



# TATTTLER

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD CHRONICLE OF EVENTS

APRIL 2008

There are many special community events scheduled for spring. First and foremost is an April 20 afternoon event at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in honor of our Sherwood Forest neighbor Catherine Blackwell. That will be followed in May by our Annual Potluck Supper and Business Meeting at All Saints Church. We have received two wonderful invitations from our friends in Palmer Woods and Greenacres. Palmer Woods has upcoming musical events in April and May, and Greenacres is sponsoring a May evening at the Detroit Repertory Theatre, with proceeds going to that neighborhood's newly-formed Youth Scholarship Program. Read about these activities and much more in this *Tattler*.

## APRIL 20:

On April 20, friends and neighbors will honor Sherwood Forest's Catherine Blackwell and view her wonderful collection at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. Please plan to attend with your entire family.

*Join the Sherwood Forest Association in recognizing resident Catherine Blackwell's collection of art and artifacts at a special tour and neighbors' reception at the*

*Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History  
Sunday, April 20, 2008*

*2-5 p.m.*

*315 East Warren*

*Detroit, MI*

*Catherine Blackwell will guide us through the exhibition, "The Storyteller's Hat," and share tales from her more than sixty trips to Africa.*

*A reception honoring Ms. Blackwell will be held from 4-5 p.m.*

*Complimentary admission. Children welcome.*

*For information, call 313-862-1652*

**MAY 13:**

**ANNUAL MEETING SLATED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 13**

The annual meeting of the Sherwood Forest Association will be held on Tuesday, May 13, at All Saints Church, West Seven Mile Road.

Our guest speaker will be **Charles Beckham**, Director, Detroit Public Lighting Department. He will bring good news about a long-awaited plan to install new lighting throughout Sherwood Forest and Greenacres as early as the fall of this year. Mr. Beckham will have drawings of the proposed lamp posts and explain a new Customer Complaint Center that was created to be more responsive to neighborhood reports of lights that are not working. Come with your questions about lighting in Sherwood Forest.

A representative of our new **Gallagher's Security Service, Inc.** will be present to answer questions about the company and the services it is providing in Sherwood Forest. Gallagher is eager to hear what we like and what we would like to see change about the way it is operating in our community.

Here is the schedule for the May 13 meeting:

6:30 p.m. – Potluck supper. Bring a hot dish, a salad, dessert or bread for 8-10 people. Everything else will be provided.

7:30 p.m. – Business meeting and welcoming of new residents. Special guest speakers.

9:00 p.m. – Meeting ends.

I hope to see many of you at the potluck supper and business meeting. This is our annual opportunity for everyone in the neighborhood to celebrate a meal together and talk about issues of mutual concern. Please make attendance on May 13 a priority.

Lois E. Primas  
President, Sherwood Forest Association

**APRIL 26 AND MAY 24:**

**PALMER WOODS INVITES SHERWOOD FOREST NEIGHBORS TO TWO CONCERTS**

Palmer Woods would like to invite Sherwood Forest neighbors to the last two events in our concert series, Palmer Woods Music in Homes. Tickets are available on our web site: [palmerwoods.org](http://palmerwoods.org)

**Palmer Woods Association  
invites you, your friends and family to our  
Spring Dinner Dance-Concert  
at the historic Albert Kahn-designed Detroit Golf Club  
with the Straight Ahead Trio  
Saturday, April 26, 6pm**

Tickets are \$55 (tickets for the supervised party for children at the Detroit Golf Club are \$15). Tickets are available for purchase online at [palmerwoods.org](http://palmerwoods.org) or by calling **Ruth Stallworth at 313-892-3848**. Tickets for the May 24 concert are \$25.

**Feast, dance and enjoy** three of Detroit's Grammy Nominated Jazz Divas (bassist Marion Hayden, pianist Alina Morr and Gayelynn McKinney on drums), who will jazz it up at the Palmer Woods Dinner Dance at the beautiful historic Detroit Golf Club. To encourage family attendance, we have added a special supervised party with pizza, movies and age-appropriate activities for children in an adjoining room. A fashion show with the children will be featured. Guests will receive souvenir photos of themselves to take home. Cocktail attire. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

**Saturday, May 24, 8pm:** Jazz and classical music with a virtuoso duo. **A. Spencer Barefield & Donald Mayberry** will play hypnotic sounds from Monk to Debussy on guitar and bass in a Palmer Woods home. Mayberry has performed with everyone from David Bowie to Lena Horne and the Detroit Symphony. Barefield has performed internationally with his own groups and with Oliver Lake, Roscoe Mitchell, David Murray and many others. His legendary series at the Detroit Institute of Arts has just been released on CD. For more information and to hear some music: <http://www.myspace.com/aspencerbarefield> and <http://www.spencerbarefield.com>

