



2024 SFCA Annual Meeting **October 28th, 7:00 at St. Thomas More Activity Center**

The guest speaker at our annual membership meeting will be **Lyndsay Hudson** **Division Manager of the Neighborhood Revitalization Division** responsible for blight elimination, condemnations, and demolitions. Her department works to reduce dangerous conditions associated with dilapidated buildings and unkept vacant lots. For more information call 389-8680. Please

Do I Need SFCA Approval, a Permit, or Both? (FAQ)

- Does Sherwood Forest have deed restrictions? **YES**, see www.sfcabr.org to find the deed restrictions that apply to your filing.
- Can I build a workshop, shed, greenhouse, mother-in-law suite, pour a new driveway? Submit your plans to the **SFCA Architectural Control Committee (email jrjhgray@cox.net) for approval**. This committee reviews the plans to ensure that deed restrictions are followed and the structure is in harmony with yours and neighboring houses. City permits may also be necessary.
- Can I place a shed at the end of my driveway. No, contact the Architectural Control Committee for proper placement.
- Do I need a permit to build a carport or other structure? **YES**, in most cases. In addition, you need SCFA approval.
- Can I run a car repair business or other business at my house? **NO**, this is prohibited in an A-1 zone. Please report to 311.
- Can I park my car on the street overnight? Parked cars on the street impede passage of emergency vehicles and is therefore discouraged. Parking in the yard is illegal and the vehicle will be ticketed.
- Submit plans to the Architectural Control Committee: [**jrjhgray@cox.net**](mailto:jrjhgray@cox.net)

Homes are very large investments and observation of these guidelines help to maintain our property values.

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October 28, 2024
7:00 PM
St. Thomas More

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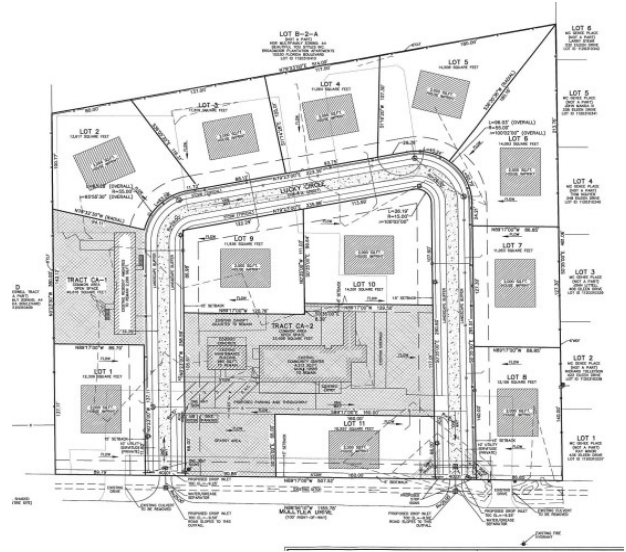
On the Ballot

Solid Waste Collection

COME HOME TO SHERWOOD FOREST!

Mollylea Manor Update

A new subdivision called Mollylea Manor is being proposed for the old CYO Aquatic Club property which has become blighted. SFCAB is working with the owners to ensure that the project is beneficial for our homeowners in Sherwood Forest as well as the new homeowners in Mollylea Manor. The plans call for 11 new homes in a private subdivision. The project has not gone before the Planning Commission yet. If approved, it will be presented to the Metro Council. SFCAB will monitor this proposal and keep the neighbors informed.



A Little History, In a Nut Shell

Sherwood Forest's first filing was started and finished in 1956 and has since developed into the largest subdivision in the state of Louisiana with over 3000 homes. Little did our founding fathers know what a great location they had selected for their subdivision! The common boundaries of the neighborhood are Old Hammond Highway, Flannery Road, Sharp Road and Florida Boulevard. When entering Sherwood Forest, you are welcomed with beautiful, well maintained flower beds at the four main entrances. Sherwood Forest is a deed restricted neighborhood with a strong hard working HOA. An informative newsletter is delivered to each home semiannually in the spring and fall. Over 10 years ago, the neighborhood voted to create a Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District which allows for beautification efforts and private patrol by city police, keeping Sherwood Forest one of the safest places to live in Baton Rouge. We are a safe, diverse, family friendly neighborhood and a wonderful place to call home!

