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## Mark Your Calendars Annual Meeting - Tuesday, May 8

### Annual Meeting Scheduled For May 8

By Maurice Telesford  
Chairperson  
Social and Cultural Committee

The annual meeting of the Sherwood Forest Association will be held on Tuesday, May 8, at New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church, at 6330 Pembroke. **Please note that this is a new location for our annual meeting.** Many residents are familiar with New Prospect, which is conveniently located just west of Livernois, on the north side of Pembroke. There is a fenced parking lot just west of the church and directly across the street from the church on Stoepel.

**Look for our survey on  
page 4 and complete it online  
before the Annual Meeting  
on May 8**

As is our tradition, we will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a potluck supper. Bring enough of your favorite dish to serve 8-10 people. Everything else will be provided.

Supper will be followed by a business meeting and welcoming of new residents. Even if you cannot make it to the potluck supper, please come to the meeting, which will begin promptly at 7:00.

Many matters vital to our community will be discussed on May 8, including the result of a survey which you will find in this *Tattler* and which we urge you to complete in advance of

the meeting, as we intend to use the survey results to help us determine our priorities in the new fiscal year.

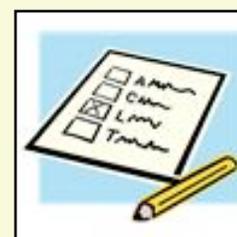
The annual meeting is always a special evening of friendship and community in Sherwood Forest, so please save the date. We look forward to seeing you.

### Election Notice

### Five Seats available on Sherwood Forest Association Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Sherwood Forest Association is comprised of 15 members, with each member serving a 3-year term. The terms are staggered so that the terms of five of the 15 members expire each year.

We've reached the time of year when we elect five members to the board. Currently, we have several board members who have served the board well for many years, but have come to the end of their tenure and need to be replaced with residents who can bring a fresh eye and renewed enthusiasm to these important positions.



This is the perfect time for residents who have never volunteered for a board position to do so. The strength of our community depends on residents who give their time and talent to help keep Sherwood Forest the neighborhood we all enjoy.



*Only members of the Sherwood Forest Association may participate in the election of board members.*

To get your name on the upcoming ballot, please use this procedure:

1. Furnish a letter to a member of the nominating committee no later than **May 14, 2012** indicating your interest.
2. Include your home address, email address and phone number, occupation, length of time in the neighborhood and a brief statement of your interest and aspirations for Sherwood Forest.
3. Indicate particular skills you believe you will bring to the board.
4. If there is a particular committee assignment that interests you, include that information as well.
5. Call Gordon Rodwan at 342-5827 to verify that your membership dues are paid.
6. Send your letter of interest to either of the following nominating committee members:

**Marcia Baum**  
19506 Shrewsbury  
[marciabaum@att.net](mailto:marciabaum@att.net)

**Gail Rodwan**  
19580 Shrewsbury  
[Rodwan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Rodwan@sbcglobal.net)

Candidates must be willing and able to attend monthly meetings (currently held on the second Monday of the

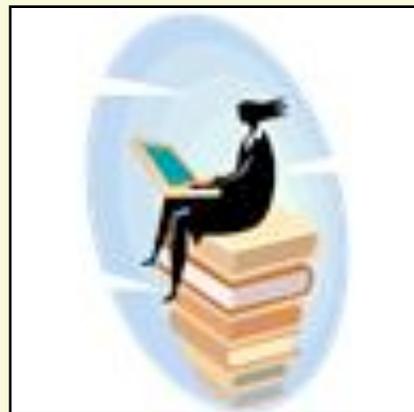
month at 7:30 p.m.) and participate in committee work. Each board member has at least one committee assignment. Our standing committees include:

- realtor relations
- membership
- block captains
- property maintenance
- zoning and property restrictions
- public safety/security patrol,
- communications/*Tattler*
- vacant homes
- landscaping/reforestation
- snow removal

We hope to form a new committee dealing with historic designation.

