The Annual Meeting of the Sherwood Forest Association will be held on Wednesday, May 17, at New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church, 6330 Pembroke at Livernois. As is our tradition, meeting participants are asked to contribute to a potluck supper that will commence promptly at 6:00 pm. We will begin room set up at 5:00 pm and encourage residents to begin placing their dishes on the serving table between 5:45 pm and 6:00 pm. Please bring enough of your favorite dish to serve 8-10 people. Everything else will be provided.

Although there may be parking spaces on the street, there is a fenced parking lot just west of the church and directly across the street from the church on Stoepel.

The annual meeting is always a special evening of friendship and community, where long time residents and new neighbors are able to connect over food and conversation and receive updates about matters vital to our community. Please save the date and plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you.

The Agenda

6:00 - 6:45 Welcome, Invocation, Supper
6:45 - 8:00 Business Meeting
8:00 - 8:20 Questions and Answers
8:20 Adjournment
Sherwood Forest Panel Set To Share Thoughts About Community Strength and Lessons Learned

The Detroit Historical Society is honoring Sherwood Forest by making our neighborhood the focus of the April 19 program in its 2018 Third Thursday Speakers Series. This ongoing series of monthly talks highlights Detroit’s history, with emphasis on multicultural perspectives, social justice, civil rights and related topics. The talks are held from 6-8 p.m. in the auditorium of the Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward Avenue. The entire program will be presented by Sherwood Forest residents. There is an important role for every resident of Sherwood Forest in this event, and we ask you to mark your calendar now and plan to join the conversation at the museum on April 19. The topic of the evening will be:

**What Sherwood Forest Knows Now: One Hundred Years of Surviving and Thriving as a Detroit Neighborhood**

You will remember that during our centennial celebration last year, the Sherwood Forest Association published a book on the history of our neighborhood. The book, *The Story of Sherwood Forest: One Hundred Years a Detroit Neighborhood*, published by Gail Rodwan, chronicles the challenges our residents have faced through the decades and demonstrates that in the process of confronting those challenges we have learned a lot about how to keep a neighborhood strong and viable. A panel of residents will share what we have learned with Detroiters from all over the city and invite them to share with us what is working for them in their own communities.

This will *not* be a lecture. It will be a discussion of where neighborhoods have been and where they are going as we move forward together in this new era in Detroit’s history. What works and what doesn’t work? What do we need most from city government, business leaders and our own residents, and how do we get it?

This Third Thursday event is a wonderful opportunity to showcase Sherwood Forest and at the same time build bridges to other Detroit communities with similar concerns. We are counting on you to populate the audience and help shape the discussion. Come ready to share your experiences in Sherwood Forest and your thoughts on what makes a strong neighborhood.

Please see the flyer below for additional information.
WHAT SHERWOOD FOREST KNOWS NOW:

One Hundred Years of Surviving, Thriving as a Detroit Neighborhood

THIRD THURSDAY
Speakers Series
Thursday, April 19, 2018
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Detroit Historical Museum
5401 Woodward Avenue

A panel of residents from Sherwood Forest, a neighborhood that just celebrated the 100th anniversary of its founding, will lead the conversation.

DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Join a dialogue aimed at building a framework of practices that distinguish successful and resilient neighborhoods from those that struggle to create conditions that ensure viability. Explore where neighborhoods have been and where they are going.
Sherwood Forest Neighbors:

Join us

For spring fun
Saturday, March 31st
10:00 am
19597 Shrewsbury

The egg hunt and other activities for children will start promptly at 10:15 am

If you wish to donate candy for the egg hunt or help to fill and/or hide eggs please contact Kim Tandy at 313-236-3494 or tandyk@detroitmi.gov
The League of Women Voters (LWV), a civic force in American communities since 1920, is hosting a political forum to raise awareness about the important work their organization is doing on behalf of citizens in Detroit. Originally formed to support voting rights for women, the league has expanded its reach beyond that critical but narrow scope to focus attention on myriad topics of interest and concern to every voter. In 1973 the organization changed its charter to include men as members.

