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ANNUAL SFCA FALL MEETING OCTOBER 23, 2023

Please join us for the Sherwood Forest Citizens Association annual meeting October 23rd at 7:00 in the Activity Center of St. Thomas More. Fred Raiford will update us on projects that affect our neighborhood and we will discuss the city's new woody waste contract.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL PRE-APPROVAL IS A MUST!

The purchase of a home is so exciting, but home owners often don't realize that their home is subject to deed restrictions. Homes in Sherwood Forest are under deed restrictions according to filing. You can find your deed restrictions on our website at www.sfcabr.org. The deed restrictions are to ensure that changes to the home, property and accessory buildings are in harmony with the homes in that filing. In accordance, the erection of sheds, buildings, and improvements to the home must be approved by the **Architectural Control Committee** of Sherwood Forest Citizens Association **BEFORE** you start the project. The cost to remove or change un-approved construction can be significant. Contact the city-parish permit office and the SFCA **BEFORE** beginning any construction and save everyone a lot of heartache, time, and money. Contact James Gray at jrjgray@cox.net

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

WELCOME HOME ARLO – LOST PET FOUND!

After 8 months and 2 weeks, Arlo is home again with his family! On January 2nd, Arlo became frightened of firework explosions and ran away. Thankfully, his best friend and owner Glenn C. never gave up hope and relentlessly searched for Arlo. He visited the CAA shelter so often that the employees soon recognized him. Glenn posted Arlo's picture on several social media sites and passed out flyers. Concerned citizens that did not even know Glenn were assisting in his search for his furry friend.



This past week, Glenn got the call! Arlo had been found thanks to microchip technology that identified him and linked to Glenn's contact information. At last the two were reunited. Microchipping, staying current on vaccinations, and being persistent were the key. Welcome home Arlo!

COME HOME TO SHERWOOD FOREST!

AUTUMN BEAUTIFICATION

Southern Chinch Bug – *Blissus Insularis Barber*

Due to extreme heat and dry conditions chinch bugs have been a big problem for some homeowners. St. Augustine and Zoysia grasses are two of their favorites. They consume juices out of the grass blades and at the same time inject a poison that causes the blades to turn brown and die. These insects are heat loving and can move across a lawn within several days.



Chinch bugs are identified by an hourglass pattern on their back. To check for chinch bugs cut off both ends from a tin can. Push the end of the can 2 – 3 inches into the soil in a sunny area where the brown lawn is spreading. Fill the can with water and wait 10 minutes. If you see brown insects up to 1/4 inch long with white wings, then you have chinch bugs.

Use Chinch Bug Killer with Arena granules by Greenlight or 38 Plus Insect Control by Hi-Yield to get rid of these insects.

SHERWOOD FOREST CRIME PREVENTION & NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Happy 10th Birthday to US! It's hard to believe that it has been just a little over 10 years since you, the Sherwood Forest VOTERS approved the first parcel fee. That YES vote allowed the SFCD to eventually install cameras and license plate readers at all of the entrances to Sherwood Forest. Those cameras (16) and LPRs (17) have assisted BRPD and other agencies to solve countless felonies.

Now fast forward to present time . . . Voters approved the parcel fee renewal in December 2022 by a whopping 79% . . . THANK YOU!!!

This will help continue our dedication to keeping Sherwood Forest a great place to live. I bet most of you reading this know neighbors that have lived here 40+ years, if it's not you the reader.

Those parcel fees don't just pay for the cameras and security patrols – the "Neighborhood Improvement" part of our official title is an obvious hint. The beautiful landscaping at the four main entrances & the quad intersection of SF and Goodwood. They sure make a statement to those hundreds and hundreds passing through. And a huge THANK YOU to Jackie & James Gray for installing the solar lights at the main entrances. That's the kind of "welcome home" everyone needs.

And now for a few reminders from our patrol . . .

- No parking and/or blocking sidewalks, or on the right of ways
- No parking on your front yard – concrete only
- No overnight parking on the streets more than 9 hours
- No 18 wheelers, with or without the trailers.
- NEVER LEAVE ITEMS IN PLAIN SIGHT IN YOUR VEHICLE.
- ALWAYS LOCK YOUR VEHICLES





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GAS LINES AND SOUTH FLANNERY ROAD BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

Since this past June, Entergy has been upgrading the gas pipelines for the streets that are located north of Twin Oaks Elementary School. Entergy expects to complete the work by the end of this year. So far, gas pipeline upgrades have been made to Berwick, East Parnell, and Wenham Avenues, Trudy Drive, and a portion of Trammell Drive. Avants Avenue, Todd Avenue, and Kimmeridge Drive are still to be upgraded. Please drive slowly when workers are present.

Also, The city-parish will issue a contract later this year to replace the existing South Flannery Road bridge that is located between Goodwood Boulevard and Old Hammond Highway and is severely in need of repair. The bridge will be taken out of service sometime early in 2024, when the bridge contractor mobilizes to the site. It will remain out of service until it is finished the fall of 2024.



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SFCA Board of Directors meetings are at 6pm on 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.

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

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_____ *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!

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