SFCAB and Crime District Roles Compared

SFCAB HOA (Established 1956)

- Funded by \$50 HOA dues paid to SFCAB and renewed each January.
- **Currently, less than 500 residents have paid dues. Please support your neighborhood.**
- **Board members are volunteers** who give personal time for Sherwood Forest.
- HOA must exist to have a Crime District.
- Enforces Deed Restrictions, can file suit and funds any legal action.
- Approves or denies requests for home additions and improvements through the Architectural Control Committee to ensure neighborhood harmony.
- Meets with the Mayor, Metro Council and Planning Commission.
- Operates the Eye Watch Block Captains.

CRIME DISTRICT (Established 2013):

- Funded by tax assessment paid to the sheriff's office.
- Cannot exist without an active HOA.
- **Board members are volunteers.**
- Cannot enforce deed restrictions and cannot pay court costs.
- Purchases and operates neighborhood cameras.
- Employs and coordinates officers for neighborhood patrols that enforce the city ordinances.
- Patrols are not 24/7
- For police assistance call 225-389-2000 or 911, if our patrols are on duty, they will answer the call.
- Maintains flower beds and entrance signs.

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+ SFCA Block Captains. They volunteer a year at a time for their street/area. If you are interested in volunteering, please email teresaharalson@gmail.com.

New Residential Self-Service Non-Perishable Solid Waste Collection Facility

The City Parish has announced the opening of the new Residential Self-Service Non-Perishable Solid Waste Collection Facility located at 7900 Starwood Court, in the Gardere area.

Accepted Materials (variety of non-perishable residential waste), including:

- Household bulky waste (like furniture, bicycles, and toys)
- Scrap metal
- Drained automobile parts
- Tree trimmings and yard waste (with restrictions)
- Homeowner-generated construction debris (limited quantities)

Materials that are not accepted at the facility include:

- Perishable household garbage
- Commercial/industrial solid waste
- White goods (including appliances like refrigerators, freezers, washing machines, water heaters, or air conditioners)
- Electronic waste (including TV's, stereos, and game consoles)
- Medical waste
- Tires and hazardous materials



Debra Simino, President of Sherwood Forest Citizens Association, joined with Mayor Broome and other area leaders for the 2024 Neighborhood Convention at the Raising Cane's River Center. The event brought together hundreds of neighborhood leaders and residents, business owners, city-parish department heads, and public safety leaders. Debra conducted two workshops to educate and inspire neighborhood leaders. Another Sherwood Forest resident, Jenola Duke, discussed the Art of Neighboring to strengthen communities and add to the quality of life. The Sherwood Forest crime prevention camera program, which is the model for all Baton Rouge neighborhood camera programs, was featured during Police Chief Morse's presentation describing the partnership between neighborhoods and the police department to effectively prevent crime and promote safety. The convention was a great opportunity to meet with area leaders and be inspired. We hope this will become an annual event.

Ralph F. Dupuy- Spotlight on Service to Country and Community

In our Spring 2018 newsletter, we thanked Ralph Dupuy for his years of service upon his retirement from the Sherwood Forest Citizens Board. Time flies! Ralph turned 101 years old this year. Like so many veterans, Ralph served our country as a citizen soldier before he moved into the ordinary routine of work and family life without any fanfare about his service. Many of us who have known Ralph only recently learned that he served in World War II as a Navy fighter pilot on a “famous” aircraft carrier, the USS Cowpens a/k/a The Mighty Moo, in the Pacific in 1945, leading up to the Japanese surrender. We thought you would like to know a little bit more about Ralph who has been a great neighbor here in Sherwood Forest for so many years!

