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"No pessimist ever discovered the secret of the stars,  
or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new  
doorway for the human spirit."

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--- Helen Keller

## NEW COMPANY SELECTED FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL

Earlier this year, the Sherwood Forest Association Board of Directors received abrupt notice that Gallagher Security, would no longer serve as the company handling security matters in our neighborhood. Board members were told that the company was forced out of business after defaulting on its financial obligations. Because the situation was completely unanticipated, the association was left in the uncomfortable position of having to screen and select a new vendor from among the companies that provide the kind of services to which our community has become accustomed. Specifically, residents want protection from individuals whose intentions are of a criminal nature.



The board considered many options and held numerous meetings dedicated to

assessing each company's ability to provide the safest possible environment keeping that quality at the forefront of our decisions. At issue, as well, were costs, as determined by the number of subscribers to the patrol, and the long held and expressed preferences of our neighbors.

During deliberations, there was serious consideration of several companies. After many hours of comparing the features and relative costs of each of these companies, the board decided that Recon Security would be the best option for Sherwood Forest.

A number of factors influenced the choice. First, Recon currently serves Palmer Woods and residents there are pleased with the company's performance, thus far. Recon has devised a creative plan to provide 24-hour coverage of our community. The company agreed to the cost structure we currently use and, importantly, Recon accepted all of the conditions proposed by our legal committee and began patrolling the day the contract was signed. These features along with the company's efforts at goodwill made its proposal the strongest bid received by the board.

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**A meeting  
to discuss the new security provider  
and other issues related  
to policing and safety will take place at:**

**The 12<sup>th</sup> Precinct Station  
1441 West Seven Mile Road  
September 12, 2011**

**6:30 PM  
Please plan to attend**

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**STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY: BECOME  
A MEMBER OF THE SHERWOOD FOREST  
ASSOCIATION AND THE SECURITY PATROL  
SERVICE TODAY**

If you have not yet joined our new security patrol service, now is the time to do so. Recon drivers are patrolling Sherwood Forest streets with an assertive new approach to maintaining our safety.

This week, bills were mailed to all residents who have not yet joined the service, which is available to our residents 24-hours a day, everyday. If you join the security patrol now, you will enjoy a reduced rate of \$300. If you join Recon Security *and* the Sherwood Forest Association, the total will be \$355 rather than the regular \$415.

Please support your community by joining both the patrol service and the Sherwood Forest Association. If you are not a member and did not receive a bill in the mail, or if you are uncertain of the status of your membership, contact Gordon Rodwan today at [Rodwan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Rodwan@sbcglobal.net). Be a part of maintaining the safety and beauty of our wonderful neighborhood.

**DETROIT POLICE END RESPONSE  
TO UNVERIFIED BURGLAR ALARMS**

Detroit Police Chief Ralph Godbee announced Tuesday that beginning Monday, August 22, officers will no longer respond to unsubstantiated burglar alarm calls. The chief said the department was forced to reach this decision because of limited manpower coupled with the reality that almost 98% of such calls are false. The department will only send officers to investigate burglaries that have been verified by a resident or alarm company.

Chief Godbee said responding only to verified break-ins will save the department and taxpayers significant sums of money and will allow officers to concentrate their efforts on crime prevention and confirmed criminal enterprises.

**MAYOR BING SELECTS  
AREA COMMUNITIES FOR  
DETROIT WORKS PROJECTS**

After months of conducting meetings to gather information about how city residents would like to see

the city re-shaped, Mayor Dave Bing is launching a plan that he describes as a short-term study aimed at developing a more long-range strategy of support for neighborhoods.

Termed the Detroit Works Project, the plan identifies sections of the city that share three characteristics: each section of the city contains neighborhoods that can be described as stable, transitional or distressed. The three areas upon which the city plans to focus its attention in the initial stages of the project are:

- Hubbard Farms. Southwest
- Boston-Edison/North End/Virginia Park
- Bagley/Golf Club/University District/  
Sherwood Forest/Palmer Woods/Green Acres-  
Woodward

The aim is to concentrate services and investment in these three sections of the city as a means of assessing how such a plan will be rolled out in the remaining city neighborhoods. The plan's outcomes include. 1) eliminating blight through enforcement efforts; 2) improving infrastructure; 3) concentrating on land use; 4) assisting residents in their beautification efforts, and 5) boosting economic development.

