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OUR ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 9

The annual meeting of the Sherwood Forest Association will be held on Tuesday, May 9, at All Saints Church, West Seven Mile Road. We are pleased to announce that our special guest speaker will be Commander Shereece Fleming Freeman of the newly-formed Western District Precinct (formerly the 12th Precinct). Commander Freeman will discuss crime in our neighborhood and our precinct and offer suggestions for how we can better work with the officers in our precinct to combat crime. Bring your questions.

This is the schedule for the May 9 meeting:

6:30 p.m. – Potluck supper. Bring a hot dish, a salad, dessert or bread for 8-10 people. Everything else will be provided.

7:30 p.m. – Business meeting and welcoming of new residents. Special guest speaker.

A representative of RCN Security Corporation will be at the meeting to respond to questions and concerns about the patrol service.

Remember that even if you cannot make it to the potluck supper, your presence at the 7:30 meeting is important to all of us.

We look forward to meeting neighbors, old and new, on Tuesday, May 9.

Lois E. Primas
President

April 2006

SHERWOOD FOREST REMAINS ONE OF THE SAFEST COMMUNITIES IN THE AREA

We all are concerned about the safety of our community. We look forward to meeting Commander Shereece Fleming Freeman of the new Western District Precinct next month and having the opportunity to talk to her about making our community as safe as we can make it. Crime statistics from the Detroit Police Department for the first two months of this year show that between January 2 and February 26, 2006, not one crime was reported inside Sherwood Forest. The following crimes were reported to have occurred on the perimeter of Sherwood Forest on Seven Mile Road or Livernois:

1-9-06 – stolen vehicle at W. Seven Mile and Livernois

1-15-06 – stolen vehicle at 19490 Livernois

1-21-06 – stolen vehicle at W. Seven Mile and Livernois

1-28-06 – stolen vehicle at W. Seven Mile and Livernois

1-29-06 – breaking and entering of a business at 4120 W. Seven Mile

2-15-06 – stolen vehicle at the Farmer Jack parking lot.

The statistics show that during the same period there was a breaking and entering of one home in Palmer Woods, and two armed robberies, one arrest for armed robbery and one unarmed robbery in the area of Seven Mile and Woodward.

In Greenacres, there were six breaking and enterings, five of unoccupied houses and one

of a garage; ten stolen vehicles, with two of those being stolen from Eight Mile Road and eight from inside the neighborhood.

In University District, there were three armed robberies inside the neighborhood and two breaking and enterings of stores on Livernois.

Of these four neighborhoods, only Greenacres does not have a private patrol service.

The statistics for the four neighborhoods show the police shift on which each crime occurred. Most vehicles were stolen on the 4:00 p.m.-midnight shift, and most robberies occurred on that same shift. The breaking and enterings were fairly evenly divided among the three shifts.

The Sherwood Forest Association board will continue to report on area crime as we receive statistics from the police.

SHERWOOD FOREST ASSOCIATION ELECTION NOTICE

The Board of Directors of the Sherwood Forest Association is made up of 15 members, with each member serving a 3-year term. The terms are staggered so that the terms of 5 of the 15 members expire each year.

It is the time of year when we elect 5 members to the board. According to the by-laws, nominations to these positions are made in the following ways:

1. By recommendation of the nominating committee.
2. By any 5 members of the association nominating a candidate by the following procedure:
 - a. Obtain the consent of the candidate to serve.
 - b. Furnish a letter with the name of the candidate to a member of the nominating committee no later than May 8, 2006. The letter must be signed by at least 5 association members and should include a candidate's address,

occupation and a brief statement of his or her interest and aspirations for Sherwood Forest.

Candidates must be willing and able to attend monthly meetings and participate in committee work. Each board member has at least one committee assignment. We are looking for new board members to chair 3 committees:

- 1) The Reforestation Committee is responsible for working with the city to maintain our passive parks. When the city is unable to cut grass, for example, the chair of this committee contracts with a private lawn service to maintain these areas. The chair also arranges and collects the money for tree-planting in the parkway areas and finds volunteers to plant flowers and generally maintain the areas around the Sherwood Forest signs.
- 2) The Block Captain Committee is responsible for identifying a person on every block of the neighborhood who will let us know when new neighbors move onto the block, who will disseminate information on the block and will generally work to assure that neighbors know one another.
- 3) The Public Safety Committee is responsible for maintaining membership in our private patrol service. This may include knocking on doors and making phone calls to inform non-subscribing members of the benefits of the service and to encourage participation.