## **Sherwood Forest Association Audit Is Available For Neighborhood Review**

Last fall, in an effort to review and update our financial procedures and to provide transparency to the entire neighborhood regarding how Sherwood Forest Association dues are being spent, the Board of Directors contracted with the Detroit certified public accounting firm of Gregory Terrell and Company to perform a financial audit for the fiscal year ending on May 31, 2011.



The audit was completed at the end of the year, and a copy is now available for your review on our Sherwood Forest website, [www.sherwoodforestdetroit.org](http://www.sherwoodforestdetroit.org). Hit the bar at the left side of the home page entitled "About the Association," and go to the link called "Audit 2011."

# Detroit Neighborhoods Consider Special Assessment District

A recent article in the University District Community Association (UDCA) newsletter explores the benefits of enacting an ordinance that could allow special assessment districts in Detroit. We thought the issues raised in the article would interest Sherwood Forest residents since all of the neighborhoods in the Palmer Park area grapple with concerns about equitable funding of services such as snow removal and security that affect the quality of life. What is important to note is that these services represent a substantial part of the reason most of us choose to live in this area. Here is an abbreviated version of the UDCA article:

## *A Solution Resurrected* by Mary Jo Smith

Several mayoral administrations back, Detroit considered the possibility of enacting an ordinance to permit Special Assessment Districts within the city. The idea then, as now, would be to allow a neighborhood to assess itself and provide services the city doesn't. The original state law allowed the assessment for snow removal, security, and for mosquito abatement. In December 2011 that statute was amended to allow for today's smaller Detroit to pass such an ordinance, again permitting the same three services.

In Detroit, the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation has been coordinating efforts to encourage passage of such an ordinance. Supporters have identified themselves in a number of neighborhoods throughout the city, and are attempting to get an ordinance passed now while it is still within the power of city council to do so. (Under Emergency Financial Management or bankruptcy, council might not have power to enact an ordinance).

Many questions asked cannot be answered unless or until an ordinance is passed. State law specifies

the required population count before an ordinance can be passed

(600,000-750,000). It further requires that owners of 51% of the property must agree to an assessment for it to be applied in a neighborhood. The assessed-for services, again are limited to snow removal, security, and mosquito abatement, but not all three are required.

Details of the agreement process, services to be provided, rates, methods of collection and disbursement, etc., are TBD—to be determined. Similar circumstances suggest that the assessment would be collected by the same mechanism as property taxes, but would not flow into the general fund . . .

. . . In recent years the Community Association and the subscriber patrol with overlapping, but not identical memberships, have been providing services to the entire neighborhood with costs underwritten by the one third (or less) of the neighborhood's householders who participate. With a special assessment district, the costs, not just the benefits, would be a neighborhood endeavor.



## Sherwood Forest Association and Patrol Add to Quality of Life

We invite new and old residents to begin planning now to pay membership fees for our two neighborhood organizations. Membership dollars work everyday to maintain the characteristics that convinced most of us to move to Sherwood Forest. It is not coincidental that our neighborhood remains the among the best places to live in the Detroit area. Your annual fees pay for the following features:

### ***Sherwood Forest Association***

- Publication of the *Tattler* and the *This Old House* list and business directory
- A reforestation program to assure that our "forest" never lacks for trees
- Maintenance of our small parks
- The annual potluck supper and membership meeting
- Street snow removal in winter
- "Meet and Greets," jazz concerts in the park and parties for children
- Making sure every new neighbor is greeted by our welcoming committee with a basket of the world's best pastries and written information about the neighborhood
- Monitoring real estate practices and keeping a list of houses for sale and their selling prices
- Working with various city departments to ensure that we receive adequate city services
- Enforcing Sherwood Forest property restrictions, city zoning ordinances and historic district requirements
- Acting as the liaison our private security service and residents
- Forming coalitions with surrounding neighborhoods

### ***Sherwood Forest Patrol:***

The Sherwood Forest Patrol provides the following services:

- Expertise of a professional security provider.
- Written report to a manager who is one of our own residents.
- 24-hour coverage in the Sherwood Forest neighborhood.
- Response to resident calls
- Monitoring door-to-door solicitors and non-resident foot traffic.