One day prior to announcing his plan, the mayor held a meeting at the Lighthouse, a community center on Livernois near Pembroke, for residents of the three areas. At the meeting, members of the mayor's staff, as well as the police chief and public works director, promised to support the program's strategic thrust. Staff members presented data that illustrated the Mayor's reasons for selecting the three areas. The numbers confirmed that the areas chosen are among the most viable in the city and that neglect of these communities would accelerate the movement of its citizens to locations outside the city. The mayor said that he felt more than justified in targeting city neighborhoods because downtown and midtown have begun to receive attention from business and healthcare organizations as well as from foundations. He said that it made sense to focus on the



neighborhoods of the citizens who have, in many instances, made tremendous sacrifices to remain in the city. Mayor Bing also pointed with pride to his program to encourage police officers to move to the city and announced plans to locate the first of such officers in a home in the Green Acres-Woodward subdivision.

### **SUMMER STORMS TOPPLE COMMUNITY'S BRITTLE OAK TREES**

Destructive storms brought several trees down in the neighborhoods near Palmer Park. In most instances, there was little or no property damage and homeowners were able to remove the fallen trees and easily repair damage, if any to lawns or planting beds. The picture below, however, shows an example where homeowners of three adjacent homes on Lichfield, in the Greenacres-Woodward subdivision, suffered losses when a huge oak tree fell on a car and two houses. No one was injured.



One of the affected homeowner said that she and her husband regularly trim trees to minimize the possibility that branches might fall on their home. In spite of their efforts, the two saw their house damaged when a tree in the yard of their neighbor to the north crushed their entrance. The falling tree crushed its owner's car, and a third house to the south suffered a damaged roof.

Neighbors are reminded that many trees, including oak trees should not be trimmed during their active growing season. Such trees are less vulnerable to disease when they are trimmed during dormancy, usually between November and March.

### **UNIVERSITY COMMONS SPONSORS BACK-TO-SCHOOL PARADE AND HEALTH FAIR**

As the school year approaches, hundreds of parents are searching for easy and inexpensive ways to satisfy the need for health screenings and immunizations for their children. University Commons, a non-profit organization established to support and improve business opportunities along Livernois, has planned a timely back-to-school celebration that promises to be a fun event for families. The event, scheduled for **Saturday, August 27, 2011**, promises to satisfy area families' need to make sure that children in the area have the legally required protection against communicable diseases.

We've included the organizations' flyer with details about the event (see below).



**It's our Community  
Let's rejoice and celebrate it!!!  
Come and join us for a day  
of family fun.**

**August 27, 2011**

**Back to School  
Community Celebration Parade  
& Health Fair**

**The Parade will begin at 11am  
At Mike's Market Parking Lot  
Livernois & 7 Mile Rd.**

**Parade route: Livernois from 7 Mile Rd. to Lodge  
Freeway  
Ending at the Windmill market at Livernois between  
the Lodge and Fenkell.**

**Health Fair will be at Windmill Market  
from 11am -4pm**



Organizations and individuals that may wish to participate in the planned parade received registration forms by email. For specifics about where completed forms can be submitted, please contact Kim Tandy at [kimsva@aol.com](mailto:kimsva@aol.com).

### **LAST BULK PICKUP IN 2011 SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER**

Neighbors have one more opportunity to use the city's trash collection system to dispose of unwanted items. Our neighborhood's final bulk pickup for the year will take place on Tuesday, September 27, 2011. Rules regarding bulk pickup may be found on the Sherwood Forest Association website: [www.sherwoodforest.org](http://www.sherwoodforest.org).

### **UNIVERSITY COMMONS HONORS SHERWOOD FOREST RESIDENTS**

A special recognition dinner to honor held on June 25, 2011, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm included a strolling buffet served as a fundraiser for University Commons

and paid tribute to members of the neighborhood associations it serves. At \$30 per person, the Unsung Heroes Reception was planned as an occasion to show appreciation to residents who spend long hours working to develop and enhance their communities. 12 Neighborhood Associations submitted the names of dedicated individuals who received recognition from the City of Detroit, Wayne County, University Commons and their neighborhood associations.

Sherwood Forest residents Gail Rodwan, Gordon Rodwan and Ernest Thompson were honored at the event. The three are tireless supporters of our community and selflessly contribute their time and expertise to advance neighborhood concerns. Business owners that have made a positive impact on the stability of their communities were recognized, as well. With businesses situated on the Livernois commercial strip, Donald Studvent, owner of the 1917 American Bistro and the owner (name unavailable) of Strictly Casual, a clothing store, were recognized as models for other businesses along the strip.

