

# The Sherwood Forest News

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## **A Word From the President**

**Thanks Debra!!!** For the past several years, Debra Simino has served as President of the Sherwood Forest Citizens Homeowners Association, dedicating countless hours to making Sherwood Forest a great place to live and raise a family. She has led with compassion and commitment to addressing concerns even when it meant making tough decisions for the betterment of the community. As Debra steps back to focus more on family she will continue contributing as Secretary.

As Spring brings new life to our community, it is a great time to care for our property whether if that means regular lawn maintenance or freshening up exteriors. Let's all do our part to make Sherwood Forest a place we are glad to call home. If you have a blighted home near you, please take the time to call or go online to make a report to 311.

There is a membership form in this newsletter. Dues are \$50 per year. Please consider joining if you are not a member.

## **Remember, Get SFCA Approval Before You Build**

All workshops, sheds, greenhouses, mother-in-law suites, changes to the exterior, new driveways, and new fences must be approved by the SFCA Architectural Control and usually require city permits.

Submit plans to the Architectural Control Committee: [jrihgrav@cox.net](mailto:jrihgrav@cox.net)

**Homes are very large investments and observation of Deed Restrictions and Homeowner Guidelines help to maintain our property values.** Both can be found at [www.sfcabr.org](http://www.sfcabr.org)

***COME HOME TO SHERWOOD FOREST!***

### **In this newsletter:**

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## Broadmoor Middle Update

With the help of Brittany Weiss and 2 on Your Side, your SFCA board brought Broadmoor Middle's dilapidated condition to the attention of the EBR School Board. After several meetings, the property has been secured, the fence has been repaired and a study is underway to determine how much of the building can be repurposed.

The EBR School Board has proposed turning the site into an E-Sports complex where competitive video gaming and robotics tournaments will take place.



## Sherwood Forest Crime District Stats

VIOLATION	2024	2025
PARKING WARNINGS	119	20
PARKING TICKETS ISSUED	396	75
MOVING VIOLATION WARNINGS	77	31
MOVING VIOLATION TICKETS ISSUED	219	172

### **Gentle Reminder:**

Please do not park cars in the front yard, in bike lanes, on the median or overnight on the street (more than 9 hours).

Violators will be ticketed and possibly towed.

## SFCA and Crime District Roles Compared

### **SFCA HOA (Established 1956)**

- Funded by \$50 HOA dues paid to SFCA and renewed each January.
- **Currently, less than 500 residents have paid dues. Please support your neighborhood.**
- **Board members are volunteers** who give personal time for Sherwood Forest.
- HOA must exist to have a Crime District.
- Enforces Deed Restrictions, can file suit and funds any legal action.
- Approves or denies requests for home additions and improvements through the Architectural Control Committee to ensure neighborhood harmony.
- Meets with the Mayor, Metro Council and Planning Commission.
- Operates the Eye Watch Block Captains.

### **CRIME DISTRICT (Established 2013):**

- Funded by tax assessment paid to the sheriff's office.
- Cannot exist without an active HOA.
- **Board members are volunteers.**
- Cannot enforce deed restrictions and cannot pay court costs.
- Purchases and operates neighborhood cameras.
- Employs and coordinates officers for neighborhood patrols that enforce the city ordinances.
- Patrols are not 24/7
- For police assistance call 225-389-2000 or 911, if our patrols are on duty, they will answer the call.
- Maintains flower beds and entrance signs.

## **Do I Need SFCA Approval, a Permit, or Both? (FAQ)**

- Does Sherwood Forest have deed restrictions? YES, see [www.sfcabr.org](http://www.sfcabr.org) to find the deed restrictions that apply to your filing.
- Can I build a workshop, shed, greenhouse, mother-in-law suite, pour a new driveway? Submit your plans to the **SFCA Architectural Control Committee (email [jrhgray@cox.net](mailto:jrhgray@cox.net)) for approval.** This committee reviews the plans to ensure that deed restrictions are followed and the structure is in harmony with yours and neighboring houses. City permits may also be necessary.
- Can I place a shed at the end of my driveway. No, contact the Architectural Control Committee for proper placement.
- Do I need a permit to build a carport or other structure? YES, in most cases. In addition, you need SCFA approval.
- Can I run a car repair business or other business at my house? NO, this is prohibited in an A-1 zone. Please report to 311.
- Can I park my car on the street overnight? Parked cars on the street impede passage of emergency vehicles and is therefore discouraged. Parking in the yard is illegal and the vehicle will be ticketed.
- Submit plans to the Architectural Control Committee: [jrhgray@cox.net](mailto:jrhgray@cox.net)

