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Tickets Are Still Available!

Dogman's Last Stand
February 11, 2012 – 8:00 PM

Presented by the University of Detroit Theatre Company
Performed at the Marygrove Theatre, 8425 West McNichols Road

For more details, please read the article below.

"The pit of a theatre is the one place
where the tears of virtuous and
wicked men alike are mingled."

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DENIS DIDEROT

Sherwood Forest Board Plans Night of Theatre

The setting for *Dogman's Last Stand*, the current production of The University of Detroit Theatre Company, is a front porch in a neighborhood unlike Sherwood Forest. However, the concerns of the main character, Dogman Thompson, may well resonate with some residents of our community. The performance takes place at the Marygrove Theatre, on the campus of Marygrove College, 8425 West McNichols Road.

In order to provide an opportunity for Sherwood Forest residents to meet and greet one another, Maurice Telesford, Social and Cultural Events Chair, has graciously offered his home as the site of a pre-performance reception. Maurice's address is 19600 Stratford. The reception begins at 6:00 pm and ends at 7:30 pm, leaving plenty of time for

guests to arrive at the theatre on time for the 8:00 pm performance. Maurice is offering appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages and invites guests to bring appetizers to share. Please call Maurice at 313-303-1046 to let him know that you plan to attend the reception.

Tickets are available to Sherwood Forest residents at the discounted price of \$10.00. To reserve your tickets, call the UDM Theatre box office directly at [313-993-3270](tel:313-993-3270). Mention that you live in Sherwood Forest and request the discounted price.

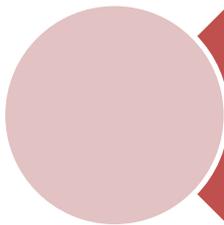
We know you won't want to miss this exceptional evening of theatre and neighborhood camaraderie.

Window For Property Tax Appeal Now Open

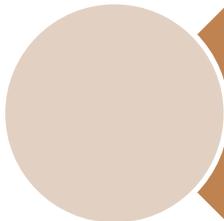
"People who complain about taxes can be
divided into two classes: men and
women." ~Author Unknown

The window for appeals to this year's property tax assessment is February 1 – 15. Therefore, residents should make plans **NOW** to begin the appeals process if they think their property taxes are too

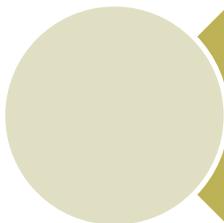
high. We offer the following timetable to assist residents in understanding the appeals process:



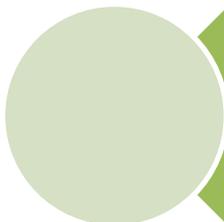
Begin by appealing to Detroit's Board of Assessors Review from February 1 - 15 to appeal assessments:
Room 804,
Coleman A. Young
Municipal Center



If you are not satisfied with the February Board of Assessors Review, you must then write to the Board of Review,
824 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, Detroit, MI 48226.
Your appeal must be received by the second Monday in March.



You will receive an appointment to appear before the Board of Review sometime between the first Monday in March and the first Monday in April.
You must appeal to the Board of Review to protect your right to appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.



If you are dissatisfied with the decision of the March Board of Review, you must write to
The Michigan Tax Tribunal,
PO Box 30232,
Lansing, MI 48909
Appeal must be received before June 30.

By now, residents should have received this year's assessment. If you have not received yours, contact the city's Assessment Division immediately at 313-224-3011.

Detroit Police Department Moves to Virtual Precincts

Many residents fear that "virtual precincts" will eliminate their ability to walk into precincts and speak with live officers. The following information, forwarded by Sergeant Bledsoe of the 12th Precinct Community Relations Office, should dispel

existing myths that have developed around the new philosophy:

Contrary to many reports, precincts **are not** shutting down from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm. There just will no longer be the same number of officers at the desk to take reports.

What is happening is this: A new "virtual precinct" is now in effect. (Think of it as a new "telephone precinct.")

- The Telephone Crime Reporting Unit (TCRU) has been expanded to handle calls at the **313-267-4600** number, in use for some years.
- Restricted duty police officers are handling calls until the new Telephone Crime Operators (TCO) are hired and trained.
- All calls to **267-4600** are recorded (and the expectation is that complaints about performance can be more effectively addressed).
- Stolen vehicle reports can now be made by phone. People who have had their vehicles stolen have long requested this. (Just be sure to have all your paperwork in hand when you call--insurance, registration, driver's license, financing papers, etc.)
- *Every precinct has had a new set of direct connect telephones installed in the lobby to minimize time spent waiting to make a report.*
- Calls can be made from any telephone.