The League is one of the most influential organizations in American politics with more than 1000 chapters across America. A notable achievement was its lobbying efforts to create the United Nations (UN) and, thereby, its status as one of the first groups to be recognized as a nongovernmental organization by the UN. In fact, every American state has an LWV chapter within its boundaries.

LWV advances a broad set of policies from opposition to voter ID laws and campaign finance reform to universal health care and medicaid expansion. The network of state and local chapters of the organization promote the purposes of the national organization but lend their support to matters that affect life close to home.

LWV Detroit lists topics related to voter and election literacy as central to its mission of raising political awareness in the city. It is active, as well, in local governance and decision-making for residents of Detroit, Highland Park and Hamtramck. Persons interested in becoming members of the Detroit affiliate are invited to visit LWV Detroit’s website to obtain contact information about the group or to donate to the organization.

Information in this article was taken from Wikipedia and the League of Women Voters’ website.
As Spring Approaches, Homeowner Responsibilities Beg For Planning and Attention

Sun, warming the soil.
Branches and buds tinged with green.
The promise of spring!

By Shirley Jackson

A poem I learned in first grade has remained a part of my seasonal consciousness and has taken its place in my brain on an annual basis ever since. In fact, so vivid is the memory of the day I and 35 other six year olds learned the poem that I can conjure up images of our teacher writing it on the chalkboard in near perfect manuscript:

March
Weather in March
Is a very funny thing.
You never, ever know
What tomorrow will bring.

I can no longer remember the author, nor can I remember the names of all the children who, like me, wrote the verse in a literature notebook using our very best handwriting, but the poem itself has accompanied me through countless springs. It reminds me that I shouldn’t be fooled by the sometimes frigid temperatures of March and April. It’s time to make plans for the soon to arrive days when snow and ice are behind us and our thoughts are fixed on mowing lawns, welcoming tulips and daffodils and making repairs to parts of our property that may have suffered damage as a result of our often harsh winters. Fortunately, Home Advisors has a comprehensive spring maintenance checklist. Listed are a few of the most common items on which homeowners should focus:

HOMEOWNER’S SPRING CHECKLIST

Gutters and Downspouts: Pull out leaves and debris and check for proper drainage.
Foundation: Check for cracking and deterioration.
Roof: Inspect flashing, eaves and soffits.
Windows and Trim: Caulk edges, fill cracks and paint surfaces, if necessary.
Landscape/Lawn: Clean up leaf debris left over winter, trim overgrown shrubs, mow, trim and fertilize lawn.
Sprinklers: Make repairs yourself or call a professional before your lawn needs the water.
JANUARY 8, 2018

**Board Members Present:** April Alford, Austin Black, Phillip Caldwell, Tiffany Franklin, Christine Jackson, Shirley Jackson, Caitlin Marcon, Steve Perkins, Kerlyne Pinkins, Lauren Rivers, Kim Tandy, Maurice Telesford, and Karen White

President Phillip Caldwell called meeting to order at 7:30pm in the home of Caitlin Marcon.

Approval of November 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes (there was no meeting in December): After review, it was moved by Maurice Telesford and supported by Kim Tandy to approve the November meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer April Alford presented a combined detailed November and December 2017 Treasurer’s Report. After review, it was moved by Kim Tandy and supported by Caitlin Marcon to approve the Treasurer’s Report as amended. Motion passed. Treasurer Alford will resend amended November and December Report.

**Strategy and Planning Proposal Discussion – New Solution for NONPROFITS proposal: Revision:** January 4, 2018: President Caldwell revisited the August 2016 Board of Directors Meeting decision to have a retreat – where we agreed to bring in an external company, New Solution for NONPROFITS, to receive some training as a non-profit Board. After discussion of the revised proposal, it was moved by Kim Tandy and supported by Tiffany Franklin to accept the proposal total cost of $2850; and, if the board deems necessary, create an Ad Hoc committee. Motion passed.
Committee Reports and Updates

Snow Removal Committee: Chaundra Haynes, Chairperson, reported that she is in communication with Kutting Edge, SFA Snow Removal providers, and all issues and concerns have been addressed.

