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## [WWW.SHERWOODFORESTDETROIT.ORG](http://WWW.SHERWOODFORESTDETROIT.ORG)

Sherwood Forest has a new website, and we invite everyone to check it out. Here is what some of our neighbors have been telling us about the new website:

“I’ve just visited the website and must say I am very impressed with it. The website is beautiful and informative. I especially enjoyed the history and, of course, the ‘This Old House’ listing.”

“I just reviewed the new website and I think it is wonderful. The homes that are highlighted are a true representation of the beautiful craftsmanship our community offers.”

“Nice work!”

“It looks good and is easy to use.”

“Your work on the website is exceptional. Thank you very much.”

“It looks great, and it does not have all the advertising the old one did.”

“I enjoyed the photographs showing various houses and architectural features. The site was easy to navigate and logical in layout.”

The Board of Directors of the Sherwood Forest Association hopes you will agree that our new website is a real improvement. It has more useful information and more pictures than our old site had. You can quickly access a list of Sherwood Forest Association board members and their committee responsibilities, the “This Old House” list and the Business Directory. You can print out Association and Patrol membership forms, property restrictions and back issues of the *Tattler*. In the “history” section, you can click on your own address and find the historical name of your home and the year it was built.

In addition to information on the website, residents on the email list receive regular email notices of neighborhood news as it happens. At present, fewer than half of our residents have provided their email addresses, and, as a result, they are missing out on vital neighborhood news. Soon we will phase out the mailing of hard copies of the *Tattler*, which is now so easily available on-line. **Please make sure that you maintain your vital communication link with your community by sending your email address today to: [rodwan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rodwan@sbcglobal.net). The Sherwood Forest email list is not shared with any other organization, not even with other neighbors.**

## **SUMMER JAZZ CONCERT**

Two residents deserve special thanks for their contributions to the August 13 Summer Jazz Concert in the Park: Ron Kischuk, for securing the wonderful quartet of musicians, led by Charlie Gabriel, and Al Greene, Jr., the chairman of our Social Events Committee, for organizing the event. Those of us who attended to concert will long remember the extraordinary music of that beautiful afternoon.

## **TRICK-OR-TREATING IN SHERWOOD FOREST ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31**

If you want to have trick-or-treaters come to your home on Tuesday, October 31, leave your front porch light on between the hours of 6-8 p.m. We ask that children trick-or-treat only during those hours and that adults accompany them.

Please park cars in your garage or driveway on Angels' Night and on Halloween, and remind guests to park in your driveway rather than on the street. Drive carefully and watch out for young children in costume.

With everyone's cooperation, we look forward to another happy Halloween celebration in Sherwood Forest.

## **EIGHT MILE – WOODWARD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

In conjunction with the cities of Detroit and Ferndale, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will do reconstruction and resurfacing this fall in the Eight Mile-Woodward Avenue area. The project consists of bridge and road improvements on Woodward from Jewell to Winchester Streets and on Eight Mile from Durham to west of Hilton Street.

The Woodward-Eight Mile intersection will receive safety improvements including decorative lighting, rehabilitation of historic bridge railings and guardrails, new signs and a new concrete barrier wall. The area will get new landscaping, colored and stamped crosswalks, art panels and an historic marker explaining the history of the bridge.

Reconstruction of the bridge over Eight Mile and preparation for road resurfacing have begun, and

motorists currently are unable to turn north onto Woodward from eastbound Eight Mile Road. Water main construction on the eastbound Eight Mile service drive is slated to begin in January or February of 2007. The entire project should be completed by spring of 2007.

The many Sherwood Forest residents who travel regularly through this intersection can get project updates by calling the MDOT hotline at 1-800-270-5654.

## **MEDIAN RECONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN ON LIVERNOIS**

Work has begun on the first phase of a project to create a boulevard on Livernois between Six and Eight Mile Roads. Federal funds were awarded for this project, which will reduce the lanes of traffic and, it is hoped, reduce traffic accidents as well.

All direct left turns out of the neighbor will be eliminated and replaced with "Michigan lefts." At Six and Seven Mile roads, only buses will be permitted to make direct left turns. Some current traffic lights will be eliminated and replaced with traffic lights operated by push-button, allowing pedestrians to stop traffic in order to cross Livernois. Originally, the median was to extend across Outer Drive. Revised plans call for the median to be open there, allowing direct left turns onto northbound Livernois from eastbound Outer Drive. Only emergency vehicles will be allowed to make direct left turns from Livernois onto Outer Drive. Other vehicles will be directed to a cut just south of St. Martins to make a Michigan left.

While grass will be planted on the median strip, there are no funds for landscaping. A separate funding source must be sought for this purpose.