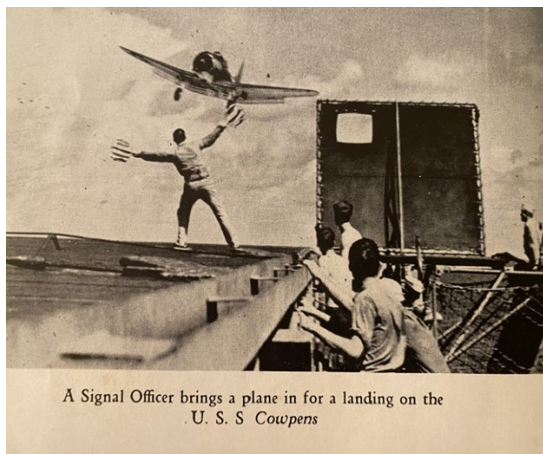
Military Service in World War II

Ralph was born in Baton Rouge in 1923. He graduated from Catholic High School before the United States entered World War II. In 1943, at age 20, Ralph volunteered for Navy flight training. His initial training was in Natchitoches, LA, followed by pre-flight training in Athens, GA, and naval fighter pilot training at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FLA. During his final operational flight training in Pensacola, Ralph successfully made eight aircraft carrier landings. He was also trained for landing signal officer duty, a job which required standing on the edge of the carrier flight deck using signal paddles to guide incoming pilots for a landing.

In 1943, in a Philadelphia-area shipyard, the USS Cowpens was commissioned. The Cowpens was named after the Battle of Cowpens of Revolutionary War fame—an American victory over the British in 1781 in South Carolina—and was originally designed as a light cruiser, but before commissioning was converted to a flat-top aircraft carrier. Sometime before leaving the Philadelphia shipyard, the Cowpens acquired her nickname “The Mighty Moo.” It is not certain who coined the name, but it was obviously a nonsensical association to her real name. The ship’s history says the name was “a strange mixture of pride and derision,” and “everyone latched onto it with enthusiasm. Only a great ship could have such a nickname.” Soon there was also a logo of a stamping, snorting bull associated with the ship! The carrier served with distinction in combat aircraft fighter operations, fighting in nearly every major carrier strike operation in the Pacific from 1943 to 1945. From her deck were flown 11,275 sorties. Sixteen hundred twenty tons of bombs were dropped on enemy targets. Her planes destroyed 93 enemy planes in the air and 512 on the ground. Sixteen ships, including warships were sunk, and many more damaged by her efforts. Enemy ground installations of all types were heavily damaged. Despite frequent attempts during the Cowpens’ long months of service, the enemy failed to inflict damage upon her.

Ralph joined the Cowpens in early spring 1945. He was primarily assigned to landing signal officer duty. He told us that the landings did not always go as planned. Planes sometimes could not get the landing gear down and had to come in to the carrier deck with “wheels up” and the plane skidded across the deck and would make a loud screeching and scraping noise. He recalled one incident where a plane hit belly side up and the fuel tank burst into flames.

By early July 1945, the Cowpens was part of the largest fleet of naval ships ever assembled as the fleet proceeded to the Tokyo Bay area leading up to the final stages of the war with Japan. From July 10th to August 15th when hostilities ceased following the dropping of two atomic bombs, aircraft carrier



A Signal Officer brings a plane in for a landing on the
U. S. S Cowpens

strikes were regularly being conducted from the Cowpens and other US carriers against Japanese aircraft and shipping. Planes were in the air enroute to targets in Japan when final peace was declared. He told us planes unfortunately were lost on four carriers after the declaration of peace.

On August 30th, the Cowpens was the first carrier to enter Tokyo Bay as it escorted the USS Missouri. It was parked next to the ship on September 2, 1945, when Japan formally surrendered to General Douglas MacArthur on the deck of the USS Missouri. In the days following, Ralph walked on a Japanese airfield and flew over the area, witnessing firsthand the complete devastation wrought by the atomic bombs.



