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Sharing the Green – April 2026 Issue

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CHANGE OF DATE FOR APRIL MEETING: The April monthly meeting will be held the 4th Wednesday, **April 22nd** at 6:30 p.m. due to the community grant meeting on the 3rd Wednesday. This is for April only. All other monthly meetings will be on the 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse and are open to all homeowners to attend.

COMMUNITY GRANT: We successfully submitted our application to the City's Department of Neighborhood and Housing (HAND) to replace our private street signs. HAND offers annual neighborhood grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 to support community improvement projects. The total grant funds this year are \$30,000 and 8 neighborhoods have applied.

The grant proposal will be presented to the Neighborhood Improvement Grant Council on Monday, April 13th. The meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. and we are scheduled to present at 7:30 p.m. If you would like to view this meeting, the Zoom link is below.

<https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/87685995392?pwd=ITYJVw4NFB9Y1k55cLweZKbnEfG8Ez.1#success>

Join Zoom Meeting ([bton.in/Nlpre](https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/87685995392)) Meeting ID: 876 8599 5392 Passcode: 223172

The Grant Councils will discuss the application at a meeting on Wednesday, April 15th at 6:00 p.m. and we will send a link for that meeting when we receive it. The awards will be made known in May.

We'd like to thank everyone who participated in the survey supporting the grant. We had approximately 120 responses which is almost 50% of the neighborhood! This is an incredible number of supporters! We compiled the comments and included them in the grant application. We were also able to obtain letters of support from the Bloomington Fire Department and EMS.

We've had questions about the look of the new signs. The sign blades must meet Federal and City code. The background will be blue with white lettering. We will also be installing "way find" signs also known as directional signs that must be square instead of rectangular and we are working with City Planning on the color.

MONTHLY NEIGHBORHOOD LUNCH: The next lunch will be at Mother Bear's, 2980 W Whitehall Crossing Blvd, in front of Kohl's on Wednesday, April 8th at 11:30 am. Please contact Sherry at 765-506-8131 by Tuesday evening if you plan to attend to reserve your seat.

FREE BI-WEEKLY STRETCHING CLASS: Joanie Baker leads a free stretch class every Tuesday and Joyce Cassal on Thursday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Clubhouse. This free class is open to all residents to attend.

MONTHLY COFFEE CLUB: Our monthly coffee club is the first Tuesday of each month at the clubhouse at 9:30 a.m. after the stretch class. Coffee and donuts are provided.

SPRING IS HERE! Spring is here, and with it comes weeds in the pea gravel areas. This is a friendly reminder that owners are responsible for maintaining the pea gravel areas, flower beds around the units, and the areas at the ends of the patio walls. If your unit is a rental, please remind your tenants to keep these areas maintained or arrange for someone to take care of them.

RENTAL UNITS: Is your unit a rental or are you contemplating renting your unit? Rentals must adhere to the governing documents which include no short-term rentals. Rentals are defined by the City of Bloomington as "any dwelling unit, rooming house, or rooming unit occupied by a person(s) other than the owner and/or their legal dependent." All rental units are required to have a tenant verification form on file with the office **within 30 days of a lease signing**. If you have questions regarding rentals in Sherwood Green, please contact the office. Fines will apply if the verification forms are not submitted.

EXTERIOR CHANGES: Thinking of making a change to the exterior of your unit? All exterior changes – windows, garage doors, satellite dishes, etc. -- must have Board approval. Exterior alteration forms are available in the office or on our website. Exterior alteration requests **MUST include a description of materials to be used**.

2026 DUES: The 2026 dues are **\$190 per month** per unit starting January 1, 2026 and are **due by the 10th of the month or a late fee applies**. If you have bill pay set up through your bank, be sure to update the amount. If you pay your dues by an automatic bank payment check or bill pay, please know it is taking 10 - 14 days from the date on the check for us to receive some payments. If you are paying by an automatic payment through your bank, please initiate the payment so it arrives by the 1st of the month to ensure we receive it before the 10th and you are not charged a late fee.

PETS: Pet owners are responsible for promptly picking up after their pets. This is not only a neighborhood rule but also a City code requirement. All pet waste must be picked up immediately and disposed of in the owner's trash receptacle. Please be respectful of our common areas and help keep the community clean for everyone.

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE: Reminder, please have your dryer vents cleaned annually. Also, check your smoke detectors to see they are working. Smoke detectors have a 10 year life. You should also check the manufacturer's date to see if it is time to replace the smoke detector.

WORK ORDER REQUESTS: For all exterior maintenance requests, please submit a **WRITTEN** work order request to our office either in electronic form on our website or by pdf which is also on the website at <https://www.sherwoodgreenbloomington.com/work-orders>. If you have a roof leak, the roofers tend to respond within 24-48 hours depending upon the weather. If it is raining, there is ice/snow on the roof or the temperatures are extremely cold or hot they cannot go on the roof. Please know they will make roof repairs as soon as it is safe for them to access the roof.

