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Happy New Year to you and your family!

2018 was quite an eventful year for Sherwood Forrest, and if it could be summarized into one word, that word would be 'change.' After six years as President of the SFRA, Glenna Gallant decided to retire in October 2017 and pass on the reigns. Since succeeding her a little over a year ago, my team and I have put a lot of work into building off the foundation she put in place for the SFRA. We've made changes to some of our events to make them even more inclusive, affordable and fun.

To modernize and streamline some of our processes, we introduced e-transfers as a method of payment for our Membership Drive and for Summer Social Tickets. Finally, after listening to many of your concerns, we've have taken a more active approach to advocating on your behalf with the City and other community stakeholders. On page 3, you can find a summary of our Annual General Meeting, written up by Al Zizek. The full AGM meeting minutes can also be found on our website at www.sfra.ca.

If 2018 could be defined by 'change,' it's looking likely that the word for 2019 will be 'redevelopment.' Since the amalgamation of the township settlements (Lorne Park, Sheridan, Dixie, etc.) into the 'Town of Mississauga' in 1968, the City has pursued policies of rapid intensification and growth. Up until now, we've been quite fortunate that our hidden gem of Sherwood Forrest has largely remained untouched in the pursuit of intensification. That being said, three redevelopment projects will be impacting our neighbourhood in the coming years: Hammond House, Carmel Heights and Sheridan Mall. There's also the Dundas Connects Master Plan, which "aims to integrate transportation and land-use planning, and implement best practices along the corridor to address current and future demand." Our stretch of Dundas, between Mississauga Road and Erin Mills, is one of the seven focus areas.

As you can see, our quiet corner of the city will be markedly less so in the not too distant future. We are here to help advocate on your behalf, but we can't do it alone. It's crucial that you make your voice heard as well, whether that's reaching out to the SFRA Executive, our City Councillor Matt Mahoney or other municipal stakeholders. As always, feel free to reach out to me at 2018sfra@gmail.com. I want to hear your feedback and concerns, but we would definitely appreciate it, if you can lend a helping hand as well. Wishing you and your families a healthy and prosperous 2019!

By McKenzie Edwards, SFRA President



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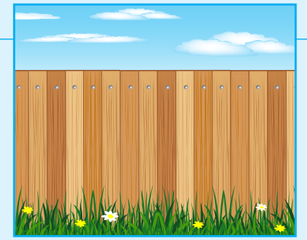
What's Shakin' in the hood?

Carmel Heights

A formal application for the redevelopment project was expected to be submitted to the City, within a month of the Sherwood Forrest Annual General Meeting in October. Due to the formation of ad-hoc committee of the SFRA and constructive conversations with Sister Veronica, this has been pushed back until 2019. Talks are ongoing with various stakeholders and we will be keeping you informed.

Noise Wall Replacement Project

As some of you may have noticed, the City of Mississauga is replacing the "Noise Walls" in the backyards of houses that back onto Erin Mills Parkway. Contractors will only be working from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday, as per municipal by-laws.





Sheridan Mall

Although the redevelopment of Sheridan Mall is expected to still be a few years away, representatives of the SFRA, Sheridan Homelands Ratepayers Association and Sir Johns Homestead Ratepayers Association will proactively be working together, to present a unified voice in discussions with the City and Dunpar Homes. Stay tuned!

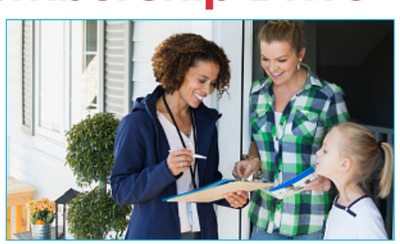
Sherwood Green Skating Rink – Flooding Volunteers Needed!

For many years, the same group of volunteers have worked tirelessly to prepare and maintain the skating rink in Sherwood Green Park. Unfortunately, some of them are no longer able to help out this year, so Steve Webster and his team are looking for new volunteers. Please send him an email at steve.webster@cibc.com if you are able to help his team out. If you have children who are in high school, this is a great opportunity for them to earn some of their required community service hours!



Volunteers Needed for the 2019 Membership Drive

Our annual membership drive begins on March 15th, just ahead of the first day of Spring (March 20 @ 5:58 pm) and **we need volunteers**. It's a great way to meet your neighbours and support the community. If you can **help with the 2019 SFRA Membership Drive, please email henderson.h@rogers.com**. Thank you!



Like It or Not

Like It... Although it's sad to not see snowmen, snow angels and kids tobogganing, I can't say I'm completely unhappy that the winter (so far!) has been fairly mild and snowless.

Not... Certain individuals have been dumping their excess garbage in the parks. Please remember it's a public park and not your personal dumping ground.

Not... I don't like having the Mississauga News dropped off at the end of my driveway every week. If you don't want it either, you can call 1-855-853-5613 to cancel delivery.

Like It... Even though the holidays are long over, it's still nice to see Christmas lights on many homes in the neighbourhood.

Not... Some neighbours are walking their dogs or letting them run around our parks without leashes. Although you think your dog might be kind and friendly, some residents are scared of them, and one dog attacked an elderly lady in Sherwood Green Park this past summer. Please keep them on leash!