This arrangement provides the greatest possible control to our resident members, while leaving the day-to-day operations to a highly efficient professional security service. We have found that this system works: crime is low in Sherwood Forest.

### ***Payment Options:***

#### **Pay By Check**

Payment Options	Association and Patrol	Patrol Only	Association Only
1 payment by 6/15	<b>\$375</b>	<b>\$325</b>	<b>\$50</b>
After 6/15	<b>\$415</b>	<b>\$360</b>	<b>\$55</b>
2 equal payments: 1st before 6/1 2nd by 12/1	<b>\$215</b>	<b>\$190</b>	<b>N/A</b>

#### **Pay With PayPal**

Payment Options	Association and Patrol	Patrol Only	Association Only
1 payment by 6/30	<b>\$375</b>	<b>\$325</b>	<b>\$50</b>
Elect 10-payment option before 6/30	<b>\$38 per payment</b>	<b>\$33 per payment</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Elect 4-payment option before 6/30	<b>\$94</b>	<b>\$82</b>	<b>N/A</b>
1 payment - 6/30	<b>\$415</b>	<b>\$360</b>	<b>\$55</b>

# Sherwood Forest Community Survey

## We Want to Hear From You **TODAY!**

Please help us improve our services and provide the kinds of community activities you want to see. (Move your pointer to the last three words and click on the link to the [Sherwood Forest Survey](#))

Take our survey before the May 8th meeting and earn the chance to win dinner for two at the 1917 American Bistro.

All enter the names of survey participants in a drawing for a gift card to the restaurant.



## This Old House



### In April of 2011, Gail Rodwan wrote:

While the list that follows is up-to-date as of February 2011, the information changes quickly, so if you call a contractor and find that the number is no longer in service, I would be very grateful if you would let me know.

And remember that you can always check the list by going to our webpage at [www.sherwoodforestdetroit.org](http://www.sherwoodforestdetroit.org) and clicking the "This Old House" button

**We are including the current list of "This Old House" contractors for the benefit of residents planning spring updates and repairs.**

### CARPENTRY

**Christopher Werner**, (248) 399-0658 or [www.christophersresidentialservices.com](http://www.christophersresidentialservices.com). Also general handyman services; no job too small.

**Custom Cabinet & Workshop**, Auburn Thornton, (313) 865-4245

### CARPET CLEANING SERVICES

Centurion Carpet and Upholstery, (313) 881-3456. Leather repair a specialty.

Legacy Carpet Cleaning & Upholstery, 15047 W. 8 Mi, (313) 350-6249, (313) 249-1672 (pager)

### CEMENT

Angelo's Masonry Repair & Restoration, Angelo V. Taranta, (248) 632-4019 or (248) 259-1636 (mobile). [angelosbrick@yahoo.com](mailto:angelosbrick@yahoo.com). Excellent brick work.

Cement-It--Call Jeff at (810) 523-9200 (cell) or (586) 979-2396 (office). All types of cement work, including decorative, stamped, footings and foundations. firewood; fully insured; bucket truck. Ask for Michael Drabek.

### **Cobblestone Construction**

Ted Hoogerwerf  
Patios, walks, driveways, boulder and retaining walls  
(248) 543-1127 office  
(248) 505-2775 cell

**Handyman Professional**--Call Nosh Vucinaj at (586) 354-6089 for tile, block, brick, stone, stucco, cement or iron work.

**Italy American Construction**, Dearborn Heights (313) 278-7500

**Dearborn Italian Cement Co.** of Livonia.  
(734) 591-7272.

**Universal Building and Cement Co.**, Dearborn Heights. Call owner Bruno Scappaticci at (313) 565-7479 or (734) 729-4880.

### **CERAMIC TILE INSTALLERS**

**DeSandre Tile Installations.** Third generation tile installers. All work done by owners. Pewabic tile specialists. Call Denis DeSandre at (586) 777-8614. (Posted 2008.)