### **RECYCLE ON THE THIRD SATURDAY EACH MONTH**

Picture this: It's trash collection day and once again you find that you have far more rubbish than space allows in your Courville canister.



Before you shell out money to purchase a second container, you might want to consider the following:

Another dumpster could be  
a waste of money and storage space  
since you may only occasionally  
have excess trash.

What to do? Join your neighbors who take part in a community-based recycling program located in **Palmer Park, near the swimming pool on, the third Saturday each month.**

For information on conforming to program rules, click on <http://www.palmerwoods.org/resources/useful-information/105>.

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## City of Detroit

### Late Summer and Fall Events

8/19 - 9/21	African World Festival Hart Plaza	8/31	Wednesday Night at the Movies – Play Misty for Me New Center Park
8/20	After-School and Back to School Fair Belle Isle Paddock and Casino	9/3 - 9/5	Detroit International Jazz Festival Hart Plaza
8/21	Summer Jamz on the Beach Belle Isle Bath House	9/7	Wednesday Night at the Movies The Wild Ones New Center Park
8/24	Wednesday Night at the Movies – Zorba the Greek New Center Park	10/16	Free Press Marathon Downtown Detroit & Belle Isle
8/27	UNCF Walk Belle Isle Paddock		

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### IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW --- FOCUS ON DEED RESTRICTIONS

Most of us moved to Sherwood Forest because of the beauty our neighborhood exudes as a result of the architecturally beautiful homes and the care residents put into their property. Many neighbors may not realize, or have forgotten, that a very carefully thought out set of deed restrictions guides how property in this community may be used and helps account for the appearance that made us want to move here in the first place.

In order to acquaint residents with practices that are expressly disallowed in our deeds, editions of the *Tattler* will periodically highlight a restriction that all of us are bound to observe.

Several neighbors have commented on residents who allow contractors or others with whom they do business to plant signs on lawns advertising their companies. This practice is strictly prohibited by language in Sherwood Forest deeds. The applicable section reads as follows:

#### Restrictions of Subdivisions

##### 3. Use of Property

“ . . . No advertising sign, billboard, or other advertising device shall be permitted, erected, placed or maintained at any time upon said premises other than the normal and usual "For Sale" sign incident to the sale of property . . . ”

### MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SHERWOOD FOREST ASSOCIATION

June 13, 2011

#### Members Present

Kim Tandy  
Al Lewis  
Robert Gold,  
Shirley Jackson  
Gail Rodwan  
Kerlyne Pinkins  
Marcia Baum.

#### Guests:

Gordon Rodwan, Manager of Patrol and Association Data  
Ted AuClaire, Neighbor  
Geraldine Carroll, Neighbor  
Michael Grundy, Neighbor  
Randy Fisher, Administrative Assistant to Mr. Grundy

#### Call to Order:

7:40 p.m. by Kim Tandy, at the home of Marcia Baum.

- Reading of the Minutes** of April 11, 2011.  
It was moved by Al Lewis and supported by Shirley Jackson, that the minutes of April 11, 2011, be approved as presented. Motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer, Sue McMillan, was out of town but sent the treasurer's report. Board members tabled acceptance of the report until the July meeting when Sue will be available to discuss certain entries.

### 3. President's Report

#### **Special Presentation Regarding Construction of New Fencing at 19604 Shrewsbury**

Prior to construction of new fencing, Michael Grundy and Joni Thrower presented their plan to the Detroit Historic District Commission for approval. The Commission required prior approval from our neighborhood association. Mr. Grundy and Ms. Thrower had previously presented their plan to the SFA board for approval. However, the neighbors to the north and south of the property raised questions and concerns about the location and size of the new fence. To facilitate a final plan, Mr. Grundy and Ms. Thrower, along with their immediate neighbors to the north and south, discussed the issues related to the fence design. An agreement was reached that satisfied the parties. The SFA board was pleased to facilitate the process.

### 4. Committee Reports

**Property Maintenance/City Services**\_\_ Al Lewis reported that the annual spring landscape clean up of vacant homes and passive parks was a success. He expressed his thanks to the many neighbors who turned out and for their hard work.

**Communication, Information/Tattler** Shirley Jackson reported that the June Tattler will include an invitation to the first annual multi-neighborhood Unsung Heroes Award Program. Ernest Thompson, Gail Rodwan and Gordon Rodwan will be honored at the event for their contributions to the Sherwood Forest community. See next Tattler for details of the event.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Baum, Secretary