The police department has been assessing the use of this idea at the Northeastern District for the past month. The following details were noted during this pilot project:

1. 70.5% reduction in emergency overtime.
2. 44.4 % increase in telephone reports of automobile accidents.
3. A significant increase in phone reports from week 1 to week 2 of the pilot project.
4. The heaviest call period is from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

5. Average wait time is 20 seconds
6. Call length--1 to 30 minutes, as necessary
7. 100-150 additional officers will now be available for "street" duty at no additional cost to the department
8. No complaints have been filed about the use of the Virtual Precinct system during its use at the Northeastern District



In order to help you understand how much planning has taken place before putting this system in place, you should be aware of the following, as well:

- New telephone prompts will be installed on the phone systems to improve the process
- Calls made to 911 that don't require response on scene by officers will be transferred to TCRU. *(This should help make people more comfortable if they aren't sure if a problem actually qualifies as an emergency).*
- Stations will still be open 24/7 for all other business. This includes visitation transfers of children (custodial to non-custodial parent), visits of lawyers and/or family to people being held at the precinct.
- Laid-off city employees are eligible to apply for the TCO positions.
- **ALL PRECINCTS ARE STILL “IN BUSINESS” AS COMMUNITY CENTERS FOR SCHEDULED MEETINGS.**
- A video explaining the “Virtual Precincts” is in development.
- At the March 8 community session of the Board of Police Commissioners, the department will present an update of the operation of this program.

Everyone involved in the implementation of this new plan is aware that there will be glitches. The department expects that very soon the glitches will be worked out.



DETROIT RECREATION CENTERS OFFER LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM

Don't swim but would love to learn how? The Detroit Recreation Department is currently offering Learn to Swim Programs at five Recreation Centers. The cost for the 10-week session is \$10 for two, one-hour sessions per week through March 16. Please call the various centers listed below for the Learn to Swim Program days, times and ages. Note: For each of the participating centers, swim lessons are offered during adult swim for 18-year-olds and older upon request, and annual center membership is required for all ages.

Adams Butzel, 10500 Lyndon - 628-0990

Kemeny, 2260 S. Fort - 628-0956

Coleman A. Young, 2751 Robert Bradby - 628-0998

Heilmann, 19601 Crusade - 224-9334

Patton, 2301 Woodmere - 628-2000

DETROIT SENIOR/CONSUMER ADVOCACY DIVISION TO HOST HEALTHY HEARTS EDUCATIONAL FORUM FEB. 14

The City of Detroit Department of Human Services, Senior/Consumer Advocacy Division, will host an educational forum on healthy hearts:

Tuesday, Feb. 14

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Northwest Activities Center - DeRoy Ballroom
18100 Meyers Road at Curtis

Please call [\(313\) 224-1000](tel:3132241000) to RSVP.

Neighbor to Neighbor



Occasionally, we are asked to publicize events of interest to Sherwood Forest residents. We continue to refrain from including commercial advertising for products or services offered to the general public for profit. However, we will use this space to advise Sherwood Forest residents about those events we judge to be of benefit to the city or our Sherwood Forest neighbors.

See a Great Play and Support Outstanding Music In Detroit

Neighbor Marcia Baum shared this information about an exceptional music program:

If you are planning to see “Burying the Bones,” directed by Woodbridge resident Leah Smith at the Detroit Repertory Theatre, **please consider attending the Friday, March 9, performance, which will help support The Fort Street Chorale.** The Chorale is a 70-plus-member group that performs major choral works and will present Antonin Dvorak’s “Stabat Mater” at Fort Street Presbyterian Church in downtown Detroit on May 6.

The Chorale is a non-profit organization that supports itself mostly through ticket sales, and all amounts paid over \$12 per ticket are tax-deductible. Non-singing volunteers are always welcome to lend their support to the organization. You can reach the Chorale at:

www.fortstreet.org/Music/Chorale/aboutchorale.html.

Tickets for the play are \$20 and include a reception with champagne and appetizers at 7:30. Curtain time is 8:30. The Detroit Repertory Theatre is located nearby at 13103 Woodrow Wilson.

For information and tickets call, please call Pam at [313-833-4959](tel:313-833-4959).

Sherwood Forest Association Meeting of the Board of Directors

Minutes For January 9, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kim Tandy, Robert Gold, Shirley Jackson, Gail Rodwan, Sue McMillan, Larry Jackson, Al Lewis, Maurice Telesford, Rollin Henderson and Marcia Baum

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. at the home of Al Lewis.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Shirley Jackson presented the secretary’s report. It was moved by Gail Rodwan and supported by Maurice Telesford that the minutes of December 12, 2011, be approved as corrected. Correction: at the December 12 meeting, the board elected Rollin Henderson SFA treasurer. Motion passed.

