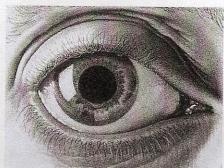
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# Eyewatch leaders brainstorm ideas at social



The Eyewatch logo reminds neighbors to look after each other, working together to keep our neighborhood safe.



100% Membership Sherwood Forest Citizens Association

It's not too late to join your civic association and take part in all the activities that make Sherwood Forest an outstanding subdivision!

JOIN NOW!

Several months ago the SFCA sponsored a social at the Sharp Road BREC Park for all Eyewatch block captains.

"We sat together at long tables on which refreshments were set out," Eyewatch chairman Patty Domingue said. "We engaged in a 'round robin' discussion, a fitting title considering the name of our subdivision. Everyone contributed to a host of great and helpful ideas."

Block captains attending the social were Jean Kay Brown, 11832 Sheraton Drive; Louis and Juanita Achee, 13204 Avants Ave.; Ella Vance, 448 Nassau Drive; Joe Self, 343 Shadydale Drive; Beverly Wagener, 12237 Fairhaven Drive; Frank Duke, 11673 Goodwood Blvd.; Mary Broussard, 11016 Sheraton Drive.

Also Joe Magyar, 12687 E. Sheraton Drive; Jack Haynes, 302 Robindale Circle; Jan Beatty, 878 Tifton Drive; Patrick and Kay Hughes, 1330 Woodcliff Drive; Marilyn Holland, 12560 Lockhaven Ave.; and Wayne and Edna Thaxton, 1313 Sherwood Forest Blvd. SFCA board secretary James Gray also came, as did Patty's daughter, Courtney Moore of Woodland Ridge, who was interested in seeing how the Eyewatch program works.

Block captains unable to attend were Jerry Hammons, 1308 Woodcliff Drive; Ada Rich, 12639 Bristol Drive; Dorothy Britt, 405 Wilton Drive; Tom Ketterer, 11463 Mollylea Drive; Pete Walsh, 10926 Major Oak Drive; Nick and Maggie Richard, 10928 Burton Drive; Larry Ferracci, 1077 Woodcliff Drive; and Mary and Lou Heuchert, 12368 Buckingham Ave.

"The list may seem extensive, but we still are in great need of block captains," Patty said. "All it means is meeting your neighbors and watching for suspicious persons on your street. You will watch your neighbors' homes and ask them to pay attention to yours. Block captains also are asked to keep a list of phone numbers and addresses of current Eyewatch participants and to ask neighbors to join.

"If you can help, please call me at 272-2955. And thanks to all who already have volunteered!"

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# From the President's Desk....

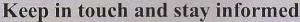
By Dallas Ballmer

I have a philosophy of being accountable for my actions and decisions and expect the same from others. My demeanor is kindness, being helpful and sharing. As the president of SFCA I try to represent you in every way as I would like to be cared for. The things I work for the hardest is maintaining our home property values and ensuring a safe neighborhood for our families to live. We are proud to be part of a wonderful area in Baton Rouge that has historically been a vital area in the city. Sherwood Forest is known for its beauty and down-home charms with gardens to welcome visitors and well maintained homes and yards throughout our borders.

We communicate to our best ability through newsletters like this and email news updates from time to time. We also have a notification system that can phone compelling news throughout Sherwood Forest. Our board of directors and committee members are sensitive to caring for the business of your association in your best interest.

As the president I will try to do my best at all times. We are an unpaid but dedicated group of homeowners like you that want only the best for everyone while ensuring the safety of our neighborhoods. We need you to be our eyes and ears since we value your input and vigilance. The Eyewatch program is growing again with renewed focus on making our streets a safer place to drive and walk.

Welcome to Sherwood Forest Citizens' Association... Dallas Ballmer, President SFCA



- Call 911 in case of an emergency. The non-emergency number for City Police is 389-2000.
- For suspicious situations that are not time sensitive call the Sherwood Forest Citizens Association Security Line, 273-1353. Leave a call-back message.
- To find a governmental agency that can address your concerns, call 311 and speak with a Citizen Services Specialist. The call will create a service request that will automatically be routed to the proper department to deal with things like zoning violations, pothole repair, tree branch hazards, loose pets and many more.
- Specific questions about streets and traffic, drainage and sewerage, construction and building codes or the environment should be directed to the Department of Public Works (DPW) at **389-3090**, **380-2070**, or online at <a href="http://brgov.com/DEPT/dpw/">http://brgov.com/DEPT/dpw/</a>.
- To report general concerns about the neighborhood, call District 8 Metro Councilman Mike Walker's office at **272-9088** and speak with him or with his legislative assistant, Zona M. Pickens.
- For the latest information about your subdivision, listen to the messages sent out to the membership from the SFCA board through its Internet-based voice-messaging system, Notification Server<sup>TM</sup>.
- Check the SFCA Web site, <a href="http://www.sfcabr.org">http://www.sfcabr.org</a>, where you will find breaking news, links of interest and archival information about our subdivision. If you don't have a home computer, go to the EBR Parish library where access is free.