Career and Family Life in Sherwood Forest


Ralph left the service in November 1945, returned to Baton Rouge, and married Martha in 1946. He graduated with a degree from LSU in Mechanical Engineering in 1948 and went to work at Ethyl Corporation in General Engineering before retiring in 1988. Ralph built his home on Parkwood in 1960, shortly after Sherwood Forest began as a neighborhood and he still lives there today. He and his wife Martha, who passed away in 2018, were among the first parishioners of St. Thomas More Catholic Church, which was established in Sherwood Forest in the late 1950s. All six Dupuy children attended St. Thomas More Elementary School, with the oldest child Janice attending in the sixth grade when the school opened in the 1960-61 school year.



Community Service to our Neighborhood

After his retirement from Ethyl, Ralph volunteered and served our neighborhood on the Sherwood Forest Citizens Association Board for many years. He was the SFCA Treasurer from 2005-17 until he retired from the SFCA Board at age 94!

Ralph Dupuy, we salute you!



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MOVEBR Program

As part of the MOVEBR Program, later this year, the city parish Department of Public Works plans to award the contract to remove the old Flannery Road bridge between Goodwood Boulevard and Old Hammond Highway and replace it with a new one. Once work starts to remove the old bridge, thru traffic between Goodwood Boulevard and Old Hammond Highway will be stopped until construction of the new bridge is complete. The new bridge is targeted to be complete by the end of 2025.

Utility relocation work is underway in preparing to widen Old Hammond Highway between Boulevard de Province and O'Neal Lane. The relocation of the electrical power lines is targeted to be complete first quarter 2025. The Old Hammond Highway construction widening work will begin following the relocation of the power lines and is anticipated to be underway by the first quarter 2025.

311 Call Center Service Issues to Report

Missed Garbage Pickup (Dept of Environments Services/ Republic)

Pot holes (Dept of Maintenance)

Tree/Branch Hazards (Dept of Maintenance)

Unpermitted Construction (Permits & Inspections)

Zoning Violations (Permits & Inspections)

Housing Conditions (Blight)

Sewer Backups (Dept of Environmental Services)

Traffic Signal (DOTD Traffic Engineering)

Drainage (Dept of Maintenance)

Illegal Dumping on Private Property (Blight)

Illegal Dumping on Right of Way or Servitude
(Department of Maintenance)

BLIGHT DIVISION
225-389-8680

Housing Conditions:

Dilapidated/Condemnable

Tall Grass (Over 12 inches)

Inoperable/Junk Vehicles

Junk, Trash & Debris

Dirty/ Unsecured Swimming
Pool

Open & Unsecured Buildings

Illegal Dumping

Call: 311 or (225) 389-3090, after hours call (225) 389-2070

After-hours (M-F, 3pm-11:00pm), (Sat, Sun, and Holiday, 7am-11pm) call (225) 389-2070.
Download the Mobile App, RedStick 311, in the App Store or Google Play Store.

<http://311.brla.gov/request-for-service/index.html>

The Entergy Solutions Marketplace

As part of the Entergy network, homeowners have access to savings through the Entergy Solutions Marketplace website. Entergy Solutions offers quality energy saving and water saving products a reduced prices. During August, the website featured smart thermostats for 1 penny. Sorry, they are sold out, but check the site often to see the deals offered.

<https://entergysolutionsla-marketplace.com/>

How to Report Various Issues

Noise Ordinance Violation: Call non-emergency police number, 225-389-2000.

Suspicious Activity: Call 225-389-2000 or 911 if an emergency, also email chiefmorse@brla.gov with your concerns.

Before You Build or Pour Concrete: Email James Gray at jrjgray@cox.net

Street Light Out: Call Entergy directly at **1-800-ENTERGY (1-800-368-3749)**

Dog Issues: Animal Control at 225-774-7700, SFCA cannot call for you.