Have something to say?

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UPCOMING Events

Family Skate

Sherwood Green
Sunday, February 3rd 1 pm - 2:30 pm

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20th
11 am

Earth Day

Saturday, April 27th
11 am – 1 pm

Garage Sale

Saturday, May 4th

Fun Day & Summer Social

June 23rd

Have any ideas for a Random Social Event?
Let the SFRA know!

Sherwood Forrest
Winter 2019

AGM 2018 Summary

On October 17th the SFRA held its Annual General Meeting at Erindale Secondary School. For those that missed it, here's a recap:

We had a great turnout for Family Skate but a sad one for Earth Day. Fun Day and the Summer Social had a slow start due to weather but still managed a good turnout. Many attendees took advantage of the etransfer payment option. The SFRA had less revenue this year with a deficit of $3,859 due to lower ticket prices for the Summer Social and lower attendance at Fun Day. We currently have more than 200 Facebook members and over 400 subscribers for our email list. If you want to be added, please email us at 2018sfra@gmail.com.

Last spring there were two aerial spray sessions to help with the canker worm situation. This was a tremendous success and was paid for with reserved funds not future taxes. The forestry staff is monitoring the situation and will see how it goes in the spring. A new basketball court was built in Roche Court neighbourhood and this has resulted in diminishing the noise and disturbances at Sherwood Green.

The Seven Oaks wall has now been driven into about 4-5 times in the last 10 years or so. The city will be placing a large sign to warn people of the upcoming curve; they are also considering placing a median in the middle of the road but not yet sure if that will happen. Other possibilities include bigger flashing lights; boulders in front of the wall or even rumble strips. The city will be fixing the wall though we are not sure yet of the exact timing.

A resolution has been reached for Hammond House. There will be 3 new homes built (down from the initial proposal of 10). No actual plans have been submitted yet nor has it gone to OMB (once it goes to OMB the community will be informed). There is speculation as to where one of the entrances will be but at this time it's still too early to say.

With major tenants leaving Sheridan Mall and the lease for Metro also coming due, the city and developer are researching what the community needs to go into this space. There have been several meetings to get feedback and to share some of these options. This is a long term project and may not take place for several years but it is important that the community be aware and involved to have a say as to what is happening (see page 4 for more details).

The current Carmel Heights proposal is to remove the current property (not compliant with current building codes) and to replace it with two 6-storey buildings. This new facility would have an additional 300 units, thereby significantly increasing the density of the location and greatly increase traffic flow into the community. The entrance to be considered is from Dundas St. which we have heard was not approved about 27 years prior due to proximity to the Mississauga Rd. intersection and the steep grade of that entrance. Having a formal entrance from Deers Wold would not be suitable as indicated since it is a laneway. The proposal so far is a concept and not yet been submitted or approved.

For the complete minutes of the meeting, please visit sfra.ca.



Reimagining Our Mall

Shopping experiences could be becoming more diverse as new retail environments are being recreated from older malls. The city is looking at five malls in particular, including Sheridan Mall, as redevelopment opportunities. They want to make sure the future development in these areas provide opportunities for new design concepts in order to foster healthy experiences. The vision being that you can live, work, play and raise a family all within your own complete mixed-use community.

The key questions under consideration are:

1. What kinds of shopping environments should be incorporated into the redevelopment… shops along a sidewalk, retail main street, farmers market, other temporary installations or enclosed mall.
2. Mix of uses to be incorporated… retail, residential, co-working incubator spaces or above ground commercial and business office spaces.
3. Public and community spaces… civic plaza with year round use and flexibility, privately owned public space like an atrium, terrace, park or path that can be publically used, community facility with a focal point in neighbourhood where people can play, learn, work and socialize.
4. Streetscapes… places to sit and socialize, sidewalks designed to incorporate outdoor cafes and restaurants, smaller scale, more intimate lanes within outdoor shopping and dining areas, tree and landscapes providing a buffer to the busy street.
5. Transportation… cycling facilities and pedestrian crossings, enhanced access to transit, pedestrian pathways, greening and storm water management in parking lots.
6. What build form… tall-, mid- and low-rise buildings to incorporate mix of uses.

Reimagining the Mall will examine how changing customer experiences can be tailored to fit the needs of the community, the mall sites and the evolving market. If you have suggestions or feedback, the City wants to hear from you @yoursay.mississauga.ca. Each phase will have a variety of ways to participate.

For more information, please visit:

https://yoursay.mississauga.ca/reimagining-the-mall/documents

Snow Plow Tracker



The City is at the ready with 377 pieces of equipment to clear 5,600 km of roads, 1,400 km of priority sidewalks, 3,700 bus stops and over 1,000 pedestrian crossings.

Major roads are cleared first, followed by residential roads, pedestrian crossings, priority sidewalks and bus stops, according to Mickey Frost, Director of Works Operations & Maintenance.

If you want to know where the snow plows are, you can follow @MississaugaSnow on Twitter, download the Mississauga Roads App or visit the snow plow tracker at https://511portal.com/mississauga.

