



Sherwood Forest Improvement Association, Inc. Divide, CO June 2017

SFIA Vision: To bring people together as a community dedicated to participation and cooperation for the common good of all.

SFIA Mission Statement: To encourage and support each other by working together to accomplish community goals.

President's Report June 2017

Semi-Annual Meeting on Jan. 15th, 2017

We had a wonderful turnout for our meeting, and it was a great example of democracy at work. The main topic for discussion was a good faith effort by the board to update and amend our Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions originally established in 1959. Many community members supported the proposed amendments and many others did not. A group of the community members who were against the proposed amendments presented a letter which was read aloud at the meeting. The vote results reflect this division: Yes – 30 No – 31 The board respects and will honor these results and has no plans to revisit this issue. For more details on the meeting agenda, the letter read aloud at the meeting, and the board's response letter to the property owners objecting to the amendments, please go to the SFIA website and click on the Membership Meetings tab.

Please Visit our Website: www.sfiadivide.org

Julie Nelson, the Webmaster, has completed updating our website with SFIA information including: Newsletters; Financials; Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes; Board Session Minutes; Important SFIA Documents; Community Information; SFIA Activities and Photos. Julie is to be commended for all of her hard work and meticulous attention in providing not only current information for all community members, but also a comprehensive collection of documents dating back several years. Thank you Julie!

SFIA is a Common Interest Community

Because our community was established in 1959, before the term Home Owners Association was created, the board has decided to refer to our Association as a

Please Come to Our Next Semi-Annual Meeting on Sunday, July 16th at the Community Hall at 1:00 p.m.

An agenda of the meeting will be posted on the website, and we encourage you to come and participate in your community. All are welcome!

Common Interest Community. We are certified by The State of Colorado as a Non-Profit Corporation, and we also have an established Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (1959). If community members would like to learn more about HOAs and Common Interest Communities, please visit our website, click on the SFIA Documents tab and then click on Colorado State Law HOA Guidelines for more information. You can also find a copy of our current Certificate of Fact of Good Standing from The State of Colorado.

Questions or Concerns Regarding Building/Property Requirements or Shooting Within Sherwood Forest?

I get many, many emails and questions from people regarding properties in Sherwood Forest. Please note the following: 1) SFIA has no authority to impose or levy taxes on any properties. These are set forth by Teller County Assessor's Office. 2) Building/Property Codes and Enforcements are controlled by Teller County Building Department, not the SFIA. 3) SFIA is not zoned for business, junk yards or multi-dwelling structures. *The SFIA board has no jurisdiction or oversight with regard to Teller County Code Requirements or Enforcements and chooses not to get involved with these issues.* All questions or concerns with regard to building or property code requirements and enforcements should be directed to Teller County. Finally, any concerns about personal or fire safety with regard to shooting within Sherwood wood Forest should be directed to Teller County Sheriff.

Community Hall Now Open for Your Special Event or Activity

We would like to encourage our community members to utilize our community hall for special events or activities. There is a Hall Usage Rental Agreement Policy on the website with more details. You can link to this document from our home page.

Interested in a Community Yard Sale at the Hall in the Fall?

The board is considering having a community yard sale at the hall if there is enough interest from community members. If interested please indicate on your dues invoice or email a board member through our website. We think it would be fun to include a pot luck lunch and some community musicians too.

Annual Dues Are Now \$50 and Annual Community Well Usage is \$100

At our July 17th, 2016 semi-annual meeting we discussed that despite efforts by the board to increase our numbers of dues paying members, the current membership fee of \$36, established in 1959, is not sufficient to keep us solvent as a Common Interest Community into the future. Additionally, our well reserve account is not

sufficient in the event that a major repair is needed. A vote to increase the dues and well usage fee was agreed to by *all community members* attending the meeting with one member abstaining.

Please Consider Joining Our Board!

Several of our board members have been serving on the board for more than five years. We would like to invite any community member interested in contributing more to helping our community to join us. We welcome new ideas and need more people to help us.

Corry Somerville – SFIA President

Robin Hood's Dash-n-Dine in Sherwood Forest

August 6, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

5K run/walk, kids fun run
&
pancake breakfast



On August 6, 2017 SFIA will host the community's annual fundraiser - the Second Annual Robin Hood Dash-n-Dine 5K in Sherwood Forest, a 5K run/walk, kids fun run and pancake breakfast. The purpose of the fundraiser is to bring the community and public together for a fun, entertaining and safe activity to raise funds for the community's school children (bus shelter and plans for future playground). The event will kick off at 8:30 a.m. with a 5k run/walk starting at the Sir Gerald Clark Hall in Sherwood Forest. Registered participants will receive a commemorative t-shirt and pancake breakfast. Awards will be given to the overall male and female as well as to those who place in the top 3 of their age division (10-year age groups).

