



The Sherwood Forest News



“Come Home to Sherwood Forest”

FALL 2020

Do I Need SFCA Approval or a Permit or Both?

Welcome to all the new residents that have chosen to make Sherwood Forest their home. We are so glad you are here. New residents tend to ask the same questions when they first move in:

1. Does Sherwood Forest have deed restrictions? YES, please see www.sfcabr.org to find the deed restrictions that apply to your filing.
 2. Can I put a storage shed at the end of my driveway? You must get approval from SFCA for the structure materials and placement of the shed. **Email James Gray at jrjhgray@cox.net.**
 3. Can I build a new workshop, shed, greenhouse, mother-in-law suite, etc. in my backyard? Only after your plans have been submitted to and approved by the **SFCA Architectural Control Committee**. This committee reviews the plans to ensure that deed restrictions are followed, and the structure is in harmony with your house & the filing. **Please submit plans to James Gray at jrjhgray@cox.net.** City permits may also be necessary.
 4. Do I need a permit to build a carport or other structure? You will need approval from the **SFCA Architectural Control Committee**. **Please email James Gray at jrjhgray@cox.net.**
 5. Can I run a car repair or other business at my house? NO, your deed restrictions prohibit this activity.
 6. Can I park my car on the street overnight? Parked cars on the street are an aesthetic as well as a safety issue as they impede the passage of emergency vehicles and are therefore discouraged. Parking in yards is prohibited by city-parish ordinance and vehicles in violation will be ticketed.
 7. Can I pour an addition or widen an existing concrete driveway? The **SFCA Architectural Control Committee** must review your plans as in compliance with deed restrictions. Also, there are city-parish restrictions regarding width, placement, and number of driveways.
 8. Chúng tôi có thông dịch viên tiếng Việt không? Đúng. Số điện thoại của Nguyễn Anh Dũng là 225-485-8562.
- Our homes are large and valued investments, and we should all strive to maintain property values. Following deed restrictions and guidelines is also a matter of courtesy to our individual neighbors. Please help us maintain Sherwood Forest as the wonderful place it is today...and for years to come.

