



The Sherwood Forest CRIER for September-October 2026 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.

Mark the Date: Quarterly General Meeting **Wednesday, November 11th**.

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: Bailey Slice Parker, Executive Director, Gills Creek Watershed Association.

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

Neighborhood Events – mark your calendar:

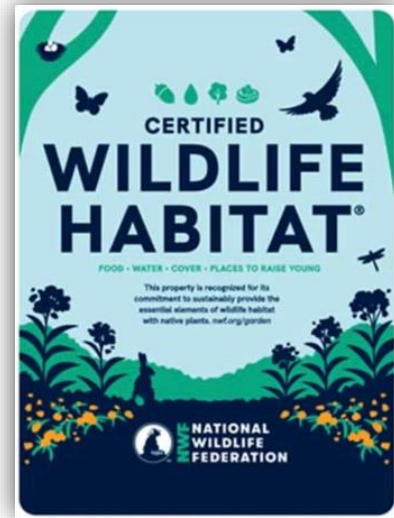
- **USC Arboretum Book Club:** Sunday, September 6th, 3:00 – 4:30 pm in the Outdoor Classroom. [Details and Registration](#)
- **W. Gordon Belser Arboretum Open House**, Sunday, September 20th, and October 18th, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
 - The August 2026 issue of the **arboretum newsletter** is available [Here](#).
 - **Open House** The third Sunday of every month, 1 – 4 pm. 4080 Bloomwood Road, Columbia, SC 29205
 - **Arboretum Volunteer Hours:** Wednesdays & Saturdays 9am – Noon; Thursdays 4 pm– dusk (Summer). [Please email](#) us if you plan to attend. Weather and work schedules can occasionally change these times.
- **Neighborhood Halloween Party** Saturday, October 31st. Details coming later.
- **Adopt-A-Highway** cleanup, Saturday, November 21st, 9:30 – 11:30 am. Meet in the Sherwood Forest ARP church parking lot.

Forest Friends: Community Wildlife Habitat Certification Progress!

Thank you to all our neighbors who now have certified yards that will contribute to our neighborhood-wide Wildlife Habitat certification! Here is the list of properties so far:

1. Will and Frances Cooper Brown on Wilmot
2. Kirk Preserve on Rosewood Drive

3. Pat and Leyla Mason on Blossom
4. Ed and Polly Tilden on Bloomwood
5. Violet and Michael Beets on Kalmia
6. USC Belser Arboretum
7. Regina Monteith on Kilbourne
8. Cat Keyser and Paul Famolari on Bloomwood
9. Gail Wojtowicz and Macie Boyd on Robin Hood Court
10. Valerie Marcil and Henry Nechemias on Robin Hood Court
11. Betsy Lott on Wilmot
12. Robert Bailey on Mimosa
13. Rosemary and Michael Biscardi on Rosewood
14. Susan Hardwicke on Yale
15. Jody and Ed Schuler on Blossom
16. Rhett Bailey and Charlie Yates on Kalmia
17. Ruth and Bud Tibshirany on Poinsettia
18. Garland and Pat McWhirter on Kalmia
19. Lara Ducate and Bill Fairchild on Mimosa
20. Leigh DeForth and Van Whitehead on Mimosa
21. Sue and Dave Nelson on Robin Hood Court



We have a total of 21 certified properties and 25 points towards our required 40 points. *The last ten properties listed have all register since our campaign started.* Yay! Most properties equal one point, so we still need at least 15 more properties to get certified. I know a few are in the works. Let us know if you apply so we can make sure to count your yard! And please also let us know if you are registered and we have somehow left you out. Remember, if you, register and also buy a sign, give us a receipt and SFNA will reimburse you for your sign!

We are also working in many other ways to meet certification requirements. Stay tuned for some exciting new projects! Contact Valerie Marcil (vallg29205@gmail.com) or Pat Mason (pgmason8146@gmail.com) if you want to get involved.



Wheatley Library News:

At our last general meeting Jessica Daly, Director of the Wheatley Branch of the Richland County Library, gave an overview of library services. These include: 6 public computers, laptops that can be used in the library, notary services, book readings for babies up to 18 months, programs for children, youth, & adults, and a

Rain Garden at Wheatley. Career development, social work services, and many other opportunities are also available.