### **CHIMNEY SWEEP**

**Clydesdale Chimney and Tree Service**, (313) 894-3582 or (313) 508-5140. Chimney and gutter cleaning, chimney cap installation, minor masonry repair, brick and cement work. Insured, free estimates

**Clean Sweep Chimney Sweep**, Rob Bryant, (248) 627-8055

### **CLEANERS**

**Goedertier's Cleaners**, 18455 Mack, Grosse Pointe Farms, (313) 882-4633. Will come to your home, remove draperies and reinstall after cleaning. Launderers fine linens and other specialty items.

### **ELECTRICIAN**

**Midwest Electric** (313) 839-8060 or (248) 891-8845

Electrical by Angelo (248) 650-3941 or (248) 821-1096 (cell). Custom electrical installations, troubleshooting and repairs.

Roy's Electric in Hamtramck, (313) 369-0400. Ask for Marty Kmiecik.

Christopher Werner, (248) 399-0658 or [www.christophersresidentialservices.com](http://www.christophersresidentialservices.com).

### **ELECTRONICS**

**Gibson's Total Electronics**, 20314 Grand River, Detroit, (313) 534-2100, alarms, intercoms, telephones, CCTV.

**Robinson's Alarm Systems**, (313) 345-4520.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**Pointe Environmental Services**, 76 Kerby, Grosse Pointe Farms at (313) 882-1933 or (810) 5101020 (pager). Call Jerry Fedirko, environmental engineer, for environmental audits for real estate transfer, underground storage tank removal and soil remediation, asbestos abatement, lead base paint testing and environmental analysis.



### **FLOORS**

**Cameron The Sandman**, (248) 477-8108, sanding, staining, finishing and laying hardwood floors.

**Greg's Hardwood**, (248) 802-2576(c); (248) 666-7706 (h) Specialties:

- 1) Hardwood -- floor installations, sanding and refinishing, repairs (95% dust free)
  - 2) Ceramic Tile
- (Posted 2011)

### **MASC Flooring**

Marc Gassner Hardwood Floors  
313-790-5786 (cell) or 313-535-6813

Over 25 years of experience in installing and refinishing hardwood floors  
(Posted 2007)

### **GARAGE DOORS**

**Jan Overhead Door Mfg. Co.**

(313) 581-7300, services all brands of garage doors; 24 hour emergency service.

## **.GUTTERS**

**Windows Diverse Services**, Frederick Daniels, (313) 655-5684, gutter work, window cleaning & glass repair.

## **HEATING AND COOLING**

**Quality Comfort Heating and Cooling**, 9221 Lee Rd., Brighton, MI (810) 227-5388. For 24-hour emergency service call (810) 229-4000

**Gerald Dantzer**, All Season Heating and Cooling, (313) 861-4758, installation, repair, furnaces, air conditioners

**Soltman Heating and Cooling**, 8650 W. Nine Mile, Oak Park, (248) 543-0441.

**A.J. Sporer Co.**, 11537 Timken, Warren, (586) 755-5710.

**Faris Stanley**, (586) 405-4770. Heating, air conditioning, duct work, hot water heaters, air balancing.

**Supreme Heating and Supply of Detroit**, 14641 E. Warren (313) 885-2400. Air-conditioned the Fox Theater.

**Total Air Systems** --furnaces and air-conditioning  
Call Harlan Simmons at (248) 559-0095

## **LANDSCAPING/LAWN CARE**

**Goldner Walsh Nursery**, Jim Slezinski, (248) 332-6430. <http://www.goldnerwalsh.com/landscape/>. Turn your garden into an oasis.

**Roman Monchak**, (313) 331-7700, Detroit horticulturalist and landscape designer.

**Shrubs R Us**, (586) 774-7051 Eastpointe, landscape and design; free estimates

## **METAL RESTORATION**

**A-W Custom Chrome, Inc.**, 17726 E. Nine Mile Rd., Eastpointe. Call Steve Box at (586) 775-2040 for copper, brass, nickel and chrome plating, hinges, bathroom

fixtures, other household hardware and boat parts.

**Ben Wearley**, Restoration Silversmith, 2404 W. Fourteen Mile Rd., Royal Oak. (248) 288-3319. Dent & scratch removal, re-attachment, buffing, polishing, partial fabrication.

