

The Gatepost



Upcoming Events at a Glance

Sharon Woods Civic Association Monthly Meetings

1st Thursdays at 7 p.m.
May 6, June 3, July 1

Meeting room provided
courtesy of the Church of the
Good Shepherd at
6176 Sharon Woods Blvd.



Sharon Woods Annual Community Garage Sale

Saturday, May 22nd starting at 9 a.m.

Fourth of July Parade on Karl Road

July 3rd – Call Cal McCall at 895-2572 for details

National Night Out

August 3rd – Call Pat Wood at 406-4829 for details

Our Civic Association Officers

President

John Kirkpatrick (890-5417) or jkirkpat@insight.rr.com

Vice President

John Osmond (901-9174)

Treasurer

Rhonda Welker (865-0430)

Sharon Woods Civic Association
P.O. Box 297974, Columbus, OH 43229

President's Report

Thanks to everyone who helped with and attended our Easter Egg Hunt and the Beechcroft Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast at the Church of the Good Shepherd. I hope all the children got a chance to climb on the new fire truck. There were about 150 people at the breakfast and about 90 children at the Easter Egg Hunt. Special thanks go out to the Dairy Queen at Karl & Schrock and the McDonald's at 161 & Maple Canyon for their coupon contributions!



This edition of *The Gatepost* coincides with our annual membership drive. I hope you will use the enclosed envelope to return your check for membership in the Sharon Woods Civic Association for 2010. Some of you will find a survey included from the North Side Health Advisory Committee. Please take an extra few minutes to complete the survey, then return it in the envelope that we are using for the membership drive. We will make sure it is forwarded to the Columbus Health Department.

By now you all may have noticed that the city has been removing our Ash trees that are diseased and dying. If your Ash tree is in the city right of way in front of your house, it belongs to the City of Columbus and they will take care of its removal. If you are trying to save the tree by inoculating it, remember to call Jack Low (645-6640), the City Forester, to obtain a no-cost permit. The permit is the city's way of knowing of your efforts to save the tree; therefore, hopefully preventing them from cutting it down. Generally, the city will put a blue X on trees to be removed. If you see such a mark on an Ash tree you are trying to save, call Mr. Low's office. If your tree is removed and you want a replacement tree from the city, call 645-6640. They do not automatically replace trees that are cut down.

I just cleaned bird nests off the wreaths on my front doors for the second day in a row. The house finches must have watched "Tornado Week" on the weather station because they were using mud this year to make their nests. Wild animals have increased in the neighborhood to now

include red tailed hawks and most recently coyotes, which I saw last winter running down the middle of Sharon Woods Blvd at 2 a.m. I had heard that coyotes had been spotted north of Westerville but evidently they have moved into our area too. I mention this because, if you have small pets, you will want to keep a close eye on them when they are outside. Coyotes are very adaptable.

One last item for those who allow their dogs to stay outside for extended periods of time: please be considerate and bring them inside if they are barking persistently. If you can't keep your vocal dogs indoors, you may want to visit a pet store for assistance with this problem. Most people love animals, but not the noisy ones. Thank you for being a considerate neighbor.

Have a safe and wonderful spring. ~John Kirkpatrick

What's New?

Community Garage Sale – May 22nd

The Sharon Woods Civic Association will provide advertising for our annual garage sale in local newspapers and post signs both ends of Sharon Woods Boulevard. Sales begin at 9 a.m. and will last until residents close their garages.



For a minimal fee of \$5 to defer the cost of flyers and advertising, your sale can be featured on a flyer which will be distributed to all garage sale locations. Please send your \$5 donation to the Sharon Woods Civic Association, P.O. Box 297974, Columbus, OH 43229. On the reverse side of the flyer will be a map of the neighborhood, so that shoppers can easily find your home. In addition, we will provide a brightly colored balloon for you to display at your garage sale.

The \$5 donation must be received **no later than Monday, May 17**, so that we can complete and distribute maps before the sale. If you have any questions, call the sale coordinator, John Kirkpatrick, at 890-5417.

Donations Needed for Fundraising Sale

In conjunction with the community garage sale, the association plans to hold a fundraising sale to raise money for upcoming community projects.

