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Good News for 2007 Sherwood Forest

As we celebrate this year's Cinco de Mayo, let us raise a toast to our Neighborhood Association. Our grant proposal has been approved!

Once again Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Association has been awarded a grant for the upkeep and enhancement of our neighborhood. This year the neighborhood has been granted the amount of \$1331.00 for the year 2007.

Who Bestows this Grant?

The City of Irving has been given funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. One of the many recipients of this federal grant money includes the



* Irving Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Being a member of this association, Sherwood Forest board members successfully applied for the grant.

Where Will this Money Go?

Part of the grant application process requires applicants to specify where money is needed in the neighborhood. And, as a neighborhood community, it is up to us to decide.

Let's take a look at what residents requested for the year 2007.

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Thank You

Sherwood Forest thanks Chambers Nursery for sponsoring, a second year of "Yard of the Month" contests. Chambers is family owned and operating since 1972 in Irving. They are located at 3307 W. Shady Grove, Irving.



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2008 GRANT PROJECTS

Board members ask for your suggestions for our 2008 grant. We welcome anyone to offer an idea for next year's project.

Please contact Cecil Craft with your suggestions: chc@craftent.com



NEW NEIGHBORS?

Any new neighbors in the area? Show them the 'ol Robin Hood and hospitality and introduce yourself! Ask if we can include them in the next newsletter!





Sherwood **F**orest is named after the world famous country park in England, historically associated with the legend of Robin Hood.

Robin Hood and his *Merry Men* are known to have lived in Sherwood Forest, home to the famous Major Oak Trees. It was among these trees, according to local folklore, that hid Robin Hood and his people from the injustices of the their land.

Like the legendary land Sherwood Forest, Irving's *Forest* gives our properties shelter, not from enemies, but the heat of the sun with the benefit of adding beauty to the neighborhood.



ROBIN HOOD THE MOVIE PRINCE OF THEIVES

This PG-13 film is a '90s version of the classic Robin Hood story, with Kevin Costner starring as the good-guy thief. Costner is joined in his efforts against the murdering Sheriff of Nottingham (Alan Rickman) by Morgan Freeman who plays a philosophizing Moor, and by Nick Brimble, who plays Little John (anything but little). After Robin barely survives a watery skirmish with Little John, the two become allies and Robin joins forces with Little John's band of robber thieves to overcome the evils of the dastardly Nottingham sheriff.

All Movie Guide


How many of our neighborhood roads do you hear named in this movie?

WEB SITE UPKEEP NEEDED



Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Association is looking for someone to maintain our website. We have been granted \$600 to help with the expenses of maintaining our site. We wish to update the site periodically, and need to hire a person to do this for us.

Please E-mail Cecil at (chc@craftent.com) for more information. Good job for teen, and can be worked from home.



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Water Rationing Still in Effect; Guidelines Help Reserve our Resources!



This past summer was an especially dry one, which is the cause of our continued water restrictions. But

will these late April showers bring May flowers? Visit *Water Utilities Department* to view the most recent water updates. Visit <http://www.ci.irving.tx.us>.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ODD	No Outside Watering	EVEN	ODD	No Outside Watering	No Outside Watering	EVEN
addresses (No watering after 7AM or before 7PM)		Addresses (No watering after 7 AM or before 7 PM)	Addresses (No watering after 7 AM or before 7 PM)			Addresses (No watering after 7 AM or before 7 PM)

Money Earned is Granted to Do Good

2006 Survey Says...

Based on the 2006/2007 replies from neighborhood residents, the association was recommended to use the grant in the following ways:

- \$400.00 for plantings
- \$220.00 for printing
- \$111.00 for flyers (*soon coming to your mailbox to announce events and other neighborhood projects*)
- \$600.00 for website (*see page 2*)

Extending the Forest ...

The first grant project carried out by our neighborhood is the planting of red crepe myrtle along Conflans Ave.

The crape myrtle is a perfect Texas tree because of its long period of striking summer flowers. These showy flowers come in different shades; white, pink, red or lavender. Large clusters appear on the tips of new branches beginning in early summer and continue into fall.



In the fall, have you noticed small trees with unique looking bark? Even though the tree is leaf-less in the fall/winter, the bark is an attractive color, ranging from brown to gray.

Did you know...the official shrub for the state of Texas (Resolution 14, 75th State Legislature, 1997) is the crepe myrtle shrub?

The second grant project made it possible for you to read this newsletter. No, we did not use the grant \$ to have the newsletter delivered ...but to have it *printed!* A local printer generously devotes his talents to get our printing done in the quickest time, thanks to our grant money and his generosity. If you have any printing needs call John at:

MINUTEMAN PRESS : 940 N. Belt Line Rd., #133
Irving, Texas 75061
972.313.3428 972.313.3817 fax



2007 Board Members

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		Iram Mian	Board member

Thanks to Our Advertisers

SFNA is accepting limited ad space for business card advertising in our newsletter. Please call Craig Driver at 972-790-1748 if you would like to place an ad in our newsletter.



Special thanks to Castro Tree Service and Pro-tech Roofing for being our first ad buyers.





Keep Irving Beautiful is an award-winning, grassroots, non-profit leadership organization dedicated to educating community members about litter abatement, recycling, and community beautification in order to help preserve the health and prosperity of our community. As an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful and Keep Texas Beautiful, the goals of Keep Irving Beautiful reach out to all aspects of Irving -- government, business, civic and church organizations, schools, neighborhoods. All residents of Irving are a vital part of the program's success. Thanks to this program and our neighbors, we can easily learn to keep our city clean.

Don't Mess with Pat...

Thank you especially to one of our Sherwood neighbors, **Patti McAlister**, for her example. A special acknowledgement for her good deeds in the neighborhood. While out walking her dog, Patti was spotted picking up and discarding bits of trash she encountered on her path. Patti carries a plastic bag on her walks. She exemplifies a great way to keep our neighborhood clean.



How Can You Help Keep Irving Clean?



Bag It Blue



The natural beauty of Sherwood neighborhood encourages us to keep it clean. A significant way is to participate in the City of Irving recycling program. If you do not have the time or interest in serving on a neighborhood group, but would

We would like to have a higher participation rate and your help can make our neighborhood one of the more active in the program.



Become a recycling household in Sherwood Forest. Contact Fran Witte with the City of Irving at 972-721-2355 or email her at fwitte@ci.irving.txs

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 * Chambers Nursery has awarded a \$25 gift certificate to our April Yard of the Month Winner. *
 * Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Banks for being chosen for this award a second time. Sneak a peak at *
 * 2612 Yorkshire *
 * Recommend a neighbor or yourself to win next month's Yard of the Month Award. E-mail Ann Craft at (ann@craftent.com) *
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50TH ANNIVERSITY for L.B.BARTON elementary school in our neighborhood. Several SFNA board members attended a reception held to celebrate the event which included several past students in attendance including a county judge and a current Dallas Cowboy player.

