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UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

SPCA General Meeting 7:00pm
Waldorf School
1301 Robin Hood Rd.

SUNDAY, MAY 4

Sherwood Park Garden Walk
1:00-4:00pm
Sherwood Park Garden Party
5:00-7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

3rd District Meeting
6:00-7:30pm
Richmond Community HS

FRIDAY, JULY 4

Fireworks Watching Party
Location TBD

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

SPCA General Meeting 7:00pm
Location TBD

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General Meeting - Tuesday 4/29

The next Sherwood Park Civic Association general meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 29 at 7:00pm at Richmond Waldorf School at 1301 Robin Hood Road. Currently, the agenda includes updates on the Diamond District plan, Fall Line Trail, and other development projects relevant to Sherwood Park. 3rd District Council liaison, Sarandon Elliott and our School Board rep, Ali Faruk, will report on the City and RPS. All Sherwood Park residents are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Meet Civic Association President, John Gass

Hello Neighbors,

I've come to fully appreciate the word "neighbor." After living in various places in the U.S. and a stint in Europe, I find Sherwood Park to be singularly worthy of the word home. It's a special place, as proven by the increasing pressure from developers to claim a part of our quiet oasis. It's our job as neighbors to preserve and



enhance the characteristics which make our neighborhood so attractive. As for me, I've lived at 1304 Whitby for 15 years with my wife Marty, a college professor. Oops, can't forget our golden retriever, Buster! I hike, bike, sail, and take occasional classes at

U of R. I've toiled in the fields at Shalom Farms, and worked the elections for the City of Richmond. My career life has been an adventure of architecture, designing all types of structures, focusing on higher education for the last 20 years – designing buildings at most of the university campuses in Virginia and North Carolina. I find the American Campus typology to be fascinating and integral to our society's history and aspirations. We have two fine campus examples right here — Veritas School and Union Presbyterian Seminary. Hermitage Richmond also has many characteristics of a good campus.

To wrap up where I began, let's support our neighborhood and collaborate with our neighbor institutions with campuses to make Sherwood Park a place of ever-increasing value.



Garden Walk and Party - May 4

A few of Sherwood Park's lovely backyard gardens will be open on Sunday, May 4 from 1-4pm. Walk around and be inspired by the handiwork of your neighbors. Chat with the gardeners about the work they've done. Visit Shalom Farms for a tour at 3:00. Then join the gardeners at 5:00pm for a Garden Party (for Sherwood Park residents only) hosted by Zach and Brooke Isbell at 1315 Brookland Parkway. See page 4 for more info.

Update from the Government Affairs/Safety Committee

Donna Hughs and Chris Banks, Co-Chairs

Status of The Hermitage Redevelopment

Pinnacle Living, which owns The Hermitage, has presented the current development plan to the surrounding civic associations between January and early April. Part of the City of Richmond Planning Department's process is to solicit feedback from each of the civic associations regarding the design, plan and impact of the redevelopment. This feedback is submitted via the Planning Department's Development Response Form. SPCA drafted our response, outlined our concerns and requests and submitted it in March. In addition, prior to submitting this form, we collaborated with Ginter Park Residents' Association which also submitted their Development Response Form around the same time. Pinnacle Living is aware of of this feedback and will be working on modifications to their redevelopment plan which, we hope, will better suit our community.

Update on the Fall Line Trail

On April 9th, DPW and Parks and Recreation hosted a well attended meeting at the Police Academy. The format for the meeting presented three potential path options and their associated costs for the trail through Bryan Park, followed by extensive Q&A and Comments. They wanted to provide the opportunity for as many people as possible to be heard. The most popular option, as expressed by various attendees, was option #1 known as The Central Connection or Green Path, which was also the least expensive option. Three million dollars has been awarded to implement the the segment in Bryan Park. The trail is designed to work in conjunction with vehicular, pedestrian, bike traffic and to be ADA compliant. Once the entire trail is completed in Richmond, it is expected to generate a diverse revenue base of approximately \$800 million.

Code Refresh

"The process, which will run through the end of the year, will ultimately seek to overhaul Richmond's zoning code for the first time since 1976, and is guided by the Richmond 300 master plan. The current zoning code has 30 districts, while the new proposal has 23. The City hosted three open houses on February 26th & 27th to allow the public to engage with both planning staff and members of the Code Refresh consultant team to learn more about the draft pattern book, potential zoning districts, and the progress of the Zoning Code Refresh. Several boards were presented at the open houses and the public had the opportunity to provide feedback for each one".
From City of Richmond Code Refresh website.

In March, SPCA emailed the link to a survey requesting resident's input for the code refresh. The survey closed on March 31st. Our committee has representatives dedicated to following and participating in the Code Refresh program, as well as participating in the Code Refresh Ambassador program.

Status of the Quality Inn, now trading as The Hermitage Motel

Trinsic was the developer which pulled out of the project in November 2024 and was interviewed by BizSense earlier this year. That published article stated that Trinsic is still interested in the property and may be seeking new funding for the project. A timeline was not provided.