Board Recommendations

1. Provide the board a comparison chart, outlining the number of times our sidewalks and streets were actually plowed; and the cost for the per push method. (Due April 2018)

2. Snow removal contract renewal (Due April 2018)

President Phillip Caldwell - Updates: President Caldwell announced that Shirley Jackson and Maurice Telesford are assisting with the transition of the email, database, P.O. Box, and SF website. Steve Perkins accepted Security Patrol Committee Chairperson. April Baker will make payment to the security patrol contractor. Also, President Caldwell requested for Communication Committee to send annual SF mailing to include Association dues, notices, and Calendar of events.

Maurice Telesford - Updates:
Maurice submitted the following reports via Email, Website, Welcoming, and Special Assessment District (SAD)-Sherwood Forest Website Transition – In communication with five website developers obtaining quotes on what it would cost to rebuild our website. Welcoming Committee – Four volunteers signed to help welcome new neighbors. In addition, he requested board members assistance. SAD – SFA received the 2016 SAD distribution balance from the city of Detroit.

Security Patrol Committee: Steve Perkins, Security Committee Chairperson, reported that he has scheduled a meeting with SFA security provider, reintroduced the Ring.com system, a doorbell security camera system with an app.

Board requested detailed information regarding Ring.com

Historic District Committee: Tiffany Franklin, Chairperson, announced her goal is to host another Property Preservation Education Forum.

SFA Property Restrictions & Zoning Committee: Caitlin Marcon, Chairperson, gave an update of the following concerns from neighbors: motorists that ignore stop signs, speeding, and the heavy traffic on Warrington at St. Martins. Caitlin reported that after communicating with former SFA Traffic Calming Committee Chairperson, she is looking into the wording of SAD funding to see if “infrastructure and traffic safety” is of the SAD Security allocation. Caitlin further explained that if infrastructure and traffic safety are approved under SAD funding, then her goal is to coordinate an SF infrastructure and safety plan simultaneously with the City of Detroit Livernois Avenue Streetscape Improvement Plan.

Board’s Response/Discussion/Decision: The board expressed a concern that Caitlin’s idea may not be included in the original SAD documentation. Kim Tandy will look into the wording, to see if infrastructure and traffic safety qualifies under SAD security funding.

Social Committee (Youth): Chaundra Haynes, Co-Chairperson, proposed three youth socials for the year: Harvest, Spring Event, and a neighborhood picnic.

Kim Tandy - Social Committee Report and Updates: Kim Tandy presented a preliminary calendar of events for discussion. Kim’s goal is to put out a calendar of events for the year, after confirming a proposed neighborhood cleanup date and obtaining
dates from residents that are interested in hosting a meet and greet this year. After discussion, it was moved by Chaundra Haynes and supported by Tiffany Franklin that SF Board of Directors host four family events: A Spring Event (egg hunt), SF Picnic, Harvest Event (costume), Holiday Meet and Greet and for the Social Committee to seek neighbors to host meet and greets. Motion passed.

**Social Committee Preliminary Calendar of Events prepared by Kim Tandy**

**March 31** (Saturday) Neighborhood Spring Event egg hunt

**May 5** (Saturday) City Wide Motor City Makeover (Clean Up)

**May 10** (Thursday) Annual Community Meeting at New Prospect

**October 28** (Sunday) Neighborhood Harvest Party (Costume)

**December 15**, **Saturday** Neighborhood Holiday Event

**Proposed Months for social events at residents’ homes** : April, June, July, August, September - Contact person: Kim Tandy

**November Livernois Businesses Proposal**: Sherwood Forest Business Crawl on Livernois

Kim Tandy asked that the Communication Committee disperse her information via email, Facebook, traditional mail, Next Door, and on the SFA website. She will contact the Communication Committee when her calendar is complete.

Kim will confirm venues for the listed events.

**Block Captain Committee**: Christine Jackson, Chairperson, asked board and committee members to bring approved printed handouts and materials on or before the April 9 Board of Directors meeting for block captain distribution.

**Announcements**: Karen White informed the board that the holiday decorations for the Palmer Park Winterfest Log Cabin Holiday Celebration were a success. She acknowledged SFA board members Shirley Jackson and Tiffany Franklin for the winning first place prize, a packet containing skating tickets and other items.