Please consider becoming a candidate for a board position. The strength of our community depends on residents who volunteer their time and talent to help maintain Sherwood Forest. Only members of the Sherwood Forest Association may participate in the election. Call our treasurer, Sue McMillan, at 862-6366 to verify that your dues are paid.

Respectfully,

Marcia Baum and Gail Rodwan
Nominating Committee

**Historic Boston-Edison Association Hosts 4th
Annual Home Preservation Fair
Thursday, April 20, 2006**

On Thursday, April 20, 2006, Detroit residents with older and historic homes will be afforded the opportunity to participate in one stop shopping with area home repair/preservation specialists. These pre-screened specialists with knowledge and experience of the needs of historic homes will exhibit their expertise at the fourth annual Historic Boston Edison Association Home Preservation Fair.

Invited home preservation specialists have skills ranging from:

- Masonry repair and restoration
- Wet Plaster repair and replacement
- Painting of both exteriors and interiors
- Plumbing, heating, and cooling service
- Landscaping
- Window repair and restoration
- Roofing
- Electrical upgrades and updating
- Wood floor refinishing

A representative from the Detroit Historic District Commission will be on hand to answer questions about obtaining building permits or any other matter pertaining to historic neighborhoods. Someone from the State of Michigan will answer questions about what you must do to get the State historic tax credit for work performed on your home. The tax credit program offers significant tax savings on major projects.

Additionally, representatives of banks and lending institutions will discuss low interest home improvement loans, lines of credit, home equity loans and mortgage refinancing. Also, returning as a special feature at this year's Fair will be a series of educational workshops.

The 2006 Home Preservation Fair will be held in the gymnasium of Sacred Heart Seminary, 2701 Chicago Boulevard at Linwood in Detroit. Free parking is provided via the Linwood entrance. The Fair begins at

6:30 p.m. and concludes at 9:00 p.m. Admission is free.

The registration fee for home repair/preservation specialist exhibitors is \$50.00. Additional information may be obtained by phoning the Historic Boston Edison Information Line at (313) 883-4360, ext. 3.

WOODWARD STREET PROJECT

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will soon install decorative lighting on the Woodward Avenue bridge over Eight Mile Road, as well as along the service drives. The decorative lighting is intended to enhance the historic and scenic quality of the area. The project will include decorative pedestrian crossings and new pedestrian signals and landscaping, with the intent of improving safety for pedestrians throughout the interchange area.

PEOPLE MOVER

The People Mover has launched a new web site with information on schedules and downtown events. Go to www.thepeoplemover.com.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Boston-Edison Home Preservation Fair on **Thursday, April 20**

Annual Association Meeting on **Tuesday, May 9**, at All Saints Church

Meet and Greet Jazz Concert in Canterbury Park on **Sunday, August 13**. Bring lawn chairs and a picnic and enjoy the wonderful music of the Charlie Gabriel Quartet. See the next *Tattler* for more details.

CITY DISCONTINUES FOR-PAYMENT BULK PICKUP

When the city discontinued bulk pickup, it announced that bulk pickup would still be available, but that residents would have to arrange and pay for it. However, the city has decided not to go forward with the option of for-payment pickup. This means that residents *must* contract with a private provider.

The following list consists of private trash-hauling

companies that have sent information about their services to Sherwood Forest. **The Sherwood Forest Association does not currently endorse any of the companies on this list because we have not used the services of any of these companies.** This list is provided as a convenience to those residents who have contacted us requesting the names of private companies. If you use anyone on the list, please let us know whether you would recommend that company to your neighbors.

