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Sharing the Green – March 2026 Issue

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MONTHLY MEETING: The monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month and are open to all homeowners to attend. The next meeting will be March 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse.

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.

MONTHLY NEIGHBORHOOD LUNCH: The next lunch will be at McAllister's in Eastland Plaza on Wednesday, March 11th 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.

EUCHRE CLUB: The euchre club is back on the second Tuesday of each month from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Come join the fun even if you don't know how to play, we'll teach you! Let Sherry know if you are attending 765-506-8131.

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.

COMMUNITY GRANT: The City's Department of Neighborhood and Housing offers annual neighborhood grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 to support community improvement projects. We are currently working to secure funding for a project that would replace our aging private road street signs and add numeric address identifiers where needed.

Our existing signs date back to when the neighborhood was developed in the late 1970s and early 1980s. They are brown, non-reflective, difficult to read, and inconsistent throughout the community. Some signs display only street names, others include street numbers, and in several areas signage is missing entirely—creating confusion for residents and visitors alike.

This issue first came to our attention due to delivery challenges reported by homeowners. Because our private streets run both east and west of City streets, locating addresses can be difficult. Upon further review, we were concerned to learn that emergency responders have also experienced navigation challenges within the neighborhood. For example, Waterloo Court branches off Piccadilly Street five separate times, which can cause delays and confusion.

The goal of this project is to improve visibility, safety, and consistency throughout the community. Most importantly, we want to ensure that emergency responders can quickly and accurately locate residents when every minute matters. Clear, reflective, and properly placed signage will help reduce confusion and support faster response times. Improved signage will also benefit delivery services, utility providers, and visitors.

The proposed project includes approximately 21 signs—18 existing signs that will require, at minimum, replacement of the sign blades (and possibly poles), along with 3 new signs to be installed.

As part of the grant application process, the application must include neighborhood support for the project. If this is a project you support, below is a link to a survey to indicate your support and provide a short comment explaining how this project would benefit you and/or the community.

https://us12.list-manage.com/survey?u=74b48265cd10f7fbc0f45a8ec&id=87c775b5f6&e=*|UNIQID|*

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!

PETS: We understand that temperatures are cold; however, pet owners are still 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: We like to remind Owners to have their dryer vents cleaned annually. Also, have you checked your smoke detectors lately to see if 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.

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.

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. Insurance invoices have been sent out and **premiums were due by January 31, 2026 payable to Sherwood Green HOA, 985 E. Buckingham Drive, Bloomington, IN 47401.**

SNOW AND PARKING: When the forecast calls for snow, please leave your exterior lights on when it's dark outside. As a reminder, the snow removal company will clear the private streets and driveways first and will be back to clear sidewalks. The snow plows cannot get down our private streets when there are vehicles parked on them. If it snows, there's nowhere to put the snow except in the turn arounds. If your vehicle is parked in a turn around or back out area, snow may be pushed up against it. If your vehicle is in the driveway when they come back for the second clearing, you will need to move your vehicle for a full driveway clearing. Parking is allowed in driveways and on the public streets of Piccadilly Street, Buckingham Drive and Westminster Way. Parking is not allowed in the turn-around spots or on the private streets as stated in the Bylaws. Homeowners – please park in the appropriate places and advise your guests where they can park. Landlords – please advise your tenants of where they can park.

WINTERIZING YOUR UNIT: If you will be gone from your unit over the winter or for an extended time, please winterize your unit. Open the cabinet doors under your sinks and don't turn the heat off. We suggest leaving the heat not lower than 60 degrees. Also, if you will be away from your unit for an extended period of time, please leave emergency contact information with the office of someone in town who can access your unit on your behalf in case of an emergency. If your unit is

a rental, please share this with your tenants and advise them not to turn the heat off if they will be gone from the unit. Also, don't forget to winterize your spigot and remove your garden hose.

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

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.**

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).

APPROVED SHRUB LIST: The 2025 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.

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: As a reminder, 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. Office 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. The office hours may vary with inclement weather. If there is snow and ice, please call the office to see if we are open before coming over.