## **MIRRORS**

**Frank Wright Glass**, 14808 Gratiot, Detroit, (313) 521-1888. Specializes in re-silvering antique mirrors.

## **PAINTING AND WALLPAPERING**

**Doris Geyer**, (248) 542-1694. Quality paperhanging and wallpaper stripping at reasonable prices. No painting.

**Larry Herman** (734) 425-1372. Primarily interior painting, but some exterior as well.

**Al House** (248) 224-4578. Quality painting and wallpapering. Interior and exterior painting. Commercial and residential. Email: [house.alan1@gmail.com](mailto:house.alan1@gmail.com) (Posted 2009)

**Nelson's Decorating**, 8744 W. McNichols (313) 341-9777. Same location since 1972. Owned by Sherwood Forest neighbors, Polly and Ben Nelson. Commercial and residential painting and papering - interiors only.

**R & R & C Painting**, (313) 864-5012, interior and exterior, also small electrical jobs.

**Quality Wallpapering** specializes in wall preparation and papering at reasonable rates. Call Jackie at (313) 561-4743.

## **PLASTERING**

**Harold Lempert**, (248) 661-5131, old-time plasterer, reasonable rates. Also does plaster and drywall repair.

**Plaster Arts**, (313) 863-6319; ornamental plaster and custom paint. Andrea McClintock.

## PLUMBERS

**Larry's Plumbing and Heating**, (248) 542-4660

**A.J. Sporer, Co.**, 11537 Timken, Warren,  
(586) 755-5710

**TNT Properties**, plumbing, heating and cooling, 24-hour  
service (313) 894-4011

**Christopher Werner**, (248) 399-0658 or  
[www.christophersresidentialservices.com](http://www.christophersresidentialservices.com).

**Dan Wood Plumbing and Heating Services**, 40400  
Grand River, Novi, (248) 348-4242 or  
[danwoodphc@yahoo.com](mailto:danwoodphc@yahoo.com).

## REFINISHING

**Old World Refinishing**, 8 Mile Rd., Farmington  
(248) 471-1017 or [oldworldrefinishing.com](http://oldworldrefinishing.com).

**Young's Refinishing**, 2729 Fort, Wyandotte. Repairs and  
refinishes wood furniture and cabinets. (734) 282-4436

**Bix Furniture Service**, 27950 Harper, St. Clair Shores.  
Immersion strip baseboards, doors, etc. to remove paint.  
Refinish, repair & reupholster furniture. (586) 775-0430

## ROOFING

**AERO Roofing of Waterford** (248) 673-0777 or  
800-360-2376

**J. D. Candler Roofing**, 8060 Wheeler, Detroit, MI, (313)  
899-2100.

**Chess Roofing and Siding**--roofs, gutters and gutter  
covers

Call **Sharon Jones Chess**  
(248) 398-1050 office  
(313) 549-9244 cell  
[www.chessroofing.us](http://www.chessroofing.us)

**Greater Detroit Roofing and Construction, Inc.**, 5729 S.  
Beech-Daly Rd, Dearborn Heights. Call (313) 600.0484  
for free estimate. Reasonable Roofing and Remodeling,

(810) 874-3420. Including cedar, slate and tile.

**Voden Construction**, specializing in roofing and siding.  
Contact Charles Voden at (313) 561-2995 or  
[www.vodenconstruction.com](http://www.vodenconstruction.com). Licensed and insured. No  
job too small. (Posted 2011.)

## SECURITY SYSTEMS

**Brinks Home Security**. Call Bill McNally at  
734-644-4969 for a free home estimate. Burglar and fire  
protection. (Posted 2008.)

## SEWERS

**Evan's Sewer & Drain Cleaning**, (313) 835-6124 or  
(313) 835-2835.

## SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

**Mance Sprinkler Co.** at (313)834-0868 will install repair  
and winterize your sprinkler system. Celebrating 30 years  
in business in 2011.

