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## The Sherwood Forest CRIER for March/April 2026

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

#### Have You Paid Your Annual SFNA Dues?



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[Pay Dues Online - Sherwood Forest Neighborhood - Columbia SC](#)

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

#### Mark the Date: Quarterly General Meeting **Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**.

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:** Jessica Daly, Location Manager [Richland Library Wheatley](#)

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 videos from our past meetings are located [Here](#).

#### Neighborhood Events – mark your calendar:

- **Art in the Forest, March 15<sup>th</sup>** Cancelled
- **Adopt-A-Highway** cleanup, May 16th, 10:00 – 11:30 am.

**Adopting Forest Streets:** Our Sherwood Forest Volunteer of 2025, Dave Nelson, rallied residents again for our quarterly neighborhood sweep.

Litter pickers on Saturday, 2/21 were: Diana, Wade and Mom, Taryn Svicarovich. Diana clocked two more community service hours toward her 40-hour commitment to the Dreher Key Club. Team was joined by Pat Blackwell (and dog Willow), Gail Wojtowicz & Pat Mason. Our Forest loot filled a green dumpster with seven bags of found trash. (Picker tools, gloves, vests and bags furnished by Keep Midlands Beautiful.



## Forest Friends:



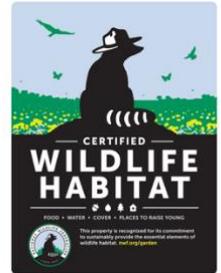
## Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Launches **Community Wildlife Habitat Certification!**

Our neighborhood approved working on getting certified as a Wildlife Habitat some time ago and we are now moving ahead with this project. Certification involves a lot of fun projects, so keep your ears and eyes open for them in the coming months. Valerie Marcil and Pat Mason will co-chair this project. We are looking for other interested neighbors to join us! (Email us!)

One of the first things we need to do is get 20-40 individual yards certified as Wildlife Habitats through the South Carolina Wildlife Federation (and the National Wildlife Federation). If your yard has already been certified, please contact Valerie ([vallg29205@gmail.com](mailto:vallg29205@gmail.com)) or Pat ([gpmason8146@gmail.com](mailto:gpmason8146@gmail.com)).

If you are interested in getting certified, it's easy – check out what you need to do here: <https://www.nwf.org/Native-Plant-Habitats/Create-and-Certify/At-Home>

We'll be providing a lot more information about the neighborhood certification in coming months, but you can read all about it here: <https://communitywildlifehabitat.nwf.org/Home/About>



**W. Gordon Belser Arboretum:** The February 2026 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
- **Book Club Sunday, April 26.**

For more details and to register go to the [Book Club Eventbrite site](#).

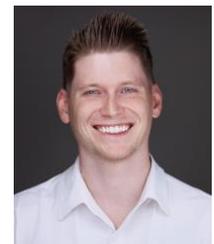


**BOOK CLUB AT THE ARBORETUM**  
Discussing *Nature's Messenger: Mark Catesby and His Adventures in a New World* by Patrick Dean.  
With Herrick Brown, Curator, A.C. Moore Herbarium  
**Sunday, April 26, 2026**  
**3:00 - 4:30 p.m.**  
4080 Bloomwood Rd., Columbia, SC 29205  
 McCauley College of Arts and Sciences  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

**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.



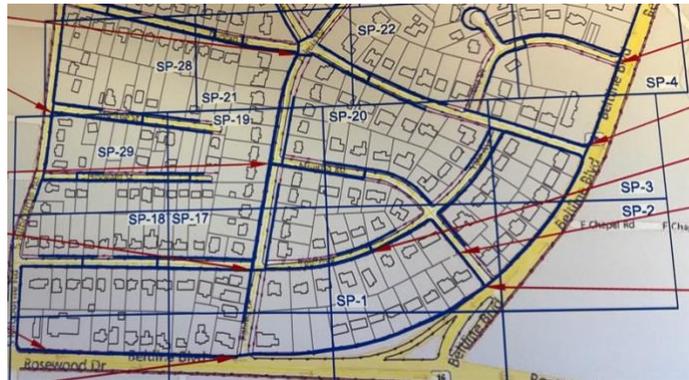
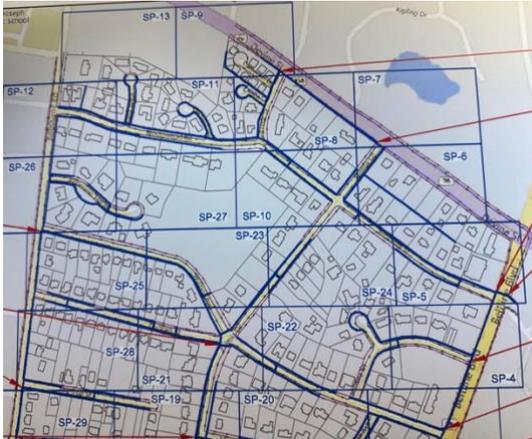
Dr. Newsome is known for creating healthy smiles and for his legendary collection of funny socks. When he's not cheering on the Gamecocks, he's enjoying time with his family while keeping patients of all ages and expert team laughing with his upbeat, outgoing personality.  
Appointments: [803-782-6966](tel:803-782-6966)  
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Welcome to our newest Business Friend Beau Carver, Agent, State Farm Insurance Companies, 614 Beltline Blvd!  
Beau has joined at the Sweetgum level (\$750)  
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For information about our Business Friends program go to our website [Here](#).