The fundraising sale will be held at 6363 Sharon Woods Boulevard from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Please consider donating at least one item for this sale. You can drop off your donated item at 6363 Sharon Woods Boulevard on either **Thursday, May 20th or Friday, May 21st**

between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. The donation should be clean and in good working order. Any items not sold on May 22nd will be donated to charity.

We also need volunteers to help with the sale. If you are willing to help, please contact John Kirkpatrick at 890-5417. Thanks for your giving spirit!

Sharon Woods Civic Association Trustees

The following residents of Sharon Woods have been appointed by the Executive Board of the Sharon Woods Civic Association to be Trustees for 2010:

- Verne Courtright, 1866 Greenglen Court, 891-7734
- Call McCall, 6680 Walbridge, 895-2572
- Ted Messner, 1861 Red Fern Drive, 891-1197
- Nancy Meyer, 1770 Old Shay Court, 882-1703
- Char Schneider, 6450 Skywae Drive, 882-6224
- Barb Shepard, 6380 Birkewood Street, 890-4627
- Ann Marie Shabler, 1719 Peardale Road N. 794-9390
- Randy Sprouse, 6169 Harrington Court, 523-1871
- Scott Wallick, 1795 Laylon Drive, 259-1684
- Tom Wetterer, 6090 Sandgate Road, 882-1714
- Pat Wood, 1706 Parkgate Road, 890-0930.

"I think that no matter how old or infirm I may become, I will always plant a large garden in the spring. Who can resist the feelings of hope and joy that one gets from participating in nature's rebirth?"

—Edward Giobbi

Grass Mowing/Yard Clean Up

Spring is upon us and the grass is growing...are you ready for it? The following young men are available to mow yards in our area. After the hard winter we had, they are also prepared to take on your yard clean up. Consider giving them a chance to earn some money in our community:

- Nathaniel Nichols, 891-1750 or 507-3959
- Collin Slone, 891-0487
- Austin Smith, 794-9301
- Jacob Deskins, 794-0442
- Tobias Johnson, 580-6512.



Now you can become a Fan of our civic association on the popular social networking site,

Facebook. Look for up-to-the-minute local news and events to be posted on our page; to find us go to facebook.com then search for "Sharon Woods Civic Association." By clicking on "Become a Fan" you will be notified about upcoming events, can post comments of interest to your neighbors, and upload photos as well. Call Barb Bright at 794-1995 if you have questions.

Yard of the Month Contest Begins Soon

YOU may be a winner this year! During June, July, August, and September, the Sharon Woods Civic Association will once again recognize homeowners who have exceptional front yards with the Yard of the Month award, encouraging all of us to spiff up our properties and show everyone that Sharon Woods is a great place to live.

Last year's winners, Carolyn and Pete Hendey, Mary and Paul Barton, Elsa Mora, and Bart and Janice Tallman showed us interesting design and good maintenance of their front yards. Now, considering all sections of Sharon Woods, each summer month a new gardener will be awarded a special Yard of the Month sign to display in their front yard, and their photo will appear in a future issue of the newsletter. Good luck to you.

Street Resurfacing Budget Approved

Of the City's recently approved \$20 million 2010 Capital Improvements budget for street resurfacing, it is great to see that several streets in our area are included:

- Sharon Woods Blvd. (from Dublin-Granville to Schrock)
- Alpine Dr. (from Karl to Sharon Woods [and extending to Sunderland in Devonshire])
- Atterbury Ave. (from Sharon Woods to Walbridge)
- Kennerdowne St. (from Brookhurst to Atterbury)
- Walbridge St. (from Nobleshire to Atterbury)
- Faircrest Rd. (from Alpine to Calgary)
- Nobleshire Rd. (from Brookhurst to Walbridge)
- Brookhurst Ave. (from Sharon Woods to 109 E/Nobleshire)
- Belleshire St. (from Kennerdowne to Atterbury).

Neighborhood Block Watch
www.sharonwoodsblockwatch.com

Tips for a Safe Spring

As beautiful as it is, springtime also begins the unfortunate season for daytime break-ins. With the warmer weather we want to keep our windows open; however, this is an invitation to thieves, so please be careful. We have also had reports of front doors being busted in to gain entrance once the thieves determine the

resident is not home. Please talk to your neighbors and let them know if you are expecting a repair service or to remind them that they should call the police to report any suspicious activity.