**Rainmaster Sprinkler Systems**, Chuck Conzelman  
(248) 349-1913

## TAILORING

**Mattie Edwards** 313-366-0549  
Expert tailor/seamstress specializing in alterations

## TREE TRIMMING

**Clydesdale Chimney and Tree Service**, (313) 894-3582  
or (313) 802-3210. Insured, free estimates. Tree and stump  
removal, tree trimming. Also minor masonry repair, brick  
and cement work and porches. Ask for Kenneth Mayes.

**County Tree LLC** -- 30019 Avendale Dr., Madison Hts.,  
48071. Contact 248-588-1701 or 248-584-3427 or  
[www.countytreetreeandfence.com](http://www.countytreetreeandfence.com). Good work and good  
prices. If you say County Tree was recommended by  
Sherwood Forest neighbor Rochelle Gold, you will get a  
special price.

**CTS--Chris's Tree Service**, (313) 930-3514. Tree and

stump removal, trimming, pruning, aerial lift and rental. Free estimates.

**Wade's Tree Service.** Call Wade Wesson at (313) 671-0017 or (313) 995-4986. Tree trimming, tree and stump removal, snow removal, storm clean-up, 24-hour emergency service.

**Woodsman Services,** Royal Oak. Office: (248) 398-1446, Cell: (248) 388-0845, [www.woodsman services.net](http://www.woodsman services.net). Tree and hedge pruning and removal; stump grinding; seasonal

### WINDOWS AND SCREENS

**H&R Window Repair,** 23641 John R., north of Nine Mile in Hazel Park (248) 544-8282. Repairs leaded, stained glass & Fenestra windows.

**Fairlane Window and Door Inc.,** (313) 386-4524

**M-B Screen and Window Repair, Inc.,** 1936 Roseland, Royal Oak, (248) 544-7453.

**Stained and Leaded Glass Restoration.** Contact Ken Gabrielson at (586) 945-7482 or [www.kgabrielson@comcast.net](mailto:www.kgabrielson@comcast.net). Insulates existing original windows, constructs new period windows and interior storm windows. (Posted 2011.)

## Careful Study Needed For Home Updates in Historic District

Since 2002 the Sherwood Forest subdivision has carried the designation Detroit Historic District. With the title comes the responsibility of adhering to requirements specified in Detroit Ordinance 161-H governing the conditions under which properties within such districts are maintained. The law was established to protect the city's heritage and to set acceptable standards for preservation of homes and other buildings so that the historic beauty of city structures can be shared with future generations.

The permitting structure attached to the historic designation can seem less than transparent. Therefore, in order to avoid facing enforcement issues, it behooves every Sherwood Forest resident to become knowledgeable

about the specific conditions under which updates to homes can be made.

In fact, recent experiences of some homeowners in our community have prompted us to advise all residents to familiarize themselves with permitting requirements that may include a fee. And, importantly, there are guidelines that cover changes to your home's appearance in areas that include:

- Antennas
- Satellite dishes
- Fences and hedges
- Glass block windows
- Cleaning masonry
- Exterior painting
- Security bars
- Exterior lighting

"It is the Commission's job to ensure that changes proposed in historic districts preserve important historic characteristics and are compatible with the historic buildings."

Notably, the historic designation serves to insulate our neighborhood from practices that have contributed to deterioration and decay in other sections of our city. The classification affirms our love for our community along with our desire to protect it's unique qualities. It says to anyone who decides to purchase in Sherwood Forest that we care deeply for our community and that we hold potential neighbors to the same standard of care. We urge you to increase your awareness of the guidelines that govern citizen response to historic structures such as those in our neighborhood by visiting the [Detroit Historic District Commission](http://www.detroit-historic-district-commission.com) webpage. And, importantly, speak with officials at the Detroit Historic Commission before you begin work on your home.

## Neighbors Urged To Use Caution at Home

Earlier this month residents were notified of attempts to gain entry to homes in the Palmer Park area. Individuals knocked on doors and rang doorbells to determine if anyone was at home. In one Sherwood Forest home, unidentified individuals kicked in the door when no one answered the doorbell. In this instance, the neighbor was at home taking a shower in a bathroom on the second floor. Upon hearing the commotion, he made his presence known and the criminals left the premises. Residents are urged to keep their eyes and ears tuned to occurrences in and around their homes. If any activity seems strange or suspicious, call 911 and, if you are a member of the patrol, notify Recon Security.

