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Please send us a message if you would like to get involved with the Sherwood Park Civic Association or to help with any of the upcoming events.



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Sherwood Park Civic Association



UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, OCT. 17 7:00pm Thrive Church 3105 Chatham Road SPCA General Meeting

SUNDAY, NOV. 5 3:00-5:30PM SPCA Alley Party in the Alley between Loxley and Gloucester

NOV. 25 - DEC. 9 Leaf Collection in Sherwood Park

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General Meeting

The next Sherwood Park Civic Association general meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17 at Thrive Church at 3105 Chatham Rd. (Chatham and Little John). All Sherwood Park residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. On the agenda are our City Council representatives, Katherine Jordan and Ann-Frances Lambert; 4th Precinct Lt. Robert Fleming, and a representative from Yaupon Place. Come hear updates on development in our neighborhood as well as events being planned by SPCA committees. Please bring your 2023 dues, which are \$15/family.

Petition

At the General Meeting on October 17, the Government Affairs/Traffic Safety committee will share a petition to reduce the speed limit on Brookland Parkway from 35mph to 25mph.



Sherwood Park Civic Association President

Hello everyone!

My name is Latane Saunders. My goal for the Sherwood Park Civic Association is to provide opportunities for neighbors to meet and get to know each other. You can reach out to me at rvasherwoodpark@gmail.com or 434-517-1083. I grew up in Clarksville, Virginia and attended VCU. I live on the 1300 block of Wentbridge Road with my



husband, David; Winston our black lab, and Myron the cat. I own Concierge CPR Va, LLC and educate families and businesses about CPR. I work part time at the Northside YMCA giving private swim lessons. I moved to Richmond late 2019 not knowing anyone in the area and look forward to meeting all of you!

LEAF COLLECTION

(From rva.gov)

Bagged leaf collection begins October 1; vacuum service starts November 1 The City of Richmond's annual Leaf Collection Program begins October 1. Vacuum service, which begins Nov. 1, can be requested through the RVA311.com customer service portal.

Four options for leaf pick-up:

OPTION 1- Bag Collection (10 bags)

- Begins October 1
- Up to 10 bags collected on trash day
- Biodegradable plastic bags preferred
- Place bags near supercan

OPTION 2 - Unlimited Bag Collection by Sector

Monday trash collection (between Nov. 25 - Dec. 09)

OPTION 3 - \$30 Vacuum Service

Begins November 1 and will continue based upon available funding

Rake leaves to front property line

Request by calling 3-1-1

RVA311.com (online or mobile app)15 day window provided, based upon availability.

Note: Leaves must be raked and ready for pick-up when service request is made.

OPTION 4 - Do-It-Yourself

Dispose of loose leaves at:

East Richmond Convenience Center, 3800 East Richmond Road

Maury Landfill, 2900 Maury Street

Residents can pay for vacuum service in person at the DPW main office on the 7th floor of City Hall; mail in payment to DPW at 700 E. Broad St., Suite 704, Richmond, VA 23219 or, if requesting service online of through 3-1-1 the fee can be placed on the utility bill.

On October 1, residents can call 3-1-1 or 646-LEAF for schedule information or for updates in the event inclement weather causes delays. Residents may also send e-mail inquiries to Leafprogram@richmondgov.com.

Second and Third District Information

Sherwood Park residents will be co-represented by Katherine Jordan and Ann-Frances Lambert until January 2025. Go to their websites to sign up to receive each City Councilor's newsletter.

Councilor Katherine Jordan

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Councilor Ann-Frances Lambert

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School Board Representative Mariah White 804-221-9389 mwhite4@rvaschools.net













Alley Party!

All Sherwood Park residents are invited to an Alley Party on Sunday, November 5 from 3:00-5:00pm (rain date Sunday, November 12) in the alley between Loxley and Gloucester. The Civic Association will provide snacks and non-alcoholic warm beverages. Watch for more information on our website and Facebook page.

What is RUA311?