SFCA phone: 225-273-1353

SFCA/SFCPID Accomplishments

1. Presentations at Mayor's Neighborhood Convention.
2. Part of planning team for Neighborhood Convention.
3. Held public meeting with Aquatic Club.
4. Remediated several blighted homes.
5. Attended Blight Court.
6. Issued many parking tickets.
7. Won a court case, upholding Deed Restrictions.
8. Installed several new stop signs.
9. Installed signs to prevent cars from crossing median at Sherwood Middle Magnet School.
10. Contacted School Board to clean up Broadmoor Middle.
11. Reviewed homeowner plans.

Hospitality: Welcome Home to Sherwood Forest

If you are new to Sherwood Forest, we would like to give you a welcome packet. The packet contains information regarding city codes, deed restrictions, contact information for the SFCA board, as well as information pertaining to recycling, landscaping, and curb appeal tips. It is important to take the time to read the information, **especially your deed restrictions**. If you did not receive a welcome packet, email lariseysue@gmail.com to request one. A packet will be delivered to your door.

We want Sherwood Forest subdivision to remain a beautiful place for families to live, play and grow in a safe and healthy environment. We hope you will share in this vision. Welcome to Sherwood Forest!



On the Ballot

The fall elections are quickly approaching and are shaping up to be critical. The attached list summarizes all EBRP contested positions, constitutional & local amendments and tax proposals.

November 5, 2024 Open Primary, Early voting: October 18-29th (excluding 20th & 27th)

Offices contested:

- President of the United States
- 5th and 6th US Congressional Districts
- Associate Justice, Louisiana Supreme Court
- Judge, Court of Appeal, 1st Circuit
- Public Service Commissioner
- Mayor President, EBRP
- Metro Council Districts – 1, 2,5,7,10,11
- City Court Judge, Div C
- City Constable

Constitutional Amendment #1: Coastal Protection & Restoration Fund

Amendments: EBRP Plan of Government Amendments

Existing Tax Renewals

2024 was a tax reassessment year and you received a copy of the new assessed value of your property. For many, this value increased somewhere between 10-20%. This essentially gives each of the following taxing districts an increase in revenues due to inflationary impacts on your home's value if the taxing district elects to roll "forward" their tax millage.

- Baton Rouge Fire: 10yr renewal – 9 mils
- BREC: Part 1 & 2 10yr renewal – 6.2 mils
- BREC: **20yr renewal - 3.25 mils**

The BREC proposal to levy a tax for a period of twenty (20) years, commencing with the year 2025, and annually thereafter to and including the year 2044, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, renovating, operating and maintaining public parks, recreational properties, and facilities of BREC and acquire the necessary furnishings, machinery and equipment therefore, title to which shall be in the public, with the proceeds of the Tax to be specifically used for the purpose of funding the Strategic Master Plan approved and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of BREC on August 22, 2024. WBRZ has several recent news articles regarding this tax.

New Ad Valorem Taxes

- 1) City of BR: **NEW** 20yr – 6 mils (increased salaries)

This millage is for the BR Fire Fighters. The following bullet points are provided by the Fire Fighters Association to explain this millage:

- This is the first time the Baton Rouge Fire Fighters have asked the citizens of Baton Rouge for a new property millage since the year 2000.
- We currently have one property millage of 6mills which is responsible for 24% of our current salaries.
- The Baton Rouge Fire Dept is approximately 20% behind on industry standard pay.
- This new 6 mill proposition will solely and exclusively be used for our salaries and benefits.
- It is a 10-year proposition.
- This proposed millage is expected to give all employees of the Baton Rouge Fire Dept. a 17%-20% pay raise bringing our salaries up to industry standard pay.

December 7th, 2024 General Election

Early voting: November 22-30th (excluding 24th & 28th)

2024 SFCA Board of Directors and Committees

Sherwood Forest Citizens' Association Security Number: 225.273.1353
(Note: All officers, directors and committee members are volunteers.)

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Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Comments: _____

_____ *I would like to be an Eye Watch 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!



Zelle



June: Scott & Vicki Bollich, 1145 Braeburn



July: Tiffany May, 12667 Glenhaven

Yards of the Month

Congratulations and Thank
You!



August: Ron & Alicia Williams
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