Thomas Maluck, MLIS, CSP, APFI, is the new manager of the Wheatley Branch as of early June as Jessica has moved to the Cooper Branch on Trenholm Road! Please make sure to stop by the Wheatley branch and welcome Thomas to our neighborhood! While there, take a few minutes to enjoy the fab rain garden installed thanks to work from among others, Valerie Marcil and leader volunteers from Gills Creek Watershed.

Here is a list of events at the Wheatley branch through October. Details about these events are available on the library's website [HERE](#).

- Tuesday, September 1, 6:00 - Play Freely: Teen Tuesday
- Wednesday, September 2, 10:00 - Family Storytime
- Saturday, September 5, 10:30 - Sing Freely: Family Sing Along On The Patio
- Monday, September 7, All Day - Closed For Labor Day
- Tuesday, September 8, 6:00 - Teen Makers: Teen Tuesday
- Wednesday, September 9, 10:00 - Family Storytime
- Thursday, September 10, 6:00 - Make and Create: Art On The Patio
- Saturday, October 03, 2026
 - [Master Gardeners: Color in Winter](#) @3pm
 - [Sing Freely: Family Sing Along on the Patio](#) @10:30am
- Monday, October 05, 2026 [Master Gardener: Houseplants Benefits & Care](#) @3pm
- Tuesday, October 06, 2026 - [Play Freely: Teen Tuesday](#) @6pm
- Wednesday, October 07, 2026 - [Family Storytime](#) @10am

- Friday, September 11, 10:00 - Hello, Baby!
- Monday, September 14, 10:00 - Book Group: Wheatley Coffee and a Book
- Wednesday, September 16, 10:00 - Family Storytime
- Thursday, September 17, 4:00 - Build-a-Thon: LEGOS
- Saturday, September 19, 4:00 - Read to a Therapy Dog
- Monday, September 21, 10:00 - Little Sprouts
- Tuesday, September 22, 2:30 - Digital Drop-In
- Tuesday, September 22, 6:00 - Book Group: Wheatley Tuesday Night Tales
- Wednesday, September 23, 10:00 - Family Storytime
- Friday, September 25, 10:00 - Hello, Baby!
- Wednesday, September 30, 10:00 - Family Storytime
- Thursday, October 08, 2026 - [Make and Create: Art On The Patio](#) @6pm
- Friday, October 09, 2026 - [Hello, Baby!](#) @10am
- Saturday, October 10, 2026 - [Read to a Therapy Dog](#) @4pm
- Monday, October 12, 2026 - [Book Group: Wheatley Coffee and a Book](#) @10am
- Tuesday, October 13, 2026 - [Teen Makers: Teen Tuesday](#) @6pm
- Wednesday, October 14, 2026 - [Family Storytime](#) @10am
- Saturday, October 17, 2026 - [Bike Maintenance Clinic on the Patio](#) @10:30am
- Monday, October 19, 2026 - [Little Sprouts](#) @10am
- Wednesday, October 21, 2026 - [Family Storytime](#) @10am
- Friday, October 23, 2026
 - [Hello, Baby!](#) @10am
 - [Digital Drop-In](#) @2:30pm
- Tuesday, October 27, 2026
 - [STEAM Studio: Excavation Boxes with SCDNR](#) @4pm
 - [Book Group: Wheatley Tuesday Night Tales](#) @6pm
- Wednesday, October 28, 2026 - [Family Storytime](#) @10am

Traffic/Safety Committee: Take-aways from our first committee meeting (8/11/26). With deep appreciation to Leigh DeForth, City Comprehensive Planner, and Ms. Lucinda Statler for the insight and “reality check” sharing!

