



The *Sherwood Forest CRIER* for January/February 2025 Newsletter of the [Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Association](#)

Look for editions of your SF CRIER delivered every second month from 1/1/25. And, in the mean time, expect meaningful timely news shared via the SF Google Group.



Annual Holiday 12th Night Party: Our annual neighborhood celebration will be held January 10th from 6 – 9 pm at the home of Regina Monteith, 530 Kilbourne Road. Her property is known as *Bloomwood*, the original 1920's home of W. Gordon Belser. We are grateful for her annual gracious hospitality. Parking is available in the adjacent Piggly Wiggly parking lot. The association is providing a spiral ham, wine, beer and soft drinks. Traditional potluck protocols will apply (bring a dish to share). All adult residents of Sherwood Forest and our Business Friends are invited. You can also start the new year out right and pay your annual association dues at the party (see below).

Quarterly General Meeting Wednesday, February 12th:

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 review of our by-laws. The meeting agenda will be published via our Google Group email prior to the meeting. Please bring a snack to share.

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

Association Officer Election: We'll vote for our association officers at our February 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 (Feb 5th). Please get concurrence from the nominee first, and then submit all nominee names to [Gail Wojtowicz](#) by Feb 5th.

Association By-Laws Updates: At our February 12th general meeting we will vote on making a few edits to our by-laws. To see the current by-laws click [Here](#). A copy of the by-laws with proposed changes will be distributed via our Google email group by January 29th. If you have questions or recommended changes to the by-laws, please contact Gail Wojtowicz, kernalwojo@aol.com, by Feb 5th.

W. Gordon Belser Arboretum: The December issue of the arboretum newsletter is available [Here](#).

- **Book Club at the Belser Arboretum:** Bookmark and share the [Book Club web page](#) to see past and upcoming book club events. Other topics in this issue include:
 - Making Shitake Mushroom Logs
 - Plant Profile: Witchhazel
 - It's Tree Planting Time

- Frost Flower Season

Return on Investment (ROI) for Volunteering with our Association: Seeking sound reasoning to consider having someone in your household volunteer in support of neighborhood association goals? Check out our [Volunteer ROI Calculator](#).

SFNA Business Friends:

Please support our business friends who help us make our neighborhood a great place to live. The certified Business Friends of the Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Association include the following.



Artist Friends Group to Convene:



SFNA is beginning the process of creating the Sherwood Forest Artist Friends group and we hope you will consider becoming a part of it. We invite anyone who is an artist (professional or hobby) or has a great appreciation for arts and culture to consider participating in a brand-new casual initiative, **SFNA Artist Friends**. Our goal is to enhance the culture of our neighborhood (what makes it unique, interesting, and ultimately a great place to live) by creating opportunities for engagement through artworks and arts experiences that embrace and reflect the SFNA mission and brand. The group will represent a variety of areas, not only performing and visual arts, but also literary, media, culinary, etc.

Sherwood Forest Artist Friends Group Draft Statement of Purpose:

We believe everyone deserves equal access to a full creative life including time spent in our Sherwood Forest neighborhood with our family and neighbors (and pets) celebrating the surroundings that define our neighborhood.

- **Purpose:** To gather Sherwood Forest neighbors interested in coordinating an inclusive, dynamic arts presence in Sherwood Forest that inspires, educates, and creates opportunities for engagement through artworks and arts experiences that reflect SFNA mission and brand. This includes the arts in all its forms.
- **Process:**
 1. Identify interested Sherwood Forest neighbors interested in participating through the SFNA database and other methods of communication.
 2. Plan priority projects for 2025 and delegate responsibilities.
 3. Explore and seek funding for approved projects.

We would like to gather any interested participants in early 2025 to plan initial projects. If you are interested in participating or simply finding out more, email Larry Hembree at larryhembree1@gmail.com or at 803-354-3883.

Neighborhood News:

- Walkers/joggers are reminded that they should wear light colored clothing and walk/jog towards the traffic when in the roadway, especially at night. A reflective device/light is also recommended at night.

- Now that it is dark in the mornings when children walk and ride bikes to school, it would increase their safety if they carry flashlights and use reflectors on their bikes, book-bags and helmets, especially across the intersection of Yale and Kilbourne.
- The new crosswalk at Yale Avenue and Kilbourne Road has been approved by the SCDOT, and they are only waiting on a materials supply backlog to complete the project.
- Sherwood Forest Walk Score: https://www.walkscore.com/SC/Columbia/Sherwood_Forest

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 & domain name 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 Venmo, and set up an automatic annual payment through PayPal: [Pay Dues Online - Sherwood Forest Neighborhood - Columbia SC](#) .

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