



The Sherwood Forest CRIER for November/December 2025

Newsletter of the [Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Association](#)

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If you are not sure, send a text to (215) 888-5104 or email treasurer@sherwoodforestneighbors.org, and our treasurer will let you know your status.

SPECIAL DEAL: If you donate during the fourth quarter (Oct-Dec 2025) your dues will apply through 2026!

Mark the Date: Quarterly General Meeting **Wednesday, November 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, collaboration and socializing. The meeting agenda will be published via our Google Group email prior to the meeting. Please consider bringing a snack to share.

Guest Speaker: Samantha Yager, Superintendent of the Solid Waste Division, City of Columbia, will talk about solid waste collection and recycling.

1. Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86389906648?pwd=eHpld0duYk8welp0LytmWkxKY3VjZz09>
2. Meeting ID: 863 8990 6648; Passcode: 649565
3. The video recording of the meeting will be made available immediately after the meeting.
4. Minutes (once approved) and video from our August 13th meeting are located [Here](#).

Columbia Council of Neighborhoods (CCN) Neighborhood of the Year Nomination: Sherwood Forest has been nominated for the CCN Neighborhood of the Year award based on our recent achievements. See the full nomination [Here](#).

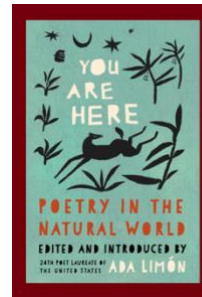
Neighborhood Events – mark your calendar:

- **Neighborhood-Wide Yard Sale:** Saturday, November 8, at the home of Laura and Boyd Yound, 4229 Wilmot, or in your own yard. See details below.
- **12th Night in the Forest:** Our annual adults-only party January 9, 2026, from 6-9pm at the home of Regina Monteith, 530 Kilbourne Road (“Bloomwood”).
- **Art in the Forest:** Rescheduled for March 15, 2026, as part of the regularly scheduled Arboretum Open House. Mark your calendar, and more information coming soon.

Treasurer Plea: To those of you who attended our Halloween Party, thank you! To those of you who did not, you missed a great get-together! Now, as Treasurer, I ask everyone who has not yet paid their 2025 dues, to please do so. \$20 is not much, but it funds things like these parties, the new entry signs, the doggie poop bags, and much more. We need your support! *SPECIAL DEAL: If you donate during the fourth quarter (Oct-Dec 2025) your dues will apply through 2026!*

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

- **Open House** The third Sunday of every month, 1 – 4 pm.
4080 Bloomwood Road, Columbia, SC 29205
- **Arboretum Hours:** Wednesdays & Saturdays 9am – Noon;
Thursdays 4 – 6:30pm
- **November Book Club Sunday, November 9th.**
For more details and to register go to the [Book Club Eventbrite site](#).



BOOK CLUB AT THE ARBORETUM

Discussing *You Are Here*,
Collection Edited & Introduced by Ada Limón
Led by Nicola Waldron

**Sunday, November 9, 2025
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.**

4080 Bloomwood Rd., Columbia, SC 29205



Neighborhood Yard Sale November 8th: From Laura and Boyd Young:

This year marks the 16th annual *Christmas Project* yard sale at our house, 4229 Wilmot! We use all proceeds from this event to purchase Christmas presents for kids who have an incarcerated parent. Many of the kids we serve have Dads that are either on death row or are facing a capital trial. Last year we raised \$4705 and bought presents for 33 kids. We have grown a little each year and I sure hope we can do the same this year. The presents go to children in need and help foster and maintain the relationship between parent and child. You can help with this cause in several ways:

1. Clean out your closets, attics and garages and **donate items** we can sell. We can make arrangements to pick up items if needed.
2. **Help the day of the yard sale** by showing up before the sun, placing items on the yard, selling things and collecting money. We all know I sell way too low so I need the assistance.
3. Come by and **do some shopping** - as a reward we always have food, adult beverages and football!
4. **Donate** money without shopping and encourage others to do so. Contributions are tax deductible. Checks can be given to me (made out to Justice 360 with "Christmas Project" written in the memo line) and dropped off at 4229 Wilmot anytime.



Host Your Own Yard Sale November 8th: The Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Association will advertise this date for the entire neighborhood on multiple platforms and pay the city permit fees. If you would like, add your address to the QR code linked document to have it included in the advertisements.



Halloween Party Success! Thanks to Sarah Powers and Laura Young for coordinating/hosting this year's event, and to all the neighbors who contributed time, talent and food to make this such a success! **Thank You!!!**



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.