**Sherwood Forest Going Fiber:** T-Mobile/Lumos fiber will be starting fiber installation late Spring/Early Summer 2026 in Sherwood Forest. The below diagrams were captured at our last meeting. The dark blue lines represent where they will be burying their fiber optic cables in our neighborhood.



Lumos fiber internet, now transitioning to T-Mobile, offers high-speed, no-contract plans typically ranging from \$40/mo for 200 Mbps to around \$100/mo for 2 Gig speeds, with 1 Gig often priced at \$70–\$80/mo. Service includes unlimited data and, for business, fiber plans, with some, like the 500 Mbps, starting at \$50/mo.

#### Residential Internet Plans (Typical Pricing)

- **200 Mbps:** Approx. \$40.00/mo
- **500 Mbps:** Approx. \$50.00/mo
- **1 Gig (1000 Mbps):** Approx. \$70.00 - \$80.00/mo
- **2 Gig (2000 Mbps):** Approx. \$100.00/mo

#### Key Features

- **No Contract:** Generally, plans do not require a long-term contract.
- **No Data Caps:** Unlimited data usage.
- **Business Options:** Fiber plans starting around \$50/mo, with options for higher speeds.

Prior to installation in your area Lumos will leave info at your door and post flags indicating where digging will take place. Utility lines will be marked in advance to prevent accidental breaks. However, they will not mark your in-ground sprinkler system if it is on city right-of way, so you will need to mark that yourself with white spray paint.

After the system installation is complete T-Mobile will contact you about possible connection to your house.

To see the Lumos Fiber presentation at our last general meeting on Feb 11<sup>th</sup> view the meeting recording [Here](#).

Here's some general information about high speed fiber Internet from the Fiber Broadband Association:

<https://www.cnet.com/home/internet/futureproof-fiber-advantage-for-homeowners-but-access-is-often-unequal/>



**Tree Swap:** In no time, spring will be in the air, and with it, the stench of the notorious Bradford Pear Trees. It's been illegal to sell or trade the trees since 2024, but it's not illegal to have them on your property if they were previously planted. *However, wildlife experts still encourage their removal.*

The "[Bradford Pear Bounty](#)" is here to help. Clemson University and the SC Forestry Commission teamed up to give you up to five free trees in exchange for the removal of your Bradford Pears.

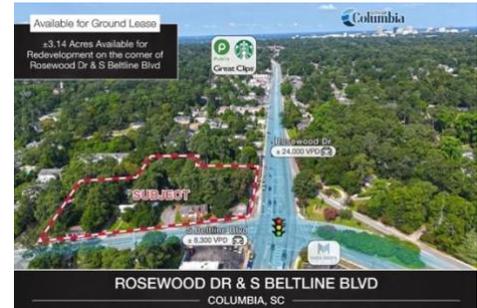
**Here's how it works:**

- [Register online](#)
- Have your [trees removed](#)
- Take a photo of yourself with the cut down tree(s). "A selfie, if you will," Clemson requests.
- Bring your photo(s) to 2404 Main St. (Formerly Pelican Snoballs) on **Saturday, March 14 from 8 to 11 a.m.** to exchange for a replacement tree.

*Pro tip:* The experts at Clemson say Bradford Pear wood is great for firewood.

**Neighborhood News:**

- **Rosewood Drive and Beltline Blvd Redevelopment:** Commercial real estate firm NAI Columbia wants someone to lease the 3.14 acres at this site. Specifically, they say a convenience store would be ideal for the site, but no specific plans exist yet.
- **Poll Workers Needed:** Richland County is seeking precinct Poll Manager volunteers (age 18+) supporting the integrity of upcoming primary and mid-term elections. Also, any 16 or 17-year-old can apply to be a PM volunteer assistant.



Expect excellent training. Easy way to be a patriotic citizen. And you get paid a stipend!

Find out more: 803-576-2240, and at <https://www.richlandcountysc.gov/Government/Voting-and-Elections/Election-Workers#section-1>

**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-Graphix Store, very near COSTCO: 4046 Fernandina Road (Suite F) • 803-230-9437.



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