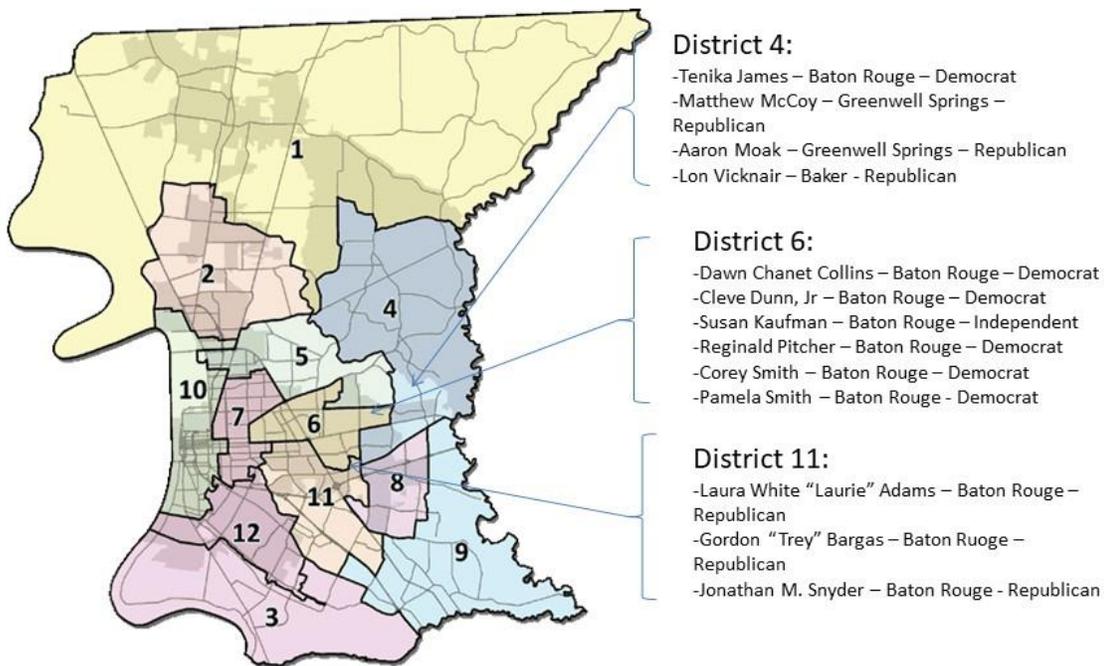
Annual Residential Meeting Postponed

Our annual residential meeting is a special time when our neighbors can come together to meet each other, learn what improvements are being made to the neighborhood and voice concerns. However, out of an abundance of health caution for neighbors, young and old, we will postpone this year's meeting until we feel that it can be held safely. We look forward to that time when we can get together again. In the meantime, the SFCA board members hope you all stay healthy and safe.

It's Election Time

November 3rd is an important election for the city of Baton Rouge. We as citizens have the privilege and responsibility to elect representatives for the Metro Council. The decisions that these representatives make affects every resident of Sherwood Forest. The Metro Council is responsible for setting the policy of the City-Parish, including establishing local sales taxes, setting the salaries of police officers, approving property rezoning requests, and determining how the city spends its money. In the past, the Metro Council has worked with Sherwood Forest to repave our boulevards, prevent properties from being rezoned that would be detrimental to the neighborhood, improve drainage and approve projects designed to keep our residents safe. Sherwood Forest is the largest subdivision in the state of Louisiana and is represented by three Metro Council members. Please do your part to elect people who will represent the interests of our subdivision and our city. Below is a map that shows the candidates for the Sherwood Forest Districts.

EBR PARISH SHERWOOD FOREST METRO COUNCIL CANDIDATES NOVEMBER 3rd ELECTION



Join us on Facebook



Sherwood Forest Citizens’ Association has a Facebook page, and we would love to have you join us. This page is only open to Sherwood Forest residents. We will be posting news articles that affect Sherwood Forest, inform you of upcoming events and share “good neighbor” stories. To join, simply login to Facebook.com and search for Sherwood Forest Citizens’ Association.

Sherwood Forest Crime District Camera and License Plate Reader Project

The long-anticipated camera and license plate reader (LPR) project should be fully operational by mid-November. Cameras and LPRs have been placed at 16 entrances to the neighborhood, creating a defensive perimeter. The system is connected to the Baton Rouge Police Department's Real Time Crime Center. The project is designed to complement our existing security patrol and neighborhood watch programs. We are taking great measures to ensure the safety of our residents.

Sherwood Forest Crime District Interior Camera Network

Taking the Crime District camera and LPR project one step further, we are creating an Interior Camera Network – ICN. The goal of the ICN is to create a directory of street facing cameras. If a crime is committed within range of one of these cameras, we will be able to use the footage to identify suspects and/or vehicles. For example: someone is stealing packages from porches, and using a car to do so, and a camera from the ICN captures footage. We would then be able to identify the vehicle, helping to hold the thieves accountable. We are combining our defensive perimeter system with interior cameras to catch perpetrators in a real time scenario. **To add your public/street facing camera to the directory, please email Teresa Haralson, teresaharalson@gmail.com.**

5G Taskforce Update

There has been great concern from our homeowners regarding how 5G towers have been placed in Sherwood Forest. The neighborhood has been a leader in the effort to create a third ordinance to provide greater protection for homeowners and all residents. The efforts of the 5G Task Force, the Federation of Greater Baton Rouge Civic Associations, the City, and members of the industry to produce a new ordinance is soon to be finished. The goal is to have a vote on the new ordinance in September.

