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OUR SEPTEMBER MEET AND GREET

We had a fantastic Meet and Greet in September in the beautiful Shrewsbury home and garden of Teresina and Cordell Ross. See party photos at the end of this newsletter. Our thanks to Teresina and Cordell for hosting this great event.

We do not have any more Meet and Greets planned for this year; however, I am working with neighbors to schedule some for next year. Could you host a Meet and Greet in 2010? They are one of the best ways to meet your neighbors, make new friends and renew old friendships. Contact me at events@sherwoodforest.org or 864-2399 to learn how easy and enjoyable it is to host a Meet and Greet.

Dan Clarkson
Events Chairperson

ALL ABOUT HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREATING ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

If you want trick-or-treaters to come to your home on Saturday, October 31, leave your front porch light on between the hours of 6-8 p.m. We ask that children trick-or-treat only during those hours and that every child be accompanied by an adult.

Please park cars in your garage or driveway or Angels' Night and Halloween Night, and remind guests to park in your driveway rather than on the street. Drive carefully and watch out for young children in costume.

With everyone's cooperation, we look forward to another happy Halloween celebration in Sherwood Forest this year.

HALLOWEEN NOTICES FROM THE CITY



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO "WATCH THEIR BLOCK" DURING ANGELS' NIGHT CAMPAIGN, OCT. 29 - 31

It's time for volunteers throughout Detroit to join together to "Watch Their Block" during the period of Angels' Night, which begins on October 29 and extends through October 31. Detroiters can get involved in the Angels' Night effort in several ways:

- **The Watch Your Block Program** calls on volunteers to keep an eye on vacant structures and foreclosed homes on their block, look out for suspicious activity, and call 9-1-1 if they see something out of the ordinary.
- **The Patrol Program** involves teams of volunteers patrolling streets in Detroit. Block clubs, citizens' radio patrols, community organizations and churches are encouraged to patrol a two- to three-block radius around their neighborhoods.

- **The Adopt-A-House Program** seeks volunteers to watch or adopt specific vacant buildings in city neighborhoods. "This Building Is Being Watched" signs are posted on adopted buildings.
- **The Porch Light Program** encourages volunteers to turn on their porch lights, or any outdoor lights, between dusk and dawn.
- **The Orange Ribbon Campaign** encourages Detroiters to wear an orange ribbon tied in a bow to show their support for Angels' Night efforts.

City officials also are encouraging all residents to place refuse containers or bulk items at the curb before 7 a.m. on the morning of the collection day, rather than the night before. Remove refuse containers immediately after refuse is collected. For more information, call the Angels' Night Volunteer Hotline at (313) 224-4415, go to the City's Web site at www.angelsnight.org, or contact your local Neighborhood City Hall offices at (313) 224-3450.

CITY PASSES FUEL CONTAINER ORDINANCE FOR ANGELS' NIGHT

In preparation for Angels' Night, the Detroit City Council passed an emergency ordinance prohibiting the dispensing of fuel into portable containers.

The ordinance prohibits citizens from distributing or carrying fuel, or any other flammable liquid, in portable containers in Detroit during the Halloween period, except in emergency situations. City officials will enforce the ordinance, which will be in effect from October 29 through October 31, 2009.

CITY TO ENFORCE REGULAR AND SPECIAL HALLOWEEN CURFEW FOR YOUTH

The City of Detroit is urging the parents and guardians of children 17 and under to keep a watchful eye on them during the Halloween emergency curfew period, which runs from 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30 to 6 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31.

Youth in violation of the emergency curfew will be transported to the police station of the district/precinct in which they were detained. Curfew violators will be subject to a fine. They will be transported to the nearest police precinct.

GOOD NEWS ABOUT GOOD NEIGHBORS

This month we want to recognize **Joe Banks and Lamar Triplett**, who are next-door-neighbors on Shrewsbury. Long before Sherwood Forest implemented a house monitor program for our vacant homes, Joe and Lamar quietly assumed the roles of house monitors for two foreclosed homes on their block. Both homes stood vacant for extended periods of time during which these good friends took turns mowing the lawns, raking the leaves and picking up debris. This, of course, was in addition to maintaining their own homes, which always look spectacular. Multiple Shrewsbury neighbors nominated Joe and Lamar as this month's Good Neighbors. We thank you for your resourcefulness, your community spirit, and your willingness to go the extra mile to help keep Sherwood Forest beautiful.

[Do you have a good neighbor you would like to nominate to be featured in the December "Good News About Good Neighbors" column of the *Tattler*? Please send your nomination to editor@sherwoodforestdetroit.org. Tell us briefly about your good neighbor and what he or she is doing to make Sherwood Forest a great place to live.]

