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YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD CHRONICLE OF EVENTS

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ANNUAL MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 11, FEATURES DETROIT CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM GARY BROWN

The annual meeting of the Sherwood Forest Association will be held on Tuesday, May 11, at All Saints Church on West Seven Mile Road.

Our guest speaker will be Sherwood Forest resident and Detroit City Council President Pro Tem **Gary Brown**. Gary will talk about his work on the new council and update us on issues before the Council of particular interest to Sherwood Forest. There will be an opportunity for questions.

A representative of Gallagher's Security Service will be present to answer questions about the company and the services it is providing in Sherwood Forest. Gallagher is eager to know what we like and what we would like to see change in the way it is operating in our community. Here is the schedule for the May 11 meeting:

6:30 p.m. – Potluck supper. Bring your favorite dish, enough to serve 8-10 people. Drinks, plates and silverware will be provided.

7:30 p.m. – Business meeting and welcoming of new residents. Special guest speaker will be Gary Brown.

9:00 p.m. – Meeting ends.

I hope to see an overflow crowd at both the potluck supper and the business meeting. As always, we have a lot to discuss. Our annual meeting is an opportunity for

everyone in the neighborhood to celebrate a meal together and talk about issues of mutual concern. It has become our traditional time to extend a special welcome to neighbors who have moved into Sherwood Forest in the last year. Please make attendance on May 11 a priority.

Kim Tandy
President, Sherwood Forest Association

NEIGHBORHOOD SPRING CLEAN-UP ON SATURDAY, MAY 1

Please plan to spend the morning of Saturday, **May 1**, participating in our Sherwood Forest neighborhood spring cleanup.

You may remember that last spring many neighbors got together on a beautiful Saturday morning to rake, mow, clear debris and generally make our community shine. We concentrated on vacant homes, passive parks and a few homes where homeowners were unable to maintain their property. We celebrated the completion of our good work with a hot dog lunch at the home of Sherri and Gary Brown.

We are going to do it again this year in conjunction with Motor City Makeover. We will meet at my house (19660 Stratford near Pembroke) at 8:30 a.m. I will have a list of assignments ready and will provide coffee and donuts to get everyone in the mood for some satisfying work. Please bring rakes, gloves and any other tools you think might be useful. Garbage bags will be provided. There will be three dumpsters strategically

placed throughout the neighborhood. I am working on getting some neighbors who have trucks to drop off extra bags and provide other assistance as needed and to pick up full bags and return them to the dumpsters. Afterwards, everyone is invited back to my house for hog dogs, chips and refreshments.

My thanks to Luther Bradley, the chairman of our Block Captain committee, who is assisting me in planning the cleanup. If you would like to volunteer a truck, or can help in any other special way, please contact me at bluelewis78@att.net. Most important, though, we need lots of neighbors to turn out on the morning of Saturday, **May 1**, ready to make sure that Sherwood Forest looks its best as we move into spring and summer.

Al Lewis
Chairman, Sherwood Forest Association
Property Maintenance Committee

GOOD NEWS ABOUT GOOD NEIGHBORS

Gordon Rodwan of Shrewsbury is our good neighbor for the month of May. He was nominated by Catherine Mayberry, who wrote:

“Gordon Rodwan of Shrewsbury is a long-time resident of this area who has worked tirelessly to help keep Sherwood Forest a beautiful, safe and welcoming community. He is always available to help good neighbors in any way he can. Gordon works quietly behind the scenes to make sure things stay on an even keel. No titles, no fanfare, just hard work. He is keenly aware of what makes a good neighborhood and continues to volunteer his time and talent. Gordon is a kind of ‘go to guy’ and has worn many hats over the years. The ‘Clean Up’ committee, the record keeping and collection of patrol dues, using his computer expertise to provide various documents to the Sherwood Forest board are just a few of his contributions.

Gordon is also an excellent photographer and has captured many pleasant neighborhood events, namely the Sherwood Forest picnics, the “Meet and Greet” gatherings and the Catherine Blackwell exhibit at The Charles H. Wright Museum.

We salute and thank Gordon Rodwan for being such an outstanding neighbor.”

