

THE GATEPOST of Sharon Woods

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Calling All Community Heroes

BY ROGER HECKEL, PRESIDENT EMERITUS

Urgent call for volunteers – join us to strengthen our neighborhood.

Sharon Woods Civic Association (SWCA) needs your help! Our community is in **urgent need** of dedicated volunteers like you to support and uplift our beloved neighborhood. We're facing important projects and initiatives that require extra hands and passionate hearts. Whether you can spare a few hours a month or have a bit more time to contribute, your involvement can make a substantial impact. Join us in preserving and enhancing our community in Sharon Woods. Volunteer today and be the driving force behind positive change!

Volunteer Opportunities:

To become a volunteer please email Info@SharonWoodsCA.org or call 614-600-2469.

- **SWCA** - President
- **SWCA** - Trustee
- **SWCA** - Ad Salesperson
- **The Gatepost Newsletter** - Editor
- **The Gatepost Newsletter** - Co-Editor
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- **The Gatepost Newsletter** - Delivery Volunteers
- **Event Committee** - Event Planner
- **Event Committee** - Event Coordinator
- **Event Committee** - Event Volunteer
- **Membership Drive** - Event Coordinator
- **4th of July Parade** - Flag Distribution Volunteer
- **Beautification** - Entry Island Gardeners



Upcoming Events

Save the dates for these upcoming events and plan to participate!



Association Meetings

All residents are invited! We meet the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Church of the Good Shepherd (6176 Sharon Woods Boulevard) and on Zoom. Our upcoming meeting dates are September 1, October 6, November 3, and December 1 (dinner meeting). Sign up for our email list to receive a link to the Zoom meetings and meeting minutes.



Sharon Woods Community Garage Sale

Consider hosting a garage sale on Labor Day weekend this year! By hosting your sale on September 1, 2, 3, and/or 4, you'll benefit from heightened visibility thanks to the many households also hosting sales in our community. Each household will be responsible for organizing and hosting their own sale.

Advertise Your Sale:

If you would like to advertise your garage sale to the community for just \$5, be sure to fill out the application on **page 7** or visit **sharonwoodsca.org/garagesalead**. If you purchase an ad, your address and sale date(s) will be published alongside other sellers' info on a community flier and our website. *Please submit your ad purchase before August 19. Sharon Woods households only. Reach out to laura@sharonwoodsca.org with questions.*



Northland Community 4th of July Parade

This year's parade will be on July 4th, starting at 11:00am near the intersection of Morse and Karl Roads. All are welcome to enjoy the parade, float competition, street carnival, food trucks, live music and more! This is the only traditional parade on the 4th of July in Columbus, Ohio – hosted by Northland Community Council. For more details or to get involved, visit **northlandparade.org**.

Tips for Keeping Our Streets Clean

BY JUDITH COCKRELL, TRUSTEE

It's important we each do our part, especially around pickup day!

To maintain a clean and safe Sharon Woods, keep streets garbage-free. Litter attracts vermin, poses health risks, and detracts from the beauty of our neighborhood. Here are some tips on how you can help:

- Place items in trash bags, and avoid putting loose items in your trash can.
- Put leaves and yard waste in yard bags or yard waste cans.
- Don't pack items tightly in your bin, as they may not empty properly.
- Set out trash, yard waste, and recyclables the night before pickup day.
- For bin replacements or additional bins, contact **Columbus 311**.
- Keep your bins clean and in good condition.
- Remove your bin from the street after pickup and clean up uncollected items.
- Contact **Columbus 311** to setup free bulk pickup service for larger items.



Thanks for doing your part to help keep our community clean and safe!

Pickup schedule: columbus.gov/publicservice

Contact Columbus 311: [614-645-3111](tel:614-645-3111) or columbus.gov/311

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Build Wealth with Home Ownership

Let's face it, the current Sellers market we are in now and have been in since 2021 may not be going away anytime soon; as inventory remains low and we are seeing mortgage interest rates hovering around 6%. If you purchased a home in ... let's say 1981, interest rates were 16.63%; in 1986 when I graduated high school, interest rates were much lower at 10.19% and they continued to come down lower and lower until 2021 when they reached an all time low of 2.96%. So in the grand scheme of things a 6% interest rate isn't high when you consider where they use to be or could be.

