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NEW LIGHTS COMING TO SHERWOOD FOREST THIS FALL

At the annual meeting on May 13 at All Saints Church, residents heard from Charles Beckham, Director of the Department of Public Lighting, that new street lights will be installed throughout Sherwood Forest beginning around Labor Day. The work will take at least six to seven months to complete. The installation is part of a five million dollar project to replace 200 lights in Sherwood Forest and Green Acres.



Mr. Beckham With Lighting Plan

Mr. Beckham reported that on any given night in the city of Detroit approximately 90% of the street lights are working, but since there are 88,000 street lights in Detroit, this means that well over 8,000 lights are out on most nights. The problem is particularly acute in Sherwood Forest and Green Acres, where the lights we are now using were installed in 1911, 1917 and, most recently, in 1923. Our present lights are on one circuit, but our new lights will be part of a multiple-circuit system, where the loss of one light will not affect other lights on a circuit, as is happening now.



Wiring will be underground, and the style of the lamp posts will be consistent with our historic neighborhood, as shown in this sketch.

Mr. Beckham announced that the department has created a new C3 Customer Complaint Center in order to better respond to citizen complaints about malfunctioning street lights. All complaints now go to one 24-hour center, where they are prioritized. If you wish to make a complaint during regular business hours, you should still call 311. If you are not satisfied with the 311 response, or if you must call outside regular business hours, call the center directly at 224-0500. Use this same number to report that traffic signals are out.

Thanks to all who attended the May 13 meeting, with special thanks to Sherwood Forest Association board member Richard Carson, who organized the meeting, and to the many wonderful neighbors who helped in the kitchen during the potluck supper portion of the evening.

As always, we welcome your suggestions for topics and speakers for future membership meetings. We also welcome volunteers to help us with the work of our many standing committees.

THE ASSOCIATION IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD BOARD MEMBERS

Can you spare a few hours each month to help make Sherwood Forest the best neighborhood it can be? The Sherwood Forest Association is looking for a few new board members. To be eligible to serve on the board, one must:

- Be a Sherwood Forest resident
- Be a subscriber to both the Sherwood Forest Association and the Patrol Service
- Be available to attend board meetings on the second Monday evening of each month
- Be ready to serve as an active chairperson of one of our standing committees

If you are interested in this very rewarding work, please send a short letter telling a bit about yourself and the reasons you would like to serve on our board to:

Lois E. Primas
19710 Canterbury
Detroit, MI 49221

There are opportunities to work in many areas, and we will try to accommodate your special interests. If you have questions about what board membership entails, call Lois at 863-0167 or email plep1227@aol.com.

BARKING DOGS

Just a reminder that good neighbors do not leave barking dogs outside to mar the tranquility of our community. We have received complaints about neighbors who are leaving their dogs outside in their yards overnight, where barking is keeping others awake. Section 11 of the Sherwood Forest Property Restrictions states that all pet owners “shall comply with all laws and ordinances pertaining to the ownership and keeping” of household pets, and that includes not allowing pets to become nuisances with their barking.

JULY 1 BULK PICKUP

Just a reminder that there will be bulk pickup in Sherwood Forest on Tuesday, **July 1**. Also, from now until December, residents may dispose of yard waste every week on our regular trash collection day. Yard waste should be put in biodegradable paper bags and placed at the curb at least six feet away from the

Courville container. The City will not pick up yard waste if it is in plastic bags.

For a full explanation of trash collection in Sherwood Forest, go to www.sherwoodforestdetroit.org and look under the “Neighborhood News” section of the homepage.

THANKS TO NEIGHBORS WHO HAVE PLANTED FLOWERS THIS SUMMER

A special thank-you from the Reforestation Committee to the many residents who have planted flowers in our small pocket parks and around our Sherwood Forest signs. Our efforts have been supplemented this year by the City, which is maintaining and has planted annuals in Sherwood Park.

Your work, not only in planting, but in weeding, watering and picking up debris, is contributing so much to the beauty of Sherwood Forest this summer. We need more volunteers. If you can help, please call me at (313) 861-0979.

