



The Sherwood Forest CRIER for September 2024
Newsletter of the [Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Association](#)



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Quarterly General Meeting Wednesday, November 13th:

Join us at the Sherwood Forest ARP Church from 6:30 – 7:30 pm or on Zoom. Door opens by 6pm to allow for set up and collaboration. Topics will include our annual election of officers, and a review/edits to our bylaws which have not been updated in years. A more detailed agenda will be published prior to the meeting. Please bring a snack to share.



Sherwood Forest Gateway Sign Dedicated!

Prior to our August 14th quarterly meeting we dedicated our new gateway sign in front of the Sherwood Forest ARP Church. Thanks to Jeff Amberg for volunteering his expert photographic services!



USC Belser Arboretum: Arboretum Report from Trey Franklin, Belser Arboretum Director 8/14/24

The arboretum is green and growing during this hot and rainy summer. Here is a rundown of our happenings—current and upcoming:

The herpetology survey has been ongoing for several months now. The students are enjoying learning to capture and ID numerous reptiles and amphibians. There have been no surprising species collected yet, but we do capture a large number of the expected suspects, such as:

- Dekay's brown snake
- Several skink species
- Several salamander species
- Bronze frogs
- A small collection of residential eastern box turtles have been documented multiple times,

We have several events being planned:

- Two more book clubs upcoming: Oct 13 (see below) and Nov 24 (book TBA)
- A tree dedication in memory of Rudy Mancke in November
- Looking forward to working with Larry Hembree on Art in the Arboretum (early 2025).

And watch for an article in the Columbia Star highlighting the Arboretum and a bit of its history--in the works but no publication date as yet.

The indoor classroom/museum (which is part of the office/toolshed structure) has deteriorated dramatically in the past several months. We will be demolishing or repurposing that portion of the structure soon—repurposing will only happen if there is enough sound roof structure left.

We had a rough week in July, during which we lost a tree that blocked part of Wilmot when it fell. I'm sad to say that it was the tree that the barred owls nested in for several years. We are working with the University to get that cleaned up but may have to hire Sox and Freeman if Kevin and the arborist crew are too busy currently. Thank you for the multiple calls alerting me of the issue. PLEASE DO contact me in the future when anything like that occurs!!

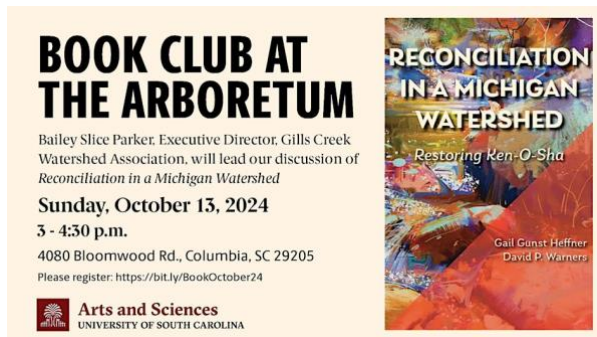
Lastly, I am asking for input from the Association regarding the development of a strategic plan for the Arboretum. If there are specific items you would like to be considered as a goal in that plan, please send those to me. I will be working with others on this long-term, strategic plan, including goals for

- Infrastructure
- Programming
- financial development
- community involvement
- community/business/corporate partnerships

As always, thank you for your support and time. Trey Franklin, Belser Arboretum Director, frankliw@email.sc.edu

All are invited to the Arboretum Open House, the 3rd Sunday of every month, 1-4 p.m. Gates open at 4080 Bloomwood Rd. and on Wilmot Dr. just west of Duncan. Open weekly for visitors and volunteers: Wednesdays & Saturdays: 9 a.m. - Noon, Thursdays: 4 p.m. – dusk. Weather and work schedules may change these times. Contact Us: arboretum@sc.edu.

The August Issue of the [W. Gordon Belser Arboretum newsletter](#) is now available. To join the mailing list for upcoming newsletters click [Here](#).





BOOK CLUB AT THE ARBORETUM

Bailey Slice Parker, Executive Director, Gills Creek Watershed Association, will lead our discussion of *Reconciliation in a Michigan Watershed*

Sunday, October 13, 2024
3 - 4:30 p.m.

