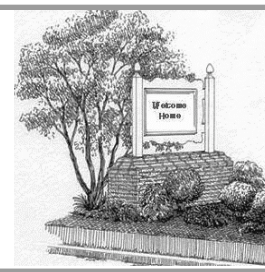


SHERWOOD PARK NEWS

A Quarterly Newsletter Published by the Sherwood Park Civic Association



Fall 2017

President's Message

As we close out 2017, I thought I would reflect on all of the exciting things that have happened in Sherwood Park this year.

In February a car drove into our entrance sign at Brookland Parkway and Hermitage doing extensive damage. Both entrance signs were replaced and new landscaping will come in Spring 2018 along with a revamped look to the pocket park.

In May we brought back our annual Spring Picnic on the lawn of the Veritas School attended by many families in our neighborhood.

While we are all disappointed to see the construction on the Westwood Tract, our focus now must be on protecting the remaining acreage. I want to thank all of you who were involved in the community effort against this development.

Our general meeting locations focused on the excellent schools in our neighborhood – January at Veritas, May at Holton Elementary and October at our newest school, The Waldorf School.

Thank you to all of you who attended and to our excellent hosts.

In September we held a special meeting to change the bylaws allowing our officers to serve two-year terms and changing the president-elect position to vice president. Both changes will make it easier for us to recruit leaders for our civic association.

At our October meeting we elected Vicki Bray as vice president to join me, Kenney Cobb (secretary) and Lee Ann Jones (treasurer) as officers of the Sherwood Park Civic Association. The officers will be meeting later this month to map out our priorities for 2018. Please email me at Christopher.ellis@longandfoster.com with your suggestions.

Thank you for being part of this amazing neighborhood and I look forward to working with you in the new year.

Chris

Treasurer's Report

The treasury of the association has had an active year. The largest expenditure was for the two neighborhood signs on Brookland Parkway. It cost a total of \$3240, with the city providing a stipend of \$950 towards that. We also hosted the spring picnic and had multiple newsletters and mailings. Dues are currently \$10 per household, with 112 households paying for 2017. At our October 19th association meeting, it was unanimously voted to increase our annual dues to \$15 per household starting in 2018.



Advertise In The Newsletter

Beginning with our February 2018 newsletter, you will have the opportunity to advertise your business in the Sherwood Park newsletter. See rates below. Please contact Chris Ellis if you are interested 804-304-5034 or christopher.ellis@longandfoster.com.

\$20 Business card

\$35 Quarter-page

\$60 Half-page

\$100 Full-page

2018 Meeting Dates

7:00pm • Locations TBD

Thursday, January 25, 2018

New SP Residents Welcome Night
(To welcome anyone who's moved into Sherwood Park within the past 2 years.)

Sunday, May 6, 2018

Spring Picnic

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Election of Officers for 2019-2020

Thursday, October 18, 2018

2017 Real Estate Recap

- ❖ Information is year-to-date through 10/31/17.
- ❖ 6 houses were sold in Sherwood Park in 2017 vs. 9 in 2016.
- ❖ Prices range from \$245,000 to \$387,000.
- ❖ Average price was \$330,250 vs. \$244,878 – a 35% increase.
- ❖ Days on market dropped 78% from 40 days last year to 9 days this year, which tells us houses are selling much faster this year.
- ❖ Dollars per square foot was \$152 vs. \$133 last year – a 14% improvement.

Source: Chris Ellis at Long & Foster, and Central Virginia Regional Multiple Listing Service



Shalom Farms Update

Dominic Barrett, Shalom Farms

We are excited that Shalom Farms has finally begun initial site work on our farm project at the Westwood Tract. As many folks have seen, a simple post and rail fence went up around the Rennie-facing portion of our leased area. This is the only area we will be growing crops in during 2018. Inside the fenced area we've begun to prepare the soil with a winter "cover crop" to improve soil health and we've built 24 raised beds. Outside the fenced area near the walking



trail we've built six picnic tables (anyone is welcome to use them!). We've cleared two-thirds of the overgrown community garden area and plan on cleaning out the rest with the help of Union students in the next few weeks.

We anticipate things being mostly quiet over there this fall and winter. As we raise funds this winter and upcoming spring we may start work on a modest covered pavilion/structure and/or storage shed near where the picnic tables currently sit. We hope to have a more formal site plan and timeline in place by the end of December. We will also hold another community chat/conversation sometime this winter as we continue our dialogue with neighbors and Northsiders about the project. We anticipate farming as well as volunteer and educational opportunities to start sometime during Spring 2018. Volunteer opportunities for residents and community partners in the Northside will be one of our top priorities. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to email dominic@shalomfarms.org with any questions or concerns.

BLOCK CAPTAIN STILL NEEDED FOR LITTLE JOHN

If you live on or near Little John please consider becoming your block's captain. As Block Captain, your main responsibilities are to distribute newsletters and notices to each home on your block, and to inform the secretary of new neighbors. You are also asked to attend the association meetings, which take place four times per year. Please contact Chris Ellis at christopher.ellis@longandfoster.com or 804-380-5034 if you can help.

Thank you to Mary Chandler, Mary Swezey, and Michael Baumgardner for stepping up as our newest block captains!



Three Options for Leaf Collection

From Richmondgov.com

The city has made significant upgrades to the leaf collection service to make it easier to get rid of leaves throughout the city. There are **three options** for disposal.

Option 1- Bagged Collection/Free of Charge

- * Begins October 2, 2017
- * Up to 10 bags collected on trash day
- * Biodegradable plastic bags preferred
- * Place bags near supercan

Option 2 - Collection Schedule by Sector (We are in Sector 3- Monday Trash Collection)

- * Leaves must be bagged by November 27.
- * All bagged leaves will be picked between Nov. 27 & Dec. 9.

Option 3 Vacuum Service | \$30 per request

- * November 1, 2017, and will continue based upon available schedule
- * Rake leaves to front of property line - Two ways to request vacuum service - Call 646-LEAF
- * Print and fill out request form on city website at www.richmondgov.com/PublicWorks/Leafcollection.aspx
- * A one week window will be provided based upon current availability



If mailing in form, make check or money order payable to City of Richmond and mail to:
City of Richmond Department of Public Works/LEAF 900 East Broad Street, Suite 704/Richmond, VA 23219

Dispose of loose leaves at:
East Richmond Road Convenience Center
3800 East Richmond Road
Maury Street Landfill
2900 Maury Street

Vacuum service may be delayed during inclement weather.

Receive Neighborhood News Updates

Join The Email Group

To receive community updates on the Sherwood Park Email Distribution List:

Send an email to sherwood_park-subscribe@yahoogroups.com, then follow the instructions you receive.

If you have trouble signing up, email sherwood_park-owner@yahoogroups.com and ask for help signing up. This message will be opened by our Neighborhood Email List manager, Pamela Howard, and she will respond to help you with the process.

If you would like to unsubscribe from the Email Distribution List send an email to sherwood_park-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com and follow the instructions you receive.

Once you have signed up, if you would like to send a message to the distribution list, send your email to sherwood_park@yahoogroups.com. The email has to come from the email address you used to sign up for the group. If you have different addresses for your household, or for work and home, you may add yourself under different addresses that you have access to.



Sherwood Park Civic Association on Facebook.
Website: <http://rvaspca.wixsite.com/spca>

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