If you would like to nominate a neighbor to be our next “Good Neighbor,” please send your information about that person to: editor@sherwoodforestdetroit.org.

DPW CREWS START SPRING YARD WASTE COLLECTION IN SHERWOOD FOREST

The City of Detroit Department of Public Works is now on the spring-summer schedule at its collection centers.

The centers are now open from 10:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. In addition, DPW crews are again collecting yard waste in Sherwood Forest on our regular Thursday collection days

The City’s four drop-off locations are:

- Davison Yard – 8221 W. Davison
- Southfield Yard – 12255 Southfield Service Drive (Monday through Saturday)
- State Fair Yard – 19715 John R
- 5840 Anthon between Cavalry and Campbell

April – October 10:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. - Tuesday – Saturday.

These four locations are closed from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

A fifth location, Waste Management Transfer Station, 1550 Harper, is open from 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Residents can use the drop-off locations for recyclables and to discard bulk items and yard waste. These drop-off locations are open to Detroit residents only, and you must have proper identification.

The Department of Public Works picks up yard waste — leaves, grass clippings, and twigs — on Thursdays, the same day as our weekly trash collection. Yard waste collection runs from April through the first week in December (weather permitting). All yard waste must be placed at the curb at least six feet from the Courville container in biodegradable paper bags or a personal garbage can. **DPW will not collect yard waste in plastic bags.** Yard waste must be placed at the curb no earlier than the Wednesday evening. And please remember that on weeks with a holiday, collection is one day later than usual (Friday instead of Thursday, unless the holiday falls on a Thursday or Friday).

For more information on bulk collection and yard waste collection, go to the City's website at www.detroitmi.gov/dpw or to the Sherwood Forest website at www.sherwoodforestdetroit.net.

WE NEED A FEW HOUSE MONITORS

Our house monitors are continuing to do an outstanding job keeping an eye on any foreclosed and vacant homes.

A monitor is responsible for keeping a vacant home on his or her street looking as occupied as possible by picking up papers and debris, maintaining the lawn and reporting any change in the status of property. We have just a few vacant homes on the following streets that need monitors: **Berkeley, Canterbury, Roslyn and Shrewsbury**. If you live on one of these streets, please contact Gail Rodwan at Rodwan@sbcglobal.net or 342-5827 and volunteer to monitor a home.

Now that spring is here, it may sound daunting to volunteer to maintain the front yard of a vacant home. The Association will hire an independent contractor for spring clean-ups where necessary. So even if you can't take on the yard work, we still need you to monitor and pick up papers and debris.

Last summer we got many compliments on how wonderful the neighborhood looked. We hope to repeat our successes this summer, but we can't do it without a full compliment of vacant home monitors. It's a job that doesn't take much time, but pays big dividends for Sherwood Forest.

PALMER PARK: THE PLAY

Palmer Park is a play that created much interest, especially among Detroiters, when it premiered in 2008 at the Stratford Theatre in Ontario. Now the play is in Detroit thanks to a collaborative effort between the Jewish Ensemble Theatre (JET) and Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre. The play can be seen at the JET from April 13-May 9 and at the Hilberry from May 21-May 29.

Though called *Palmer Park*, the play is set in Palmer Woods and revolves around the lives of five families in the community in the aftermath of the 1967 riots. It has been called a study in diversity, classism and racism, and Hampton School is prominently featured in the story. The playwright, Joanna McClellan Glass is Canadian, but she lived in the Palmer Woods area between 1968-1974.

If you would like to see *Palmer Park* at the JET, you can buy tickets through jetttheatre.org or by calling 248-788-2900. For Hilberry tickets, go to www.wsushows.com or call the box office at 313-577-2972. The Hilberry box office is located at the corner of Cass and Hancock.

Several Sherwood Forest residents who traveled to Stratford to see the play when it first opened recommend it highly.

SHOP THE AVENUE OF FASHION CAMPAIGN

This campaign is designed to encourage people in the area to shop where they live. Spearheaded by the University Commons organization, the campaign is designed to increase commerce in the Livernois Retail District and revitalize the historic Avenue of Fashion. To further that goal, University Commons/Avenue of Fashion is offering discount cards that cost just \$10 and are good for one year. Cardholders will get discounts on merchandise at approximately 20 Livernois businesses. To learn how to get your card, contact kimtandy@universitycommonsdetroit.org or 313-653-1121.