The Kids Fun Run is for children 2-12 years of age and is FREE. The pancake breakfast is open to the public for those who would rather "dine" than "dash."

Online registration is now open at sfiadivide.org or you can register in person at Shipping Plus in Divide (next to Russ' Place). The course map is available online at sfiadivide.org/Local_Businesses.html and is also posted at the mailboxes.

We are also in need of volunteers to help with the event. Please email the race director at robinhooddashndine@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer. We are looking for registration volunteers, course marshals, water station attendants, set up and clean up.



Summer is a good time to remember that the speed limit in Sherwood Forest is 20 mph. Kids are out of school and the fawns will be here soon! Please drive safely!

Proposed Budget 2017-2018				
Projected Income				Actual Amount Last Year
Dues	100 owners of 457	5000	8427.43	
Hall rental	3	300	100	
Total		5300	8527.43	
Projected Expenses				
Insurance	Board Insurance	2000		
	Liability insurance	2000	4300	4274
Business Misc.		600	610.27	
Property Taxes		500	404.61	
Utilities	SFIA Hall	Heat	400	328.68
		Electricity	200	165.13
	Security Light	350	324.12	
Printing and Postage		500	760.93	
Total Projected Expenses		6850	6867.74	
Contingency Fund		1000	1000	
Insurance Deductible		1000	1000	
Budget Total		8850	0	

Summary of Board Session Meetings January through May 2017

In a promised effort to be more transparent and accountable to our community, the SFIA Board is now documenting all board session meetings and posting these minutes on the website. Please go to www.sfiadivide.org for specific details regarding each board session. Below is a brief summary of each board session since our January 2017 Semi-Annual Meeting.

January 26th, 2017 Board Session

The board approved the Vision and Mission Statements and 2017 Goals. The main topic of this meeting was to discuss the letter presented at the Jan. semi-annual meeting by property owners unhappy with our efforts to revise and update our Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions. We drafted a response letter that was sent to all concerned property owners on Jan. 27th, 2017 and posted both letters online. Please visit the SFIA website to read our response to the letter from concerned property owners.

March 29th, 2017 Board Session

The board discussed concerns from a community member regarding our status as a member of CCIOA, collecting dues from real estate agents and our vote to raise the dues to \$50 annually. We agreed to address these issues with a rationale document that we are a Common Interest Community to be posted online and explanations in our June 2017 Newsletter and or our July 2017 semi-annual meeting about the increase in dues vote in July 2016 and dues collection procedures. It was agreed that we need to have an audit of the 2016 Financial Records and also create a document that lists all the responsibilities and financial obligations the Treasurer takes care of as a backup to everything Catherine DiMauro does as Treasurer of SFIA. The fundraiser date was changed due to scheduling conflicts, and we will reopen the Hall in May. Corry will create a Hall Usage Rental Agreement to post online.

April 26th, 2017 Board Session

The board discussed and approved the Community Hall Usage Rental Agreement for posting online. We also discussed again and agreed that SFIA is a Common Interest Community and will post online a rationale document encouraging community members to explore this topic further to decide for themselves how they want to view our association. There was a discussion about building requirements/ enforcements in Sherwood Forest, and we agreed that all questions regarding this issue be referred to Teller County and that SFIA has no jurisdiction or oversight regarding Teller County code requirements. The board is still working on ideas for a bike rack and bus shelter for community school children. Corry will open the Hall on May 20th. Catherine, Corry, Lavender and Garen will complete the 2016 audit and Treasurer Responsibilities document on May 1st, 2017.

May 23rd, 2017 Board Session

The board discussed details about our fundraiser including the brochure, banner, announcement flyers, lock box at Shipping Plus for walk-in registrations, race route posting online and business sponsors. We also discussed our June 2017 Newsletter topics and deadline for submitting articles so that the letter can be mailed by June 5th, 2017. The board is considering a possible Community Yard Sale at the Hall in September which could also include a potluck lunch and community musicians if enough interest is generated and someone is willing to lead the effort. Corry mentioned that the Hall will need some plumbing repairs completed before next winter.

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Divide, CO 80814

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DIVIDE, CO
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Please become a member of SFIA and join the effort to keep Sherwood Forest a wonderful community!

INVOICE

Name: _____

Physical/Property Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Do you want to go paperless and receive all correspondence by email? Yes ☐ No ☐

Annual amount due: \$50.00. Any additional monies donated would be appreciated!

Please place this and your dues in an envelope, put a stamp on it and mail to:

SFIA Association, 269 Knighthood Lane, Divide, CO 80814

Would you be interested in participating in a Community Yard Sale in September? Yes ☐ No ☐