SECURITY ALERT

We are aware of two recent incidents where a man entered a vehicle and forced the female driver to drive to an ATM machine, withdraw money and turn the money over to him. Both incidents occurred in the evening, one at the corner of Seven Mile and Livernois and another on Pembroke and Litchfield.

We have received reports of two houses being broken into in Sherwood Forest on two consecutive nights at homes that are next door to each other.

Additionally, Greenacres reports that a resident and her friends were removing packages from a car parked in the driveway when they were approached by two men who forced them into the house and robbed them. One man has been apprehended.

No one was physically harmed in these incidents, but they underscore the need for heightened vigilance. We remain one of the safest areas of Detroit, and such

incidents can and do happen everywhere. However, we can increase our safety by being alert and by reporting suspicious activity as soon as it occurs.

We encourage all neighbors to join the security patrol, whose presence helps deter crime. Remember that during service hours patrol members may call the patrol and ask the driver to meet them as they are arriving at or departing from their homes. This service is open to all paying members and it has been especially useful to older residents arriving home after dark.

We urge all residents to call the police whenever a crime occurs and to fill out our on-line incident report. Access the form for the report by going to www.sherwoodforestdetroit.org. On the left of the home page is a button labeled "Neighborhood Security." Click on this button, and when the security page pops up, click on "Incident Report." Fill it out and send it to us electronically. To be effective, it is important for the Association to know about every crime that occurs in the neighborhood, even crimes that seem insignificant.

As always, the Board welcomes your input and will continue to seek ways to keep our neighborhood safe.

SHERWOOD FOREST ASSOCIATION AND SECURITY PATROL MOVE TO ONE FISCAL YEAR

As our new block captains have been contacting the residents of their blocks, one of the things many neighbors have told them is that they do not like the way we collect patrol and association dues, separately and at different times of the year.

In direct response to your suggestions, we will now have one fiscal year running from June 1 to May 31. That is the reason that you recently received in the mail Sherwood Forest Association dues for \$35, rather than the normal \$55. That \$35 will cover the eight month period from October 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010. In June, we will move to the same fiscal year for both organizations, and you will receive just one bill to cover the one year period from June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011. Although you will receive just one bill, our two organizations will remain distinct, and you will still have the option of joining just the patrol, just the association, or both. (Of course, we encourage you to be a member of both the Sherwood Forest Association and

the security patrol service!) We hope to make payment easier next year by providing a PayPal option and a greater variety of payment plans to choose from. We will have more information about that early in 2010. In the meantime, please send us your \$35 Sherwood Forest Association check today. We promise to spend your money wisely to enhance the quality of life in our wonderful community.

MUMFORD HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES OCTOBER EVENTS

Pre-Halloween Skate Jam

Fun for all ages

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

6pm - 9pm

Northland Roller Rink

22311 W. 8 Mile Rd (near Lahser)

Detroit, MI

Admission price: \$5.00

Skate rental is extra

Cassandra Lewis, Chairperson (248) 470-8119

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Mustangs & Friends 6th Annual Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, October 31, 2009

9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Mumford High School

17525 Wyoming Ave - Cafeteria

Detroit, MI 48221

Cost: \$10.00 Adults

\$5.00 Students & Children (ages 5 to 10)

FREE for children under age 5

All-you-can-eat-pancakes

Extra meat, milk, juice, or coffee may be purchased separately

Co-Chairs:

Gina Nunnally (313) 575-6144

Jeff Wafer (313) 408-8091

WEBSITE: www.mumfordhsdetroitalumni.org

WINDMILL MARKET HARVEST FESTIVAL

The new Windmill Market on Livernois between Fenkell and the Lodge will hold a Harvest Festival this Saturday, October 24, between 10 am and 3 pm. There will be activities for children, apple cider and donuts, and the chance to purchase pumpkins from the market's own pumpkin patch.

NO MORE BULK COLLECTION IN 2009

Under the current DPW schedule, every neighborhood gets bulk pick-up four times each year. Our last bulk day was October 1. The announced bulk collection dates for **2010** are **January 4, April 1, July 1 and October 1.**

Even though bulk collection is over for the year, we may continue to place leaves and other yard waste at the curb on our regular trash days. However, this service too will end on the last trash day prior to December 1. For Sherwood Forest, that will be Friday, November 27.

Since Thursday the 26th is Thanksgiving, trash will be picked up on the following day. Please do not put your trash at the curb until late Thursday evening or early Friday morning. Many residents will be entertaining on Thanksgiving Day, and who wants to look at containers of trash on a holiday? From December until spring, all trash must be placed in the curbside containers. Separate bags of leaves will not be picked up after November 27.