Other springtime safety tips: (1) take your cell phone with you when going for a walk and if you see something suspicious, call the police to report it right away; (2) let the police know if you see kids out on the streets during school hours by calling 645-4545, option 4 so the truancy officers can pick them up.; and (3) let the police know if you are going away on vacation and they will put your address on their Vacation Watch list.

Please get in touch with Pat Wood, Sharon Woods Block Watch Coordinator, at 406-4829 or patwood4@mac.com with any concerns or questions, or if you are interested in becoming a Block Watch Captain or Member.

National Night Out – August 3rd

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the 2010 Sharon Woods National Night Out scheduled for Tuesday, August 3rd.

Scheduled speakers include (1) the Honorable Judge Harland Hale, Judge of Environmental Court; (2) Dave Cooper, chair of the Northland Alliance and the State Route 161 Task Force, and also co-leader of the Northland Area Business Watch; and (3) Dave Paul, President of the Northland Community Council, VP of the Forest Park Civic Association, and co-coordinator of the Forest Park Block Watch.

The Beechcroft Lions Club will provide food and fun for the kids with the support of Target again this year. More details will be provided in the next issue of *The Gatepost*.

Opportunity to Serve

Beechcroft Lions Club

We have been busy in the Sharon Woods community these past few months and look forward to working with our neighbors in the future.



We assisted with the civic association's annual Easter Egg Hunt by cooking pancakes, sausage, and eggs for more than 160 people. During that time, children enjoyed playing games and interacting with our guest Pilot dog and trainer. Several residents experienced walking blindfolded and letting the Pilot dogs guide them.

Our members also helped with the annual Rt. 161 Clean Up sponsored by the Northland Community Council, and assisted with the first Neighbors Helping

Neighbors event by raking and cleaning yards of Sharon Woods' residents who need extra help.

In May, we will be providing \$3,500 in scholarship awards to St. Francis DeSales High School seniors and a couple of club member's children who are moving on to or working on a college education.

Lastly, our Scotch Doubles Bowling Tournament will be held at Capri Lanes on May 7th at 7 p.m. This is one of our major fundraising projects and is dedicated to the Linda and Terry Theis Scholarship program. Linda and Terry were residents of Sharon Woods and very active members of the Beechcroft Lions Club.

We meet every third Thursday at Bruno's Restaurant at 7 p.m. Please consider joining us.

Neighborhood Events

VBS at Church of the Good Shepherd

"Galactic Blast: A Cosmic Adventure Praising God!" is the theme of this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist scheduled for June 14th to 18th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

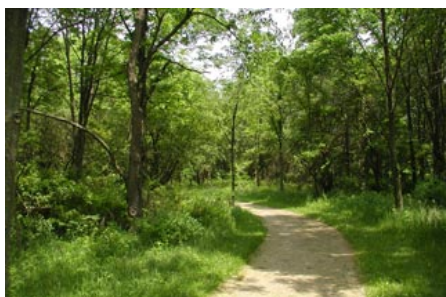
All children 4 years old through 5th grade are welcome to enjoy a week full of stories, music, crafts, and games.

You can pre-register your child by filling out a registration form at the church (6176 Sharon Woods Blvd.) Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you have questions, please call the church office at 614-891-5043.

Good to Know

A 762-Acre Natural Gem

Sharon Woods Metro Park (6911 Cleveland Ave.) is so close to our neighborhood and is filled with many wonderful resources to enjoy:



- 🌿 14-acre Schrock Lake with fishing (blue gill, bass, and catfish) available for kids (up to age 15) and seniors (age 60+)
- 🌿 319-acre Edward S. Thomas Nature Preserve, a mix of forests and open fields with many seasonal pools
- 🌿 Four trails, ranging from 0.25 to 3.8 miles, for walking, jogging, or biking
- 🌿 Four open shelters with seating for 64 each, and two shelters enclosed on three sides, with grills available

- 🌿 Spring Hollow Lodge, a heated and air conditioned lodge with kitchenette, that can be reserved for a reasonable fee for meetings of up to 64 people
- 🌿 Playground equipment, nature programs, and even a sledding hill for wintertime fun.

Information about upcoming programs can be found on their website at www.metroparks.net under the "Programs" tab, or by calling 614-891-0700.

U.S. Census

At the meeting of the Northland Community Council on April 6, 2010, the Sharon Woods area was identified as one of the worst areas in Columbus in terms of the percentage of Census 2010 forms returned. If you have not already returned your form, please do so as soon as possible. It is very likely that you will be visited by a Census worker during the month of May if you do not return your form.