RVA311 is the City of Richmond's primary intake for the public to submit non-emergency service requests, from sidewalks and alley repairs to bulk trash pick up to reporting mosquito and other infestations on public property. Access it by calling 3-1-1 or 804-646-7000 or by visiting RV311.com

Fall Tree Care

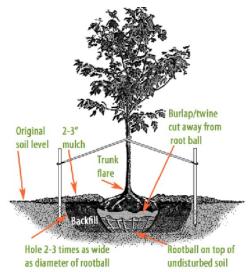
Fall is time to plant shrubs, trees, spring bulbs and perennials. The weather is cooler, and hopefully wetter, causing less stress on new plantings. It's also the perfect time to transplant and divide many plants already in your garden.

Our beautiful trees continue to need our help as the weather gets colder. Mulch around the young trees is especially helpful to maintain moisture, just be careful to not create mounds around the trunk.

You can help by making sure that trees and shrubs on your property do not obstruct alleyways and sidewalks. As for established vegetation, report overgrown trees and shrubs as well as overhanging limbs on City property to RVA311 (or by calling 3-1-1).

If you would like to prune trees on City property you must apply for a permit to do so on the <u>RVA Urban Forestry site</u>

Please go to the link below to find out more about tree maintenance and RVA Tree Stewards volunteer organization. https://www.richmondtreestewards.org/



Gardener's Supply Company gardeners.com

Volunteer Opportunities

- Looking for a small painting project? The Sherwood Park sign on the median near the intersection of Brookland Parkway and Brook Road needs to be painted. Contact rvasherwoodpark@gmail.com if you can help.
- Do you love social media? Are you an Instagram junkie? The Sherwood Park Civic Association needs a resident to share a few hours per month posting Sherwood Park news and photos on Instagram. Contact rvasherwoodpark@gmail.com if you can help.

RECYCLING TIP

Please do not place extra recyclables in plastic bags. Return plastic bags to most grocery stores (or better yet, bring your own bags!). Plastic bags are not recyclable by Central Virginia Waste Management and cause equipment failure at the processing facility.



Plastic bagged recyclables will not be opened at the sorting facility. They will be landfilled.

Find out more about the City recycling program at Richmond's Clean City Commission website https://www.rva.gov/public-works/clean-city-commission

Hard at Work: The Sherwood Park Government Affairs Committee

The Government Affairs and Safety committees have been quite busy over the past few months as we review issues related to the proposed apartment plan on the Quality Inn site, neighborhood traffic, neighborhood infrastructure, and ideas to enhance the open/confusing area where Loxley meets Brookland Parkway.

These two committees are composed of 12 members who agreed that it would be more efficient to merge these two committees into one. Therefore we plan to vote on this merger at the Oct. 17 SPCA General meeting because the current two committee structure is in the Sherwood Park bylaws. Please plan to attend the general meeting so that you can voice your opinion about this plan and also get involved.

Additionally, Councilmember Katherine Jordan will attend our meeting and she plans to announce that she will put forth an ordinance to decrease the speed limit on Brookland Parkway from 35 mph to 25 mph. Councilmember Ann-Frances Lambert is in agreement and will support the petition. The Government Affairs/Safety committee also wants to hear from Sherwood Park residents about this change and will provide a petition to sign if you are in favor of reducing the speed limit on our neighborhood street. We are also working to address traffic issues on Westwood Ave and Wentbridge specifically along with other neighborhood streets.

Lastly, the committee met with City Hall staff at the end of August regarding the apartment development on the Quality Inn site. We are concerned about design issues, the lack of retail space on the 1st level of the complex, limited parking and the lack of an entrance/egress from Arthur Ashe Blvd. Additionally we are asking for a Traffic Study as this development will profoundly impact the 5-way intersection at Arthur Ashe, Hermitage, Westwood and Brookland Parkway. And the increased traffic will impact the proposed Fall Line bike trail along Hermitage and Brookland Parkway.

We look forward to hearing from you at the Oct. 17 meeting.