Kim Tandy announced that the SFA holiday meet and greet was a success. There were beautiful decorations, caroling and refreshments.

February 12 – Next Board of Directors Meeting

There being no further discussion, meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Jackson SFA Secretary

**Watch for notifications about Sherwood Forest Association events through email alerts, on Facebook, on Next Door Sherwood Forest and by visiting our website.**
Present: April Alford, Austin Black, Phillip Caldwell II, Tiffany Franklin, Christine Jackson, Shirley Jackson, Kerlyne Pinkins, Lauren Rivers, Kim Tandy, and Karen White

Guest: Carrie Hammerman, Organizational Specialist, NEW Solutions for Nonprofits

President Phillip Caldwell called the meeting to order at 7:28pm at the home of Lauren Rivers. President Caldwell announced that the business portion of the meeting would be shortened to accommodate time needed for Carrie Hammerman to facilitate the first board training session. Ms. Hammerman was excused from the business portion of the meeting.

Addition to the Agenda:
Approval of Social Committee Event Budget

Approval of January Meeting Minutes: After review, it was moved by Kim Tandy and supported by Austin Black that we approve the January 8, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer April Alford presented the January 2018 Treasurer’s Report. After review, it was moved by Kim Tandy and support by Karen White that we approve the January Treasurer’s Report. Motion passed.

Approval of the Website Redevelopment Proposal was submitted by Maurice Telesford: President Caldwell facilitated a discussion that reviewed Maurice Telesford’s report titled “Website Overhaul Recommendation and Proposal”. In the report, Telesford submitted three website developers’ proposals along with a detailed summary of each proposal, and included his recommendation that the board to proceed with Walruscreative.com as the vendor for our website overhaul.

Discussion: Questions were raised relating to the compatibility of a new website to our current website. How does the cost of our current web hosting provider compare to the new web hosting provider cost? How effective is safety for online payments as related to the proposed website? Decision: After further discussion, It was determined that the pending questions will not affect an immediate decision to approve a website vendor’s proposal. Therefore, it was moved by Kim Tandy and supported by Karen White to accept Walruscreative.com proposal total cost of $3250; as the vendor for our website overhaul. Motion passed.

Kim Tandy - Report and Calendar Updates:
Social Committee 2018 Event Budget: Kim Tandy submitted a budget that outlined events; dates, items needed, budgeted amounts, and estimated costs. After amendments, it was moved by Karen White and supported by Shirley Jackson that the board accept the Social Committee’s 2018 Event Budget of $2125. The motion passed. Kim will submit a final budget with updates.

Kim requested that the Social Committee co-host the Spring Fling with former board member John Weted and extend the invitation to the entire neighborhood. There was no opposition.

Traffic Calming Update: Kim reported that traffic calming qualifies under SAD security funding.

Updated Calendar of Events

- Saturday, March 31 - Spring Fling, email blast requested.
- Thursday, May 10 - Annual Meeting
- Saturday, June 23 - SFA Picnic in Park
- Sunday, October 28 - Harvest Festival
- Saturday, December 15 - Home for the Holidays

President Caldwell ended the business portion of the meeting at 7:55 pm and introduced Carrie Hammerman, Organizational Specialist, NEW Solutions for Nonprofits, as the session facilitator.

Ms. Hammerman presented each board member with a packet containing the results of the SFA 2017 community survey and SFA Board survey. She facilitated discussions as indicated:

1. Welcome – introductions, setting expectations
   Board members introduced themselves.

2. Review of board survey data and discussion
   Board members actively participated in the board survey discussion.

3. Review of SFA 2017 community survey
   results and board data results.
   Board's Response: Comparing both survey results, Safety and Security are on the top of the list for both the resident survey and board survey, which means board’s role and contributions toward quality of life for our neighbors and neighborhood are meeting the expectations of the community.

4. Next session is scheduled for March 12, 2018, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm.

   Next Board of Directors meeting is set for March 12 at 7:00 pm.

   President Caldwell requested that board members share the NEW information with board members not present.

There being no further business, it was moved by Tiffany Franklin and supported by Karen White that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Jackson SFA Secretary