



# Sherwood Park

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Please send us a message if you would like to be on the email list and/or become involved with the Sherwood Park Civic Association.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

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

### SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Neighborhood Trash Pick-Up  
Meet at 10:00am at the corner  
of Rennie & Loxley

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

3rd District Meeting 7:00pm  
John Marshall HS

### SUNDAY, MAY 10

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

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

SPCA General Meeting 7:00pm  
Location TBD

# NEWSLETTER • SPRING 2026

## General Meeting - Wednesday 4/8

The next Sherwood Park Civic Association general meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 8 at 7:00pm at Richmond Waldorf School at 1301 Robin Hood Road**. Come and hear what's going on in Sherwood Park, including plans for Sherwood Park's 100 Year Anniversary, updates from the City of Richmond Offices of Neighborhood Engagement, and Community Wealth Building. All Sherwood Park residents are welcome and encouraged to attend!

## Meet Civic Association President, Donna Hughs

When my husband and I looked for a home outside of the Fan District, we considered multiple neighborhoods with varying architectural styles and layouts. By accident, we found Sherwood Park and immediately knew this is where we wanted to live. We were drawn to the beauty of the tree-lined streets, the lot sizes, and the charm of the well-built, older homes. The convenience of being within City limits was important as was the layout and "walkability" in this community. We quickly learned what great neighbors we had and have built long term friendships over the 36 years we have lived here. I value what we have here in Sherwood Park and am dedicated to preserving a sense of community.



I've lived in Richmond most of my life and graduated from VCU. Any time I have the opportunity to travel and explore new places, I certainly take advantage of it. Richmond has many great assets to enjoy and appreciate; one of my favorites is the James River Park System for walking, hiking and exploring. I really appreciate the music venues in the metro area as well. Occasionally, I assist a shelter by fostering dogs. However, I guess I'm considered a "foster fail" since we adopted two dogs, Winston and Jack, into our family. If you see us out and about for a walk, please say hello.

## GARDEN WALK - SHOW OFF YOUR YARD, PORCH OR PATIO!



If you would like to open your back yard or front yard or porch for Sherwood Park's Annual Garden Walk, please contact Ann Fuqua by text at 804-938-1920 or email [fuquaam@gmail.com](mailto:fuquaam@gmail.com). The walk will take place on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10 from 1-4pm. Join your neighbors at the Garden Walk After-Party (for Sherwood Park residents only) hosted by Zach and Brooke Isbell at 1315 Brookland Parkway.

## UPDATE FROM THE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS/SAFETY COMMITTEE

Chris Banks

As most of you are aware, the space between the City and Sherwood Park Civic Association (SPCA) has been very active over the past year. When dealing with city government one must play a long game as the bureaucratic wheels turn slowly. Funding cycles, change of administrations, and frequent city staff turnover stretch schedules out, thus we labor tirelessly to pursue the neighborhood's best interest. Some of the ongoing issues are as follows:

### CODE REFRESH

This sweeping replacement of the city's zoning code, as currently proposed, will impact every citizen and property owner, as well as current and future development projects such as those proposed for our neighborhood. "Code Refresh" seeks to eliminate single-family-only restrictions on home ownership in Richmond, permitting increased density of the city, under the premise that more supply of housing will lower the cost of housing to a point of "undefined" affordability. The case for this theory has not been established, nor has a plan for meeting vastly increased infrastructure (water, sewer, transportation, fire department, police and school expansions generated by increased density) needs thus generated. We have held several neighborhood-wide informational meetings on the subject, so the details won't be reintroduced here, but a progress update shows that the Draft 2 version has finished the citizen input phase, and is back to the planning department for revision into a Draft 3. While the city expects the process to continue through 2026, many groups of citizens, and some City Council members are pushing to halt the process and start afresh with more citizen involvement, pursuing a rational growth patterning actually aligned with the Richmond 300 land use plan adopted by the City. We will keep you informed of these developments.

### FALL LINE TRAIL

This bike/run/walk dedicated path will skirt the edges of Sherwood Park, roughly following Hermitage Road, which was just recently identified by the city as the (unofficial) probable route. This section of the trail was projected to be one of the last funded with open questions regarding route since its announcement years ago and we are monitoring for any updates to share with SPCA as a funding and design schedule is generated.

### QUALITY/HERMITAGE INN APARTMENTS PROPOSAL

The Quality/Hermitage Inn apartment proposal has been quiet for the year. We have understood that the Texas-based developers, who met with SPCA general membership over 2024 to 2025, have backed out due to indecision of city planning and transportation departments, partly because of the concerns we raised. The current owner-operator of the hotel is still open for redevelopment. Of course, the parcel's zoning will be altered by "Code Refresh". We continue to monitor.

### HERMITAGE HOME

Also quiet is the transformation of the Hermitage Richmond Retirement Home senior facility; on hold, and likely tied to the timeline of the "Code Refresh". The ownership previously proposed to convert the property to primarily apartments filling the site with heights ranging up to five stories. "Code Refresh" would have a major impact on the use of this property, and we could not speculate on the outcome until resolution of the zoning process.

### BROOKLAND PARKWAY & LOXLEY INTERSECTION

SPCA Committee and adjacent neighbors have met several times with City staff to devise a plan for the broad expanse of asphalt which will promote safety for drivers and pedestrians, while enhancing a major gateway to the neighborhood. A key goal is to use streetscape and landscape to replace the spindly white sticks now there – hopefully fulfilling ("father of American landscape architecture") Frederick Law Olmstead's original intention as a gracious, park-like intersection.



