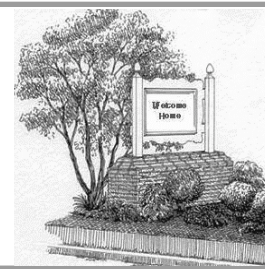


SHERWOOD PARK NEWS



A Quarterly Newsletter Published by the Sherwood Park Civic Association

Spring 2018

Spring Picnic Volunteers Needed

A great way to heed Chris's call for volunteers is to help out with planning the annual Sherwood Park Spring Picnic, held on Sunday, May 6 from 4 -7pm. Specifically, we need a few of you to join us on the planning committee (two meetings in April), one or two people to come up with and run children's games, and several people to help with set-up and clean-up on the day of the picnic. Please contact Yvette Conte for more information.
804-647-5289 or
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President's Message

One of my objectives since becoming president of the Sherwood Park Civic Association in 2017 was to get more of my neighbors involved in the association. We live in a wonderful neighborhood and I am hoping this will encourage some of you to become a part of this amazing organization.

There are just a handful of leaders of the Sherwood Park Civic Association. Vicki Bray is serving as vice president, Lee Ann Jones as treasurer, Kenney Cobb as secretary and Yvette Conte is editor of this newsletter. We have 18 dedicated block captains who make sure flyers and newsletter are delivered to each home on their block. And many of you have volunteered for special projects throughout the years. For all of you, I am extremely grateful.

We have 267 homes in Sherwood Park and **need more volunteers** to keep our civic association, that has been around for decades, alive and well. We are currently looking for a volunteer (or volunteers!) to oversee our **social media outreach** – Facebook, SPCA webpage, etc. We are also looking for some folks to help us **organize our Spring Picnic in May**. And, of course, showing your support by coming to our civic associations meetings is always appreciated. Feel free to reach out to me via e-mail or on my home phone if you are interested in volunteering.

If time is short, which it is for so many, I would invite you to pay the **association dues of \$15**. Checks or cash can be brought to the civic association meetings or checks can be mailed to Lee Ann Jones at 1317 Whitby Road 23227. Dues help maintain our signs at Hermitage and Brook, allow us to have special events like the Spring Picnic and help keep everyone informed through newsletters and flyers.

I encourage you to come to our next civic association meeting that will be held May 22 at The Waldorf School at 7:00.

Chris

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IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, May 6
Spring Picnic 4:00-7:00pm

Tuesday, May 22
General Meeting
7:00pm Waldorf School

SHERWOOD PARK 2017 Home Sales

	2017	2016
Homes Sold	9	12
Average Price	\$317,500	\$254,409
Lowest Price	\$220,000	\$103,400
Highest Price	\$409,500	\$387,000
% to List Price	99.40%	98.30%
Days on Market	7	51
Dollars Per Square Foot	\$157	\$133

- Fewer houses were sold in 2017 vs. 2016, but the average price rose 25% to \$317,500.
- Dollars per square feet rose 18%
- Days on Market dropped to 7 days - that's down 86% from last year.

* Information provided by Chris Ellis of Long & Foster Grove Avenue (Licensed in the Commonwealth of Virginia) and the Central Virginia Multiple Listing Service

Big Shoes To Fill

Over the years, Sherwood Park resident Pamela Howard has kept the neighborhood informed through posting on our group email, facebook page, and website. She has also worked quietly behind the scenes, helping to plan picnics and general meetings. While we are happy for Pamela and her new husband, we are so sad that they have relocated to Pennsylvania!

With Pamela's departure, the Sherwood Park Civic Association is in dire need of some neighbors to step up to help with our digital communication (email list-serve and nextdoor.com) and our Facebook page.

To volunteer or to find out more, please contact Chris Ellis at 804-359-1169 or christopher.ellis@longandfoster.com.



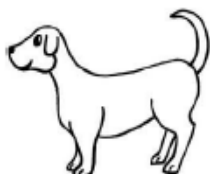
Advertise Your Business Here

Notice something different about the Sherwood Park Spring 2018 newsletter? We are now offering the opportunity for local businesses to advertise! This will help build up our checking account, which was substantially depleted in order to pay for our sign repairs on Brookland Parkway. In subsequent newsletters, we will have space for Business-card size ads for \$20, and Quarter-page ads for \$35. Please support our local businesses!