**MAY 17:**

**Greenacres Woodward Civic Association's  
Theatre Night at the Detroit Repertory  
To benefit the G.W.C.A.  
Youth Scholarship Program**

**Southern Comforts**  
A Comedy by Kathleen Clark  
*Never too Old for Love... or are we?*



**Southern Comforts is about a later-life romance,  
but the twists and turns of love know no age.**

**Saturday • May 17, 2008 • \$20.00 per ticket**

*Champagne & Hors d'oeuvre Reception 7:30p.m.*

*Curtain 8:30p.m. Detroit Repertory Theatre.*

*13103 Woodrow Wilson. Detroit., MI 313-868-1347*

**For more info - please call Wanda Hughley, event chair 345-8204**

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## SHERWOOD FOREST ASSOCIATION ELECTION NOTICE

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 5 of the 15 members expire each year.

It is the time of year when we elect 5 members to the board. According to the by-laws, nominations to these positions are made in the following ways:

1. By recommendation of the nominating committee
2. By any 5 members of the association nominating a candidate by the following procedure:
  - a. Obtain the consent of the candidate to serve.
  - b. Furnish a letter with the name of the candidate to a member of the nominating committee no later than May 1, 2008. The letter must be signed by at least 5 association members and should include a candidate's address, occupation and a brief statement of his or her interest and aspirations for Sherwood Forest.

Candidates must be willing and able to attend monthly meetings and participate in committee work. Each board member has at least one committee assignment.

Please consider becoming a candidate for a board position. The strength of our community depends on residents who volunteer their time and talent to help maintain Sherwood Forest. Only members of the Sherwood Forest Association may participate in the election. Call treasurer Sue McMillan at 862-6366 to verify that your dues are paid.

Marcia Baum and Gail Rodwan  
Nominating Committee

**NOTE:** The article below was authored by Karen Hammer, President of the Greenacres-Woodward Civic Association and Margaret Weber a member of the Clean and Green Detroit Coalition. The article explains a proposal that was presented recently to Detroit City Council to close the city incinerator. The Sherwood Forest Association has not addressed this issue. Individual residents who would like to express their opinions to City Council about the incinerator should do so during the month of April.

### **Garbage in Detroit: Burn or Earn?** by Margaret Weber and Karen Hammer

Plans to close the incinerator and bring Detroit's refuse collection into the 21<sup>st</sup> century were brought to Detroit City Council March 17 & 18 by the Environmental Justice Task Force and the Clean and Green Detroit Coalition. Many citizen groups and businesses want:

- City-Wide Recycling, or materials recovery, which will create new jobs
- To attract more Green Industries to Detroit

- To stop incinerating 3000 tons per day of Detroit trash, leading to
- Healthier air to reduce Asthma and Heart Disease. **Children living near the incinerator are hospitalized for asthma at 3 times the national average**, and
- Reduction of greenhouse emissions and poisons into the air.

*2008 is a year of decision for Detroit's solid waste future.* Currently all residential “garbage” is taken to the Greater Detroit Resource Recovery Facility (the Incinerator). It costs Detroit taxpayers \$88 Million—\$1 Million for GDRRA administration and \$87 Million to burn refuse, landfill unburnable trash, and pay for bonds that built and equipped the incinerator. **The cost to Detroiters is \$172 for every ton disposed!** This cost does not include DPW's cost for refuse collection. Cities such as New York City, Philadelphia, and Oakland have created jobs and revenues for citizens through recycling programs. Detroit is the only major US city without comprehensive recycling

During the Budget process beginning in April, the Mayor and City Council will determine whether to continue to fund the Incinerator, or to fund materials recovery and job creation. Let them hear your voice. Citizen input DOES make a difference.

### **PROGRESS REPORT ON OUR MOVE TO AN ALL-ELECTRONIC TATTLER**

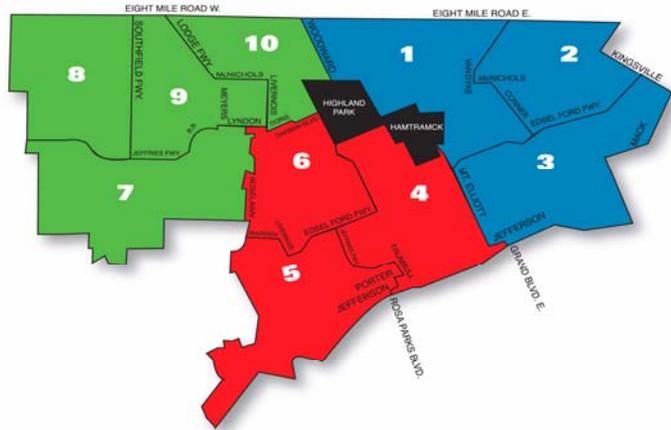
We are publishing six *Tattlers* in 2008. The February *Tattler* was sent electronically. The June and October *Tattlers* will be electronic only. The April, August and December *Tattlers* will be published in two versions, an electronic version and an abbreviated hard copy version. The hard copy version will be mailed only to those residents who have not provided us with an email addresses. Starting in 2009, the *Tattler* will be entirely electronic.

