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## ALL ABOUT HALLOWEEN

### TRICK-OR-TREATING IN THE FOREST ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

If you want trick-or-treaters to come to your home on Wednesday, 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 Halloween Night, 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 this year.

### TREATS IN THE STREETS: OCTOBER 28 PARTY AT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The Detroit Historical Museum's Streets of Old Detroit will be the scene of a Halloween party for children on Sunday, October 28, from 2-4 p.m. Admission to the museum is free for all children who come in costume. This annual trick-or-treat party for families will feature a magician, crafts and – of course – delicious old-time candies. For more information, call 313-833-1805, ext.1.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ANGELS' NIGHT

Last year, an unprecedented 60,000 citizens participated in Angels' Night, the campaign to keep our city safe. This year, the City is asking residents of Sherwood Forest to volunteer in a variety of ways.

Angels' Night begins at 6:00 p.m. on October 29 and continues until dawn on November 1. We are invited to make monetary donations, in-kind contributions (bottled water, pop, coffee, tea, ice candy, etc), logistical support, and the contribution of our time by watching abandoned houses and commercial structures during this three-day initiative. At the very least, every one of us can keep this tradition of volunteerism alive by turning our porch lights on and leaving them on all night during this period. Even those who are not official volunteers should pay particular attention to all vacant homes in our neighborhood.

For more information, call the Angels' Night Hotline at 313-628-2689 or go to [www.angelsnight.org](http://www.angelsnight.org).



## OCTOBER 20TH TREE-PLANTING

The City, in conjunction with The Greening of Detroit, will be planting trees in parts of Sherwood Forest on October 20. This is just the first phase of a long-range plan to replace lost ash trees and fill in other empty spots in the curb strips.

The first phase will focus on the area bordered by Canterbury, Stratford, and Pembroke and will include about 75 trees. Keep in mind that plans are under way for additional tree removals as well as re-forestation in the future.

The planting will be done by volunteers; those wishing to help should contact The Greening of Detroit: 237-TREE.

Trees are a crucial part of the character of our community. They shade us in the summer; protect us from harsh winds in winter; enhance air quality and beautify our neighborhood all year round. We encourage all residents to accept the trees that the City is offering and to water them according to the instructions provided. (10-15 gallons of water once a week, except during the dormant season, for the first three years; supplemental watering will be done by the Green Corp. of The Greening of Detroit during the summer months for the first couple years.)

Also, be sure to express your gratitude to the volunteers who are giving up a Saturday in order to enhance our neighborhood. Let's keep the "Forest" in Sherwood Forest!

John Corvino  
Reforestation Committee

## LIVING IN THE "D"

On September 20, *Crain's Detroit Business* held its second annual Crain's House Party, an evening when Detroiters across the city open their homes to residents of the metropolitan area who want to learn more about living in our city's many vibrant neighborhoods. The House Party is intended to showcase and support neighborhoods and generate interest in living in the "D." The homeowners of three lovely Berkeley houses opened their homes for the House Party. Our thanks to Michele Davis and Shannon Munn, Lana and Carl Hardin and Dave Vanstone and Dan Clarkson for their

generous hospitality, as well as to the many neighbors who helped them prepare for the parties. The Berkeley homes shone, and the guests to our community were duly impressed. Those in attendance left the Berkeley houses to continue the festivities in the Wintergarden of the Renaissance Center, where Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and *Crain's* publisher Mary Kramer, among others, talked about the advantages of living, working and investing in our city.

## FOCUS: HOPE'S 33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL WALK FOR DIVERSITY

The music of Motown will be just one of the attractions at Focus: HOPE'S 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Walk for Diversity on Sunday, October 7. The Contours of "Do You Love Me?" fame will headline entertainment that will precede a two-mile walk through the neighborhood just south of the Focus: HOPE Oakman Boulevard campus. There will be grilled food, activities for children and a short 12:30 p.m. program hosted by Charles Pugh of FOX 2. The walk will begin at 1:00 p.m.

For more information about the walk, visit [www.focushope.edu](http://www.focushope.edu).

## SPECIAL ZOO TOURS FOR SHERWOOD FOREST RESIDENTS

Herbert Dipple, a Sherwood Forest resident and longtime docent at the Detroit Zoo, has offered to give his Sherwood Forest neighbors a personalized zoo tour or tours. The zoo is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily through the end of October, and you can arrange for a morning or afternoon, weekday or weekend, tour for your family or any group of neighbors up to 12 people. A tour can be tailored for walkers or for those who prefer to see the zoo from the zoo train.

The zoo's park setting is especially beautiful in autumn, and this is a good time to see several new exhibits. If you have not seen the zoo's Arctic Ring of Life, you are in for a special treat because this exhibit has been widely lauded as one of the best of its kind in the world. You will walk through a tunnel underneath 300,000 gallons of salt water to see a variety of arctic animals, including polar bears.

