tramthuyphan@yahoo.com or contact any SFCA board member to request translation services.









SHERWOOD FOREST BLOCK WATCH CAPTAINS

SFCA 2022 Block Captain / Eye Watch Member Sign Up

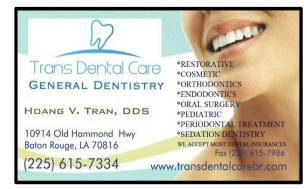
Do you want to help us keep your neighborhood secure?

The Sherwood Forest neighborhood Eye-Watch program is a group of neighbors dedicated to helping maintain safety and security in our neighborhood. Presently, we have approximately 75 plus SFCA Block Captains. They volunteer a year at a time for their street/area.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Teresa Haralson at teresaharalson@gmail.com for more information.

THANK YOU FOR BEING OF SERVICE!





SHERWOOD FOREST CRIME DISTRICT

It has been 10 years since our Crime District was established. Over the past decade, through the 2016 flood and the latest hurricanes, the Crime District has worked tirelessly to combat crime and apprehend criminals. The Crime District has three main components: our neighborhood watch program, our security patrol and our camera & license plate reader system. Because of the Crime District efforts, crime in Sherwood Forest is much less than our neighbors to the north, east and south. The Crime District has worked to beautify the neighborhood while working to improve the quality of life for our residents. Along with the Sherwood Forest Citizens Association, the Crime District board works hard to improve your home values. Remember to always lock your vehicle, home and outbuilding doors. Also, please secure your property around your home – lawnmowers, bikes, etc.

Our crime district will be the focus of our annual meeting October 17th. We will have guest speakers to discuss the cameras and the benefit that they are to Sherwood Forest and to our city. We hope everyone can join us Monday, October 17th in the St. Thomas More Activity Center at 7:00 pm.



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

The Hospitality Committee is responsible for delivering welcome packets to new residents of Sherwood Forest subdivision. The welcome packet contains information regarding city codes, deed restrictions, contact information for the SFCA board, as well as information pertaining to recycling, landscaping, etc. It is important to take the time to read through the information. We want Sherwood Forest subdivision to be a beautiful place for families to live, play and grow in a safe and healthy environment. If you did not receive a packet or would like to receive a new one, please send an e-mail to the following address and a packet will be delivered to your doorstep. E-mail: lariseysue@gmail.com.





CONGRATULATIONS - KEVIN RINGELMAN

Kevin Ringelman, associate professor in the LSU School of Renewable and Natural Resources (and Sherwood Forest resident), has been named recipient of the prestigious H. Dale Hall Ducks Unlimited Endowed Professorship in Wetlands and Waterfowl Conservation. Named after LSU College of Agriculture alumnus and former director of U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service under George W. Bush, the endowment seeks to "perpetuate a faculty position in the LSU School of Renewable Natural Resources, supporting excellence in teaching, research and public service in waterfowl ecology, waterfowl habitat management or wetlands conservation, in cooperation with Ducks Unlimited and other partners."

As one of nine endowed waterfowl chairs/professorships in North America, this is the only one in the United States to be associated with Ducks Unlimited, Inc., widely recognized as a world leader in wetland and waterfowl conservation.

"One of the central responsibilities of the H. Dale Hall Professor is to make sure the management decisions of Ducks Unlimited and our agency partners are founded in strong and transparent science," Ringelman said.

Ringelman, who has pursued waterfowl science since 2007 when he attended graduate school at the University of California, Davis, has an impressive background, which includes 30 peer-reviewed papers on the subject and 60 conference abstracts. Since starting at the LSU AgCenter in 2014, his grants in support of waterfowl research exceed \$1.6 million, including substantial financial support directly from Ducks Unlimited.Unlimited," Ringelman said. "And it's a great honor to represent the legacy of Dale Hall and the Ducks Unlimited conservation mission."

Nearly 100 LSU undergraduate and graduate students have taken Ringelman's course on waterfowl and ecology management, and his materials are widely shared for use in courses from Colorado State University to the University of Delaware, as well as other universities throughout the U.S.

"My research and training priorities have always been closely aligned with those of Ducks Unlimited," Ringelman said. "And it's a great honor to represent the legacy of Dale Hall and the Ducks Unlimited conservation mission."