Safety/Traffic Friends Present: Skosh Foreman, Violet Beets, Harriott Madden, Pat Mason, Gail Wojtowicz

1. Sherwood Forest is not alone in prioritizing safety solutions in neighborhoods. In a recent Columbia Council of Neighborhoods meeting, Mayor Rickenmann, fielded 20 minutes of comments and questions regarding safety issues and traffic. Also, concurrently see below the Columbia leadership commitment to [VISION ZERO 2036](#).
2. The [City Sharing the Road Project](#) is another demonstration of City commitment to the safety cause. Find crash data, interactive maps, and more there.
3. Plug into other ongoing City initiatives, sign up for the [COLUMBIA COMPASS ENEWS](#)
4. Watch for fall 2026 release of a FED funded Safety/Traffic research project that will lead to additional long-term solutions for the Midlands.
5. Property owner, Harriott Madden presented her research on the Bloomberg “Asphalt-Art” installations in NYC,
6. There’s general agreement that the Sherwood Forest Safety/Traffic Friends build a long-term plan for our neighborhood that’s affordable, realistic and delivers lower risk to our residents.

If you would like to serve on this committee, contact Pat Mason (pgmason8146@gmail.com).

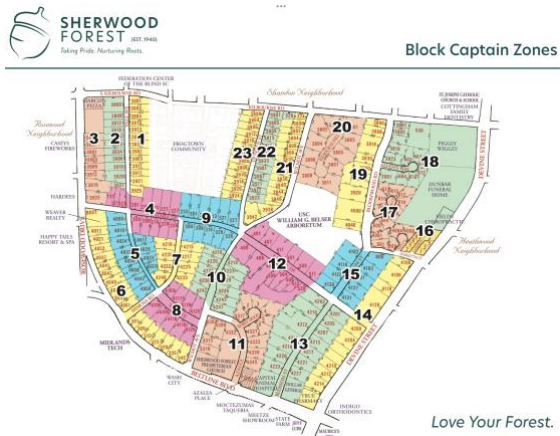
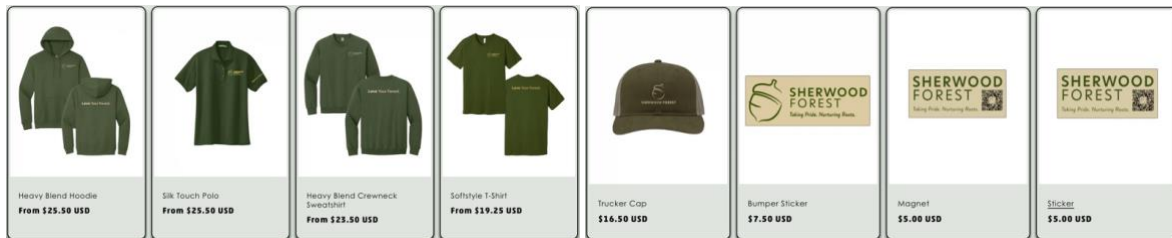
Community News:

- **Military Leadership:** While there are likely dozens of Sherwood Forest residents who have bravely served their country valiantly, most of us were unaware of the courage and bravery exhibited by our own Aviator, Colonel Gail Wojtowicz (WOJO), and her “daring” facilitation of the 1986 Libya Raid ... along with six additional USAF women. Click to read the AARP article describing this gutsy “tanker mission commander” success. <https://www.aarp.org/veterans/female-aviator-libya-raid/>
- **Sherwood Forest Media All Dressed Up:** With a big thanks to Liz Leverton and Ed Tilden, you will notice that our [website](#) and CRIER mastheads are now proudly adorned by the acorn logo and motto. Great progress!

- **New SF Homeowners Wanted:** Construction and landscaping are complete on two new beautifully designed residences at 4206 and 4208 Devine St. Should you desire more information or a tour, connect with Katherine Robinson, Weaver Realty, 803-269-5745.
- **Sprouts Farmers Market:** In an update from Columbia Developer, Frank Cason, Sprouts Farmers Market has leased 24,000 square-feet of the existing 34,000 square-foot former Piggly Wiggly. They should be open around April 2027 and will certainly be invited to join the Sherwood Forest Business Friends circle.
- **Magnolia Point Beautification:** From Lyman Munson, owner of 400 Kalmia: "Hi Folks, I think you have seen some activity this week at 400 Kalmia. We have decided not to sell the property at this time. Our son, Samuel with a friend has moved into the house. Sammy as he is known, is a sophomore at USC. He is an Economics and Philosophy double major. More work on the house exterior is expected in the next week or two."

SFNA Business Friends: Please support our business friends who help us make our neighborhood a great place to live. For information about our Business Friends program go to our website [Here](#).

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



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