Members of the Gov't. Affairs/Safety Committee meet with City officials at the Brookland-Loxley-Rennie intersection

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# HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Bobbie Hunt

The Hospitality Committee focuses on engaging our neighbors in an effort to foster a sense of community within Sherwood Park. To that end, we hold multiple events each year to engage neighbors to come together.

In February, all neighbors were invited to our second Meet-Up at Toast in Scott's Walk on Arthur Ashe Boulevard. We encouraged folks to pay their dues prior to the event to be part of a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to Toast (donated by Toast). As a result, we collected dues from 39 households! Congratulations to the winners: Kai and David Brookover.

Toast extended their happy hour for the entire evening and also reserved the back room for us to meet and mingle. The Sherwood Park Civic Association provided appetizers, and every household took home a bag with a scratch-off for a surprise discount as well as a \$10 off coupon. Thank you to the 40+ neighbors who attended the event and made it special. If you haven't visited Toast, we highly recommend it!

On Sunday, **May 10** we plan to have a neighbors-only party following the SPCA Garden Walk. Thanks to Zach and Brook Isbell for agreeing to host the event in their backyard again this year. Look for details on our website [rvasherwoodpark.org](http://rvasherwoodpark.org), and in your email inbox. Note: Please add or update your contact information on our website to ensure that you are on our email distribution.

Additional events are planned throughout 2026, including:

- **July 4th:** Picnic and Fireworks
- **September 19:** *Sherwood Park 100 Year Anniversary Celebration*
- **November 8:** Fall Festival Block Party

We welcome all interested neighbors to join our Hospitality Committee!



Sherwood Park residents at last year's July 4th picnic and Garden Walk After-Party

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## GOV'T. AFFAIRS & SAFETY COMM. UPDATE cont'd.

Some issues brought to resolution by the Committee:

### BROOKLAND PARKWAY SPEED LIMIT

The historic road traversing through Sherwood Park has been the site of several accidents recently, and the Committee successfully petitioned to lower the posted speed limit to a consistent 25 MPH throughout. We will be watching to see if enforcement measures are effective in making the road safer.

### THE HERMITAGE/WESTWOOD (5 POINTS) NEIGHBORHOOD NODE

A plan created by Committee Co-Chair Chris Banks, in conjunction with Rosewood and Ginter Park, establishes a Neighborhood Node around the intersection. The plan Node was carried to City Council by our Kenya Gibson. It was approved, and now it will dictate a more cooperative planning process involving all City departments and neighborhood residents. We are awaiting the City to announce a timetable for starting the planning process in 2026. Should you wonder, it is not yet clear how the Node will work with "Code Refresh" in substance and schedule, and also – its relationship with the Fall Line Trail, which makes the Node also "continuing".

## Beautification Committee

The Sherwood Park Beautification Committee has been focused on Little John Park, the Spring Garden Walk (see page 1), and neighborhood trash pick-up days.

### Little John Park

Thanks to everyone who turned in the survey seeking ideas for an improved Little John Park! Data from the surveys indicate the desire for a shaded, multi-generational neighborhood retreat, with traditional playground equipment, benches, spaces for casual meeting, and a native pollinator garden of some sort. The following elements were explicitly rejected by respondents because of noise and/or safety concerns: pickle ball courts, skate park, and a large ball court. The committee will be working on plans with the City in the coming months. We will keep you posted!

### Neighborhood Trash Pick-Up - Saturday, April 11 10am-12pm

We are considering holding trash pick-ups more frequently than in previous years. Watch for upcoming dates on the SPCA email, website, and Facebook. Sherwood Park resident volunteers have gathered to pick up the trash that tends to accumulate on Brookland Parkway and Wentbridge Road. Vests and clean-up equipment will be provided.



## Sherwood Park Civic Assoc. Dues

Annual Civic Association dues are \$20 per household. Dues help pay for printing of newsletters and flyers, website, SPCA social gatherings, and unexpected events (for example, the Sherwood Park signs that had to be replaced after they were stolen or destroyed by cars). If you have not paid your 2026 dues, please bring cash or a check to the general meeting on April 8. You may also send payment to the SPCA Zelle account: Sherwood Park Civic Association (804.519.1120) Include your address and 2026 Dues in Memo.



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### SHERWOOD PARK REAL ESTATE RE-CAP

	2024	2025
Homes Sold	8	15
Lowest Price	\$289,531	\$378,950
Highest Price	\$905,000	\$900,000
Average Price	\$522,816	\$574,032
\$ Per Square Foot	\$241	\$260
Days on Market	23	18

\* Information Courtesy of Chris Ellis with Shaheen, Ruth, Martin & Fonville and the Central Virginia Regional Multiple Listing Service

## HELP US KEEP OUR MAILING LIST UP TO DATE

The Sherwood Park Civic Association is in the process of updating our mailing list to ensure that all our members have access to the latest information. To help us maintain accurate and current contact details, we kindly ask that everyone sign up again.

### Why Update Your Information?

By confirming your contact details, you will continue to receive our newsletters as well as important emails about Neighborhood and Community News. Staying connected ensures that you do not miss out on any updates or announcements from the SPCA.

### How to Subscribe

Please visit the Membership page on our website and follow the instructions to resubscribe. This will ensure your information is up to date and that you remain informed about all SPCA activities and news.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.