INSURANCE RENEWAL: Indiana Farmers has renewed the blanket insurance policy with the deductibles remaining at \$2,500 for covered losses; \$10,000 for wind/hail and 5% for earthquake which is now \$2.8 million. **The blanket policy covers the structure and the interior** – walls, flooring, cabinets, etc. **Each homeowner needs to carry separate coverage for personal property, personal liability and loss assessment that includes earthquake for \$13,500.** Please discuss loss assessment with your agent for exact coverage information. We also suggest to minimize insurance claims, annually, have your dryer vents cleaned, replace the batteries in your smoke detectors and replace smoke detectors that are older than 10 years old, check the water lines to your washer, ice maker and toilets, make sure they are secure and don't need replacing.

PHONE SCAMMERS: We are seeing reports of phone scammers again. Scammers call people pretending to be the Sheriff, a police officer or an officer of the courts and state that you either missed jury duty or have an overdue fine and you will be arrested unless you pay them. **THIS IS A SCAM!** As a reminder, the Sheriff or police department will never call you and **they will never ask for money over the phone, nor will they ask you to purchase gift cards or bitcoin.** If you have actually missed jury duty or have an unpaid fine, **they will send you a letter in the mail.** If you receive a call requesting money, gift cards or bitcoin, please hang up immediately!

RESIDENT CARE: We like to share options for our residents who live alone or have health issues and may need emergency care. We highly recommend and encourage having a system like Life Alert to call for help if there is a fall or if you have a medical issue. We recommend that you have a way for first responders to access your unit. This could be by a coded garage keypad or a coded door handle. If you choose either of these options, you can have the code on file with the local emergency dispatcher center. Another option is a Knox Box. This is a lockbox that is attached to the exterior of your unit that holds a door key that only the fire department can open. The City of Bloomington also utilizes **Smart911** to facilitate a more efficient and prepared emergency response for residents who find themselves in need of emergency services. Here's how it works:

1. Sign up for **Smart911** and create a secure safety profile for your household. That includes information about family members and pets, medical information, details about your address, vehicle information, and any other information you feel necessary to share with responders. You decide what you want the dispatchers to know.
2. Rest assured, knowing the information is only available to dispatch and first responders, should you ever find yourself in need of emergency services. Your information is kept secure by **Smart911** using encryption technology.

Does this sound like something you would be interested in? Read more about the service and sign up for free at www.smart911.com

UTILITY LINE INSURANCE: We have been receiving inquiries regarding a recent mailing from offering insurance for exterior utility lines. The exterior utility lines are the responsibility of the HOA until they enter the building. Once they enter the building, they are then the responsibility of the Owner including the lines under the slab and the exterior spigot. Owners do not need coverage for exterior utility lines.

APPROVED SHRUB LIST: The approved shrub list for homeowner plantings in the pea gravel areas and flower beds is available on our website. If a shrub does not appear on this list that you would like to plant, contact the office and we will research the possibilities for you. Please note, trees including ornamental trees are not approved to be planted in the pea gravel area or at the end of the patio walls. Previously, trees have been planted in these areas and we are seeing trees

roots that are damaging sidewalks and overhanging roofs, causing issues. Owners are being required to remove trees in these areas.

SEWER LINES: Please do not put wipes of any sort down the toilet even if they say they are disposable. Sewer clogs that are the result of occupants clogging the sewer lines will be charged to the homeowner. If your unit is a rental, please share this with your tenant(s).

CLUBHOUSE OPEN DURING POWER OUTAGES: With the unpredictable weather we're having just a reminder that if you lose power, the clubhouse may have power and will be open to residents. The clubhouse and north portion of the neighborhood are on a different power grid than the back section. The north power grid seems to get restored sooner than the rear. If this happens again with the stronger windstorms we have, we will have the clubhouse open from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for residents to use so you can charge your phones, use the internet, etc. The only way we have to communicate this during an outage is email and some residents may not be able to receive the email when the power is out. If you lose power, please feel free to stop by the clubhouse, if it has power it will be open to residents.

UPDATED RULES AND REGULATIONS: The Board has updated the Rules and Regs for 2025. A copy of the Rules & Regs can be found on our website or at the office.

SHERWOOD GREEN LIBRARY: Need a good book to read or a puzzle or game? Stop in the Clubhouse during business hours to browse the library!

TRASH CANS: The Rules and Regulations of Sherwood Green stipulate that trash cans must be kept on patios or in garages. **Trash cans may NOT be left out in front of garage doors** or on the street. They must be put away within 24 hours of trash pick-up.

ITEMS ATTACHED TO BUILDINGS AND PATIO WALLS: Items are not to be attached to patio walls and to the buildings. Please do not attach anything to the walls, gutters or soffits!

SAFETY: If you see suspicious activity in the Green, please contact the Bloomington Police Department by using the non-emergency line **(812) 339-4477**. If you are experiencing a true emergency, always dial **911**.

APPROACHING CONTRACTORS AROUND THE GREEN: If an Association contractor is doing work and you have an issue, please contact our manager and not the contractor. If you contact an HOA vendor to do work for you or request work to be done, you are responsible for payment.

GREEN BOOKS/WEBSITE: Our governing documents, work order requests, and exterior alteration request forms can all be on our website www.sherwoodgreenbloomington.com.

SHERWOOD GREEN OFFICE: The Sherwood Green office is in the clubhouse & office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and by appointment. Offices hours may vary due to appointments. The phones are answered Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you have an after-hours emergency, please call 812-339-1880 and leave a message including your name, address, phone number and what the issue is. Items that would be considered an emergency would be sewer back-ups, trees blocking a road or on a building, etc.