



SHERWOOD FOREST PARK DISTRICT

**Including Sherwood Forest, Emerson, Sterling Heights,
Falcon Ridge, The Vistas, Vistas West, Edgewood Estates
and Brooke Court Neighborhoods**

TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK

MARCH 2026

ANNUAL PARK DISTRICT MEETING

Please join members of the Sherwood Forest Park District Advisory Committee (SFPDAC) at the Annual Meeting on **Thursday, April 16th at 7:30 PM in Town Hall**. The SFPD is an organization under the Town of Clifton Park that supports parks and common spaces in our neighborhoods. We want your input to help us with planning, to learn what you think we are doing right, and where we can make improvements.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN Dave Dittmer

Welcome to our new neighbors (and Park District members) in Brooke Court and Edgewood Estates! Clifton Park continues to be a growing and vibrant town because people like your Park District Advisory Committee members support all of our areas and help keep our standards high. I invite any of the new residents who care about our community and may like to join our Committee to attend the Spring meeting at Town Hall and see what we are all about.

2025 was a very good year for the Sherwood Forest Park District. We completed our annual Beautification Day (see article on that for 2026 in this newsletter) and addressed three medium-sized projects with our "Special Project" funding. Additionally, we used Town labor and services efficiently and kept expenses low (see Budget Summary article in this newsletter). Our subcontractors are doing well with mowing, limited chemical applications, and tree and shrub trimming in common areas. Sheila Krupski stepped up and took on our Budget Lead role and has put us in a very good position for this year. We did lose our Falcon Ridge Representative for the second year in a row. Thanks to Mark Phillips for his help, but we still are in standby for replacing the aging entryway sign for that neighborhood. Your ideas and creative designs to capture the spirit of that area would be appreciated. We hope to complete that project this year.

I wish you all a great 2026 and we look forward to hearing your ideas and exploring your projects with you. Please reach out to your community leads and we will work together to continue to grow and improve. Thank you, Dave Dittmer



PARK DISTRICT BUDGET UPDATE

Park District committee member and Sherwood Forest resident, Sheila Krupski, has assumed responsibility for our Park District budget. Below is her summary of our Park District budget and expenses.

2026 Park District Budget and 2025 Expenses

Our budget is funded by the Tax Levy that is included in your property tax bill each January.

This fund provides us with the money to pay for things like our annual beautification day, maintenance of our entryways and medians, mowing throughout the Park District neighborhoods, playground maintenance and repairs, electricity for the lights in the Nottingham Way Park and special projects. In addition to these expenses, we also pay the principal and interest on a Bond that was taken out in 2017 to pay for major repairs to the Sherwood Forest tennis courts. Further, the budget tracks our Improvement Fund which is funded by monies set aside each year to cover major improvements to our Park District neighborhoods or to pay for unexpected expenses without having to increase taxes. Most recently, it was used in 2024 to purchase playground equipment and improve landscaping in the Nottingham Way Park.

This year we can report that our Park District budget is healthy. Our 2025 expenses were \$27,426.00 with \$2,000 set aside for our Improvement Fund. Expenses were \$7,000 less than we had budgeted. This was partly caused by a reduction in our Chemical Application costs, the absence of any unanticipated expenses such as storm damage, or the need to hire a contractor for shrub or tree pruning or removal. We now have a very robust Improvement Fund of \$16,000.

This past fall, the Sherwood Forest Park District submitted a budget for 2026 and it has been approved by the Town Board. The approved 2026 budget has a tax levy of \$32,844 which equates to an average levy of \$62.79 per parcel. This is a \$1.22 increase per parcel over 2025's tax levy of \$61.57. These numbers will be finalized later in March. If you would like to see the complete budget report, contact the Park District Chairman, Dave Dittmer and he will email you a copy.

In 2026, our Improvement Fund of \$16,000 could be used to improve **YOUR** neighborhood. In April, the Park District Committee will be meeting to discuss potential projects that these funds could pay for. Please don't hesitate to contact your Park District Representative if you have any ideas or suggestions on things we can do to improve our Park District. Your ideas will be evaluated by the Committee.



Are you interested in your tax levy for 2026?

Below is the link to Clifton Park's Tax Assessors' Site. All you need is your address and last name.

<https://egov.basgov.com/cliftonpark/>

SHERWOOD FOREST PARK DISTRICT BEAUTIFICATION DAY 2026

WHEN: On or about May 16, 2026

WHO: You and nearby neighbors in conjunction with the Town of Clifton Park

WHAT: Beautification of nearby islands/entrances/cul de sacs

WHERE: The Cul-de-Sac or Entryway near you

WHY: Enhance your part of the neighborhood

AVAILABLE: Equivalent of \$175 per area for plants, supplies, mulch, or services

OPTIONS: Up to \$175 all plants and supplies

Subtract \$75 if you wish 5 cu yd. (u spread) mulch delivered

Subtract \$100 for Community Friendly Chemical treatments

Subtract \$175 for Full Chemical treatments

APPLY via Email Linda Shartzter, Beautification Day Coordinator at, linda.shartzter@gmail.com

Include the following details: name, email, location of area, and options requested

Purchasing instructions will be emailed



SHERWOOD FOREST PARK DISTRICT SPECIAL PROJECT 2026

SPECIAL NEEDS FOR YOUR AREA? NOTE EARLY DEADLINE! April 12, 2026

In lieu of your \$175 subsidy, The Sherwood Forest Park District has available \$1,000 for a one time special expanded improvement project for your cul-de-sac or entryway. The SFPD will select one or two projects each year. This stipend may be divided between or among more than one project to be determined by the SFPD Advisory Committee at its April 16 meeting. QUESTIONS OR TO APPLY— SEND A DESCRIPTION OF YOUR PROJECT TO linda.shartzter@gmail.com by APRIL 12, 2026

