

Sherwood Forest News

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TEN REASONS WHY YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SHERWOOD FOREST CITIZENS ASSOCIATION IS IMPORTANT:

- 1. We are organized before a crisis occurs**, thus better able to defeat it. *Neighbors are more successful at handling crime waves, zoning issues and traffic problems when they are organized before they happen.*
- 2. Your crime rate is low.** *Your association has a hired private security patrol, hosts meetings that feature crime prevention tips, would very much like to establish a Neighborhood Watch group, and informs neighbors through this newsletter and website on how to be prepared for crimes. Plus, neighbors who know each other look out for each other.*
- 3. The physical appearance of the neighborhood is preserved.** *Your neighborhood association has a beautification committee to keep up the appearance of the neighborhood. They also notify the proper authorities on related issues, i.e., tree planting/trimming, trash pick-up, or code violations. Organized neighborhoods have a lower incidence of litter.*
- 4. The association assists in protecting your property values.** *Strong neighborhood associations insure that the area remains a great place to live.*
- 5. Neighborhoods with a common purpose** are better able to participate in what happens in their area. *Good neighborhood associations learn how to work with developers so that new projects are designed not only to be profitable, but are attractive and consistent with the area.*
- 6. Neighborhood associations are clearinghouses of information.** *Deed restrictions, tree trimming, speeders, dilapidated housing ... neighbors have numerous questions.*
- Your association is a resource that helps you figure out how best to respond.*
- 7. By being an active member of your association, you will form a stronger local community.**
- 8. You should get to know your neighbors.** *All of us long for the days of being comfortable enough to borrow a cup of sugar from our neighbors. It's up to each of us to bring back this culture.*
- 9. You will have the satisfaction of knowing you are building a healthy community.**
- 10. You will be better able to communicate with your elected officials and with city government.** *Your neighborhood association works to give you a voice and a means to advocate for your position. When neighbors face a problem as a group, they can accomplish more.*

Garage Sale Season is Here . . .

And we ask that you kindly follow the law:

The Unified Development Code, Section 16.12 B, states that in no case shall a single family dwelling or an individual unit of multi-family dwelling be permitted more than (3) events a year. In addition—we know that those signs help people find your sale, but PLEASE collect them the same day your sale ends! A tidy neighborhood helps everyone's property values and pride in where we live!



**SUMMERTIME
AND THE KIDS ARE
ABOUT TO BE OUT!**

Just a reminder that
GO CARTS and ATV's
are not street safe and
are not to be driven
on sidewalks!

YOUR SECURITY \$\$\$\$ AT WORK



Approximately 50% of member's dues go toward the security budget. The Association employs officers from the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Department.

Security is provided six days a week. Three days in an unmarked vehicle and three days in a marked vehicle. Likewise, we have three days of daytime patrol and three of night.

The Sherwood Forest Citizens Association is very pleased with the personnel we have and their performance. In addition to their regular patrol we would like to share some of these results with you. These are from 1-1 to 3-15-2006.

Warnings issued for parking on grass	36
Warnings issued for parking against the flow of traffic	10
Warnings issued for noise ordinance violation	2
Citations issued for parking in bike lane	1
Junk vehicle removals issued	2
Vacation homes monitored	7
Citations issued for stop sign violation	15
Citations issued for speeding	5
Citations issued for red light violations	2

In addition they played a major role in the arrest of a female with several outstanding warrants and two juveniles being charged with criminal mischief.

In the past we were able to provide you with information in regards to criminal activity in our area, we are no longer able to obtain this. Attempts are being made to acquire this information again, if successful, we will pass it on to you.

We continue to urge our residents to report any incidents to our security at 273-1353, as this is the only method we have of tracking activity.

Let us stress though that your first contact should continue to be the East Baton Rouge Police Department at 389-5247 or 911.

How are we MOVING?

This was a busy year for property transfers in Sherwood Forest. There were 263 transfers in 2005 with a distribution by subdivision shown below. Prices for just 2005, ranged from \$75,000 to \$275,000 with an average price of about \$150,000 which is the same as the average in 2004.

Recent MLS analysis for Sherwood Forest revealed that for numbers between 150,000 and 300,000, the average price per foot is \$75. Currently (as of early April, 2006) there are 17 active listings, 15 pending sales, and 108 solds since 9-1-05. The highest price that anything has sold for is 250,000 and average market time is 68 days.

Bellfontaine	.2
Broadmoor Forest	.4
Broadmoor Park	.6
of which 1 was commercial	
East Sherwood Forest	.33
of which 1 was commercial	
Edward Sharp	.0
Harrington Place	.1
McGehee Place	.1
North Sherwood Forest	.3
Rotolo Place	.0
Sherwood Estates	.1
Sherwood Forest Park	.7
Sherwood Forest Place	.28
of which 5 were commercial	
Sherwood Forest Terrace	.5
of which 1 were commercial	
Sherwood Forest	.133
of which 3 were commercial	
West Sherwood Forest	.37
of which 1 were commercial	

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

LIVE FROM THE INTERNET:

Your Association is Online!

Log On to SFCABR.ORG

Email us:

sherwoodforestcitizens@cox net.

April Yard of the Month Winners!

With the fantastic assistance of the Sherwood Forest Garden Club, we are pleased to announce the winners of the Yard of the Month for April 2006. They are:



**Quadrant A- 946 Marlbrook
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Crum**



**Quadrant B—11504 Glenhaven
Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Bennett**



**Quadrant C- 11023 Sheraton
Mr. & Mrs. Dana Vutera**



**Quadrant D- 1540 Pelham,
Mr. & Mrs. Art Lauck**

Hats off to these residents for inspiring the rest of us to get out in our yards and take advantage of the beautiful weather to beautify our homes and neighborhood. The Garden Club will award 4 winners each month through November . . . so get digging and planting and weeding (and watering) and maybe your house will be featured in the next issue. All monthly winners are also posted on the Sherwood Forest website (www.sfcabr.org)



Be A Good Neighbor

It's grass-cutting time again and whether you tackle it yourself or hire someone else to do it, be a good neighbor. We have received complaints from residents where grass is blown into the street after the yard has been cut. Where does that grass end up? In our sewer system, in neighbors' yards or in the gutters to be swept up by street sweepers which come around every once in a while. It doesn't take a lot of time to bag your clippings and put them at the curb. Better than that, buy a mulching attachment for your mower and let nature take its course. No more time spent bagging, less waste in our landfill and a beautiful lawn.

2006 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Annual Membership dues Cover Period from January 1, 2006 thru December 31, 2006.

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 _____

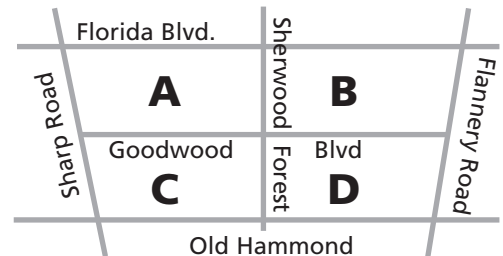
2006 Annual Membership Dues (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31) **\$25.00**

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

This is not a bill. If you have already paid dues for 2006, you are not obligated to return this form or a check. This form is only for those residents who have not paid their 2006 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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* All of the South side of Major Oak and continuing south to Old Hammond Hwy. from the West side of Sherwood Forest Blvd. to Sharp Road.

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