Popping Manholes

Although much work has been done to improve our drainage system, there are still seven outstanding sanitary sewer manholes that pop when we have a heavy, intense rain. Investigative work - smoke and acoustical testing - which was supposed to have been completed in April- has started again to determine what might be causing them to pop. The seven sanitary sewer manholes are located on the following streets - Stokley Place, Trammell, Woodcliff, Montgomery, East Glenhaven, Glenhaven, and South Tinley Drives. The one at the intersection of Sheraton Drive and Sherwood Forest Boulevard has been fixed. If you know of any other popping manhole locations, please let us know so that we also can get those taken care of. You can email sfcapresident@sfcabr.org

It Was a Dark and Stormy Night

The night of June 25, a powerful storm came through our Sherwood Forest neighborhood and uprooted one of the Crepe Myrtle trees at the Goodwood Flannery entrance. The trees, flowerbeds, entrance sign and sprinkler system were all damaged. The subdivision owes a big thank you to the group of people mentioned below. These volunteers worked in the heat and braved very large insects both Friday night and Saturday morning as they cut both uprooted trees, stacked the limbs and debris, and removed the entrance sign so that it could be repaired. Thank you, Huu Hue Pham, for allowing us to use water from your property to keep our flowers alive until the sprinkler system repairs were made.

Tom and Kathy Balhof
Ashla and Greg Buchanan
Joel Clements
Kerry Foil

Jim Murray
Gary Patureau
David Poirrier
Andrea Sides

Jackie and James Gray
Teresa Haralson
Gary Smith
Debra and Nick Simino



Damaged

Repaired



Streets, Trees and Weeds

The contractor tasked with repaving Sherwood Forest and Goodwood Boulevards completed his work in July. Board member Phil Fetterman has identified three catch basins on Sherwood Forest and Goodwood Boulevards that are slow to drain. He is working with the city-parish to have the catch basin downstream lines blown out. If that does not take care of the drainage issues, the board will request that they be fixed as part of the work to be done under the Stormwater Management Plan.

A request to trim the Sherwood Forest median trees was submitted to the Department of Public Works (DPW) this past March. We are working with DPW to get them trimmed this year.

Finally, the previous contractor who was hired to spray weeds in the city-parish bayous, drainage canals and creeks sold his business. The new owner of the business chose not to continue doing that type of work. Recently, the city-parish has hired a new contractor to spray the weeds. The first pass spraying of the weeds should have been completed by September. The areas in Sherwood Forest that will be sprayed include Jones Creek and should also include Lively Bayou.

Don't Park in Your Yard

Lately, our security patrol has issued numerous warnings and/or tickets to the many residents that violate parking regulations. These violations create an undesirable appearance to the subdivision and are a nuisance to those residents who value their home and neighborhood. The best place to park is in your carport or garage, not the yard or street.

Sec. 11:415. - Stopping, standing, or parking is prohibited, general rules:

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle, or permit a vehicle registered in his name to be stopped, standing or parked, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or the directions of a law enforcement officer or traffic-control device, or parking-control device in any of the following places:

- **In your front yard or on a sidewalk**
 - In front of or blocking a public or private driveway
 - Within an intersection
 - Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant
 - On a crosswalk
 - Within thirty (30) feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign, or traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway
 - On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street
 - At any place where official signs prohibit such
 - On the driver's left-hand side of any two-way street or highway
 - Any place where the curb has officially been painted red
 - Within any zone or officially marked place designated as a fire lane
 - Alongside a neutral ground curb
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- **Oversized trucks or 18-wheeler cabs are NOT allowed to park in the subdivision.**

SFCA Membership Form

To join SFCA, complete the form below and mail your 2020 dues to:
Sherwood Forest Citizens' Association
P.O. Box 45142

Baton Rouge, LA 70895-4142

SHERWOOD FOREST CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION 2020 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Comments: _____

_____ *I would like to be an EyeWatch block captain.*

_____ *I would like to volunteer for the following committee(s):* _____

Volunteering for a committee is open to all Sherwood Forest residents. Please consider giving of your time and talent for the betterment of our neighborhood!