BATON ROUGE FINE ARTS SCHOOL TO OPEN ON OLD BROADMOOR MIDDLE SCHOOL SITE

Broadmoor Middle School opened at the corner of Goodwood Boulevard and Sharp Road in 1960 and was initially known as Broadmoor Junior High. At the time, Goodwood Boulevard ended at Sharp Road, the easternmost boundary of Broadmoor subdivision. Goodwood Boulevard did not extend further east across Jones Creek into the new Sherwood Forest Subdivision until the bridge and the Goodwood Boulevard alignment project was completed in 1964/65 about the time that the Seventh and Eighth Filings of West Sherwood Forest opened. Broadmoor Middle served many students in our neighborhood and the Greater Baton Rouge community so well for almost 60 years, but it was closed in 2019 because of declining enrollment.

So, it came as wonderful news for our area in 2021 when Dr. Sito Narcisse, the Superintendent of Schools of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System, had the vision to push to convert the old Broadmoor Middle School site into a dedicated conservatory. Dr. Narcisse had worked in cities with similar schools, and he organized a trip with six school board members in the fall of 2021 to travel to Miami to visit arts-focused magnet schools and glean some ideas about how to replicate their success. He received the unanimous approval for this conversion from the members of the East Baton Rouge School Board on November 18, 2021.

A conservatory is a school dedicated to the visual and performing arts. The conservatory model will be the first of its kind in Baton Rouge. Before this development, the old Middle School site had already been in line for \$15 million in renovations, and this money will now be used for development of the new school.

This new "magnet" school is scheduled to open in the fall of 2023. The school is projected to serve students in grades 6-12 once fully enrolled. Some have referred to the proposed new school as the "Julliard of Baton Rouge"—where local teenagers can cultivate their skills for possible careers in music, film, dance, theater, and visual arts. Provisionally called Baton Rouge School for the Arts or Baton Rouge Conservatory of the Arts, the new school would enroll an estimated 700. It would educate middle school age students the first year and then add high school grades a year later in the fall of 2024. Two elementary schools that focus on visual and performing arts will feed into the new school—the Baton Rouge Center for Visual and Performing Arts, presently located at 2040 South Acadian Thruway (for old timers in Baton Rouge, the old Walnut Hills Elementary) and Broadmoor Elementary.

School Board member, Mark Bellue, who represents our area, graciously spoke to our full Sherwood Forest Citizens Association ("SFCA") Board to provide information and answer our questions before the EBR School Board final vote. In mid-March, Dr. Narcisse and EBR Schools Director of Fine Arts, Sean Joffrion, sat down with SFCA Board members, including Board President Debra Simino, to describe their vision and plans for the school. Multiple conservatories will include visual arts, instrumental and vocal music, theater arts both musical and acting, dance, and television & media (with a major focus on film). They envision a school that will truly be a "Julliard" school that will bring wide acclaim to the EBR School System and to the entire Greater Baton Rouge region. To ensure its success, there is a volunteer advisory group of approximately 20 EBR citizens, all or most of whom have backgrounds in the arts. Dr. Narcisse offered Sherwood Forest a seat on this committee. Kathy Balhoff, who grew up in Broadmoor, has lived for many years in Sherwood Forest, and is an accomplished musician serves as the Sherwood Forest representative on the advisory committee.

On behalf of Sherwood Forest, the SFCA says thank you Dr. Narcisse and thank you to all the EBR School Board members for this wonderful repurposing of this site!!!







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JONES CREEK, LIVELY BAYOU CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTS

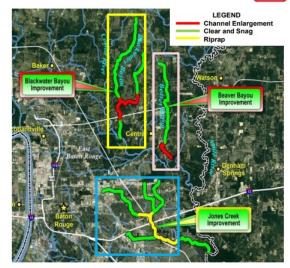


Lower Jones Creek (3.3 miles) clearing and snagging

- Work involves clearing and snagging
- Work to be performed covers from Amite River upstream to O'Neal Lane
- Contract awarded February 16

Upper Jones Creek, Lively Bayou and Weiner Creek (16.2 miles)

- Work involves clearing and snagging and installing concrete riprap where indicated
- Work to be performed covers from O'Neal Lane to Cedar Crest Avenue, S. Choctaw Drive, Tams Drive, and Wooddale Boulevard
- Construction to start in early 2023









GOODBYE CORTANA MALL & HELLO AMAZON!

Cortana Mall - Changing Times Ends Era

The explosion in online shopping has ended the heyday of million square foot shopping malls across the country. Baton Rouge's former Cortana Mall was one of the casualties. Built on former plantation acreage Cortana Mall opened on August 4, 1976, and at 1.3 million square feet it was the largest indoor mall in the south. During its peak it boasted 100+ stores for shoppers to enjoy.