Also please note that University Commons is sponsoring several community events in upcoming months:

June 4-6: Carnival at the Windmill Market at the corner of Livernois and the Lodge.

June 5: Community Parade on Livernois.

August 7: Jazz on the Ave

Check future *Tattlers* for detailed information on these events.

GRAB A SHOVEL: GREENING OF DETROIT TO PLANT 1,750 TREES BY JUNE 5



The arrival of spring heralds the digging of dirt, if [The Greening of Detroit's](#) ambitious 2010 schedule has anything to say about it. From April 10 to June 5, about 1,750 trees will be planted citywide in 14 separate plantings. Greening, in partnership with the City of Detroit's General Service Department, will plant 680 trees that will

reforest neighborhoods affected by the Emerald ash borer infestation; And about a thousand trees will be planted with over 16 community groups and block clubs.

The schedule is as follows: April 10, University District and Annchester street tree plantings; April 17, Warrendale and E. Outer Drive; April 24, Trumbull and Corktown tree nursery; April 20, East English Village; April 22, Grandmont Rosedale tree nursery; April 25, Creekside; May 1, Boston Edison and Virginia Park; May 8, Beresford Block Club and Osborn Neighborhood; May 15, Hartwell and West Grand Boulevard; May 22, Ecclesia and Pallister Park; June 5, Ferdinand.

More than 1,000 volunteers will be needed; contact Greening at 313-237-8633 to sign up for a planting. Sherwood Forest is not on this year's list, but that is because we received trees from Greening of Detroit in both 2007 and 2008. Volunteering to participate in upcoming planting in a nearby neighborhood is a good way for Sherwood Forest residents to express our thanks for the wonderful work this organization is doing all around the city.

Greening's annual Tree and Shrub Sale will take place on Saturday April 24, from 9 a.m. to noon at Eastern Market's Shed #6. Trees are \$30 and shrubs are \$20, with special rates offered to Greening members. Pre-orders are being taken now; order forms can be found at www.greeningofdetroit.com.

The Greening's urban agriculture initiative, the [Garden Resource Program Collaborative](#) provides training and resources to individuals, community groups and families that grow vegetable gardens. Interested individuals should contact Lindsay Turpin at 313-237-8733.

Monica Tabares
Greening of Detroit

2010 HOME PRESERVATION FAIR SATURDAY, APRIL 24

Mark your calendars now for the April 24th Home Preservation Fair, sponsored by the Historic Boston-Edison Association and featuring the very best metro Detroit-area home repair/preservation specialists.

Pre-screened specialists with knowledge of and experience with the needs of historic homes will exhibit their expertise at the fair, including masonry repair and restoration, wet plaster repair and replacement, painting (both exterior and interior), plumbing, heating and cooling service, landscaping, window repair and restoration, roofing, electrical upgrades and updating, and wood floor refinishing.

Plan to attend the fair on Saturday, April 24 from noon until 5 PM, at the Sacred Heart Mayor Seminary, 2701 Chicago Boulevard (at Linwood), Detroit, MI 48206. For more information, call 313-867-3112 or send an email to bostonedison@gmail.com.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that sessions of the Detroit City Council are now broadcast live on Comcast Government Access Channel 10 and in the future will be broadcast on AT&T U-verse? Daily sessions are re-aired the same night at 7:30 p.m.

PLANTING FLOWERS

Would you like to donate and plant flowers in Sherwood Forest this spring? If so, contact Valerie Leigh at valerieleigh@sbcglobal.net and tell her your ideas.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

MAY 1 - NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

May 11 – ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHERWOOD FOREST ASSOCIATION AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH AND POTLUCK SUPPER

SHERWOOD FOREST ASSOCIATION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 8, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gail Rodwan, Kim Tandy, Susan McMillan, Dan Clarkson, Catherine Mayberry, Luther Bradley, Valerie Leigh, Bob Gold and Marcia Baum

Call to Order at 7:40p.m. by President Tandy at the home of Dan Clarkson.