Advertising in *The Gatepost*

Do you own a business? Why not advertise locally to the 2,100 households in our neighborhood? We publish *The Gatepost* at the beginning of January, March, May, July, September, and November. Ads are available at the following rates:

Full Page	\$125.00
½ Page	75.00
¼ Page	40.00
Business Card	25.00

Materials should be submitted as black and white camera-ready art when possible. If color material is submitted, we cannot guarantee the quality of the printed copy, however we will make every effort to publish high quality ads. The deadline for payment and ads is **June 7, 2010** for the July/August issue. Ad copy and remittance must be submitted to the Sharon Woods Civic Association, P. O. Box 297974, Columbus, Ohio, 43229 no later than the above date. No ad will be published unless payment is received before the deadline.

We also publish public service information from nonprofit groups in the Sharon Woods and North Columbus area on a first come-first served basis at no cost. Copy is limited to 100 words and may be edited for space constraints. Send your information to TheGatepost@yahoo.com or call Barb Bright at 614-794-1995.

To place an ad in *The Gatepost*, please contact:

- Sandi Brewer (899-6034)
- Kay and Kilbourne Gardner (895-8419).

Origin of "Taps"

During the Civil War, in July 1862 when the Army of the Potomac was in camp, Brig. Gen. Daniel Butterfield summoned Pvt. Oliver Wilcox Norton, his brigade bugler, to his tent. Butterfield, who disliked the colorless "extinguish lights" call then in use, whistled a new tune and asked the bugler to sound it for him. After repeated trials and changing the time of some notes which were scribbled on the back of an envelope, the call was finally arranged to suit Gen. Butterfield and used for the first time that night.

He then ordered that it should be substituted in his brigade for the regulation "Taps" (extinguish lights) which was printed in the Tactics and used by the whole army. This was done for the first time that night. The next day buglers from nearby brigades came over to the camp of Butterfield's brigade to ask the meaning of this new call. They liked it, and copying the music, returned to their camps, but it was not until sometime later, when generals of other commands had heard its melodious notes, that orders were issued, or permission given, to substitute it throughout the Army of the Potomac for the time-honored call which came down from West Point.

In the western armies the regulation call was in use until the autumn of 1863. At that time the XI and XII Corps were detached from the Army of the Potomac and sent under command of Gen. Hooker to reinforce the Union Army at Chattanooga, Tenn. Through its use in these corps it became known in the western armies and was adopted by them. From that time, it became and remains to this day the official call for "Taps." It is printed in the present Tactics and is used throughout the U.S. Army, the National Guard, and all organizations of veteran soldiers.

Gen. Butterfield, in composing this call and directing that it be used for "Taps" in his brigade, could not have foreseen its popularity and the use for another purpose into which it would grow. Today, whenever a man is buried with military honors anywhere in the United States, the ceremony is concluded by firing three volleys of musketry over the grave, and sounding with the trumpet or bugle "Put out the lights. Go to sleep" ...There is something singularly beautiful and appropriate in the music of this wonderful call. Its strains are melancholy, yet full of rest and peace. Its echoes linger in the heart long after its tones have ceased to vibrate in the air."

~Courtesy of the Arlington National Cemetery website



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Homes Sold in Sharon Woods Through 1st Quarter 2010

Address...	List Price...	Sale Price...
• 6080 Sharon Woods Blvd	\$134,900	\$134,900
• 6494 Sharon Woods Blvd	\$149,900	\$142,500
• 2058 Atterbury Avenue*	\$153,900	\$150,000
Average	\$146,233	\$142,467
Average Days on Market		36
Sale to List Price		97.51%

In 2009 there were 25 closed transactions in Sharon Woods. Through my innovative marketing program and groundbreaking technology, I participated in approximately 25% of those transactions. No other agent comes close!

* Participated in Transaction

Current Sharon Woods Listings



6065 Sandgate
Listed at \$138,000
4 Bedrooms
2.5 Baths
2,102 SF



6298 Bellmeadow
Listed at \$139,900
4 Bedrooms
2.5 Baths
2,140 SF

Featured Listings



PERFECT 10!
Columbus
4 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths
2,129 Square Feet



IMMACULATE!
Westerville
3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths
2,486 Square Feet



SPECTACULAR!
Westerville
4 Bedrooms, 3.5 Baths
3,049 Square Feet

Due to the Internet advertising guidelines issued by the Ohio Division of Real Estate we are unable to include the current available listings and under contracts, although the list is available through our office. Above information is based on MLS data only as of 4/9/10 and is subject to errors and omissions.