1. Bulk Garbage Pickup Service (313) 838-0308
2. Fred's Professional Private Collection (313) 893-7489
3. Hill Hauling (866)345-HAUL or hillhauling@aol.com
4. Independent Haulers and Trash Container Providers Referral Service (313)640-6400. This service connects people with independent haulers and trash container providers.
5. R&R Bulk Trash Removal (313)663-8084.

**SHERWOOD FOREST ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 13, 2006**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lois Primas, Walter Shapero, Gail
Rodwan, Linda Jones, Susan
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n,
Emma Foster, Catherine Mayberry,
Robert Gold, Al Greene, Ron Kischuk,
Marcia Baum

GUEST: Susan McBride, Historic District
Commission Staff

- I. Call to order at 7:45 p.m. by President Lois Primas at the home of Marcia Baum.
- II. Reading/Distribution of the Minutes of January 9, 2006. Moved by Susan McMillan and supported by Marcia Baum that the minutes, prepared by Gail Rodwan, be approved. Motion passed.
- III. Guest Presentation.

Susan McBride from the City of Detroit Historic

Commission explained that the Commission regulates exteriors, doors, roofs and windows including major changes in landscaping. The Commission also requires approval for handicap ramps. Ms. McBride emphasized that the board always approves ramps. Windows are handled on a case-by-case basis. They provide a resource list of contractors on their website. They do not pick and choose who they regulate. The staff follows the ordinance and does not have authority to override an ordinance. A question was asked regarding the home with many statues in the front yard. A letter will be sent to the homeowner and, if necessary, handled under blight ordinance provisions. Question: Can the neighborhood association be notified when matters are pending? Ms. McBride will check with the law department to see if we can be notified when a violation is filed. The association is encouraged to send the Commission letters of support or non-support prior to hearings. Ms. McBride reported that the staff inspects each neighborhood weekly and will increase neighborhood visits to twice a week in the spring. Boston Edison District holds an education forum once a year for all homeowners.

- IV. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer, Susan McMillan presented the monthly treasurer's report. There are currently 218 association members.
- V. President's Report/Correspondence:
 - A. Correspondence:
 - On February 16, 2006, there will be a meeting at the New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church to present plans for a median changes on Livernois. All are encouraged to attend.
 - There will be a public information meeting on February 15, 2006 by and at the Detroit Recreation Department to discuss a new Strategic Master Plan.
 - State Representative Virgil Smith is conducting a town hall meeting to learn

how to save money on insurance with group purchasing.

- B. President's Report: Lois Primas reported that Florence Gantz has been moved to Georgian Manor on Big Beaver and Adams. She is receiving visitors.

VI. Committee Reports.

- A. Tattler. Gail Rodwan reported that a *Tattler* will be ready tomorrow. It will include information on bulk pick up. She continues to research alternative bulk pick up resources. Walter tried to get contractor referrals from other non-Detroit neighborhoods. Ron Kischuk reported specifics on one company that is flexible and competitive but would require single payment through the association. He reported that they are 25% less expensive than other companies. There are no minimums. It was suggested that we put together a bulk pick up plan and present it to the neighborhood by letter to determine the level of interest.

- B. Patrol Report. Gail reported that we are \$1,500 short of the funds required to complete the patrol fiscal year. It was moved by Walter Shapero and supported by Ron Kischuk that we reduce our daily shift by one hour for the balance of the patrol fiscal year beginning on February 24, 2006. Motion passed.

It was suggested that the patrol drivers be reminded that they should stop and watch when a homeowner returns home. Lois will contact Mr. Nicholson on both issues.

- C. Social Cultural/Meet and Greet. Al Greene reported that the next Meet and Greet will be in April. After a discussion, it was decided to e-mail and snail mail notification for events. Al will meet with Ron to discuss summer jazz event dates.

- D. Property Restrictions. Walter reported that the City of Detroit will be filing an affidavit of record which will put perspective buyers on notice of the violations at the 19100 Berkeley property.

- E. May Neighborhood Meeting. Ron Kischuk identified four potential meeting topics:

- Community Safety Concerns
- Bulk Pick Up Plans
- Community mass buying power/opportunities
- Invite the Commander of the 12th Precinct

Catherine Mayberry will confirm date at church.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Baum, Secretary