Complimenting work in the parks is an ongoing reforestation project. After an initial planting of trees last year, an additional 75 were planted on April 26, and 75 more are scheduled for planting in the fall. Many of those trees will be planted on Parkside. Please remember that all of the new trees that have been planted in the past year need about 15 gallons of water per week.

John Corvino
Chair, Reforestation Committee

VACANT HOMES

If you are moving and your home will be vacant for *any* period of time, please call and let us know when you are leaving and who will be maintaining the home while it is empty. We are working hard to assure that all vacant homes in the neighborhood are secure and well-maintained.

Please leave the information with Sue McMillan at (313) 862-6366.

SUMMER IN THE CITY

Detroit is alive with special events this summer. For more information about the events listed below, go to www.detroitmi.gov.

June 20-23 Detroit International River Day Festival at the River Walk

June 23 Downtown Fireworks

June 26-29 Detroit-Windsor International Film Festival

July 2-6 Comerica CityFest (former TasteFest) in the New Center area

July 11-13 Gold Cup Races on Detroit River

August 29-31 Grand Prix on Belle Isle

August 29-September 1 Detroit International Jazz Festival at Hart Plaza. Featured artists will include Dianne Reeves, Hank Jones, Gerald Wilson, Roy Hargrove, Ravi Coltrane, the Dizzy Gillespie Big Band and many others. See www.detroitjazzfest.com.

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SHERWOOD FOREST ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS April 14, 2008

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

VISITORS: Christina McCoy; Greening of Detroit, Community Liaison
Brad Dick; City of Detroit

Call to Order at 7:35 p.m. by President Lois Primas at the home of Susan McMillan.

- II. Reading / Distribution of the Minutes of March 10, 2008. It was moved by Richard Carson and supported by Kim Tandy that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion passed.
- III. Treasurer's Report. Sue McMillan presented the treasurer's report. The report was accepted as presented.
- IV. Committee Reports:
- A. Tattler: President Primas thanked Gail Rodwan for another excellent *Tattler*.
- B. Meet & Greet, Social and Cultural:
- Richard Carson provided an update on the Catherine Blackwell event. Moved by Richard Carson and supported by Kim Tandy that the Board approve \$600 for refreshments for the Catherine Blackwell exhibit and tour of the Museum of African American History. Motion passed.
- C. Media/Public Relations:

Kim Tandy reported that University Commons community event will take place on June 14. Each neighborhood association will have a 6 foot table for display and distribution of materials. Approximately 350 people are expected. The event will be held at U of D Mercy.

D. Property Maintenance:

- Robert Gold reported that many neighbors are in violation of property maintenance/bulk pick-up days.
- Kim Tandy will make a copy of the related *Tattler* article and facilitate distribution to homes that are in violation.

E. Public Safety Committee:

Scott Wilson reported on the status of combined neighborhood Security Patrol project. The SFA Board continues to be interested in the project. Scott will bring back information about governance. The Board will survey residents to determine which services would encourage increased patrol participation.

F. Annual Meeting:

President Primas reviewed task assignments. Gail Rodwan collected brief committee reports for distribution at the meeting.

G. 12th Precinct/University Commons:

Kim Tandy reported that a committee has been formed to meet with State Assessors and State Legislators to address the impact of high property taxes on the current home sales crisis.

H. Patrol

Gordon Rodwan will be sending out billing for the Patrol 2008 – 2009 fiscal year which begins June 1, 2008.

VI. Guest Presentations

Christina McCoy: Community Planting Liaison, Greening of Detroit
Brad Dick: Deputy Director General Services Dept., City of Detroit

Brad Dick: The City plants about 2,000 trees a year; 75 (5 or 6 varieties) this spring in Sherwood Forest. The City is partnering with Greening of Detroit to plant the trees. One week before the April 24, 2008 planting date, volunteers will mark the designated planting location and leave behind information about the planting. The information will also include watering instructions. SFA residents are encouraged to greet the youth volunteers. Mr. Pitt reported that approximately 100 ash trees were removed.

Brad Dick also reported that he is in charge of ground and park maintenance and offered to plant spring bulbs and perennials in our passive parks. The board enthusiastically accepted his offer.

V. New Business – No new business.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Baum, Secretary