

# Sherwood Forest Citizens Association

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SFCA News Updates (Last update 05-24-08)

Fifth email update

If you need any help finding information on a law, code, deed restriction or other issue...please let me know and I will help you.

Reminder: **Do not miss this one...**

Sherwood Forest Citizens Association has set up a **Neighborhood Watch** program to be presented by the **East Baton Rouge Sheriffs Dept.** and the **Baton Rouge City Police Dept.** It will be held at the **St. Thomas More Church Activity Center** on (This coming **Wednesday** evening) June 11th at 7:00 PM. Come join us and see what the authorities on security have to offer and what plans we have for our neighborhoods. This is to revitalize the program that is in place right now. We will revisit the program to show how improvements can be made and how technology has improved our ability to make our neighborhoods safer.

**St. Thomas More Church Activity Center** faces Dartmoor, has parking lot in front of it, and is the newer large building in the middle of the block on Dartmoor.

The notice can also be found (link on the main page) and printed from our website in case you would like to have it before the mailing gets to you. <http://www.sfcabr.org/>

Dallas Ballmer, Webmaster and VP SFCA

If you have an **issue for the city to resolve** (from street lights to people breaking city ordinances) you can report any issue or make any city related request by **dialing 311** (for a real person) or get detailed by filing a [Citizens Request For Service](#) on-line.

[Code of Ordinances City of Baton Rouge](#), Louisiana on-line and searchable...just type in your keyword (word of interest...parking) and it will return ordinances dealing with your subject.

[Unified Development Code Online](#) is also searchable and is one of my favorite tools to find codes we are bound to live by in Baton Rouge

Check [our list of deed restrictions](#) to see if one of them is yours. This summary of zoning regulations, subdivision restrictions, and selected ordinances of interest to Sherwood Forest residents is presented for general guidance only. Sherwood Forest has been developed through over [30 filings](#), each with its own set of restrictions. The information below is typical for all filings, but is not specific to any particular filing and is not a complete list of restrictions for any one filing. For accurate and complete information, refer to restrictions for the filing of interest.

**Zoning and Restrictions** Sherwood Forest is largely zoned A1 except for parts of a few filings. Visit the [Baton Rouge Government - Online Maps Web Page](#) to search for your address and get zoning, yard requirements, and land use data by clicking the Details link. If you have a question about zoning restrictions, we may be able to help. Give us a call at 273-1353 or send e-mails to [sfcaweb@cox.net](mailto:sfcaweb@cox.net).

**DISTRICTS ZONED A1** [Refer to the Municipal Code \(searchable\)](#)

**Permitted Uses:**

- Single family dwellings
- Most public buildings such as schools and police and fire stations
- Hospitals, child care centers, and country clubs (with restrictions)

**Permitted Accessory Uses:**

- Private garages housing not more than four vehicles
- Home occupations meeting the following conditions:
  - Nothing done to make the building appear as anything other than a dwelling.
  - No shop or store type of business
  - No one employed outside the resident family
  - Only mechanical equipment that is normally found in a dwelling.
  - Only one non-illuminated sign no larger than one square foot
- Vegetable and flower gardens
- Keeping of domestic animals, but not on a commercial basis or on a scale objectionable to neighbors
- Swimming pools, tennis courts, garden houses and similar facilities customarily accessory to residences

**Lot and Construction Restrictions:**

- Maximum building height 2 1/2 stories or thirty five feet
- Minimum yards of 25 ft front, 8 ft side, and 25 ft rear
- Minimum building setback distances of 55 ft to 125 ft, depending on type of street

**CITY-PARISH ORDINANCES**

- **PETS:** All dogs and cats must be registered and vaccinated by licensed veterinarian. All dogs and cats shall be kept at all times from running at large. Owners shall be held responsible for the behavior of dogs and cats deemed a nuisance. See [EBR Parish Animal Control](#).
- **PARKING:** Single family residences require a minimum of two off-street parking spaces. All parking areas must be surfaced with permanent dust free paving. [Refer to the Municipal Code, Title 11, Chapter 28 "Parking" for details](#) regarding all parking regulations.
  - Parking is not allowed on the grass in a yard between the residence and the street.
  - Parking of wreckers, buses, trucks, semi trailers and watercraft is prohibited.
  - Overnight on-street parking is regulated in residential areas.
  - Vehicles cannot be driven or parked on neutral grounds, parks, or public ways.
  - All vehicles visible from the street must be operable and currently licensed.
    - Sec. 11:415. Stopping, standing or parking prohibited; general rules.
    - Sec. 11:416. Parking on neutral ground, parks, rights-of-way, sidewalks and other public and private places prohibited.
    - Sec. 11:423. Time limitation on parking on any street.

- Sec. 11:428. Parking of wreckers, buses, trucks and semi trailers prohibited.
- Sec. 11:428.1. Parking of motor homes on residential streets prohibited.
- Sec. 11:435. Parking of watercraft on street or street right-of-way prohibited.
- **SIGNS:** Signs are prohibited on public property or public right-of-way. Such signs are considered “litter” and may be removed by any person and disposed of immediately
- **TREES & SHRUBBERY:** Visibility cannot be impaired, e.g. by trees or shrubbery, at intersections and driveways within a sight triangle of:
  - 30 ft x 30 ft at 4-way stop intersections
  - 45 ft x 15 ft at 2-way stop intersections (longer distance along thru street)
  - 30 ft x 15 ft at driveways (longer distance along street)
- **GARAGE SALES:** Single family dwellings are allowed no more than 3 garage sales or similar activities per year

## **SUBDIVISION RESTRICTIONS**

- Only one single family dwelling shall be built on each lot
- Minimum square footage are specified for 2 bedroom and 3 bedroom single story dwellings and for the ground floor of two story dwellings; usually in the range of 1200 to1500 sq. ft.
- A detached garage is permitted; usually for a maximum of 3 cars. Front setback is specified; most often 30 ft.
- Side setback is specified; usually 8 ft or 10 ft.
- No fence shall be erected beyond the front building setback of the lot. Easements for installation and maintenance of utilities apply
- No structure of a temporary character, trailer, basement, tent, shack, barn, garage or other outbuilding shall be used on any lot at any time as a residence either temporarily or permanently
- No animals shall be kept except as usual domestic pets