While such situations are rare in our neighborhood the poor economy in Michigan makes criminal enterprise more prevalent and increases the need to take precautions. Here are some ways to guard against incursions into your home:

- Listen for unusual sounds and act accordingly.
- From time to time look to see what's happening outside your home.
- Keep doors and windows locked so that it is more difficult for criminals to get inside.
- If you have an alarm, post a sign informing the public that your home is protected.



- Form agreements with neighbors to watch each other's homes and pick up newspapers when you are away or on vacations.
- Join your neighborhood's security patrol.
- Install motion-detecting and other kinds of lighting in exterior areas of your home.

- Reinforce door frames with metal jam frames and use 3 1/2 in long steel screws to install locks and hinges.
- Install deadbolt locks.
- Keep your garage door closed.
- Put away your trash container after collection.
- Install fences that allow your neighbors to see if someone is on your property.

## Warm Weather Signals the Start of the Spring Cleanup

This year, the early arrival of spring-like weather resulted in trees and shrubs that were redolent with leaves and flowers in March. Nature's spring-like behavior forced many Sherwood Forest neighbors out into their yards much sooner than anticipated and framed our desire to begin the annual cleanup of old leaves and debris.

"I enjoy mowing the lawn, it relaxes me. It gets me outdoors, it's good exercise, the freshly cut grass smells great, and the engine is loud enough that I'm sure no one else can hear my thoughts - or intrude upon them. ~Astrid Alauda

As more neighbors join the movement to get yards into shape, we remind you to use paper bags for yard waste and to place them at the curb on trash collection day from April until December.

Neighbors who are readying their yards for the lovely flowers we enjoy each summer are reminded that the possibility of frost occurring in our area exists until May 20. So, if you plant early be prepared to cover fragile plants.

# **Sherwood Forest Association**

## **Meeting of the Board of Directors**

### **Minutes for March 12, 2012**

**Present:** Kim Tandy, Gail Rodwan, Robert Gold, Maurice Telesford, Larry Jackson, Shirley Jackson, Sue McMillan, Rollin Henderson, Luther Bradley, Allen Lewis

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Kim Tandy, President.

The minutes were reviewed, corrected and accepted. Motion to accept, Robert Gold, seconded by Maurice Telesford.

#### **Treasurers report**

Rollin Henderson will review and enter financial information electronically. He has begun using Quickbooks. In April he'll be ready to assume full responsibility for the office of Treasurer.

Forms have been submitted to change the signatures on the association's Comerica account. The bank will send Sue McMillan the corrected forms so that corrected signatories can be added.

Motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Luther Bradley. Maurice Telesford seconded the motion.

#### **Revision of the Sherwood Forest Association Bylaws**

At the February Board meeting, revision of the Association's bylaws began. Articles I through IV were reviewed. This month, revisions continued.

#### **Article V - Directors**

The discussion centered on whether we would abide by this article in our bylaws covering the election of directors. Gail suggested that perhaps our process of electing board members would be more robust if we returned to the process outlined in the bylaws. She suggested that perhaps we should open the process to community participation. Maurice agreed that we might wish to reach out more.

Bob stated that there may then be enough candidates to

hold an election. Gail suggested that term limits might be in order, as well. Kim feels that there has been outreach. She thinks people are accustomed to having the same people do the jobs.

President Tandy wants block captains to play a part in getting committees organized, we can then identify additional residents to participate in elections. Until then, she is not in favor of changing the election process.

Gail Rodwan pointed out that last year in the April Tattler we solicited association members to run for the board and suggests that we again look for new candidates.

#### **Article VI**

No change in language is recommended.

#### **Article VII – Directors Meetings**

##### **Section I**

Asks for at least nine meetings per year. We hold 11. It was determined that we should delete words "without notice" and leave the other language as it is.

##### **Section II**

Board agreed to leave out the number of days notice needed to call an emergency meeting.