Contact Chris Ellis if you are interested at christopher.ellis@longandfoster.com or 804-359-1169.

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Breakfast in Bellevue

Ada Rigsby

When you walk into Early Bird Biscuits at 1221 Bellevue Avenue, you instantly feel at home. The decor is very welcoming and has a bit of a 60s vibe.

We ordered three biscuits: the Jalapeño Queso Biscuit, Biscuit'n' Crazy, and the plain Buttermilk Biscuit with raspberry jelly and they were all so, so good.



The staff was efficient and when we got our biscuits they were still very warm. The actual biscuits are a great texture, very fluffy. They are also large and filling. The jam that came with the Buttermilk Biscuit had the perfect balance of sweetness and tartness. The Jalapeño Queso Biscuit, the biscuit of the day, was truly delicious and had the perfect amount of spice. The Biscuit 'n Crazy is a buttermilk biscuit with local sausage and sawmill gravy. The gravy was creamy, smooth, hardy, and not at all greasy. Overall, it was a wonderful experience and I would recommend it to anyone looking for a hardy, delicious breakfast!

Ada Rigsby is a Sherwood Park resident who attends Maggie L. Walker Governor's School. She has 15 years of breakfast experience.

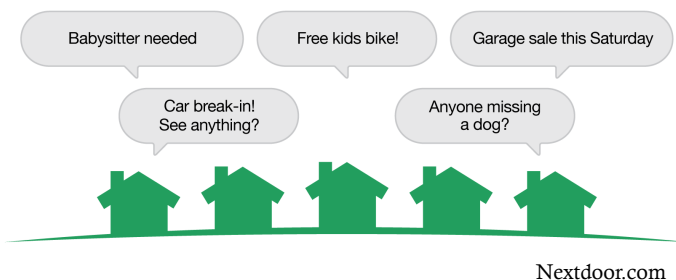
Seeking Early Morning Walkers

If you are seriously interested in joining a walking group in the Sherwood Park area, for one hour (or more) starting around 7:00 or 7:30am, please respond to Paula at paula1314@verizon.net.



USE THE NEXTDOOR.COM APP FOR LOCAL INFORMATION

Many Sherwood Park residents already use the Nextdoor app on their home computers and mobile phones. Nextdoor is the free and private social network just for neighbors. On Nextdoor, Sherwood Park and nearby neighborhoods share crime and safety concerns, street closings, local events, recommendations, items for sale/free, ideas about how to make our neighborhood better, and more. The Spring Crime Prevention Tips below, for example, were posted on Nextdoor by the Community Care Unit of the Richmond Police Department. And the request for morning walkers on page 3, was posted by a Sherwood Park resident. Go to nextdoor.com/join to sign up.



Spring Crime Prevention Tips

As temperatures increase over the next several weeks, the Richmond Police Department would like to remind you to take the follow precautions as you enjoy the spring season:

- Always keep your home's doors and windows locked when you go to bed or leave your house, even if you are leaving for a short period.
- Secure all lawn and gardening equipment in your garage or a storage shed, and keep your garage doors closed at all times (even when you're doing work around the house).
- Put all ladders and other tools back into a secure storage area after you use them.
- Be aware of home improvements scams. If you did not solicit the contractor or salesman who shows up at your door unannounced, do not do business with that person.
- Always remember to close your car windows, take any valuables out of your car, and lock your doors every time you exit your vehicle, even if your vehicle is parked in your driveway.
- Get to know your neighbors! Let a trusted neighbor AND your RICHMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT know if you are planning to travel this spring. Neighbors who know each other look out for each other.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

The current balance of Civic association account is \$1857.51. Dues have increased to \$15 per household per year. Your dues fund events such as the neighborhood picnic, and also the quarterly newsletter. Use the enclosed envelope to drop off or mail your dues to Lee Ann Jones, Treasurer, 1317 Whitby Road 23227.

2ND DISTRICT CITIZENS' MEETING

The Honorable Kim B. Gray, Councilwoman, 2nd District, will be holding the 2nd District Citizen's Meeting on **Thursday, March 29 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m** at the Bon Secours Washington Redskins Training Center, 2401 West Leigh Street.