4080 Bloomwood Rd., Columbia, SC 29205
Please register: <https://bit.ly/BookOctober24>

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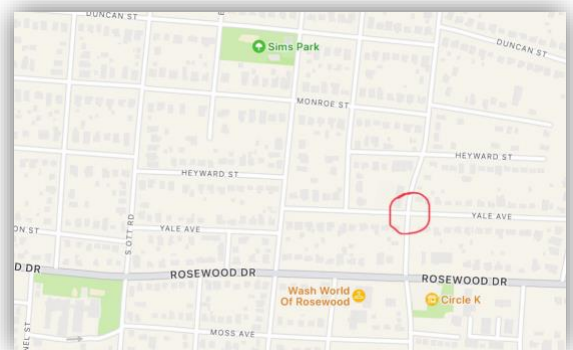
Book Club at the Belser Arboretum Sunday, October 13, 3 p.m.

Reconciliation in a Michigan Watershed: Restoring Ken-O-Sha by Gail Gunst Heffner and David P. Warners. Discussion with Bailey Slice Parker, Executive Director, Gills Creek Watershed Association.

[Details and Registration.](#)

Crosswalk at Yale Avenue and Kilbourne Road:

Neighborhood residents have brought to our attention the need for an additional pedestrian crosswalk from Sherwood Forest across Kilbourne Road. Many children cross on their way to school or Sims Park, and we have had several bad automobile accidents in that area. As the SC Department of Transportation (SCDOT) owns all our streets, we contacted them about adding a crosswalk at Yale and Kilbourne. They are favorably inclined to support our request and are currently doing the official investigation and planning. Stay tuned for updates in future issues of the *CRIER*.



Storm Drains Clean-out:

As we discovered during recent flash flooding, storm drains can get clogged by debris that worsens flooding problems. Since SCDOT owns all our neighborhood roads you should contact them to clean out the storm drains as soon as possible. You can call their hot line at 855-GO-SCDOT (855-467-2368) Monday-Friday 8:30am – 5:00pm or [submit a work request online](#).



Excessive City Water Pressure: Several homeowners in our neighborhood have reported very high water pressure from the city to their homes. Recommended water pressure into your home is a max of 80psi (50-60psi optimum). Pressure much higher than 80psi can cause leaks inside your house or crawl space. The city knows what the pressure should be based on the elevation of your property and the elevation of the water tank feeding your location. Our house on Bloomwood Road is getting just over 90psi from the city, so we had a plumber install a Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV) to step the pressure down to 75psi. This cost several hundred dollars to install but should save money in the long term on repairing numerous leaks in the house. The older your house is then the more brittle the PVC piping will become over time, and the greater the risk of leaks. You can check the pressure yourself with an inexpensive pressure gauge available from any hardware store. Just attach it to your outside hose connection and turn on the water to see the pressure on your system. Pressure may rise a bit when your hot water heater is running, so it's a good practice to get a gauge with a lazy hand to record the highest pressure over several hours.

Business Friends: Our Business Friend enrollment campaign rolls forward with planned meetings to introduce owners of Dunbar Chapel and Piggly Wiggly to the benefits. If you can nominate a business owner, [let Pat Mason know](#). Think: major vendors like plumbers, HVAC, landscapers, roofers. Also brick and mortar businesses: dentists, veterinarians, restaurants, chiropractors, dog groomers, etc.

On The Market: Keystone property atop 400 Kalmia Drive at one of the five-point corners was recently listed @ \$529,200 (\$262/sq ft). Glad to have this rental become a primary home!

Have You Paid Your Annual SFNA Dues?

If you haven't yet, please pay your \$20 dues. If you are not sure, send a text or email (henryn215@gmail.com) and our treasurer will let you know your status. And now that we are a 501(c)(3) organization, you may be able to deduct it as a charitable donation.

Your \$20 pays for parties, events, signage, doggie poop bags, the gardens outside of the arboretum, Forest Friends free tree distribution, web & domaine fees, and other such costs. You can send or deliver a check to Henry Nechemias, Treasurer, 4 Robin Hood Ct. 29205, pay through PayPal or set up an automatic annual payment also through PayPal: [Pay Dues Online - Sherwood Forest Neighborhood - Columbia SC](#)

[What are the benefits of membership?](#)

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