Annual Membership Dues (Jan. 1- Dec. 31): \$25 _____ *TOTAL ENCLOSED:* \$ _____

Membership Total – Fall 2020

As of August 9, 2020, Sherwood Forest Citizens' Association has received the support of 670 members, or 22% of the approximately 3000 homes in our subdivision. We appreciate those of you who are faithful to invest in your subdivision. However, for the remaining 78% of our residents, we ask that you please pay your \$25 dues. It is a very small amount that makes a huge difference. This money helps us to enforce deed restrictions, maintain websites, communicate with residents through newsletters and in general, improve Sherwood Forest for everyone. Thanks for doing your part to help keep Sherwood Forest a great place to live.

Property Transfers (Homes Sold)

As reported in the Advocate by the clerk of court, 39 Sherwood Forest homes were sold from January 2nd through May 20th of 2020. The total price of these homes was \$7,224,701.00. Therefore, the average price of homes sold in Sherwood Forest for this period is \$185,250.00. Sales for the remainder of May, June, July, and August had not been posted as of the date of this writing.

YARDS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the residents whose charming homes have been recognized by the SFCA Beautification Committee.

MAY



**Thai Nguyen
11647 Goodwood Boulevard**



**Kevin and Suzanne Ducote
13229 Avants Avenue**

JUNE



**Mike and Donna Baldwin
1436 Pelham Drive**



**Bryant and Debbie Brooks
13227 Todd Avenue**

JULY



**Mike and Sharon Burchart
12263 Brookshire**



**Viet Hung Le
12368 Buckingham**

AUGUST



Lois Orgeron
875 Sherwood Forest Boulevard



Kathleen Lobel
11006 Sheraton Drive

To keep the neighborhood looking beautiful, please remember to edge your yards and the curb next to the street. Do not blow grass clippings into the gutters. There is a \$100 fine.

Report Blight Anonymously

The SFCA is working with the City to eliminate blight in our area. Please help us in our efforts by keeping your carports and yards clean. Also, when you are riding thru the neighborhood and see violations, please take action and call 311 or 389-3090. You DO NOT have to reveal your name when calling in a complaint. Once a complaint is filed, you can call 311 and monitor the progress until the violation has been removed or resolved.

What is considered blight? In the East Baton Rouge Code of Ordinances (UDC Code), Blight Elimination is defined in chapter 11, Section 12;651 as:

Conditions upon or affecting premises, which are hazardous to the health, safety, or welfare of the public, and/or conditions which are detrimental to property values, economic stability, or to the quality of the environment. Such conditions may include, but are not limited to, the following: The accumulation of junk, trash, garbage, litter, refuse, rubbish, appliances, debris, combustible materials, or junked inoperable vehicles (vehicles which are ten-10 years old or older), in such a state of deterioration that they cannot be profitably restored and which have a fair market value of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or less; illegal dumping; noxious weeds; overgrown vegetation; infestation of insects, vermin or rodents; animals running at large; dilapidated structures; condemned properties; abandoned adjudicated properties; criminal violations; weed liens; zoning violations; alcohol beverage control violations; health code violations; and other conditions which are hazardous to public health, safety or welfare.

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Call the Right Number for Assistance

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Use the City-Parish Call Center (311) to report suspected zoning violations (deviations from A-1 code), public safety hazards like potholes and fallen tree limbs, egregious or repetitive parking violations, junked cars, unsightly carports and many more.

REMEMBER: YOU MAY REMAIN ANONYMOUS WHEN USING THIS SERVICE!

The number for Baton Rouge City Police is **389-2000**. To report suspicious situations **that are not time-sensitive** call the Sherwood Forest Citizens' Association Security Line, **273-1353**. Leave a call-back message and include your email for online communication.

Specific questions about streets, drainage and sewerage, construction and building codes or the environment should be directed to the EBR Department of Public Works (DPW) at **389-3090 & 380-2070**, or online at <http://brla.gov/416/Maintenance>.

To receive up-to-date information about your subdivision, **PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS** on your membership forms, or call a member of the board of directors. Names and contact numbers are listed below.

2020 SFCA Board of Directors and Committees

Sherwood Forest Citizens' Association Security Number--273-1353

(Note: All officers, directors and committee members are volunteers.)

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