Status of the Builder's Exchange Building on 3207 Hermitage Road

This building is back on the market. To date, we do not have any new information about potential sale. We are closely watching this property to determine if a potential new owner has development plans for this site.

Veritas Tennis Courts:

Veritas School has submitted an application for an amendment to the Community Unit Plan in order to construct 6 tennis courts on the parcel at 1402 Westwood Avenue. The project was approved by the Planning Commission at a hearing on April 15th, meaning that it is being sent to City Council with a recommendation for approval.

SHERWOOD PARK NIGHT OUT AT TOAST

On a cold night in January, the Hospitality Committee hosted its first meet-up in January at Toast in the new Scotts Walk development. The Toast management did a fabulous job for us, keeping the food and drink coming for the two hours we were there. You all exceeded our expectations, with approximately 70 Sherwood Park residents in attendance! Thanks to everyone who showed up!



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE PLANS

The SPCA Hospitality Committee is hosting a 'Wine and Cheese' event Sunday May 4 after the Garden Walk for Sherwood Park residents. We will furnish some snacks and beverages. See page 4 for details. The next two events being planned for the year are a fireworks party for the 4th of July and a Chili Cook-off in early November. Watch for more information on facebook and emails. If you would like to join the Hospitality Committee please contact Katherine Mayo at kmayo6768@gmail.com or Bobbie Hunt at bobbiehunt@me.com.

STAY INFORMED

Sign up to be on the Sherwood Park email list to stay informed of upcoming neighborhood and City meetings and events. We send emails two or three times per month. Send your name and email address to rvasherwoodpark@gmail.com. Join our facebook page, Sherwood Park Civic Association. You will be asked a few questions to verify that you are a resident. Sometimes we slip and can't tell the difference, so please email us if you run into any issues with joining. Our new website will be active soon, thanks to Brookland Parkway resident, David Bortz. We will notify everyone as soon as it goes live.



DUES FOR 2025

If you have not paid your Civic Association dues yet, please bring \$20 to the meeting, or drop off a check at treasurer, LeeAnn Jones' house at 1317 Whitby Road. The \$20 per household yearly dues help pay for printing of this newsletter and other flyers, food and supplies for SPCA events, and signage.

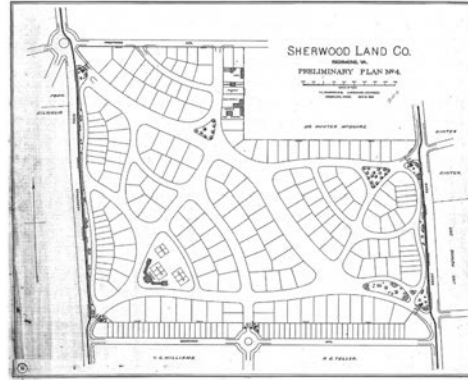
BLOCK CAPTAINS NEEDED

We are looking for residents to serve as Block Captains, mainly to assist with distributing newsletters and notices occasionally put out by the Civic Association to each home in his/her assigned block.

Block Captains are needed for:

- 1200 block Brookland Parkway
- 1400 block Brookland Parkway
- 1300 block Wentbridge
- 1400 block Wentbridge
- 1500 block Wentbridge
- Little John
- 1200 block Whitby
- Loxley Road
- Chatham Road

If you are interested, contact Donna Hughes at dohughs@gmail.com, send an email to rvasherwoodpark@gmail.com, or sign up at the meeting on April 29.



Frederick L. Olmsted firm's 1892 plan for Sherwood Park

CALLING ALL LONG-TIME SHERWOOD PARK RESIDENTS

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the founding of Sherwood Park next year, we are hoping to compile additional history from “tribal knowledge” within the neighborhood. If you have any historical background in the form of stories, pictures, or artifacts to share, please reach out to either Katherine Mayo at kmayo6768@gmail.com or Bobbie Hunt at bobbiehunt@me.com. In the meantime, check out our wikipedia page for some history of the neighborhood!



Garden Walk and Party Details

The Garden Walk takes place from 1-4pm, Sunday, May 4. Shalom Farms tour starts at 3:00. RAIN CANCELS. If the weather is questionable, we will post updates on our facebook page. Pick up a guide at one of the houses on the tour:

- 1501 and 1515 Westwood Avenue
- 3311 Suffolk Road
- 1408 Wentbridge Road
- 1315 Brookland Parkway
- 1601 Brookland Parkway

The Wine and Cheese Party starts at 5:00pm in the back yard of Zach and Brooke Isbell at 1315 Brookland Parkway. Bring a chair if you'd like. Some food and beverages will be provided. You are welcome to bring an hors d'oeuvres and/or drinks to share. Note: this event is for Sherwood Park residents only. RSVP with the QR code, or email Katherine Mayo at kmayo6768@gmail.com



RSVP for Garden Party