



# SHERWOOD FOREST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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## Minutes of the Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Association Meeting

Tuesday, August 14, 2012; 6:30 PM; Sherwood Forest Presbyterian Church

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 Pm by Ed Tilden, President, after a brief social period among attendees including Lieutenant Gates who was representing Officer Scott, who could not attend. Also present was Charmaine Clark, our District 3 Community Liaison.

There were fifteen residents in attendance. Our treasurer, Rhett Bailey gave a report. Our balance is \$1520.84, with no outstanding debt.

Lt. Gates was introduced and discussed crime in our area. There has been a rash of car break-ins and home burglaries. Four suspects have been arrested and eight are under investigation. In general, the suspects are not from this part of town. Resident burglaries usually occur between the hours of 10 AM and 2 PM. Car break-ins usually occur after dark. 90% of car break-ins occur when cars are left unlocked and valuables are in plain sight. For break-ins, burglars typically knock on the door of a home to find out if anyone is home. If there is no response to a knock or doorbell, they force entry through a back door. It is important to indicate that someone is home, even though you should not allow a stranger into your home. Do not entertain individuals who want to cut grass or sell books or magazines. Home security, as well as making entry into your home difficult is a helpful way to deter criminals. Video surveillance and dogs are also good crime deterrents. Descriptions of vehicles and suspects help catch the perpetrators and crack the burglary cases. Take a picture of the suspicious car or suspect if possible and send it to the police. Send Lt. Gates an email with concerns.

Call the police to inform them of any suspicious characters at 252-2911(non emergency number). To get information on crime prevention, call 545-3500.

If you think someone is committing a crime, call 911.

Ed Tilden discussed new mobile applications to monitor the crime in the neighborhood:

1. **Raids:** Free to City of Columbia Residents
2. **Guardian Watch:** Used by Richland county to report incidents going on in the county
3. **City Services 311:** Columbiasc.net to look for on-line services: You can report a problem, register a complaint and file a 311 complaint. You can also call 311 on your phone to state your complaint.
4. **Customer Care Center for the City of Columbia (same as 311) 24 hours a day:** Call 545-3300 Deals with any concern.



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Rannie French showed an interest in being the secretary for the neighborhood association with a back up. She was voted in as secretary and Polly Tilden will be her back up. Dave Nelson and Pat Lare volunteered to bring the refreshments for the meeting November 13, 2012.

The officer's for the coming year will be the following:

- Ed Tilden, President
- Mark Hering, Vice President
- Rhett Bailey, Treasurer
- Rannie French, Secretary (Polly Tilden, backup)

The next meeting will be 6:30 PM on Tuesday, November 13, 2012.

There was no new business so the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Polly Tilden