CHEMICAL TREATMENT INFORMATION

FULL CHEMICAL

3 WEED/FERTILIZER TREATMENTS—early spring, late spring/early summer, fall;
ONE CRABGRASS—early spring; ONE GRUB CONTROL

COMMUNITY FRIENDLY

1 CRABGRASS —early spring; 1 FERTILIZER —fall; 3 SPOT WEED CONTROL—June 15, July 31, September 15



Our Community



Area Development Update – 2026

Our Park District now includes eight neighborhoods on the north side of Route 146 centered around the intersection with Route 146A at the roundabout. Sherwood Forest has the largest Town-owned shared space in our Park District with the tennis courts and playing field off Route 146A. The Park District also supports many cul-de-sac islands and subdivision entryways with Town funding as requested by our residents. The new developments at Brooke Court and Edgewood Estates also have islands that are Town property, and we will work with the residents to help get them started and maintained. It is uncertain if both areas will also have entryways. Other Town and State efforts in our area continue, such as the planned sidewalk from the roundabout to Vista Court along the north side of Route 146 (a 2027 effort), and possible traffic improvements on Route 146 where it intersects with Waite Road and Miller Road. The Parks West planned development district behind Ravenswood continues to build its first multi-family building, but the plan to complete the area and start accepting residents is unknown. That area will not be part of our Park District. As I hear of additional plans and opportunities I will let you know via your Committee members.



ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY APRIL 25, 2026 FROM 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK, 697 MACELROY ROAD, BALLSTON LAKE

Join the Town of Clifton Park Tree Committee for a community celebration of Arbor Day, dedicated to honoring the beauty, value, and environmental importance of trees. This family-friendly event highlights the many ways trees enrich our neighborhoods: by improving air quality, supporting wildlife, and enhancing the natural spaces we all enjoy. The event will include the presentation of plaques recognizing the 2025 Trees of Distinction award recipient, celebrating exceptional trees that contribute to Clifton Park's landscape and history. Residents who pre-ordered tree seedlings will also be able to pick them up during the event. Pre-order required, use the QR code to order. Attendees can learn more about proper tree planting and care through helpful educational resources, and children can enjoy Make & Take Earth Day activities, offering a fun, hands-on way to connect with nature. All are welcome to attend and take part in fostering a greener, healthier future for our community!





EARTH MONTH at the Library

Join us all month for films, workshops,
and more in support of a healthier planet.

Visit our website for details.

April 1-30



www.cphlibrary.org



Save the Date!!
The Annual Sherwood
Forest Garage Sale will be
held June 5th and 6th.

THE JONESVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS
ACTIVELY RECRUITING HEROES TO JOIN
OUR TEAM OF DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS!

Men and Women
16-106 years old
Explorers 14-20 years of age



Stop by either station
Wednesday evenings at 6:30
to learn about the opportunities available.



Positions Available

- **Interior Firefighter**-Trained to perform all firefighting and rescue duties.
- **Exterior Firefighter**-Trained to perform exterior firefighting and rescue duties.
- **Firefighter/EMT**-In addition to firefighting duties, trained to provide Basic Life Support care as a New York State Certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).
- **Fire Police**-Trained to control traffic and provide scene security at incidents, as well as assist with firefighter rehabilitation.
- **Explorer**-Designed for individuals aged 14 to 21 who are interested in learning about emergency services.

Benefits and Rewards

- **Training provided**
- **Pension-like rewards program**
- **FASNY benefits**
- **NYS income tax credit**
- **Learn lifesaving skills**
- **Work in a team environment**
- **Experience so much more!**

Station 1 (North of Kinns Road)
953 Main Street
Clifton Park, NY 12065

Station 2 (South of Kinns Road)
629 Route 146A
Clifton Park, NY 12065

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**No Experience Necessary
Apply Now!**

SHERWOOD FOREST PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 2026

Residents who have volunteered to serve on the Advisory Committee are listed below. Please feel free to communicate your thoughts and ideas to any member.

Richard Barcori	7 Sheffield Drive	518 877-7636	gtmeg81@verizon.net	SHERWOOD FOREST REP.
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Denise Crates	43 Sterling Heights Drive	518 373-9657	kazkidsmom@gmail.com	STERLING HEIGHTS REP.
David Dittmer	42 Canterbury Road	518 817-1743	david.b.dittmer@gmail.com	CHAIRPERSON
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Fred Pavlick	8 Dawson Lane	518 877-4984	fredrpavlick@aol.com	EMERSON/EDGEWOOD REP.
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Uzay Tumer	5 Lincoln Town Drive	646-232-3500	uzaytumer77@gmail.com	SHERWOOD FOREST REP.
Jaime Vivalo	29 Nottingham Way N.	917-974-4469	jaime.vivalo@gmail.com	SHERWOOD FOREST REP.
VACANT				FALCON RIDGE/BROOKE CT REP.

In 1995 the Town Board assigned the following duties to the Park District Advisory Committees; to regularly assess and monitor recreational issues within the Town, insure all park facilities are open and useable, to hold regular meetings and communicate with Park District residents concerning district activities, including budget items. The mission of the Park District Advisory Committee is to ensure the effective and efficient operation and maintenance of its' parklands and equipment to the benefit of the district residents. The Town Board has final review of all park initiatives, but values park committee input and guidance. There are 14 Park Districts in the Town of Clifton Park. Park District Committees need volunteers to represent their neighborhood and assist with park projects and on-going park issues. If you can help or have questions, call the District Committee Chair or the Town Parks Department at 518 371-6667.

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1 TOWN HALL PLAZA

CLIFTON PARK, NY 12065

or current resident