From now until November 27, yard waste should be put in biodegradable paper bags and placed at the curb at least six feet away from the curbside container (not leaning against it) no earlier than the evening before pick-up. The DPW will not pick up yard waste in plastic bags.

For a full explanation of the city's trash collection rules, go to www.sherwoodforestdetroit.org and click on "Neighborhood News" at the bottom of the home page.

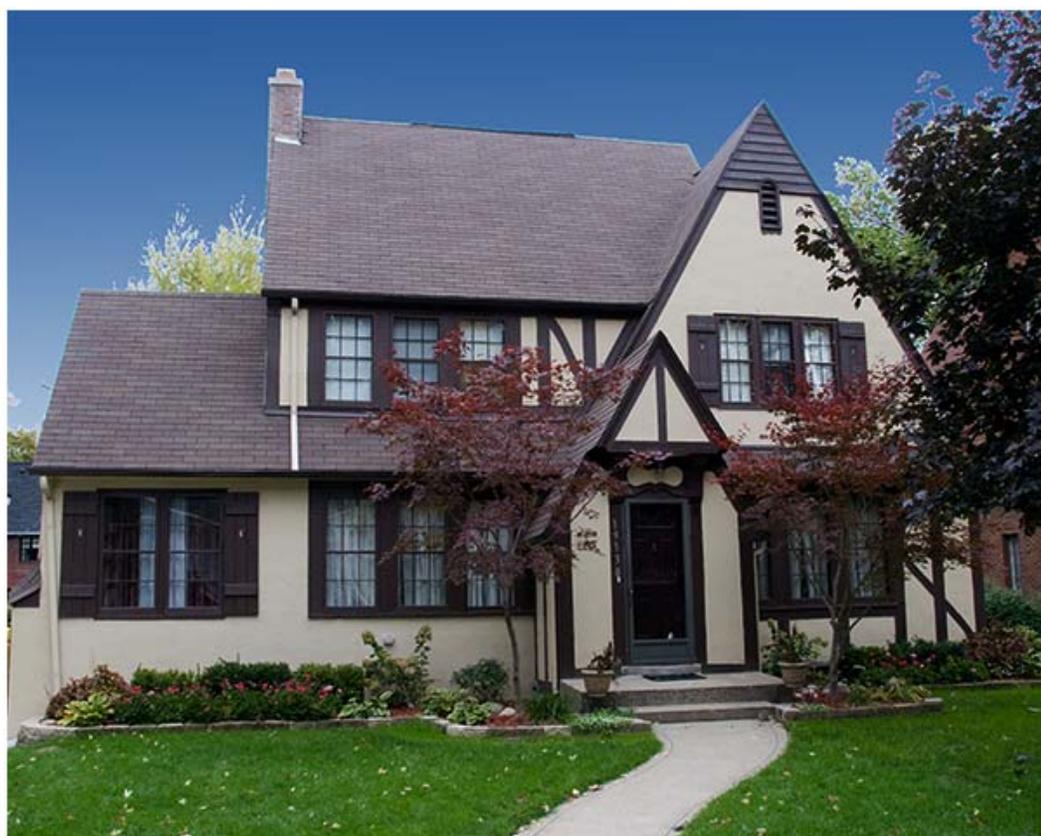
PASTEUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ALUMNI FOUNDATION

The Alumni Foundation of the Pasteur Elementary School on Pembroke, just west of Livernois, invites all Sherwood Forest residents (whether they attended Pasteur or not) to become members by sending \$25 (or more, if you are so inclined) to: Pasteur Elementary School Alumni Foundation, c/o Heartwear Designs, 235 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham, MI., 48009. Last school year the Foundation gave every child in the school a new book, and gave a book bag and school supplies to every child who did not have them. On Earth Day in April, 14 alumni read *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss to every class in the school and led class discussions on how to help save the earth. At sixth grade graduation in June, the Foundation presented every graduate with a dictionary and awarded two \$1,000 scholarships. Foundation volunteers read to children at the school on a regular basis and provide individualized tutoring. They also help to provide food to families in need.

If you would like to find out more about the Foundation's work or would like to sign up to receive its newsletter, go to www.pasteuralumni.org. Make sure you provide your email address, as the Foundation is in the process of moving from a paper to an electronic newsletter.

REMINDER: NOVEMBER 3 IS ELECTION DAY. EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE.