### Every yard a showplace!

Roger Mayes and Louisiana Nursery again will provide two \$25 gift certificates each month as prizes in the SFCA Yard of the Month contests (April through September).

Help us celebrate the yards of our neighbors who have gone above and beyond the normal homeowner's pride to offer a beautiful yard and well-kept property in general.

The certificates can be used to further adorn your yard with a broad selection of plants, flowers and garden accessories.

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St. Thomas More Parish 1959-2009 Jubilee Mass at 5 p.m. Saturday, June 27 Reception and Dance

# St. Thomas More celebrating 50th Jubilee in 2009

St. Thomas More Church was founded June 27, 1959, and for the past 50 years has been an important part of the Sherwood Forest neighborhood. In the initial filing for this section of the subdivision, a plot of land was purchased and set aside for construction of the church and school.

Over the years St. Thomas More has called many of our friends and neighbors to worship, through good times and bad. The school had educated between 900 and 1,000 students annually in eight grades and kindergarten. The parish also conducts a preschool for children between 2 and 5 years of age.

The SFCA is grateful to the parish for its generosity in providing meeting space, both for monthly board meetings and for larger gatherings as the need arises.

Residents of all faiths enjoy the annual spring festival, which this year will take place next weekend, May 1-3. Be sure to come out and enjoy "A Festival of Unity: Celebrating 50 Years of Community."

# A Message from Councilman Mike Walker

We continue to work to make all of Council District 8 a safe and pleasant place to call home. Besides looking into ordinance violation problems directly relative to individual home sites (such as overgrown property, more than one family in a residence, etc.), here are some items that have either just been completed or are ongoing specifically in the Sherwood Forest area:



- Drainage problem at St. Thomas More has been addressed by city-parish DPW;
- median holes along Sherwood Forest and Goodwood boulevards have been filled;
- city police talked with FedEx management about trucks not using Sherwood Forest Boulevard;
- damaged bridge on South Flannery between Old Hammond and Goodwood boulevards was repaired April 2 and 3; and
- contract on South Flannery at Florida Boulevard bridge work was let April 22.

Concerns about anything with which you think your council office or city-parish may be of assistance should be reported either to my office, 272-9088 (talk with my assistant, Zona M. Pickens), or to the city-parish call center, 311 or 389-3090. If you report anything directly to the call center, be sure to get the name of the person with whom you speak and the work order number for future reference.

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The Sherwood Forest Citizens Association is proud to be taking part in the Sherwin-Williams Preferred Customer program. Cardholders will receive a 15% discount across the board for retail products, and a 3% cash-back rebate on each purchase will be sent to the SFCA.

To use this discount, simply stop by the store at 10910 Florida Blvd. (275-3780) and identify yourself as a Sherwood Forest resident. You will receive a preferred customer card to use every time you visit a Sherwin-Williams store nationwide. The cards are currently available for the asking at the Florida Boulevard location.

Call the store for further details.

# SHERWOOD FOREST CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

# 2009 Membership List - March 15, 2009

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# EBR Parish Animal Control Adoption and Education Center (ACAEC)



# ACAEC plans moving forward

By Zona Pickens
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The East Baton Rouge Parish Animal Control Center strategic plan consists of two phases. The first phase is underway and includes departmental restructuring, an increase in staff and construction of a new officers' addition and more outside animal pens.

The second phase is the construction of the new Animal Control Adoption and Education Center (ACAEC) on donated City-Parish land on Old Hammond Highway at Millerville Road. This 9,600 square-foot facility will be built, at an estimated cost of \$1.8 million, with tax-deductible donations through a capital campaign Initiative over approximately two years. The indoors housing theme will be a "lodge look," utilizing cost-effective steel building construction. The new center will include as many "green" features as possible within budget.