The work is being done by the Traffic Engineering Division of the Department of Public Works. Call (313) 224-1610.

## **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

Although there are opportunities to work in many areas, the board is especially interested in finding someone to chair the Reforestation and Public Safety committees. If you have questions about what board membership entails, call Lois at 863-0167.

### **FOCUS: HOPE WALK 2006 SLATED FOR OCTOBER 8**

This annual event to overcome racism, poverty and injustice will be held on Sunday, October 8. There will be a new, shorter, walking route and more entertainment and activities for children. For detailed information about Walk 2006, go to [www.focushope.edu](http://www.focushope.edu).

### **TRASH PICKUP REMINDER**

In a week where a holiday falls on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, trash pickup in Sherwood Forest will be on **Friday**. Many residents seem to have forgotten this rule, and are putting their curbside containers at the curb on Wednesday night during holiday weeks, most recently during the week with Labor Day on Monday.

**In an effort to keep all residents apprised of what the Board of Directors is doing on behalf of the neighborhood, we reprint below the minutes of the July board meeting. Please note that our board does not meet in August:**

## **SHERWOOD FOREST ASSOCIATION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS July 10, 2006**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lois Primas, Gail Rodwan, SueMcMillan, Linda Jones, Walter Shapero, Robert Gold, Michele Davis, Valerie Leigh, Marcia Baum

### **GUESTS:** Larry Dickens-Warrington

I. Call to order at 7:50 p.m. by President Lois Primas at the home of Robert Gold

II. Reading/Distribution of the Minutes of June 12, 2006

It was moved by Walter Shapero and supported by Michele Davis that the minutes be approved as presented.

III. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer, Susan McMillan, presented the monthly treasurer's report. The report was accepted as presented.

IV. President's Report/Correspondence:

A. Correspondence

- Sue McMillan presented a survey conducted by Detroit Historic Neighborhoods Coalition. Board members helped complete the questionnaire. Copy of survey attached to file minutes.

B. President's Report

- President Primas facilitated a discussion about SFA passive park maintenance. Services include cutting the lawn, bagging and removal of debris, edging the walk way, etc. It was moved by Gail Rodwan and supported by Michele Davis that we approve the landscaping contract from Shrubs-R-Us adding a request that Canterbury Park be cleaned within a 3-day period prior to August 13, 2006. The motion passed. Walter will call Shrubs-R-Us and sign the contract on behalf of the Association.

V. Guest Presentation, Larry Dickens

Mr. Dickens presented a position report on “Gated Communities, Access Control Issues”. The plan calls for entry in the neighborhood from Seven Mile on Parkside. It also includes cement traffic bollards on all streets on Pembroke. It is proposed that the Seven Mile entry include a guard booth at the entrance. When questioned, Mr. Dickens explained that there are ways to address emergency access issues. He estimated that the cost to set up the project would be \$94,600, approximately \$350 per household. Mr. Dickens suggested that it would be appropriate for the SFA Board, in its leadership role, to poll the residents to determine interest in the project.

Next Steps: Linda Jones will send a letter to Mr. Dickens asking for the following information:

- Documentation of legal authorization from the city of Detroit
- Annual maintenance cost for security and infrastructure
- Breakdown of \$94,600 original cost.

VI. Items for Discussion and/or Action

A. Membership Dues

- It was moved by Marcia Baum and supported by Gail Rodwan that SFA association dues be changed from \$45 to \$55 per household with a description of how additional income will be used. After discussion, the motion passed. The increase will be effective October 1, 2006; Gail and Michele will develop explanation for the increase and include it in the next billing statement.

B. Thoughts and Recommendations from Board Member Ron Kischuk

- President Primas presented correspondence from Ron Kischuk (file copy attached). The letter explained

Ron’s recommendation that it might be time for the Board to review its operating structure, activities and priorities. Board members discussed suggestions to restructure committee responsibilities and focus.

C. Crain’s Detroit Business Neighborhood Magazine Supplement

- The Board discussed Crain’s proposed August 21, “Living and Investing in the D” supplement and special “neighborhood visit” project. Given the short lead-time, Gail Rodwan and Sue McMillan will investigate and get back to the President with a recommendation. Board members suggested that this would be an excellent opportunity to “kick off” the SFA neighborhood marketing initiative.

D. SFA Summer Jazz in the Park Concert

- Al Greene reported on the plans for the August 13, Jazz Concert. It was moved by Gail Rodwan and supported by Robert Gold that the Board authorize \$1,150 for concert expenses. Motion passed.

VI. Committee Reports.

Given the time allocated for the guest presentation and Special Action Items, the following written reports were distributed:

- Real Estate – SFA Home Sales
- Patrol – SFA crimes for June 1, to July 9
- Patrol – Membership and Budget

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Baum, Secretary