The paper version of the April *Tattler* includes a copy of our This Old House list. The This Old House list is always available on-line. Just go to [www.sherwoodforestdetroit.org](http://www.sherwoodforestdetroit.org) and click on “This Old House.”

As we reported last December, the move away from a paper *Tattler* has been in the works for some time. The electronic *Tattler* reaches readers more quickly and inexpensively. This allows us to use the money not spent on printing and postage for other neighborhood services and activities. Best of all, we can expand the size of the *Tattler* beyond the 3 ½ page format we use for the paper version. The electronic version of the *Tattler* you are now reading, for example, is more than twice as long as the paper version.

If you have hesitated to send us your email address, rest assured that the Sherwood Forest Association does not share its email list with other organizations. If you do not have email access, please arrange to have a neighbor print out a copy of the *Tattler* for you. If that is not possible, call Gail Rodwan at 342-5827. She will put your name on a list of residents who want to pick up hard copies from her home. She will notify residents on that list whenever a new *Tattler* is available for pickup.

The *Tattler* and the web page are our two official means of neighborhood communication. We do not want anyone to lose access to the *Tattler*. We urge all residents who have not sent their email addresses to do so today. Become part of the growing list of neighbors who are enjoying the expanded and improved *Tattler* in electronic form. Send your email address to [rodwan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rodwan@sbcglobal.net).



## **DETROIT'S MOTOR CITY MAKEOVER CLEANUP AND BEAUTIFICATION EFFORT SET FOR MAY**

Spring is here, and it's time for Detroit area residents to sign up for Motor City Makeover, the annual effort to clean up and beautify Detroit. Motor City Makeover will take place the first three Saturdays in May.

Saturday, May 3 – Sectors 1, 2, and 3  
Saturday, May 10 – Sectors 7, 8, 9, and 10  
Saturday, May 17 – Sectors 4, 5, and 6

Individuals and community groups must register with the City of Detroit to get information on where to drop off their bagged litter on their designated Saturday. The City will only pick up bagged litter in those designated locations. Individuals or groups that leave bagged litter in locations **NOT** designated by the City of Detroit may be fined for illegal dumping. Community groups also may request a roll-off container to handle large cleanups.

**Please note that Sherwood Forest is in region 10, so our cleanup date is Saturday, May 10.**

To register for Motor City Makeover or for more information, call (313) 224-4415 or your local Neighborhood City Hall office, or log onto [www.detroitmi.gov](http://www.detroitmi.gov).

## **DETROIT POLICE WEB SITE HAS NEW CRIME MAPPING SERVICE**

The Sherwood Forest Association has long struggled to get regular and accurate crime statistics for our community. Now we can turn to a web site that allows us to see what crimes have occurred within a one-half mile radius of our homes during a 30-day period.

The Detroit Police Department has launched a new online interactive crime mapping service that allows residents to conveniently track reported crime in their neighborhoods. Visit CrimeView Community at <http://detroit.mi.crimeviewcommunity.com>.

All categorized information in CrimeView Community is preliminary. Please refer to the FBI web site at <http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm> for the official City of Detroit crime statistics.

For additional information, please contact the Office of Public Information at 313-596-2200.

## DISPOSING OF YARD DEBRIS

Our yards are ready for a spring cleanup, but it is too early to dispose of yard debris by placing it at the curb. The city will not begin to pick up yard debris until the beginning of **May**. Then you may begin placing yard debris at the curb on our regular Thursday collection day. Yard debris must be placed in biodegradable paper bags or personal garbage cans, but not in plastic bags. The biodegradable bags must be placed at least six feet away from the curbside garbage container no earlier than Wednesday evening. So if you are cleaning your yard in April, remember that you must store the bags of debris at the back of your property, out of sight from the street, until collection resumes in **May**.

### SHERWOOD FOREST ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS February 12, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lois Primas, Susan McMillan, Gail Rodwan, Kim Tandy, Walter Shapero, Valerie Leigh, Scott Wilson, Robert Gold, Richard Carson and Marcia Baum

Call to Order at 7:43 p.m. by President Lois Primas at the home of Valerie Leigh.

