

Sherwood Forest News

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ARE YOUR NEIGHBORS COMPLAINING ABOUT YOU?

Your association works hard to protect your interests and your property values. As a board, we have volunteered to investigate questions you may have and problems as they arise. We thought you might be interested in knowing the complaints received most often by members of your board:

• **MY NEIGHBORS CONSTANTLY SPEED DOWN MY STREET:** We, as do most other larger residential neighborhoods in the parish that have through streets, experience our share of unneighborly behavior in the form of speeders.

- **RESIDENTIAL SPEED LIMIT IS 30 MILES PER HOUR.** Yes, we live in a busy and hurried world, but hitting the neighbor's dog, or even worse-your neighbor - is worth leaving a little earlier to arrive at your destination on time.

- **REPORT CHRONIC PROBLEMS TO OUR SECURITY PATROL** and it is most helpful to let them know the time of day that you witness the most speeding activity-that way they can better target their radar efforts to solve your problem.

• **MY NEIGHBORS PARK THEIR CARS IN THEIR YARD OR ON THE STREET:** Yes, parking on the street is a ticketable violation if the vehicle is left in the same place over 9 hours, and immediately if it is not parked in the same direction traffic is traveling. Parking on the yard is immediately ticketable as it violates the dust free parking ordinance. Besides all of the rules and regulations, it "junks up" the appearance of our neighborhood to park anywhere but your driveway-so use that concrete for parking your cars!

• **I THINK MY NEIGHBOR IS RUNNING A BUSINESS OUT OF THEIR HOME:** This is a chronic problem in our neighborhood, and definitely takes all of us working together to solve it. If you suspect a neighbor running a illegal



business, take pictures of activities, record times of day of comings and goings, and report it to the association so that they can engage the proper authorities. There are exceptions to the rules, but we can only preserve the integrity of our A-1 residential neighborhood by being diligent about reporting . . . even if we have to report the incidents over and over again.

• **MY NEIGHBOR HAS A MESSY YARD AND PLAYS THEIR MUSIC TOO LOUD:** Unfortunately, there are no laws against good taste and considerate behavior. The association will notify a resident if their neighbors complain about an unkempt yard, trash around the house, no edging on the sidewalk, etc. If the situation is one that attracts varmints, we can engage proper authorities from City-Parish to help. On the issue of music, there is a noise ordinance on the city books, and you can call the city police to investigate a complaint-call WHEN THE INFRACTION is taking place-because the decision to

issue a citation is based on the judgment of the investigating officer

• **WHY DO OUR NEIGHBORS PUT GARAGE SALE SIGNS IN THE MEDIANS AND LEAVE THEM THERE?** Did you know that placement of a sign in the median is actually a ticketable offense? That's right. We realize that you need to communicate your sale, just be a good neighbor and pick that sign up THE SAME DAY when your sale is done. Keeping our medians tidy helps keep our neighborhood looking good and attractive to prospective home buyers.

THE BOTTOM LINE IS keep your home and behave in a way that you would appreciate your neighbors doing. A clean neighborhood, with considerate neighbors is the best advertisement of the community in which we live. The cleaner and better kept-the more people will want to live in Sherwood Forest, and everyone's property values will benefit!

Thyme Keeper



For a fragrant and flavorful addition to your container garden, combine several varieties of the same herb in a strawberry jar. Even the tiniest garden has room for one more container. Place the pot in full sun or partial shade. Thyme is a great plant for strawberry pots.

Select thymes with white, pink, rose, or lavender flowers, and glossy, woody, green or variegated leaves. **Below is a thyme plant list.**

- Lemon
- Wooly
- Carawax
- Mother of Thyme
- Common Thyme²

Think Spring... Cleaning that is!



Spring is just around the corner and is generally revered as a new beginning. So let's look around our houses and lawns and CLEAN UP. The Weather is great, no 90 degree temperature

to suffer through, so check out carpets and tidy them up, clean up the yard and take care of home maintenance. It is rewarding to come home to a well groomed home and lawn. Not only will your property values be secure but you'll also be a good neighbor. Also if you feed your fine feathered friends don't overlook the bird feeders and bird houses. Now lets go out there and get to work.



What Are We Worth?

Following is a summary of the property transfers that took place in our neighborhood for 2004. There were 208 property transfers in the area up from 183 in 2003.

Bellfontaine	2
Broadmoor Forest	2
Broadmore Park	6 of which 1 was commercial
East SF	30 of which 1 was commercial
Edward Sharp	1
Harrington Place	0
McGehee Place	0
North SF	1
Rotolo Place	0
Sherwood Estate	2
SF Park	9
SF Place	23 of which 4 was commercial
SF Terrace	12 of which 1 was commercial
Sherwood Forest	99 of which 3 was commercial (Had 75 Last Year)
West SF	21 of which 3 was commercial

The word "Commercial" is used to describe any property that was not purchased by an individual.

Prices ranged from \$75,000 to \$295,000 with an average of about \$146,000. Last year the high was \$325,000.

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**The Sherwood Forest Citizens Association
And the
Broadmoor Civic Association
invite you to
MEET THE CANDIDATES**



Monday, February 21

7:00 p.m.

**Broadmoor United Methodist Church
Meet the seven candidates running for
Louisiana State House of Representatives,
District 66**

and

BE AN INFORMED VOTER ON MARCH 5!

2005 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Annual Membership dues Cover Period from January 1, 2005 thru December 31, 2005.

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____
Please Print (Last) (First) (Number and Street)

I would like to volunteer for (Please select one): **Comments:**

1. Crime Prevention _____

2. Other (Specify) _____

E-Mail Address _____

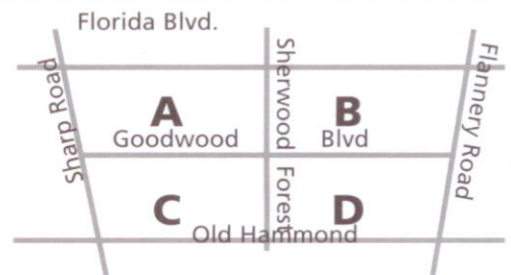
2005 Annual Membership Dues (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31) **\$20.00**

Crime Prevention Donation \$ _____ > **Total Check Amount** \$ _____

This is not a bill. If you have already paid dues for 2005, you are not obligated to return this form or a check. This form is only for those residents who have not paid their 2005 dues or for new residents who have moved into Sherwood Forest since the last newsletter.

Make check payable to **SFCA, Inc.** and mail to:
 Sherwood Forest Citizens Association, Inc.
 P. O. Box 45142
 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70895

Please mark the quadrant in which you live with an **X.**



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Please attend the Monthly Meeting • Third Thursday Every Month • Sharp Road Brec Park • 7:00 p.m.