MEET AND GREET SEPTEMBER 12, 2009
AT THE ROSS HOME



Marcia Baum, Cordell Ross, Sherri Brown, Gail Rodwan,
Skip Rosemond, Eleanor Josaitis

MEET AND GREET SEPTEMBER 12, 2009
AT THE ROSS HOME



Catherine Blackwell



Teresina Ross



Dan Clarkson, Teresina & Cordell Ross



Sherri Brown



Jackson Family



Catherine Mayberry, Carrie Simmons, Don Josaitis

SHERWOOD FOREST ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 14, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gail Rodwan, John Corvino, Kim Tandy, Gary Brown, Susan McMillan, Robert Gold, Catherine Mayberry, Dan Clarkson, Valerie Leigh and Marcia Baum

Call to Order at 7:45 p.m. by President Tandy at the home of Valerie Leigh.

- II. Reading / Distribution of the Minutes of July 13, 2009. The July 13, 2009 minutes will be distributed electronically to board members.
- III. Treasurer's Report. Sue McMillan presented a two month Treasurer's Report. She noted that renewed Block Captain activity has generated an increase in SFAssociation and Public/Safety Patrol membership. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.
- IV. President's Report/Correspondence

President's Report:

- President Tandy announced that the 12th Precinct Community Coalition and the University Commons will host an educational workshop on the Detroit Charter on September 15, at 6pm.
- The president reported that the 1917 Bistro, a new restaurant on Livernois, received its liquor license and certificate of occupancy. The Bistro plans to open a restaurant with roof top dining this fall. She noted that the small roof dining area faces Livernois, not toward the Warrington residential community.
- President Tandy reported that she has been asked to revisit the idea of altering street and traffic patterns in the Forest including the strategic closing of streets. She will collect information previously collected by the association as well as information collected from neighboring communities for discussion at the next board meeting.
- Lastly, the president reported that the Detroit Vacant Property Campaign's Community and Property Preservation program grant proposal prepared by Gail Rodwan was not funded. She thanked Gail for her work in preparing the application.

V. Committee Reports:

A. Real Estate/Community Representative

Valerie Leigh distributed the September, 2009, Sherwood Forest listing of Active, Pending Sale and Sold Residential Properties in the Multi-Listing System. This summer has seen a number of sales and our New Resident/Welcoming chair is busy preparing welcoming treats for the new families.

- B. Vacant Home Projects Gail Rodwan reported that neighbor volunteer vacant home monitors (VHM) have enthusiastically responded when asked to help with outdoor maintenance tasks. In at least one occasion, the work of one VHM team helped lead to the sale of the home.
- C. Communication/Tattler Gail Rodwan is preparing the October *Tattler* and asked Board members to submit articles within the next few days. She also suggested that the board delay the election of officers until the April meeting and that a concerted effort be made to attract new board members to fill existing and future board vacancies. Members adopted Gail's recommendation.

D. New Residents/Welcoming Catherine Mayberry reported that she delivered welcome trays of home baked treats along with SFA literature to three new home owners on Shrewsbury. In addition, she left welcome cards for

neighbors on Warrington and Shrewsbury who have recently purchased homes but have not yet moved in.

- E. Public Safety John Corvino presented a report prepared by Scott Wilson. In addition to the incident report, Scott noted that the patrol will continue the strategic day and evening service. Regarding Patrol and Association Payment: In response to suggestions from Block Captains, Gail Rodwan moved to align the Patrol and Association fiscal years so that the fiscal years of both organizations run from June 1 to May 31, that for the first eight months of what would normally be the 2009-2010 fiscal year for the Association we reduce dues from \$55 to \$35, and that the treasurer include with that \$35 billing a letter explaining the change and stressing the following points: 1) we are aligning the fiscal years of the Association and the Patrol in response to suggestions from the community, 2) residents will still have the option of joining one or the other of the two organizations or both. The motion passed with one dissenting vote. Gail also asked the board to consider for possible action at a future meeting a written proposal to change the way residents pay Patrol and Association dues. The proposal included the following: make Association fiscal year the same as Patrol (June 1 to May 31), and thereby save funds by combining Patrol and Association dues notices; send payment requests via email to as many residents as possible, send paper to remaining residents; provide for PayPal payments, allow for electronic form submission, and allow for more payment options if using PayPal. The proposal highlighted the financial and administrative advantages. The board will study the proposal.
- F. Parks and Reforestation/Detroit Historic Commission (DHC) John Corvino reported that he has been in discussions with neighbors about the park area on Chesterfield and Warrington. He will be working with Ernest Thompson and Michelle Gold on the project.
- G. Meet and Greet/Social Cultural Dan Clarkson reported that the September 12 Meet and Greet hosted by Teresina and Cordell Ross on Shrewsbury was an overwhelming success. It was a beautiful day in the Forest, with long-time and new-to-the-neighborhood families enjoying light snacks and conversation. The board thanked Dan for a job well done. Expect notice for the next Greet and Meet to be held in December. Dan also reported that he and Dave Vanstone opened their home on September 10 for Crain's "Living in the D" House Party.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Baum, Secretary