II. Reading / Distribution of the Minutes of February 8, 2010. It was moved by Sue McMillan and supported by Catherine Mayberry that the minutes of December 14, 2009, be approved as presented. Motion passed.

III. Treasurer's Report. Sue McMillan presented the Treasurer's Report. It was moved by Valerie Leigh and supported by Luther Bradley, that the treasure's report be approved as presented. Motion passed.

IV. President's Report/Correspondence

President's Report:

- President Tandy reported that in celebration of Women's History Month, Next Detroit Neighborhood Initiative will be presenting a free one day workshop: Financial Freedom and Entrepreneurship on Saturday, March 27, at University of Detroit Mercy.
- The I CARE coalition has been working on a plan for the State Fair site to become a metro park. Kim reported that the plan has the support of the three counties. The 12th Precinct Neighborhood Coalition plans to send a letter to the Metropark Board of Commissioners to demonstrate neighborhood support for the creation of a Metro Park on the 8 Mile/Woodward fairground site. It was moved by Susan McMillan and supported by Catherine Mayberry that the SFA add its name to the correspondence. The motion passed.

V. Committee Reports:

A. New Residents/Welcoming Catherine Mayberry reported that she prepared a welcome tray of home baked treats along with SFA literature for the new home owners on Stratford. Catherine added a new delicacy, chocolate covered strawberries, to the tray. As a thank you for the warm and tasty welcome to Sherwood Forest, a previous recipient thanked Catherine with a home baked pecan pie. What a wonderful tradition!

B. Communications/Tattler Gail Rodwan reported that she will produce a Tattler after the April board meeting. The Annual Meeting and future Meet & Greet events will be highlighted.

C. Sherwood Forest Association and Sherwood Forest Patrol Membership Fiscal Plan Gail Rodwan presented a draft of the resident letter and information packet explaining the new Association and Patrol membership payment process and options. The packet includes an overview and summary of services and benefits of both organizations. Also included is a form to select a payment option plan and a neighbor information form to be used for Sherwood Forest business and will not be shared with any other individual or organization. By providing email addresses, neighbors will receive the neighborhood newsletter, notification of meetings, information about activities in the neighborhood and city information that is pertinent to Sherwood Forest. Gail also presented a second packet containing the exact electronic format and text that will be sent to all residents in early May with payment options for credit card, check or PayPal. While the fiscal year runs from June 1 to May 31, there is a "new neighbor" pro-rated plan based on-move in date. President Tandy and the entire board send a big thank you to Gordon Rodwan for his work setting up this comprehensive and up-to-

date payment program.

- D. Street Snow Removal Board members agreed that the services provided by our street snow removal vendor, B & L landscaping, have been both timely and effective. Marcia Baum conveyed our satisfaction to B&L.
 - E. Parks and Reforestation New committee chair, Valerie Leigh, reported that Ernest Thompson will be working with her. They are reviewing the condition of all the community parks in preparation for a spring clean up and planting program. A plan including a recommended planting list and budget will be presented at the April meeting. They will also inventory and create a list of current neighbor volunteers who have worked on or “adopted” various parks in the past.
 - F. Public Safety/Patrol President Tandy thanked board member Lois Primas for providing weekly patrol activity updates and for her work with Luther Bradley regarding issues that were presented to the patrol management. Drivers are asked to take notice of folks walking in the neighborhood. It was suggested that neighbors take time to get to know the drivers and encourage their children to do the same. Drivers will be instructed to interact with homeowners and to offer assistance/directions to those who are passing through the neighborhood.
 - G. Meet and Greet/Cultural Dan Clarkson presented a draft agenda and budget for the May 11, 2010, SFA Annual Community Meeting. After discussion of meeting content and costs related to the pot luck dinner, the board approved the budget.
 - H. Block Captains Luther Bradley reported that the block captains have focused on interacting with neighbors , providing information about the Association and neighborhood as needed. The group will be meeting in May. Board members were encouraged to attend the meeting.
- VI New Business Board members were encouraged to attend Charter Commission neighborhood meetings and share information at the next board meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Baum, Secretary