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SUMMER MEET AND GREET TO BE HELD JULY 10 AT SHERBOURNE HOME OF SHERRI AND GARY BROWN

Please join us on Saturday afternoon, July 10, for a Meet and Greet at the 3333 Sherbourne home and garden of Sherri and Gary Brown. Our summer Meet and Greets are a highlight of the season, and we thank the Browns for opening their beautiful home to their Sherwood Forest neighbors.

Please bring a dish to share. The Browns will provide soft drinks; you are welcome to bring your own wine. Mark your calendar now, and we will see you on July 10.

If you have questions or would like to host a fall Meet and Greet at your home, contact Dan Clarkson at 864-2399 or events@sherwoodforestdetroit.org.



BEAUTIFUL PARKS

Did you know that Warrington resident Ernest Thompson is maintaining our pocket parks this summer? Ernest's considerable talents as a gardener are evident in the photos in this *Tattler*. The three photos were taken at the Livernois walk-through where Chesterfield comes to an end at Warrington. This area has never looked so beautiful!

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Residents packed All Saints Church on the evening of May 11 for a delicious potluck supper followed by remarks from President Pro Tem of the Detroit City Council, and Sherwood Forest resident, Gary Brown.

Gary talked about how difficult it will be for our city to move forward unless we first find a way to balance our city budget. He commended Mayor Bing for making substantial reductions in the proposed city budget, but expressed the opinion that the Mayor's cuts were not enough. (Subsequent to our May 11 meeting, Council voted to cut an additional \$31.8 million from the budget, the Mayor vetoed the cuts, and Council then overrode the Mayor's veto. Discussions on the budget, and proposed budget cuts, are ongoing.)

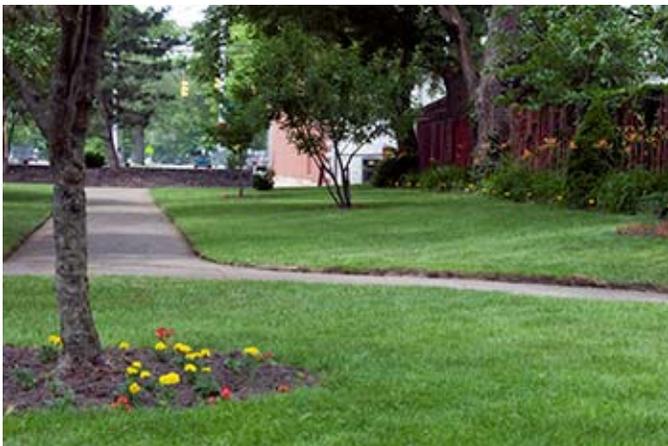
Gary stressed that the city currently is not in a position to go forward with the announced plan to replace all street lighting in Sherwood Forest and Green Acres. We will have to make due with the old lighting system for awhile longer.

Gary also explained his then-proposed ordinance for the “Second Employment Program,” under which off-duty Detroit police officers will be permitted to do private security work while in uniform and using a police squad car. Officers will be paid an hourly rate, and a modest user fee will be paid to the city to cover the administrative costs of the program. It is the expectation of City Council that this program will be affordable to neighborhood associations such as ours, and that off-duty police officers will provide more effective security than unarmed, and less trained, private security services.

Just a few days after our meeting, on May 18, City Council passed the ordinance. The Detroit Police Department is now in the process of working with the unions and the Board of Police Commissioners to develop final policies and procedures. It is expected that the Board of Police Commissioners will hold hearings to give citizens the opportunity to share their ideas about how the program should be implemented.

Our thanks to Gary Brown for his work on the “Second Employment Program” and for his informative remarks at the May 11 meeting.

At the meeting we recognized new residents who have moved into Sherwood Forest in the past year, thanked our security patrol service for its increased visibility and vigilance in recent months, and enjoyed one of best potluck suppers in recent memory. Our special thanks to neighbors who volunteered to work in the kitchen that evening, and to Dan Clarkson, the chair of our Special Events Committee, who planned the evening’s program.



WE MAY NOT GET NEW STREET LIGHTS, BUT WE CAN LIGHT UP THE FOREST WITH OUR OWN OUTDOOR LIGHTING

We now know there is no money in the city budget to fund the long-planned replacement of street lights in Sherwood Forest and Green Acres. That doesn’t mean our streets must be unsafe and shrouded in darkness. While we don’t mean to suggest that the efforts of individual homeowners can ever replace a good system of street lighting, there is a lot we *can* do as neighbors to make sure that Sherwood Forest is not in the dark in months and years to come.

There is a variety of effective and affordable outdoor lighting, including solar powered lighting, available for installation by individual homeowners. If you drive around the neighborhood at night, you will see that some blocks are well-lighted even when the street lights are out, while others have long stretches of darkness. That is because some neighbors have installed carefully-placed outdoor lighting, while other neighbors never even turn on a porch light.