Dr. Jonathon Suber, DVM, DACVS, is a third generation Veterinarian His participation at the Mighty Oak level (\$1,500) is ear marked to support our gateway beautification project.

Click image for their website.



Lani Stringer Mustard, and her MUSTARD Graphics team, is a valued Business Friend.

Click image for their website.



Dr. Newsome is known for creating healthy smiles and for his legendary collection of funny socks. When he's not cheering on the Gamecocks, he's enjoying time with his family while keeping patients of all ages and expert team laughing with his upbeat, outgoing personality.

Appointments: **803-782-6966**

Click logo for their website.

For information about our Business Friends program go to our website [Here](#).

Business Friends Anniversaries: Hats-off to these firms as they celebrate much-earned recognition.

- TRUE Pharmacy – Five Years!
- Dignity Dunbar Funeral Home – 100 years!

Forest Friends: We encourage you to **Leave the Leaves!** Our leaves and pine needles/straw are beginning to fall. Instead of raking and disposing of them all, save yourself some time and money by using them as free mulch in your yard. A huge bonus to this approach is all of the wildlife you will help support.

[From the National Wildlife Federation:](#) "The fallen leaf layer isn't dead, it's full of life! Wildlife like butterflies, bumble bees, fireflies, and salamanders depend on the leaf layer. When you throw out your leaves in a yard waste bag, you could be **throwing away up to half of your springtime butterflies!**"

Here is a link for more information on the fascinating ways that wildlife depend on leaf layers, and for tips on how to have a tidy yard and lawn and still keep your leaves: <https://www.nwf.org/Leavetheleaves>

[SisterCare](#) **helps thousands of people each year.** They take families (adults, children and pets) and provide them with a shelter so they can start their lives with no fear. SisterCare is collecting toys and cash donations for their Christmas Event in December. Moms and Dads who are being helped by SisterCare are allowed to come and "shop" for their children. Christmas paper is provided so that THEY can wrap the gifts and feel the joy in giving their children a special Christmas. The family many times will ask for a dog bed, toys or treats for their pet (things they cannot provide for them). So, we are asking if any of you can help us help SisterCare this holiday season!

Where and When?

- Homeowners Association Meeting on November 12th.
- Sherwood Forest ARP Church November 22 from 9am-12pm

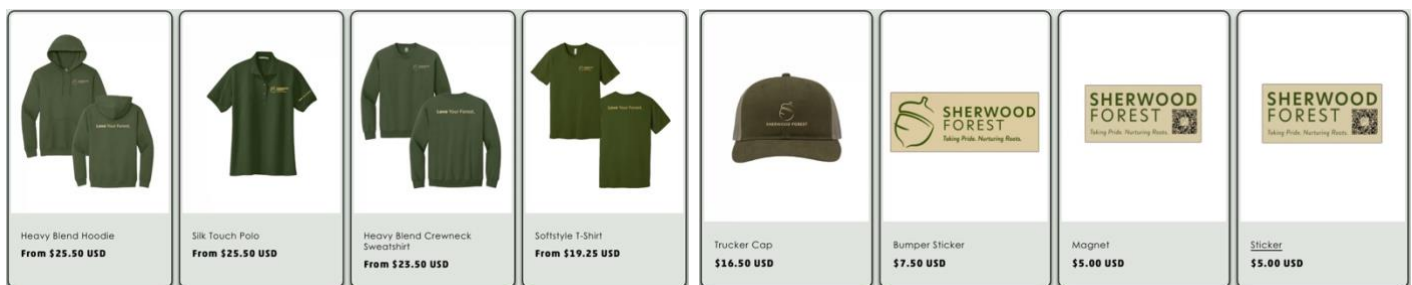
What? Toys, dog/cat beds or toys, check or cash donations accepted

Neighborhood News:

- **Introducing New Blossom Street residents:** Hey Forest Fans! Please join us in a warm Sherwood Forest welcome to our new 4212 Blossom Street residents Dr. Jonathan & Amanda Suber (Capital Animal Hospital), Jack and Izzi (Clemson Students), and of course, dogs: Lynyrd 10 yr old Boykin, Lulu 9 yr old French Bulldog and Murphy 4 yr old Goldendoodle. Dr. Suber, a third generation Veterinarian, is well familiar with the neighborhood having experienced numerous adventures with his pals in what's now the USC Belser Arboretum. Now, they're realizing mini-commutes from their new home (including Amandas' lovely historic cabin art studio) that's being transformed into ... well, watch and see!
In addition, Dr. Suber and his growing team have joined SFNA as a "Business Friend" at the Mighty Oak level. His \$1,500 donation is earmarked for the Blossom @ Beltline Gateway Beautification (Dollar General) project. A personal greeting message from each of us will help create a Suber happy Sherwood Forest. JTSuber@gmail.com • 803-413-5222 (text)
- **Avian Pox possible outbreak:** A neighbor reports that they had an incident with a bird in their yard on Yale Ave. A brown thrasher was hopping on the ground and unable to fly. They took it to the Carolina Wildlife Rehabilitation Center on Bush River Rd where it was diagnosed with Avian Pox. It is not contagious to humans or mammals, but bird feeders should be cleaned regularly with bleach to avoid birds contracting and spreading the illness.
- **Richland Library Wheatley Events:**
 - **For Children and Families:**
 - EVERY Wednesday at 10am: Family Story-time for children and their caregivers
 - Monday, November 17th at 10am: Hands on Art, a story-time and craft for children.
 - Tuesday, November 25th at 4pm: Twas the Tuesday Before Thanksgiving, a special story-time and craft for Thanksgiving!
 - **And for Adults we have:**
 - Monday, November 10th at 10am: Coffee and a Book (group). Our discussion will be about the book Dreaming in Cuban. Drop by Wheatley to pick up a copy if you'd like to join us.
 - Saturday, November 15th: Master Gardener Talk. Join us as we learn about Holiday Plants and how to take care of them through the holidays and beyond.

Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Merchandise: *Time to build pride and nurture our roots!*

We now have shirts, hoodies, hats, stickers and magnets available with the Sherwood Forest logo and tag line. Click on the below image or go to <https://n-graphix.com/collections/sherwood-forest-neighborhood> to order your items, and then pick them up at our next quarterly meeting. Or, if you're in a rush, you can pick them up at the N-Graphics Store, very near COSTCO: 4046 Fernandina Road (Suite F) • 803-230-9437.

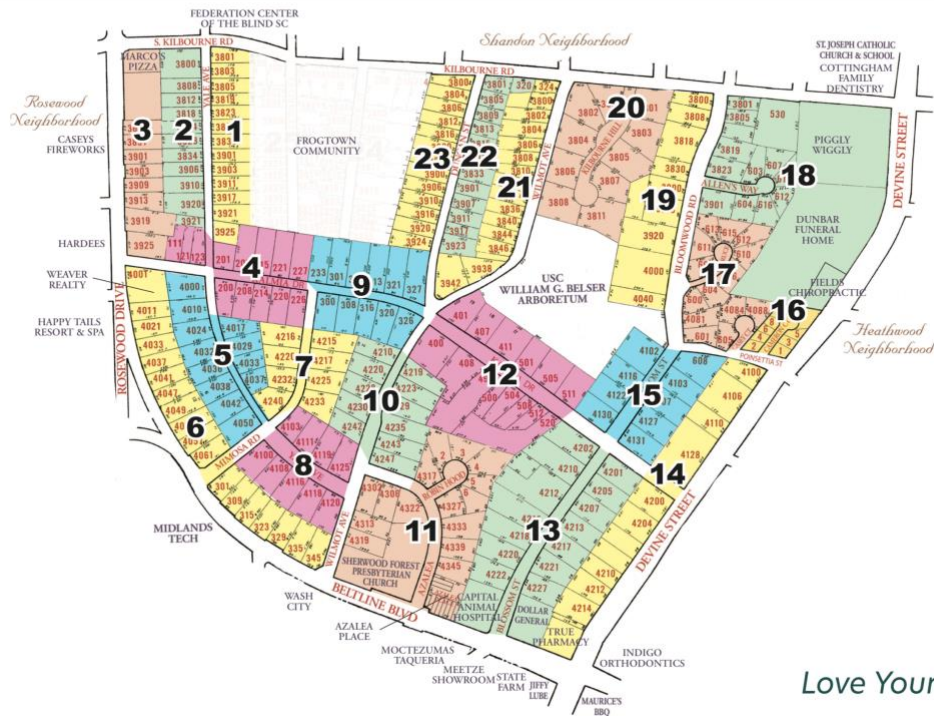


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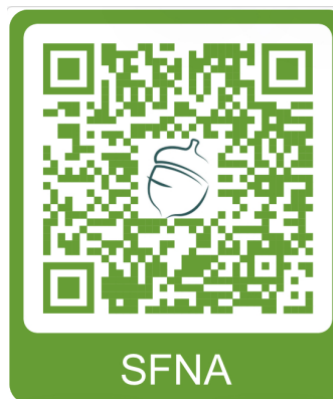
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Click the map for more information about our Block Captains



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