After a 45+ year run, Baton Rouge population shift, and digital shopping eventually spelled doom for Cortana Mall (and other malls across the country). Online shopping sites have seen huge increases in sales over the past decade while in-store retail sales have been mostly declining (depending on the store). After a series of failed attempts to keep Cortana Mall relevant, it was eventually closed for good in 2021.



Cortana Mall - Land Purchased by Amazon

2022 saw the demolition of the old Cortana Mall buildings to make way for Amazon's new 1 million square foot Fulfillment Center. On top of Amazon's industry-leading minimum starting wage of \$15 per hour, 1000+ full-time employees will receive comprehensive benefits, including full medical, vision and dental insurance as well as a 401 (k) with 50 percent company match. Amazon employees will pick, pack, and ship smaller customer items such as books, toys, electronics, and other household items from the new facility. Baton Rouge is looking forward to Amazon's successful efforts investing in our city and revitalizing this area of town.



2022 SFCA 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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Other Committees: Kathy Balhoff, Emily Ringelman, Will Jorden, Will Galloway

SFCA Board of Directors meetings are held the third Monday of each month, except October and December. Notify Debra Simino four days in advance of the meeting if you would like to present an item.

CALL FOR HELP

Emergency 911

Police - non emergency 225-389-2000

City-parish Call Center 311

Department of Public Works 225-225-389-3090

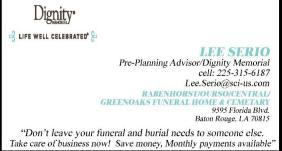
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SFCA ~ 2021 FINANCE STATEMENT

Yearly & Monthly INCOME	BUD	GET AMOUNT			12/31/21	
SHERWOOD FOREST CITIZENS ASSOCIATION 2021 Yearly Budget		ORGINAL	MISC	1	RECEIVED 2021	2021 Paid Members
		1 PROPOSED				
REVENUE						
MEMBERS DUES 650 X \$25	\$	16,250.00			\$16,150.00	646
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$				\$2,285.00	
NEWLETTER ADS 20 ADS X 100	\$	2,000.00			\$2,000.00	
COURT COST RECEIVED, KINAMORE TRIAL	\$				3140.84	
TOTAL INCOME	\$	18,250.00			\$23,575.84	
EXPENDITURES						
	1	33		2	EXPENSES	
BIZ LAND SECURITY PHONE BILL YEARLY		\$80.00		1	\$73.33	
OFFICE SUPPLIES, INK, PAPER, COPIES	1	\$375.00			\$415.38	
POSTAGE	\$	150.00			\$123.08	
MISC PRINTING / ANNUAL MTG SIGNS	\$	50.00				
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EYE WATCH	\$	25.00				
LEGAL ATTORNEY FEES	\$	4,000.00		80	\$11,280.86	
STORAGE RENT YEAR	\$	500.00			\$359.85	
ST. THOMAS MOOR DONATION	\$	250.00	EL CENTRO		\$125.00	
HOSPITALITY -INK, PAPER, COPIES	\$	500.00			\$536.25	
PHOTOS REZONING ISSUES, MISC.	\$	100.00		2	\$14.72	
FEDERATION OF BR CIVIC ASSOC. DUES	\$	75.00			\$75.00	
COURT PARKING, GIFT CARD, 1099 IRS, SECT ST	\$	100.00			\$148.45	
TOTA EXPENDITURES	\$	15,575.00			\$22,539.64	





Mission Statement

The Sherwood Forest Citizens' Association is a non-profit corporation formed to unite interested residents in promoting the welfare, attractiveness, and livability of the Sherwood Forest area. It gathers and transmits information to the members, provides security enhancement, and supports beautification of both public and private areas within the subdivision. The association also works to assist its members and to influence government agencies for the health of our neighborhood.

To join SFCA, complete the form below and mail your 2022 dues to:
Sherwood Forest Citizens' Association
P.O. Box 45142
Baton Rouge, LA 70895-4142

SHERWOOD FOREST CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION 2022 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name(s):		
Phone:	Email:	
Address:		
I would like to be an		
Volunteering for a committee talent for the betterment of o	te is open to all Sherwood Forest residents. Please consider giving of ur neighborhood!	your time and
Annual Membership Dues (Jan. 1- Dec. 31): <u>\$50</u> TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$	
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