



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

NOTE: The CRIER will only be published every two months from now on. Any short-term immediate news will be shared in the Google Group email.



November National Election: Early voting in the national election started October 21st and ends Saturday, November 2nd. For details about where to vote early, your Nov 5th polling place, and your sample ballot (including a Statewide Constitutional Amendment and two Local Questions) go to [scVotes.gov](https://scvotes.gov). Be prepared and make certain your vote counts!



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. We will also have a guest speaker, Daniel Long, True Pharmacy Director of Compliance & Specialty, to tell us about True Pharmacy which has moved into the old Brunette’s Cleaners building. [The meeting agenda is available here](#). Please bring a snack to share.

- Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86389906648?pwd=eHpld0duYk8welp0LytmWkxKY3VjZz09>
- Meeting ID: 863 8990 6648; Passcode: 649565

November Association Officer Election: We’ll vote for our association officers at our November meeting. The current slate of nominees includes:

- **President:** Gail Wojtowicz (incumbent)
- **Vice President:** Pat Mason (incumbent)
- **Secretary:** Susan DeLoach Culler (incumbent)
- **Treasurer:** Henry Nechemias (incumbent)

Additional nominees for these positions will be accepted up until 1 week prior to the election (Nov 6th). Please get concurrence from the nominee first, and then submit all nominee names to [Gail Wojtowicz](#) by Nov 6th.

Sherwood Forest “Friends” Building Pride:

Valerie Marcil’s, “Forest Friends” concept is taking-on-life as we “build pride” and “nurture roots”. So, here’s a perpetual call-out to those willing to find maybe, an hour a week, supporting this rainbow of “friends” vision. Want to play with one of these groups? Just email pmason@carolinainliving.com to register. Then, watch for notices of fun engaging activities.

- **Forest Friends** — being green.
- **Business Friends** — growing a business: Weaver Realty, True Pharmacy and the SC Historic Railroad Museum.
- **Doggie/Park Friends** — Reclamation project behind Presbyterian Church.
- **Block Captain Friends** — Ten of 25 SF Zones remain open for volunteer leaders.
- **Artist Friends** — So far, Larry Hembree has found about 25 artist-in-residents to join. (Includes, performing, culinary, graphic, sculptor, paint, animator, crafter, poet, designer, ++)

- **Clean-up Friends** — David Nelson is perpetually welcoming all to find two hours a quarter keeping the forest tidy.
- **Safety/Traffic Friends** — Gail Wojtowicz & Ed Tilden lead communications with City officials re traffic and safety.
- **Honorary Friends** — like USC Belser Arboretum & Sherwood Forest Associate Reformed Presbyterian ARP Church

Sherwood Forest Block Captains!

Reserve Sunday, November 10th • 2-3:30 PM • Belser Arboretum Shelter.

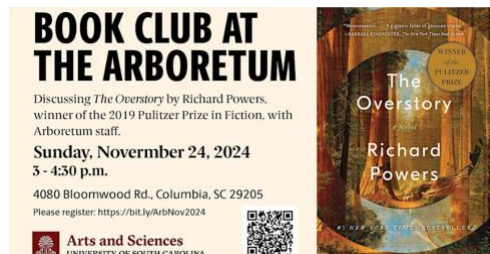
Gather as we salute and encourage our Sherwood Forest Block Captain leaders for their willingness and (at times) valor in their commitment to engage and support their neighbors. This huddle is meant for sharing, coaching and getting the in-side scoop on 2025 association game plans. Meet & mix with your fellow Block Captains. Bring friends, teenage kids and Scouts who might have an interested in serving as a Block Captain — maybe on average, donating a couple of hours a month (amidst their busy lives) to lead, build pride and nurture roots. Important local civic work. Oh, and Dr. Trey Franklin will brief us on Arboretum 2025 action plans.

Fun in the Forest • Refreshments • Rain or Shine!

W. Gordon Belser Arboretum: From the Beginning: Mike Cox of the Columbia Star has written a fascinating story about the origins of the Belser Arboretum. You can read the story in the online Columbia Star here:

<https://www.thecolumbiastar.com/articles/w-gordon-belser-arboretum-from-the-beginning/>

Book Club at the Belser Arboretum Sunday, November 24, 3 – 4:30 p.m.



BOOK CLUB AT THE ARBORETUM
 Discussing *The Overstory* by Richard Powers, winner of the 2019 Pulitzer Prize in Fiction, with Arboretum staff.
Sunday, November 24, 2024
 3 - 4:30 p.m.
 4080 Bloomwood Rd., Columbia, SC 29205
 Please register: <https://bit.ly/ArbNov2024>
 Arts and Sciences UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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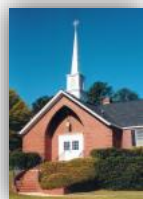
[Details and Registration.](#)



GRAND RE-OPENING!
Free Food, Prizes, Health Fair & MORE!
 Meet local pharmacist **John Thorne IV, PharmD.**
 Live radio show from **100.7 FM The Point.**
 Enter our drawing for a **YETI COOLER!**
 Sample food from **Midwood Smokehouse.**
November 14th, 4-6pm
@ True Pharmacy
 TrueRxSC.com | (803) 849-1500
 623 Beltline Blvd, Columbia, SC 29205

Neighborhood News:

True Pharmacy Grand Re-Opening. They have recently moved from their Devine Street location to our neighborhood in the old Burnette’s Cleaners building. On November 14th from 4-6 pm come and see their great new pharmacy, meet Pharmacist John Thorne and his team, get some free food, enter a drawing for a Yeti cooler, and observe a live radio show from 100.7 FM The Point.



Sherwood Forest ARP church is going to have a BBQ sale to raise money for Sistercare again this year. We would love to get that in the Crier if possible. The event will be on Thursday December 12th from 5-7 pm. All proceeds will go to buy supplies for Sistercare.



Mayor Rickenmann invites the community to attend a Town Hall event where he will share the State of the City of Columbia. Alongside City Council members, the Mayor will provide updates on various initiatives and developments throughout the City over the past year. Sessions are open to the public, offering Sherwood Forest citizens the opportunity to ask questions live.

Town Hall for District 3 & 4

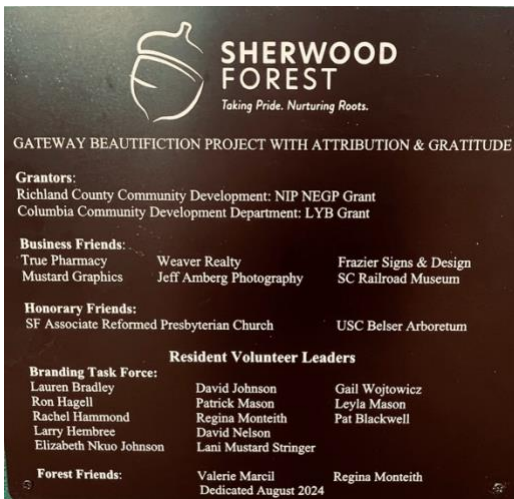
When: Monday, November 11, 2024 at 5:30pm

Where: Woodland Park (6500 Olde Knight Pkwy., Columbia, SC 29209)

Who:

- Mayor Daniel Rickenmann
- Councilman Will Brennan (District III)
- Councilman Peter Brown (District IV)
- Councilman Tyler Bailey (At-Large)

Gateway Beautification Project Tribute Plaque:



Knowing that acknowledgment is key to “building pride”, the Tribute Plaques are installed on the two Wilmot beautification signs. The next three signs are now funded.

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](#)

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The Weaver Realty team and Prime Financial Services is a certified Business Friend of the Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Association.