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Civic Association

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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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UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, FEB. 12 7:00pm
Garden Walk planning mtg.
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2024 GENERAL MEETINGS

TUESDAY, FEB. 13 7:00pm
Thrive Church
3105 Chatham Road
SPCA General Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 14 7:00pm
TUESDAY, OCT. 8 7:00pm
Locations TBD

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General Meeting

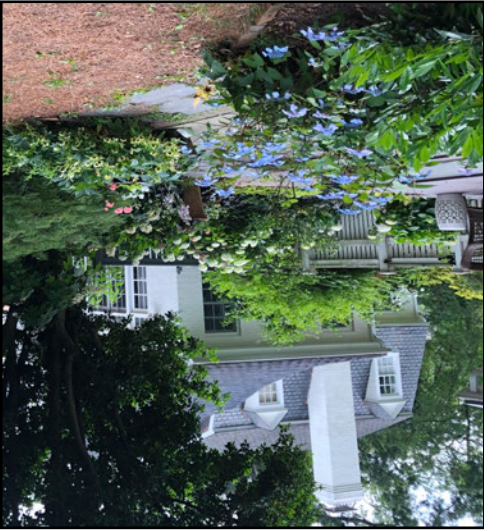
The next Sherwood Park Civic Association general meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00pm at Thrive Church at 3105 Chatham Rd. (Chatham and Little John). All Sherwood Park residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. The developers of the Quality Inn property will present their plans and answer our questions about it. Our City Council Representative, Katherine Jordan or her liaison Sven Philipsen, will be on hand as well. Also, SPCA committees will give reports on their ongoing projects. Please bring your 2024 dues, which are \$15/household, if you have not already paid.



Scenes from the Sherwood Park Alley Party on November 5th

Sherwood Park Spring Garden Walk

Show off your secret garden at the first Sherwood Park Garden Walk! The Beautification Committee is looking for home gardeners who would like to participate in a neighborhood garden walk this Spring. There will be a planning meeting on Monday, February 12 for all interested residents. Please email rvasherwoodpark.com or call/text Yvette Conte at 804-647-5289 for details.



CLEANUP DAY

A big warm thank you to the brave folks who showed up for the Brookland Parkway trash pickup on the frigid morning of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Six volunteers collected ten bags of trash before the snow ended the event. Thanks to Chris Banks for organizing the cleanup.



Plant Those Spring Bulbs Now

Ann Fuqua

It's not too late! If you bought spring blooming bulbs last fall and forgot to plant them, go ahead and get them in the ground now. We have pockets of warm weather ahead and the ground is soft with all the great rain. As a general rule plant them two times as deep as the height of the bulb, add a little slow release fertilizer like Milorganite or Bulb Tone to the hole, and you will have great flowers every spring for years to come.



IMPROVEMENTS COMING AT KEY INTERSECTION

Tim Pfroh, Bellevue Civic Association President

When the A.P. Hill statue was removed in late 2022, Northside was left with a large, busy, but modestly-regulated intersection at Laburnum and Hermitage. In early 2023 the City engaged the traffic consulting firm Kimley-Horn to begin studying how that space could be better designed to ensure the safety of drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists. Safety at the intersection is further challenged by the need to protect Holton Elementary School families, and as the future path of the 43-mile multi-use Fall Line Trail.

Goals for the project further include addressing congestion and excessive speeds, and minimizing traffic diversion onto adjacent neighborhood streets. An initial public meeting was held on January 18th, and a citizen input survey was conducted online throughout January. Both the survey and meeting materials show six potential long-term design solutions, including adding signalized left turn lanes, or reconfiguring the intersection as a roundabout. Those solutions are estimated to cost in the \$6-8 million range, so several potential shorter-term solutions — presumably less expensive — were also shared at the meeting. The survey is open until January 31 and can be found at <https://www.rva.gov/public-works/construction-projects-road-improvements> (Click CIP, then “W Laburnum Ave. and Hermitage Rd. Intersection Survey”).

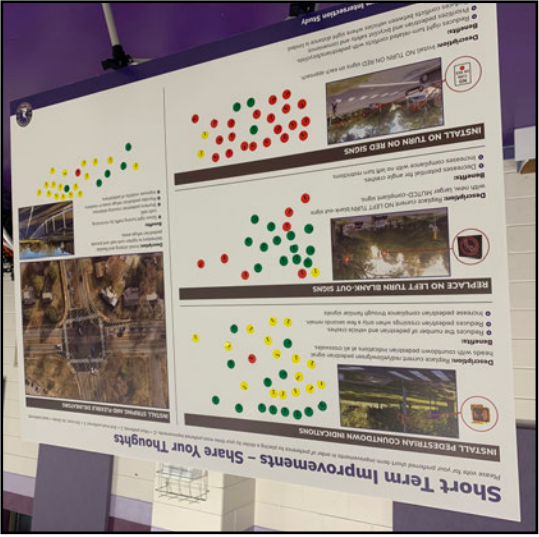
City project leaders indicated that resident feedback will be processed this spring, with future recommendations to be shared in mid-2024. Neighborhood civic associations, including SPCA, have invited those leaders to present findings to our members in May. Stay tuned for a date and project updates!

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.

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NEW CO-CHAIRS FOR GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

John Gass has stepped down from his responsibilities as Chair of the Government Affairs committee. He will remain as VP of the Civic Association but his intent was for other neighbors to volunteer to chair this important committee. We want to thank Donna Hughs and Chris Banks who have graciously stepped up to co-chair the Sherwood Park Government Affairs committee. If you are interested in serving on this committee, email reganpickett@gmail.com. Donna and Chris will be announcing our next meeting soon on the Sherwood Park Civic Association Facebook page.

Sherwood Park Email List

If you would like to add your name to the Sherwood Park Civic Association email list, send your email address to rvasherwoodpark@gmail.com. We sent out very occasional messages about upcoming meetings, SPCA events, and any urgent City of Richmond issues that are relevant to our neighborhood.

Brookland Parkway Speed Limit Reduction Update

Sherwood Park Safety Committee

On Tuesday January 23 the Richmond Public Safety committee unanimously voted in favor of Ordinance 2023-356 which was introduced by Council Members Katherine Jordan and Ann-Frances Lambert to reduce the speed limit on Brookland Parkway to 25 MPH from 35 MPH. Thank you to all Sherwood Park residents who signed our petition last fall and who emailed the City Clerk's office in support of the ordinance. We especially thank Donna Hughs, David Maier, Tara Fitzpatrick, Chris Banks and Regan Pickett who attended and spoke in favor of the ordinance.

The ordinance will now be considered at the next City Council meeting which will be held on February 12 at 6:00pm. You may find more details at this link <https://richmondva.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> We encourage residents to attend either in person or virtually. Please note that if you wish to speak in favor (or not) you need to register ahead of time. Details can be found on the link. Several of us will attend in person and if you wish to carpool or want more detail please email reganpickett@gmail.com.

Thank you again for all of your support -- this was democracy in action!