The ACAEC will consist of a staff of eight employees, funded through the city-parish and supported by a volunteer corps. Operating hour will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Animals transferred from the existing Animal Control Center to the new center will be adoption-ready upon arrival at the ACAEC, having been spayed or neutered, examined by a staff veterinarian, vaccinated, registered-tagged, heartworm-checked and micro-chipped. The new center will comfortably house 40 dogs and 30 cats. An auditorium for comprehensive in-house and outreach educational programs will be available to animal-related and school groups for meetings, lectures and education programs.

The new ACAEC will be a "no-kill" facility in that no animals will be euthanized at this site. No animal drop-offs will be allowed at the ACAEC. Only the Animal Control Center located at 2680 Progress Road will accept drop-offs

To donate, mail a check payable to ACAEC to ACAEC, P. O. Box 74185 Baton Rouge, LA 70874-4185. Please do not send cash through the mail. Your canceled check serves as your tax-deductible receipt.

Donations of \$500 or more will be recognized on an acknowledgement wall at the new ACAEC site on Old Hammond Highway at Millerville Road.

A secure online site will soon be available for account-direct donations.

#### TELL US ABOUT QUESTIONS, CONCERNS

"Thanks" to those members who have included problems/concerns/complaints their on 2009 membership forms. The patrol will be addressing those issues shortly. Those who have not yet submitted their 2009 membership form, please feel free to mention any speeding, parking, noise, junk vehicle, etc. concern you have on your form. Those concerns and questions about the patrol can also be submitted via telephone by calling the SFCA security line (273-1353) and leaving the necessary information and/or a phone number for a return call from the security volunteer. E-mail may also be messages utilized by directing security@sfcabr.org.

The patrol is staffed by deputies from the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office; both marked and unmarked vehicles are utilized. Please keep in mind that the SFCA security line is not an emergency telephone number. It is not staffed by a full-time paid employee of the SFCA, so messages must be left by the caller. If immediate action is needed, SFCA members may need to contact the Baton Rouge Police Department (389-2000) or the EBRP Sheriff's Office (389-5000). Follow-up information concerning the incident is appreciated, however.

In response to complaints about speeding on a popular 'cut-through' street, the security patrol has increased the enforcement of stop sign ordinances; several citations were issued over a few days. Speed checks by radar may also be increased. It is hoped this will decrease the amount of speeding through the neighborhood. Be courteous to your neighbors and avoid a ticket at the same time by observing the speed limit and stop signs throughout the neighborhood.

Many disabled vehicles have been removed from Sherwood Forest over the past 18 months, but very few in the last six months. It is much less of a problem than it was a year or so ago, but feel free to report any such problems to the SFCA security line or e-mail address. It is a relatively simple process to have a vehicle that is truly disabled removed – just submit the address and vehicle description to get the process started. Often the vehicle is removed in less than three weeks.

Vehicles parked in yards, the presence of "junk" vehicles, and commercial vehicles parked regularly at residential properties go a long way in

tainting the appearance of and reducing property values in the subdivision and communicate a message regarding residents' level of care to those who visit — especially to those who may be considering the purchase of a house in Sherwood Forest. Living (and investing) next to a "parking lot" is not desirable for most buyers looking for a pleasant home in a quiet neighborhood.

#### REMINDERS

Based on incidents reported by Sherwood Forest residents over the last few years, very often items stolen (or attempted to be stolen) were in unlocked vehicles or unsecured in a carport. So simply keeping vehicles locked and lawn equipment, bicycles, etc. stored in a locked storage room or at least out-of-sight in the backyard should present much less of an opportunity for thieves to steal property.

It is a violation of city-parish ordinances for vehicles (including trailers/watercraft) to be parked on the grass, on the sidewalk, in the right-of-way, on the neutral ground, on the strip of land between the property line and curb (on grass or concrete, even the driveway), or in the street for over nine hours in a 24-hour period. Such violations have been problems for the violators' neighbors, but they will increasingly be problems for violators as enforcement is being increased. Parking within ten feet of the right-of-way line (generally, the 'inside' sidewalk line [property line]) of any street is also not allowed. Vehicles must also be parked in the same direction as traffic flow and temporarily, if it is necessary that they be parked on the street at all. The security patrol monitors these problems and issues tickets for violations. The city police also respond to reports of these violations. Violations may be reported to the security patrol by calling the SFCA security line or e-mailing the security mailbox. Parking and security-related concerns are sent to the security patrol or the police for any necessary enforcement or action as it determines.