- II. Reading / Distribution of the Minutes of January 14, 2007. It was moved by Gail Rodwan and supported by Valerie Leigh that the minutes be approved as corrected. The Board meetings will return to 7:30 p.m. start time. Motion passed.
- III. Treasurer's Report. Sue McMillan presented the treasurer's report. Sue reported that 14 responses were received from a dues reminder mailed two weeks ago. There are currently 194 SFA members. It was moved by Kim Tandy and supported by Walter Shapero that the report be approved as presented. Motion passed.
- IV. President's Report and Correspondence: No report.
- V. Committee Reports:
  - A. Snow Removal:

Marcia Baum reported that the snow fall accumulation did not reach the threshold of 4" during this past month. The SFA snow removal contractor did not clear the streets during this period. Apparently, the City did make, on occasion, one pass down the center of many, but not all, of the streets within the neighborhood.
  - B. Real Estate / Community Representative:

Valerie Leigh distributed the recent listing of Sherwood Forest Acting, Pending Sale and Sold Residential Properties from the Multiple Listing.

Board members discussed the data and expressed concern about the uniquely low selling prices. The Board will continue to monitor the situation including any pending relevant state legislation. If there is legislation proposed that will address vacancy issues, the Board, after review, will go on record supporting the legislation.
  - C. Tattler:

Gail Rodwan will publish a *Tattler* this week. She will include a reminder regarding SFA association membership dues and Public Safety Patrol fees. The Board discussed two ways to distribute the newsletter: electronic and U.S. Mail. Gail reminded the Board that the decision was made at a previous meeting to transfer to an electronic distribution system. She will include a reminder of the new distribution process in the next *Tattler*.

D. Public Safety/Patrol Recruitment:

- The Board discussed providing an opportunity for non-patrol members to join at a special rate for the balance of the patrol fiscal year. Moved by Walter Shapero that we modify the number of hours of service. Supported by Scott Wilson. Motion passed.
- Scott Wilson reported on the status of an effort to form a four community multi-neighborhood security patrol service. He presented a comparison of three proposals. The next meeting of the group is March 3. He will update the Board at the next SFA board meeting.

E. New Residents / Welcoming Committee: Sue McMillan reported for Catherine Mayberry that a welcome tray was delivered to a new neighbor on Canterbury.

F. Block Captains: Kim Tandy reported that she is in the process of developing a new Block Captain program complete with mission statement and “job” descriptions. Sue McMillan will work with her on the project.

G. Legal: Walter Shapero and Lois Primas met with Deputy Director of Building & Safety to discuss follow up and inspection of vacant houses.

H. Meet & Greet and Annual Meeting:

A. Annual May Meeting – May 13

- Scott Wilson will ask that new SFA patrol service send a representative to the annual meeting.
- Kim Tandy reported that she contacted WARM and that they will provide a speaker. The presentation will address historical designation guidelines.

B. Social and Cultural

1. Richard Carson presented an idea for a SFA social event: a visit to the current exhibit at the African-American Museum and a reception for SFA residents. Moved by Kim Tandy and supported by Sue McMillan that Richard Carson explore the suggestion to host a reception and tour of the Catherine Blackwell exhibit at the Museum of African American History.
2. Richard reported that Wendy Baxter would like to repeat the neighborhood Garage Sale. He will ask her for a proposal of what she would like to do.
3. Meet & Greet. Kim Tandy spoke with Baker’s and Terry’s Florist about hosting a SFA Meet and Greet. She will discuss availability for a July event and report back to the Board at the March meeting.

I. Parks and Reforestation:

Scott Wilson reported for John Corvino that the City will be doing a spring planting of about 75

trees in our neighborhood, currently scheduled for April 25. In addition, forestry crews will be working in early March to clear remaining dead Ash trees and do some trimming. Brad Dick, Deputy Director, in the City Services Office, is interested in attending a SFA Board meeting to discuss our planting priorities.

J. 12<sup>th</sup> Precinct /University Commons:

- Kim Tandy distributed information on the Homeowners / Business Economic Forum scheduled on February 16 at the Lighthouse (New Prospect) at 19940 Livernois. The Forum will discuss the following issues: foreclosures (prevention, laws, alternatives), property taxes, grants for home and business repair.

VI. New Business

- A. General Membership May 13 Meeting: Task assignments were listed and reviewed by Board members.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Baum, Secretary

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**[www.sherwoodforestdetroit.org](http://www.sherwoodforestdetroit.org)**