



Dear Sherwood Forest Residents:

My name is Maurice Telesford and I am writing to introduce myself as the newly appointed President of the Sherwood Forest Association. Over the past three years, I have served on the Board of Directors for our neighborhood association as the social and cultural events chair as well as the Vice President for the last year and a half. Since moving into Sherwood Forest, I have worked as a high school Physics and Chemistry teacher at Ferndale High School. I split my non-working hours between coaching swimming, involvement in our teachers' union and working with the Sherwood Forest Board of Directors.

As President of the Board of Directors, the primary goals that I have for our neighborhood are: improving public safety, preserving the beauty, charm and character of Sherwood Forest, improving neighbor-to-neighbor awareness and working with other organizations to enhance the neighboring areas of Sherwood Forest. These four goals target continuing improvement in the areas that many residents value most in our neighborhood. Small examples of achieving these goals would be: finding and implementing a functional solution to our lighting issues by the end of the year, better communicating methods of maintaining the historic aspects of our homes, consistently having events which bring residents and families together, and building a mutually beneficial incentive program with local businesses. Working to improve our neighborhood ensures that it will remain one of the most desirable places for Detroit city residents to live.

I hope to accomplish these goals by incorporating more strategic and proactive planning into the efforts of the Board. I also believe that we must do a better job of engaging other residents within the neighborhood in planning and executing ideas to improve our community. I fully recognize that involving more residents in our planning and implementation requires better lines of communication between the board and residents than have existed in the past. To that end, I am placing prompt and thorough responses to issues raised by residents as one of our top priorities.

I am honored to lead our neighborhood and look forward to working tirelessly to try and make our already-great neighborhood even better. I hope to hear from neighbors with feedback, questions and even concerns about the ideas that I have shared. My personal e-mail address is maurice.telesford@gmail.com and my cell phone number is (313)-303-1046. Please, do not hesitate to contact me regarding issues related to our neighborhood. I look forward to discussing these plans further with as many residents as possible at our annual members' potluck and meeting on Thursday, May 15th, 6:00pm at New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church, 6330 Pembroke.

In closing, I would like to thank Kim Tandy, my predecessor, for the hard work she has put into making our neighborhood such a wonderful place to live. As Kim Tandy transitions to her new position as the manager of the Department of Neighborhoods for District 2, I wish her well, and look forward to working with her to move forward initiatives that benefit Sherwood Forest as well as the greater District 2 area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Telesford', written in a cursive style.

Maurice O. Telesford