TREASURES’S REPORT: Susan McMillan presented the treasurer’s report. It was moved by Al Lewis and supported by Robert Gold that the report be accepted with recommended changes. Motion passed.

AUDIT REPORT: Gail Rodwan presented a draft of the board’s response to the auditor’s Management Letter, which included recommendations to update the Association’s accounting system and reassign some fiscal responsibilities. Gail’s report also addressed related matters including a draft of a SFA Conflict of Interest (COI) policy and Disclosure Statement.

It was moved by Robert Gold and supported by Maurice Telesford that the corrected response to the auditor’s recommendations be sent to Gregory Terrell to complete the audit.

ACTION: Gail Rodwan will make the corrections and send the document to Gregory Terrell.

It was moved by Rollin Henderson and supported by Shirley Jackson that the board adopt the draft COI policy. Motion passed

ACTION: Board members will complete and sign COI Disclosure statement and return electronically or bring hard copy to February meeting. The secretary will maintain a file of the signed documents.

Additional audit and related recommended tasks:

ACTION: Directors and Officers (D & O) Insurance – Kim Tandy and Rollin Henderson will investigate and provide quotes at next meeting.

ACTION: SFA bank accounts – Rollin Henderson will review existing accounts and make recommendation for changes as appropriate. Susan McMillan will facilitate change in signature cards to establish SFA president and vice-president as check signers. If the office of VP is vacant, the secretary will be added.

ACTION: Tax exempt status – Rollin Henderson will review and clarify tax exempt options and report on pros and cons as they impact SFA.

ACTION: Corporation Bylaws – the Legal Committee, led by Robert Gold, will begin reviewing existing SFA bylaws. Proposed revisions will be presented to the board in early 2012, after which they will be distributed to the membership for approval.

BUDGET REPORT: President Kim Tandy presented a draft working budget for the SFA 2011 – 2012 fiscal year ending May 30, 2012. After a comprehensive discussion of each committee expense and projected association revenue, the draft was modified.

ACTION: Prior to the February board meeting, Kim will send out for board member review the revised budget with the updated format recommended by treasurer, Rollin Henderson.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (SAD) Update: President Tandy reported that the governor has signed legislation that authorizes the creation of a SAD in Detroit. The legislation changed the population threshold from 750,000 to 600,000. The bill allows neighborhoods in Detroit that get the support of 51% of the property owners in their geographic areas to establish a SAD, which empowers homeowners to tax themselves in order to contract for private security service, snow removal and/or mosquito abatement. Next step, the Detroit City Council must approve a written ordinance. The Grandmont Rosedale community is working with the City Law Department to draft the ordinance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SNOW REMOVAL: No snow –

REAL ESTATE: Valerie Leigh electronically distributed the December 2011 Listing of Active, Pending Sale and Sold Residential Properties in Sherwood Forest under the Multi-Listing System.

TATTLER: Shirley Jackson reported that the next Tattler will include the following topics: 1) Theater Party scheduled for February 11; 2) repeat of street snow removal information; 3) security patrol survey; 4) information re audit and budget, which also will be available on the SFA website; 5) letter to the community.

ACTION: Shirley will research initiating a SFA neighbor-to-neighbor blog.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Gail Rodwan presented a patrol membership and financial report. Statements were sent to the 10 subscribers who pay semi-annually. Board members discussed feedback that they have received from patrol members along with their own experiences with the RECON officers and telephone staff. Some neighbors report seeing RECON unmarked cars while others report that they have not seen them. A video log provides a visual record of all stops and other activity. The board authorized president Tandy to meet with RECON to discuss areas of concern.

ACTION: President Tandy will speak with RECON about: 1) continued practice of leaving advertising circulars on front porches; 2) need for printed monthly incident reports; 3) specific concerns submitted by patrol members; 4) stepped up activity and reporting on patrol membership recruitment; 5) administrative/phone request response timing; 6) liability insurance naming SFA; 7) having RECON manager attend a SFA board meeting.

MEET AND GREET, SOCIAL EVENT COMMITTEE: Maurice Telesford presented plans for the February 11, 2012, SFA neighborhood reception and theater event. The performance, *Dogman's Last Stand*, will take place at the Marygrove Theater located at 8425 W. McNichols Rd. Sherwood Forest residents will be able to buy tickets for this performance at the reduced price of only \$10 per ticket. The pre-theater reception will take place at Maurice's home at 19600 Stratford from 6pm to 7:30pm He will be serving appetizers and non-alcoholic drinks. As suggested for our Meet and Greets in the past, neighbors are invited to bring appetizers to share. A separate postcard with event details will be mailed to all residents. The Tattler will also include information about the event. The plan was enthusiastically supported by board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Baum, Secretary