Since we must find a way to live with an inadequate public lighting system, at least for the foreseeable future, we urge all residents who have not yet done so to install some type of lighting on the outside of their homes and garages.

GOOD NEWS ABOUT GOOD NEIGHBORS

More than one neighbor nominated **ERIC BLOUNT** to be our “good neighbor” of the month, and that is hardly surprising. Eric has distinguished himself on his Renfrew block and beyond as a person whose sense of community translates into a more visibly beautiful Sherwood Forest. During the months that renovation was occurring at the new home of Kim and William Tandy on Renfrew, for example, Eric kept the Tandy family updated whenever he saw unfamiliar vehicles or other signs of possibly suspicious activity at the house. The Tandys want to thank Eric publicly for his assistance and concern.

Eric serves as a vacant home monitor, but he has never confined his talents to maintaining a yard at just one vacant home. His love for Renfrew, and for all of Sherwood Forest, propels him to assist his neighbors whenever they need help in maintaining their property.

He is a problem-solver, who, with his wife Verladia, brings a “can-do” spirit to every neighborhood issue that arises.

Thanks you, Eric, for being our Sherwood Forest “Good Neighbor” for the month of June.

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

SHERWOOD FOREST AWARDED SMALL GRANT TO MAINTAIN VACANT PROPERTIES

The Community Legal Resources Detroit Vacant Properties Campaign has awarded a modest grant to Sherwood Forest to maintain our vacant properties. Small stipends are available to residents who expend funds to maintain vacant homes. The money cannot be used to pay professional contractors. One suggestion is that we install outdoor lighting around some of our vacant homes, but no firm decision has been made on this. If you think you may be eligible for a stipend or have a suggestion for how this money should be spent, please contact Sherwood Forest Association president Kim Tandy at president@sherwoodforestdetroit.org.

BULK COLLECTION DATE REMINDER

We will have bulk pickup twice more in 2010, on **July 1 and October 1**. You may place up to one cubic yard of bulk at your curb no earlier than the evening before the collection date. Yard waste will continue to be picked up on our regular Thursday collection dates.

Again, we remind residents that if there is a holiday during the week, trash will be picked up on Friday rather than Thursday (unless the holiday falls on a Friday). This is a rule that many of us routinely forget.

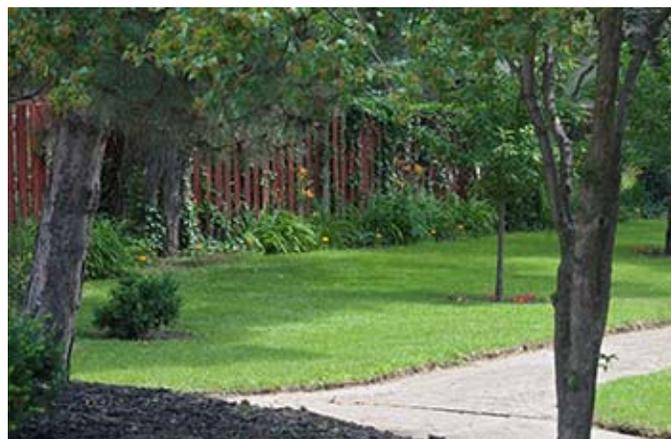
WE WILL WELCOME PROSPECTIVE HOME BUYERS TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 26

The 12th Precinct Neighborhood Coalition, in conjunction with University Commons, University of Detroit Mercy and Commissioner Keith Williams, will conduct the third annual Home and Neighborhood

“Baker’s Dozen” Home Tour on Saturday, June 26. Vacant home tours will be conducted from noon-4 pm, followed by an Afterglow from 4-6 pm. Participants in the tours will meet at the Livernois entrance to the University of Detroit Mercy at noon.

The purpose of the home tour is twofold: to introduce prospective home buyers to 13 neighborhoods in this part of the city and to showcase some of the wonderful, historic vacant homes available in each neighborhood. Participating neighborhoods are Bagley, Blackstone, Detroit Golf Club, Fitzgerald, Green Acres, Greenwich Park, Martin Park, Oak Grove, Palmer Woods, Pilgrim Village, Sherwood Forest, University District and Winship Community.

The cost is \$5 per person. To register, call 313-861-9626 or email kimtandy@universitycommonsdetroit.org.



SUMMER IN THE CITY

There are so many wonderful things going on in our city and our neighborhood this summer. Here are just a few of them:

June 24-27 Detroit-Windsor International Film Festival – This year’s third annual film festival will be held on the campus of Wayne State University. To see the film schedule, go to DWIFF.org. One of the films, “Grown in Detroit,” is about an urban garden being managed by a public school of pregnant and parenting teens. “Grown in Detroit” is creating a lot of “buzz.”