If your property is currently listed for sale with another Realtor®, please disregard this flyer. It is not our intention to solicit the offerings of other Realtors®.



Sharon Woods Civic Association
Membership Application, July 2010 – June 2011

Dear Neighbor:

I would like to welcome Cheshire Commons and Willowick Condo communities to *The Gatepost* delivery area. Previously our newsletter was only delivered to single and twin-single homes in Sharon Woods. Because several residents of Willowick are now members of our association, we have expanded our delivery to your area. Would you, as well as all residents of Sharon Woods, please consider becoming members of the Sharon Woods Civic Association? Being a member of the association offers the following important benefits:

- Enables you to interact with local firefighters; the Columbus Police Community Liaison Officer Scott Clinger; and City of Columbus Neighborhood Liaison, Dick Graham at our monthly meetings, hearing the latest local news and giving you the opportunity to discuss any concerns you may have
- Enables you to meet more of your neighbors, while working together on projects and events that make this a wonderful place to live
- Enables our officers to attend Northland Community Council (NCC) monthly meetings, representing our neighborhood's best interests
- Enables our trustee to attend the NCC Development monthly meetings, ensuring that the Northland community standards are enforced
- Allows you to schedule free Santa visits at your home for your children or grandchildren
- Enables you to win cash awards during the Holiday Lighting Contest in December.

Sharon Woods includes approximately 2,000 homes within the boundaries of State Route 161 to Schrock Road and Karl Road to Maple Canyon, as part of the Northland Community Council area. Income from our membership drive, extra donations, tireless volunteers and fundraisers have allowed us to continue the many programs we offer to the community. As a vital part of this association you can get involved in countless ways: for example, you could donate items to be sold at our fundraising garage sale, deliver membership drive materials, help clean up areas around our entrance signs, deliver candles for luminaries, or join the 55 Block Watch Captains who help to keep our neighborhood safe. Some programs and events we have provided in the past include:

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Neighbors Helping Neighbors Clean-up Day
- Membership Drive
- Community/Fundraising Garage Sale
- Distribution of American flags at the Fourth of July Parade on Karl Road
- Beautification projects in our community, including the Yard of the Month awards
- Santa Visits and Holiday Lighting Contest
- Publication of *The Gatepost* newsletter
- Block Watch program and National Night Out
- Northland Community Council and Development Meetings
- Decorative Street Lighting Petitions and information.

We hope you consider these programs and events worthwhile enough to become an association member for 2010/2011. Just complete the application on the reverse side and mail it with your check in the envelope provided with this issue of *The Gatepost*. Thank you and have a great year.

John R. Kirkpatrick
President
Sharon Woods Civic Association



Sharon Woods Civic Association Membership Application

July 2010 – June 2011

Please complete the form below and send with your membership check to:
Sharon Woods Civic Association, P.O. Box 297974, Columbus, Ohio 43229

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Household Membership (\$12.00) or Senior (age 60+) Household Membership (\$10.00) \$ _____

Christmas Luminaries:

No. of candles for luminaries _____ at cost of 3 for \$1.00 \$ _____

Extra Donation for Community Projects \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

I would like to help with: (check as many as apply)

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| _____ Easter Egg Hunt | _____ Membership Drive (May/June) |
| _____ Community/Fundraising Garage Sale | _____ Fourth of July Parade on Karl Road |
| _____ Beautification Projects | _____ Santa Visits |
| _____ Holiday Lighting Contest (December) | _____ Block Watch Captain or Member |
| _____ National Night Out | _____ Christmas Luminaries |
| _____ Neighbors Helping Neighbors Clean-up | _____ Other New Community Projects |
| _____ Publication of <i>The Gatepost</i> newsletter | |

Other Comments/Suggestions:

We encourage all neighborhood residents to become members of the Sharon Woods Civic Association and participate in our events. We appreciate your continued support.

Keep this bottom portion as a reminder of the date you renewed your annual membership in the Sharon Woods Civic Association.

Date: _____ Check number: _____