**Deed Restrictions and Homeowner Guidelines can be found at [www.sfcabr.org](http://www.sfcabr.org)**

### **The Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Eye**

**Watch Program** is a group of neighbors dedicated to helping maintain safety and security in our neighborhood. Presently, we have approximately 75+ SFCA Block Captains. They volunteer a year at a time for their street/area. If you are interested in volunteering, please email: [teresaharalson@gmail.com](mailto:teresaharalson@gmail.com).



### **New Residential Self-Service, Non-Perishable Solid Waste Collection Facility**

The City Parish has announced the opening of the new Residential Self-Service Non-Perishable Solid Waste Collection Facility located at 7900 Starwood Court, in the Gardere area.

#### **Accepted Materials (variety of non-perishable residential waste), including:**

- Household bulky waste (like furniture, bicycles, and toys)
- Scrap metal
- Drained automobile parts
- Tree trimmings and yard waste (with restrictions)
- Homeowner-generated construction debris (limited quantities)

#### **Materials that are not accepted at the facility include:**

- Perishable household garbage
- Commercial/industrial solid waste
- White goods (including appliances like refrigerators, freezers, washing machines, water heaters, or air conditioners)
- Electronic waste (including TV's, stereos, and game consoles)
- Medical waste
- Tires and hazardous materials

#### **EBR DA Millage Vote May 3rd**

[Listen to Q&A session with Hillar Moore and the Federation of Greater Baton Rouge Civic Associations, recorded April 3rd.](#)

1. [Go to www.fgbrca.org](http://www.fgbrca.org)
2. [Click Meetings](#)
3. [Click 2025](#)
4. [Click RECORDING within the April 3rd Meeting](#)

[Be informed when you vote!](#)





## In memoriam of Ralph F. Dupuy

In our Fall 2024 newsletter, we spotlighted Ralph Dupuy for his years of service to our country as a Navy aircraft carrier pilot in the Pacific during WWII and his service to our Sherwood Forest community as a member of the SFCA Board and Treasurer for many years. Ralph celebrated his 101st birthday at a large family gathering in early November. With great sadness, we report that Ralph passed away peacefully the next week.

Ralph was one of “The Greatest Generation” and a longtime resident of Sherwood Forest. He lived life to its fullest and will be missed by all.

## Spring/Summer Gardening & Landscaping

Keeping a lush, green lawn in South Louisiana is a year-round commitment. With high humidity, heavy rainfall, scorching summers, and occasional droughts, maintaining a healthy lawn in Baton Rouge requires a strategic approach. To help homeowners manage their lawn throughout the spring and summer, we’ve got lawn care tips that ensures your yard stays green, weed-free, and resilient in Louisiana’s unique climate.



- Begin regular mowing – Keep grass at 3-4 inches to shade out weeds.
- Apply pre-emergent herbicides – Prevent broadleaf weeds and crabgrass from sprouting.
- Fertilization – Apply a balanced fertilizer to promote healthy green growth.
- Aeration (if needed) – Helps break up compacted soil and improves water absorption.
- Check irrigation system and water (mornings and evenings) when necessary.



## New Speed Limit Radar Signs

At the beginning of 2025, your SFCA board contacted EBR Director of Transportation Fred Raiford regarding the excessive speeding and accidents on Sherwood Forest Blvd. He installed temporary radar speed limit signs which gathered data showing the signs were effective by slowing traffic, resulting in fewer accidents.

In March, permanent signs were installed on Sherwood Forest Blvd at Mollylea Drive. A big “Thank You” to Fred and his staff for hearing our concerns and making Sherwood Forest a safer place to live.





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## MOVEBR Program

As part of the MOVEBR Program, the contract to replace the South Flannery Road bridge should be awarded by July of 2025. Construction should be complete within 10 months.

The Sherwood Forest Blvd Multi-Use Path Project between Old Hammond Highway and I-12 is underway and should be completed by May 2025.