Violations such as wreckers or commercial vehicles (including trailers) parked in the subdivision, vehicles parked on the grass on the side or back of a house, and "junk" in a carport or yard are usually handled by the Department of Public Works ("DPW") (389-8680 – complaints section). Trailers, especially those that have become a permanent fixture in a driveway or yard, may be treated as "portable storage containers" ("PODS,"

etc.) under the city-parish Unified Development Code and dealt with by DPW. Residents may contact the SFCA board member in charge of DPW issues to discuss these violations or contact DPW by calling 311 (or the above number) or reporting the through DPW violation the http://brgov.com/dept/dpw. (Decisions, decisions.) Violations reported directly to the 311 staff may need to include contact information. To remain anonymous, you may need to contact Councilman Mike Walker's office (272-9088). Although the SFCA volunteer staff is here to help with these and other residents contacting other issues. appropriate City-Parish office to report problems is appreciated and does show that there are many more who care to keep Sherwood Forest a safe and pleasant place to live. If the problem is not abated after dealing with the city-parish directly, please contact the SFCA to determine if all avenues have been explored and/or the neighborhood's deed restrictions address the issue.

In contacting the security volunteer regarding violations of the parking/traffic ordinances or other security concerns or questions, a name or phone number does not have to be provided; callers may simply provide the information necessary for the security patrol to investigate the concern. If callers desire a return call and prefer not to provide names and phone numbers, that information does not need to be retained once the return call is made – they just need to ask.

Neighborhoods zoned A-1, as is Sherwood Forest, are designated "single family." Anyone who suspects a violation of this designation (for instance, an excessive number of vehicles consistently parked at a house) may call DPW and ask for an inspection. Documentation, such as license plate numbers and photographs, will be

required. The property owner will be contacted and asked to correct the situation. Refusal to correct could result in a lawsuit against the owner.

Excessive noise that interferes with the public peace should be reported first to the police at 389-3831 and then, immediately afterwards, to the owner of the house (even if it is rental property). Fines can be \$200 or more, and jail time is a possibility. Furthermore, owners of domestic pets that create a nuisance are in violation of Ordinance \$14:110 and should be reported to Animal Control at 774-7700 so that appropriate action may be taken.

To determine the owner of a property, first call the Clerk of Court (389-3960), then the Parish Assessor's office (389-3920).

The SFCA security patrol will check on the house of any SFCA member who is away for an extended period or even just overnight. Members may call the security line to request a "vacation house" patrol; two to three days' notice should be given, if possible. Helpful information includes departure and arrival dates, contact numbers, emergency contact names/numbers, visitors/vehicles, existence of timer lights, alarms, etc. The patrol can include a daily "walk-around" on the outside of the house to check windows. doors, etc., or just a "close-eye" pass-by while on security patrol, depending on the request of the member. No request has been denied, but there may be a limit to the number of days each member may receive the service in a given year, if workload necessitates.

A special 'thanks' to those members who make additional contributions to fund the security patrol, especially to those who seldom, if ever, utilize the vacation house service.

### **QUICK UPDATES**

- **1. The Oaks at Sherwood** The LLC that purchased the Sherwood Forest Country Club property in February held a grand opening of its golf course and grill on April 25. Future plans call for a full-service restaurant. The facility's Web address is <a href="https://www.theoaksatsherwood.com">www.theoaksatsherwood.com</a>.
- 2. Woman's Hospital On Jan. 19, 2009, the hospital announced it is suspending construction of its new facility on Airline Highway at Pecue Lane "until Woman's obtains permanent financing for the project." The existing facility on Airline Highway at Goodwood Boulevard is continuing operations.
- **3. Rezoning of Lots 51 and 52 in Sherwood Forest East** On March 16 the zoning commission deferred action on rezoning until April. Since then, the developer has agreed to build duplexes rather than condominiums on these lots. For updates on this hot-button issue, consult the SFCA Web site or e-mail the Webmaster.



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#### May

- 1-2 St. Thomas More's "Festival of Unity: Celebrating 50 Years of Community"
- 10 Mother's Day
- Last Day of the 2008-2009 School Term
- 25 Memorial Day observed

#### June:

- First day of 2009 Atlantic Hurricane Season (until Dec. 1)
- 21 Father's Day; Summer Solstice

#### July:

4 Independence Day Holiday

#### August:

First Day of the 2009-2010 School Term

#### September:

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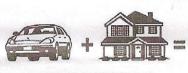


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