June 25-27 Jazz Fest in the Woods – Three days of jazz concerts will be held at the Frank Lloyd Wright house in Palmer Woods. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Go to <http://palmerwoods.org/music-in-homes> for details and to buy tickets or call 313-891-2514.

June 26-27 Reopening Party for Children’s Museum – The Detroit Children’s Museum, the third oldest such museum in the country, has been shuttered for approximately a year, but is reopening with a block party. The museum is located at 6134 Second Avenue, near Wayne State University, and the June 26-27 celebration is free. There will be music, science shows, face painting, arts and crafts, the Eastern Market Farmers’ Market and performances by the Grateful Dads.

June 26 “Baker’s Dozen” Home and Neighborhood Tour (see above article).

August 1 University District Community Association Home and Garden Tour. Details to follow.

August 7 Jazz on the Ave. Details to follow.

**SHERWOOD FOREST ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 12, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kim Tandy, Susan McMillan, Dan Clarkson, Catherine Mayberry, Luther Bradley, Valerie Leigh, John Corvino, Al Lewis and Marcia Baum
GUESTS: Councilman Gary Brown and Sidney Bogan, Chief of Staff

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

- II. Reading / Distribution of the Minutes of March 8, 2010. It was moved by Luther Bradley and supported by John Corvino that the minutes of March 8, 2010, be approved as presented. Motion passed.
- III. Treasurer’s Report. Sue McMillan presented the Treasurer’s Report. It was moved by Al Lewis and supported by Luther Bradley, that the treasurer’s report be approved as presented. Motion passed.
- IV. President’s Report/Correspondence

President’s Report:

- President Tandy asked Councilman Brown to discuss current City Council issues and priorities including suggestions for items to be included in his comments to the entire community at the SFA May Annual Meeting. The budget and the challenge to “right size” the city along with the ever present focus on support of neighborhoods were among discussed topics. Councilman Brown introduced his chief of staff, Sidney Bogan.

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 Sherbourne. Ernest Thompson left a welcome card for the new neighbors on Canterbury.
- B. Communications/Tattler Gail Rodwan, unable to attend the meeting, submitted a written report: She plans to produce a Tattler after receiving the following information: logistics and assignments for the annual neighborhood cleanup scheduled for May 1 and the annual May 11, membership meeting. E-mail reminders will be sent for both events as well as a post card for the Annual Meeting and outdoor signs for the meeting. Gail will also bring committee descriptions to the annual meeting.

- C. Sherwood Forest Association and Sherwood Forest Patrol Membership Fiscal Plan In her report to the board, Gail noted that Gordon will mail the new dues forms to all residents in advance of the annual meeting. He also will email copies of the forms to everyone on the email list. Gordon plans to spend 3-4 minutes at the meeting talking about PayPal and the new dues payment system.
- D. Real Estate/Community Representative Valerie Leigh distributed the April 2010, the listing of active, pending sale, and sold residential properties multi-listing system. The board discussed the need for an up to date SFA package of information for use by real estate and human resources personnel. Valerie, Catherine Mayberry and Kim Tandy will meet to put together a draft package to be presented at the next board meeting.
- E. Property Maintenance/City Services Al Lewis reported that plans for Motor City Makeover scheduled for May 1, are in place. Logistics and tools including dumpsters, bags and gloves were discussed. Gail Rodwan will take care of event communications as outlined in her report.
- F. Public Safety/Patrol Chair, Luther Bradley reviewed the issues and requests that were outlined in a letter to Gallagher Security. Ed, Langewicz, Operations Manager for Gallagher Security, in a letter to board member and resident manager, Lois Primas, outlined the Checking in Procedures, Responsibilities and Communication Procedures that were posted for the patrol agents working in Sherwood Forest. He explained that all agents have been informed of the changes and asked that he be informed of any other concerns or questions that we may have related to the patrol service. Changes in patrol agent activities have already been noted. Luther will send a letter to Gallagher Security letting Langewicz know that we are pleased with the services especially those of agent Della.
- G. Meet and Greet/Cultural Dan Clarkson presented the agenda for the May 11, annual meeting and discussed individual task assignments. All is in order and ready for the event.
- H. Parks, and Reforestation/Historic Valerie Leigh and John Corvino Ernest Thompson has asked for support from the board to purchase equipment and materials (seed, fertilizer, etc) to be used to maintain our passive parks. He will be in touch with the Greening of Detroit. The board authorized the expenditure of up to \$300. Kim Tandy reported that she attend a Detroit Historic District Commission board meeting. A Home Preservation Fair is planned for April 24, 2010
- 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