The contract to widen Old Hammond Highway is in the bid stage. Construction will continue through 2026.

Entergy is replacing the natural gas lines in the rights of way in the southeast quadrant of Sherwood Forest. This work should be complete by May 2025.

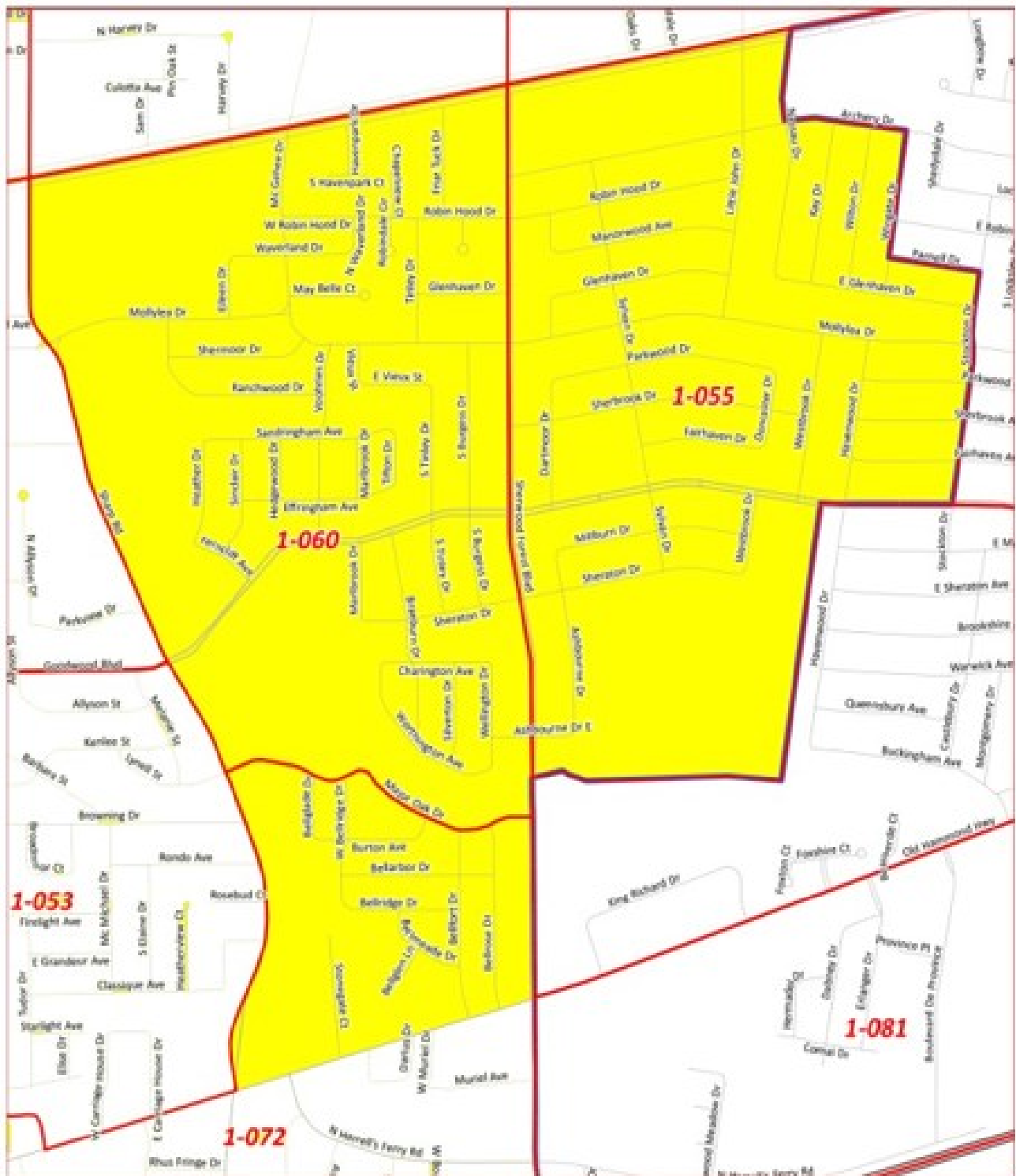


## SNEAUX DAY Comes to Louisiana!!!





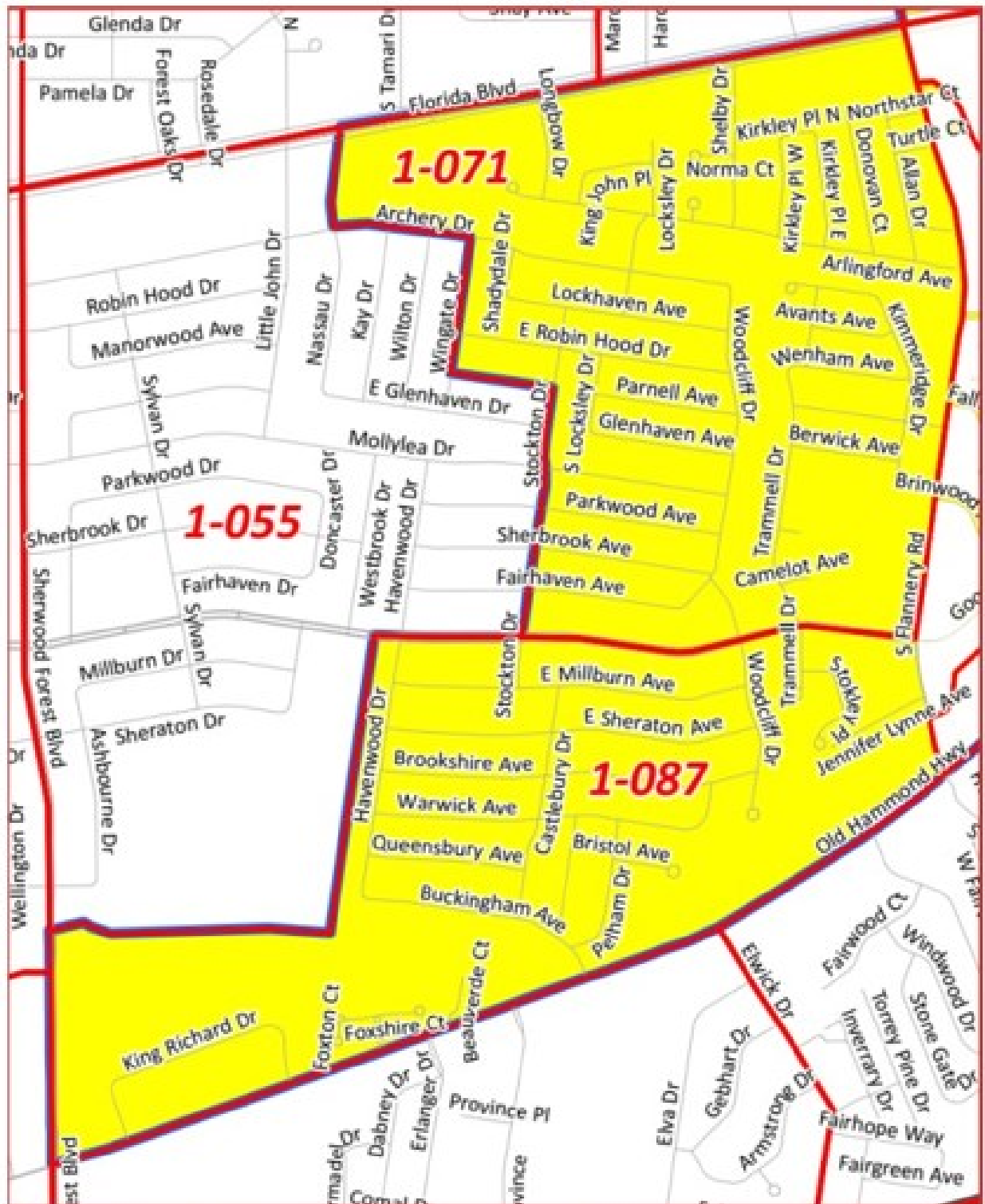
## Metro Council District Maps Have Changed!



