



SHERWOOD FOREST

Taking Pride. Nurturing Roots.

SHERWOOD FOREST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER ROI CALCULATOR January 2025

Seeking sound reasoning to consider having someone in your household volunteer in support of neighborhood goals?

Realtor Association reports that City of Columbia median annual home listing prices increase on average, nearly 5% annually. Some Columbia neighborhood home values (Shandon, Sherwood Forest, Rosewood) grow much faster than others.

Let's assume Sherwood Forest residential values on average are appreciating 5% annually. So, for every \$100,000 of home market value, we are realizing a \$5,000 equity increase (compounding annually). Means our median market prices are potentially doubling about every 15 years.

Now, let's vision your neighborhood association taking-on consistent wise leadership intentions to boosting safety, healthy lifestyle, social engagement, branding, environmental consciousness, beautification projects, a recreation/dog park, insightful meeting keynote speakers, etc.

Then, let's just say ...these resident volunteer activities result in an additional 1% market value increase (from 5% to 6%) every year.

Looking at some motivational metrics for volunteering, we might start with dollar return on volunteer hours per \$100,000 market value.

As an example: Let's assume you find 1-hour a week (52/yr.) to volunteer in support of Sherwood Forest.

Calculating your annual 52-volunteer hour earnings based on the additional 1% per \$100,000 value, a home worth \$300,000 increases annually by \$3,000. This puts your wage somewhere around: \$58 per volunteered hour.

As a caring, engaged resident, your time, passion, skills and civic leadership are valuable in so many ways. And, the potential dollar payoff is a measurable addition to your net worth, in addition to the pride in contributing to and experiencing neighborhood improvements.

We ask that you consider a 52-Hour Volunteer Plan by playing an annual role on one or two of these leadership opportunities:

Forest Friends ... being green, thinking resilience.

Recreation/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 public officials re traffic and safety solutions.

Just connect with Pat Mason to be welcomed aboard: gpmason8146@gmail.com

P.S. We understand many are unable to muster motivation and or time to volunteer leadership hours for their neighborhood org. In reality, we're all happy to allow everyone to reap benefits of neighbor association efforts. That said, we invite you to join the SFNA, attend quarterly meetings to share, learn, engage, and make a difference.

Thanks!