If you would like to arrange for your own zoo tour, call Herbert Dipple at 313-861-3117.

## **PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS CITY BUDGET**

Sherwood Forest residents are invited to attend a meeting to discuss the city budget at 6:00 p.m. on October 23 at the Northwest Activities Center at 18100 Meyers at Curtis. Representatives of the following departments will be present: Budget, Fire, Public Lighting, Health, Public Works, Police and Recreation. The representatives of these departments will discuss continuing fiscal challenges and major departmental changes. Time will be reserved for public comment.

You will be asked to complete a citizen survey at the meeting, or you can complete the survey online by going to [www.ci.detroit.mi.us](http://www.ci.detroit.mi.us).

## **TRASH COLLECTION**

Just a reminder than when a holiday falls on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, our trash collection day will be on Friday, not Thursday. During the week of the recent Labor Day holiday, approximately one-quarter to one-third of our residents put their courvilles out on Wednesday night or Thursday morning, although our collection day was not until Friday. This seems to happen every week there is a holiday, even though this schedule has been in place for *years*. The applicable holidays are: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Our next bulk day will be on December 7. Please remember that cardboard boxes cannot be put out as bulk unless they have been flattened. On regular trash day, yard waste must be placed at least **six feet** away from our courville containers. Some resident who have placed paper containers of yard waste against the sides of their courvilles have been unhappily surprised to discover that the DPW trucks have skipped their homes completely.

For a full explanation of regular and bulk pickup rules, go to [www.sherwoodforestdetroit.org](http://www.sherwoodforestdetroit.org), and click on the "trash" section at the bottom of the home page. You will find a link to the City of Detroit web page, which also contains a section on trash collection.

**REMINDER:** If you received this *Tattler* through the

mail rather than on-line, you are reading an abbreviated edition of the newsletter. You are not only missing out on the complete *Tattler*, you are also missing news of neighborhood interest that is sent to email subscribers on a regular basis. Remember that the *Tattler* is published only six times a year, but things are happening in the community everyday that you will know about if you are on our email list. We do not share your email address with *anyone*, including other people in the neighborhood. Please send your email address to [Rodwan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Rodwan@sbcglobal.net), and tell us that you are ready to receive your *Tattler* electronically.

## **MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2007, MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SHERWOOD FOREST ASSOCIATION**

Members Present: Lois Primas, Linda Jones, Catherine Mayberry, Scott Wilson, Robert Gold, Kim Tandy, Sue McMillan, Valerie Leigh, Gail Rodwan

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. at the home of Linda Jones.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were accepted as presented.

We have been notified that the City Planning Commission is seeking six members for its Citizen Review Committee. Interested board members are invited to apply.

The president of the Golf Club Neighborhood Association has called a meeting for next Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Detroit Golf Club to discuss issues of mutual concern in five surrounding communities: Sherwood Forest, Palmer Woods, University District, Golf Club and Green Acres. Lois Primas, Kim Tandy and Gail Rodwan will attend on behalf of the Sherwood Forest Association and report back at our October board meeting.

It was agreed that we will experiment with changing the starting time of our monthly meetings from 7:30 to 7:00. At our January 2008 meeting, we will revisit the question of whether to make permanent the 7:00 starting time.

Lois Primas announced that election of officers will take place at the October meeting, and she encouraged

members who have not served as officers to consider volunteering for one of the four positions. If you would like to serve as an officer, please notify Gail Rodwan before the October meeting, as she is responsible for developing a slate of candidates.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Real Estate:** Valerie Leigh distributed “Listings of Active, Pending Sale and Sold Residential Properties” in Sherwood Forest and instructed us on how to interpret the data contained in the handout.

**University Commons:** Kim Tandy reported that beautification plans for the Livernois median are being developed, and she should have detailed information to present at our next meeting.

**Membership:** After discussion, it was determined that we should return to our old, less costly, billing form for the October billing for Sherwood Forest Association membership, with the addition to the form of our web address. The form that we used last year, explaining how our dues money is used, is posted on our web page.

**Patrol:** Scott Wilson reported that he and Walter Shapero have been researching various patrol services. A discussion ensued on how we will attract and charge new patrol members in the middle of the fiscal year, and the consensus was that we should charge at a prorated amount of \$30 per month, with a yet-to-be-determined cut-off date for joining. Scott and Walter will report back to us at the October meeting regarding their discussions with potential providers.

**Old Business:** Sue McMillan reported that Crain’s “Living in the D” party will be held on September 20, and three Berkeley homes will be open. Neighbors who have agreed to open their homes for the party are requesting the help and support of board members. Scott Wilson agreed to arrange to have the lawn cut at a vacant home on Canterbury sometime prior to September 20.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Rodwan  
(acting in the absence of secretary Marcia Baum)