SHERWOOD FOREST SERVED BY METRO COUNCIL DISTRICT 6

Contact Info: Councilman Cleve Dunn, Jr., council-dist6@brgov.com, office 225-389-5165  
Council District 6 Assistant: Wajeedah Jones, wfjones@brla.gov

## You May Have a New Councilman



SHERWOOD FOREST SERVED BY METRO COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

Contact Info: Councilman Aaron Moak, [council-dist4@brgov.com](mailto:council-dist4@brgov.com), office 225-389-5164  
Council District 4 Assistant: Kathy Kelly, [kkelly@brla.gov](mailto:kkelly@brla.gov)



## Louisiana Fire Ants

Anyone who has spent time walking barefoot on south Louisiana lawns has eventually been bitten by fire ants. Needless to say it's a painful experience and could even be hazardous for those developing anaphylaxis following multiple fire ant stings.

### Signs of Fire Ant Allergic Reaction (Anaphylaxis)

Difficulty Breathing,	Swelling of Tongue and Throat
Rapid heartbeat	Dizziness
Loss of Conscience	

**Seek Immediate Emergency Medical Attention!**

### Treating Fire Ant Mounds

**Use the two-step method: Baiting and Mound Drenching**

1. Use bait to kill the queen and other worker ants deep in the colony.
2. Use insecticide for targeted treatments on the mound.
3. Douse the fire ant mound with boiling water.
4. Drench the ant hill with a pesticide.
5. Bait worker ants in order to kill the fire ant queen.
6. Spread a broadcast insecticide treatment.
7. If all else fails, call in a professional exterminator.

## 311 Call Center Service Issues to Report

Missed Garbage Pickup (Dept of Envir.Services/Republic)  
 Pot holes (Dept of Maintenance)  
 Tree/Branch Hazards (Dept of Maintenance)  
 Unpermitted Construction (Permits & Inspections)  
 Zoning Violations (Permits & Inspections)  
 Housing Conditions (Blight) →  
 Sewer Backups (Dept of Environmental Services)  
 Traffic Signal (DOTD Traffic Engineering)  
 Drainage (Dept of Maintenance)  
 Illegal Dumping on Private Property (Blight)  
 Illegal Dumping on Right of Way or Servitude  
 (Department of Maintenance)

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**Housing Conditions:**

Dilapidated/Condemnable  
 Tall Grass (Over 12 inches)  
 Inoperable/Junk Vehicles  
 Junk, Trash & Debris  
 Dirty/ Unsecured Swimming  
 Pool  
 Open & Unsecured Buildings  
 Illegal Dumping

**Call: 311 or (225) 389-3090, after hours call (225) 389-2070**

After-hours (M-F, 3pm-11:00pm), (Sat, Sun, and Holiday, 7am-11pm) call (225) 389-2070.

Download the Mobile App, RedStick 311 from Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

<http://311.brla.gov/request-for-service/index.html>



## 2025 SFCA Board of Directors and Committees

**Sherwood Forest Citizens' Association Security Number: 225.273.1353**  
(Note: All officers, directors and committee members are volunteers.)

### OFFICERS:

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SFCA Board of Directors meetings are at 6pm on the third Monday of each month, except October and December. Notify Sue Larisey four days in advance of the meeting if you would like to present an item.

### How to Report Various Issues

**Noise Ordinance Violation:** Call non-emergency police number, 225-389-2000.

**Suspicious Activity:** Call 225-389-2000 or 911 if an emergency, also email [chiefmorse@brla.gov](mailto:chiefmorse@brla.gov) with your concerns.

**Before You Build or Pour Concrete:** Email James Gray at [jrhgray@cox.net](mailto:jrhgray@cox.net)

**Street Light Out:** Call Entergy directly at **1-800-ENTERGY (1-800-368-3749)**

**Dog or Rooster Issues:** Animal Control at 225-774-7700, Roosters are not allowed in Sherwood Forest

**SFCA phone:** 225-273-1353



### Hospitality: Welcome Home to Sherwood Forest

If you are new to Sherwood Forest, we would like to give you a welcome packet which contains information regarding city codes, deed restrictions, and tips for recycling, landscaping, and curb appeal. It is important to take the time to read the information, **especially your deed restrictions**. If you did not receive a welcome packet, email [balhoff@cox.net](mailto:balhoff@cox.net) to request one. A packet will be delivered to your door.

Welcome to Sherwood Forest!



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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ *I would like to be an Eye Watch block captain.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *I would like to volunteer for the following committee:*

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!



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