##### **Section III**

There were no changes to this section

#### **Article VIII - Power and Duties of the Board of Directors**

There was unanimous agreement that a board member will be given 14 days notice before suspension of voting rights if said member is in default regarding Association or Patrol membership.

Absent members will be removed after three consecutive absences without giving a reason or if dues have not been paid.

**Action Item:** Continue review of Bylaws at next meeting.

## **Detroit Historic Commission**

President Kim Tandy met with Nate Ford, director of the city's department of Building and Safety Engineering. If a repair or change to a dwelling requires permitting and we disagree about having the owner pay for a permit, the city will look at fee structure to determine what, if anything, should be revised. Kim says the purpose of the permit is to allow enforcement by the Historic Commission, which has no formal enforcement power. It was suggested that the Sherwood Forest community be informed that they should visit the historic commission before undertaking work. Commission will tell them what to do. Susan McBride has indicated that residents can sign off on some improvements such as those that involve changing light fixtures.

Board President, Kim Tandy, says McBride has asked Sherwood Forest to join with other Detroit communities in petitioning the state to revise the approved paint colors. She said we could send out the approved colors to our neighbors by placing an article in Tattler that references guidelines for repairs, restorations and renovations in historic neighborhoods. The board decided that it should get information about requirements out to the community via the Tattler.

Maurice Telesford felt that we should include questions about the historic designation in our upcoming survey. Kim wanted one question only that gauges the community's awareness of the designation. The board concurred without offering a motion.

Kim further suggests that we attempt to find residents who want to work with the historical commission to fix the problems, someone who can keep track of our documented inquiries. Luther Bradley suggested that we as board members reach out to people we know in our community for appropriate committee members.

**Action Item:** Form a committee to address matters related to our historic designation.

## **Social and Cultural Events Committee**

The Board briefly discussed ideas for community gatherings and the survey developed by Maurice Telesford. As an incentive to participate in the survey process, Maurice suggested that residents who respond to the survey be given a chance to win a dinner for two to The 1917 American Bistro. There was a motion to include the survey in the April Tattler.

We will attempt to reserve space at New Prospect Missionary Baptist church. The move to New Prospect was suggested as a cost saving strategy in light of All Saints Church's decision to increase its fee for rental of its meeting space.. It was moved and seconded that our May meeting take place at New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church.

Shirley Jackson will place survey developed by Maurice Telesford in the April Tattler. The committee will reserve meeting room at New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church.

## **Hospitality**

In the absence of our hospitality chair, someone is needed to locate new neighbors so that they can be properly welcomed to our community. Kim asked that we consider ways to assemble a list of names of new neighbors. Sue McMillan agreed to research and compile the list.

## **Vacant Property**

As part of a discussion about vacant properties, Sue McMillan said that a Detroit-based organization wants to hold property owners accountable who allow dumping on their property.

## **Suggested Speakers for Membership Meeting**

Shirley Jackson suggested that we invite an expert to talk about the problem of underwater mortgages, including programs that provide solutions and relief.

Gail suggested that Maurice Telesford be the keynoter to talk about the upcoming survey. She further suggested that we institute a vendor section.

**Action Item:** Decide who will serve as speaker at the May meeting.

## **Special Assessment District (SAD)**

Kim Tandy reported that Palmer Wood has asked that Sherwood Forest partner with their subdivision and others to rally support for the Special Assessment District. The SAD would help communities cover the costs of security and snow removal.



She stated that there is a city attorney who wants to hold up this initiative, but that there is a letter of support from city organizations to city council. There was unanimous agreement that we join the effort to convince city council that the SAD is needed.

**Vacant Home**

Shirley Jackson will attempt to discover the status of vacant home on Canterbury at Stratford.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley A. Jackson (Substituting for Marcia Baum)

**REMINDER**

Prior to the annual meeting on May 8 at New Prospect Baptist Church, please complete the Sherwood Forest Community Survey and return it electronically. You will find the link on page 4 of this Tattler. Survey results will be discussed at the annual meeting and will help us set neighborhood priorities for the new fiscal year that begins on June 1