I say all this to say, if your dream is to become a homeowner, don't let the current interest rate stop you from achieving the American Dream of home ownership. While rental rates will continue to rise you will gain nothing from paying to rent someone else's dwelling. On the other hand home ownership is the key to building wealth through the equity you gain when you pay your mortgage every month.



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A Swim Down Memory Lane

BY ELIZABETH FULAKIS, SHARON WOODS RESIDENT

Farewell to beloved pool site as new apartments take shape.

As Columbus gathers the permits to break ground for the construction of new apartments at 6000 Beechcroft Road, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the cherished pool site it will replace.

The Northland Jaycee's Community Center, circa 1970, and was the place to swim in Sharon Woods. It offered swimming lessons, a swim team, and lifeguarding opportunities. I had the privilege of participating in all three, as did my peer Tracey Harrison, who fondly recalls, "I often spent 12 hours per day at the pool. It was truly my home away from home. I made so many friendships and they still exist after so many years. From pool parties, promotional visits from a radio station, and swimming and diving meets, the pool provided endless hours of entertainment."

The swim team boasted formidable competitors, with many engaging in year-round training as part of the Greater Columbus Swim Team. Today, we bid a heartfelt farewell to the pool, honoring its legacy and the countless memories it has provided.

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Budget Recap & Update

BY KAREN OSMOND, TREASURER



New fiscal year, new updates on our association's financial improvements.

The association faced financial challenges during the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Income remained stagnant while expenses increased across all categories. Nonetheless, we are on track to meet our income and expense goals for the year. To support the community activities we sponsor, our executive board decided to tap into our reserves. However, we aim to preserve these funds for unforeseen expenses, such as repair of entrance signs or larger projects like street lighting, contingent on having enough volunteers.

To address this, we have formed a dedicated committee and are in the early stages of launching a new website and online payment system to simplify support for the association. In the coming year, we expect higher costs for the Gatepost, landscaping, community events, as well smaller as expenses like P.O. Box rental, insurance, and Zoom membership for our monthly meetings. Please consider making a donation support the associations ongoing work.

We encourage you to get involved in the association, with a commitment that suits you. By contributing, you'll not only help improve Sharon Woods but also gain valuable knowledge about our neighborhood and surrounding areas.

Thank you for your ongoing support! We strive to responsibly manage resources for the benefit of Sharon Woods.

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Your annual membership dues and donations play a vital role in supporting the Sharon Woods Civic Association and its mission to enhance the Sharon Woods community. With approximately 1,850 residences in our area, we greatly appreciate your support in keeping Sharon Woods safe, clean, and vibrant! In addition to becoming a member and considering an optional donation, we also invite you to get involved as a volunteer or even join our Board of Trustees (see reverse side for details). *Thank you for partnering with us to make our association a vital connection between the residents of Sharon Woods and the greater Columbus community!*

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Your membership renewal date is one year from the month you submit this form. If you need more information on your status or renewal date, please contact Secretary Laura Bastin (614-600-2469; Laura@SharonWoodsCA.org).

Today's Date:

First Name:

Last Name:

Street Address (In Columbus, Ohio 43229):

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Member Type (Select One):

Household (\$18)

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I am interested in volunteering as a Trustee. (See reverse side for more information.)

Total Amount Enclosed:

\$

Mail completed form with payment to: Sharon Woods Civic Association, P.O. Box 297974, Columbus, Ohio 43229



NEW Pay your membership online:

Scan the QR code or visit sharonwoodsca.org/membership



The Sharon Woods Civic Association is a local not-for-profit corporation operated exclusively for the civic betterment of the Sharon Woods community.

Our vision is to establish rapport with the community, building and cultivating a strong commitment to represent common issues and concerns of all who live and are employed in Sharon Woods. To contact a member of our Executive Board or Board of Trustees, call or text **614-600-2469** with your message or send an email using one of the addresses below.



**Become a member today and help us better our community!
See reverse side for more information and instructions.**

Our Executive Board

Members of the Executive Board serve voluntarily for two or more years, overseeing official business and stewarding association resources for the civic betterment of Sharon Woods.

President - Volunteer Needed

See page 1 for details on how to volunteer.

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Our Board of Trustees

Members of the Board of Trustees are elected to serve our community voluntarily for two or more years by participating in association meetings, taking an active part in our activities, and overseeing one or more committees focused on the civic betterment of Sharon Woods. *We're currently seeking new trustees to serve!* If you're interested, please contact Info@SharonWoodsCA.org to learn more.

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