AGENDA

1. **Welcome**
2. **Richmond Police Department Community Report**
Precinct Captains and Sector Lieutenants
3. **Priorities for Richmond's New Auditor**
Louis Lassiter, Richmond City Auditor
4. **Virginia General Assembly Update**
State Senator Jennifer McClellan
State Delegate Jeff Bourne
5. **School Board Report**
Scott Barlow, School Board Representative, 2nd District
6. **City Council Report**
The Honorable Kim B. Gray, City Councilwoman, 2nd District
7. **Residents' Questions, Comments and Concerns**

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Vintage Sherwood Park

The photograph to the left shows 3314 Suffolk Road, one of the first houses on the street. It was built in 1938 by Mr. and Mrs. Lamkin, whose son Jimmie, currently lives in the house. In the background, to the west, is the future Chatham Road. If you have any vintage photos or stories of Sherwood Park to share, contact Yvette Conte contefamily5@msn.com or 804-353-9254.

January General Meeting Notes

Kenney Cobb, Secretary

The Sherwood Park Civic Association meeting was held at Veritas School on January 25, 2018. We had numerous community guests presenting information regarding our neighborhood.

Keith Nix, head of Veritas School, welcomed us and gave a report about the school. Fifty families have moved into the area so that their students can walk to school. Enrollment is currently 480 students; 530 students are expected next school year and 580 the following year. The school has purchased 8 acres of land west of the current campus and will be demolishing the building currently housing the Zacharias Ganey Health Institute. Most of this will be converted to green space but the Laburnum House will remain. Veritas School is negotiating with Union Seminary to purchase 10 acres of the Westwood tract. Zacharias Ganey Health Institute will be relocating to the Franco's Building in Lakeside.

Sector Lt. Robert Fleming and several other officers gave a report about crime in our area. In general, crime is down. Lt. Fleming encouraged us to use the Nextdoor app to keep up with sector reports and other activities. We were also encouraged to use the non-emergency phone number, (804) 646-5100, to report activities that don't require immediate attention. Current issues are crimes of opportunity, such as thefts from unlocked cars and out-buildings. Car thefts when cars are left running to warm up in the frigid weather, and package thefts were up during the holidays. Officer Frank warned to be wary of walk-up labor and to be vigilant regarding human trafficking activities.

Angela Fountain, from Richmond Public Utilities, presented an energy saving project the city is embarking on to replace high pressure sodium streetlights with LED streetlights. Sherwood Park will receive eight lights in the alley of the block bounded by Loxley Road, Brookland Parkway, Robin Hood Road, and Wentbridge Road. Also, a stretch of Brook Road between Dubois Avenue and Sherwood Avenue will get new LED lights.

Under general business, because the Association paid to rebuild both signs at either end of Brookland Parkway, our treasury is depleted. Normally, we keep a prudent reserve of \$3000 but currently we have only \$1600. As a result, dues have been increased from \$10 a household to \$15.

We are in need of a social media chair. This includes our webpage, Facebook page and email. Please let Chris Ellis know if you are interested.

Upcoming events include the May 6 spring picnic, May 22 general meeting, and the October 18 general meeting at which new officers will be elected.



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EXPERIENCED BABYSITTER

I have 3+ years experience taking care of infants, toddlers, and elementary school-age children. I live in Sherwood Park and attend Maggie L. Walker Governor's School.

References available.

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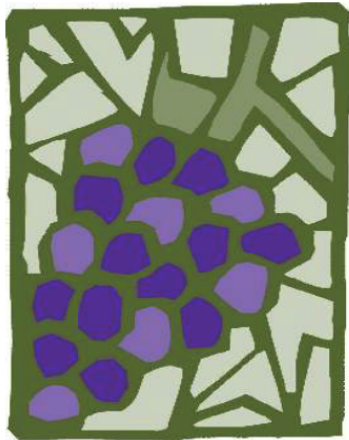
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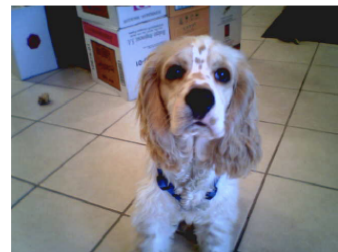
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