Spring 2026

Sherwood Forrest



Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 4th
Dean Henderson Park
10:30 – 11:30 am

SFRA
Sherwood Forrest Residents Association

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Spring is Springing in Sherwood Forrest!

by Cara Cross, SFRA President

While we made the most of the winter season in Sherwood Forrest, it's nice to see the signs of Spring after one of the snowiest winters on record. (As of press time, we received nearly 10 cm of the white stuff over the March 13-15 weekend!)

Some entrepreneurial teenage residents were able to make a little extra spending money by helping neighbours shovel their driveways, especially after the record snowfalls (more on that on pg 2), so all was well that finally ended well.

Our annual Family Skate Day had to be rescheduled a week later due to a major snowstorm (surprise!), but we ended up with a wonderful sunny day for the event, and the ice was perfect thanks to our volunteer team!

In February, we also hosted a new event at Golf On for adults and tweens/teens. Based on the feedback we've received, it was a great success. We even had a surprise visit from MPP Rudy Cuzzetto who chatted with attendees.

Spring brings some of our favourite annual events. **The Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the Easter Bunny and generously sponsored by Gary Betts is on Saturday, April 4 at Dean Henderson Park** and is sure to be a big hit again this year.

We'll also **celebrate Earth Day in Sherwood Green Park on Sunday, April 26** by tidying up our neighbourhood, participating in the **New Earth Day Scavenger Hunt**, **make your own bird feeder** and **create your Earth Day art on the path with sidewalk chalk**! And, please **drop off your used electronics, bottles and aluminum cans for the Scouts**!

March also brings the beginning of our annual Membership Drive. **Your low annual membership fee of $30 helps keep our community programs running strong and provides a neighbourhood voice to the City.** We are also very thankful to our advertisers and event sponsors. Without them, none of this would be possible.

Watch for some new events that the SFRA is working on as summer approaches and, of course, don't forget our annual **Community Parade and Fun Day in the Park on Saturday, June 20**.

The Neighbourhood Ambassador program has been a great source of ideas and volunteers to help within our community. This program is aimed at helping SFRA events thrive with a very minimal time commitment. If you can help, please contact one of our committee members or email **sherwoodforrestra@gmail.com**.



Celebrate Earth Day!

Sherwood Green Park
Sunday, April 26th • 1 pm to 3 pm

Neighbourhood Clean-up!
Scavenger Hunt with Prizes!
Make Your Own Bird Feeder!
Chalk Art in the Park!
Electronics, bottles and cans drive!

What's Shakin' in the hood?

Spring Into SFRA Membership

The 2026 SFRA Spring Membership Drive officially began on Friday, March 20 at 10:46 am! It also marks the March equinox, which is the astronomical beginning of spring in the Northern Hemisphere.

Your membership fee helps the SFRA fund the many events that take place in our community, from Fun Day and the Easter Egg Hunt to newer events like the Evening Social. More events, which are relevant to our multicultural and multigenerational community, are planned for this year.

You can e-transfer your $30 membership fee (or more!) to SFRAtreasury@gmail.com. Or you can drop off your fee at 2581 Robin Drive using the envelope attached to the newsletter. If you are paying by cheque, please make it payable to "Sherwood Forrest Residents Association" or "SFRA."

Thank you in advance for helping us achieve our goal of $7,500 (@ 250 households)!



Sherwood Forrest Skaters Thank the Ice Rink Crew!

If you thought we had a colder, snowier winter than usual, you were not wrong! According to GTA weather data, this past season was among the top 10 snowiest in nearly 90 years! And it was the second snowiest in the past 50 years.

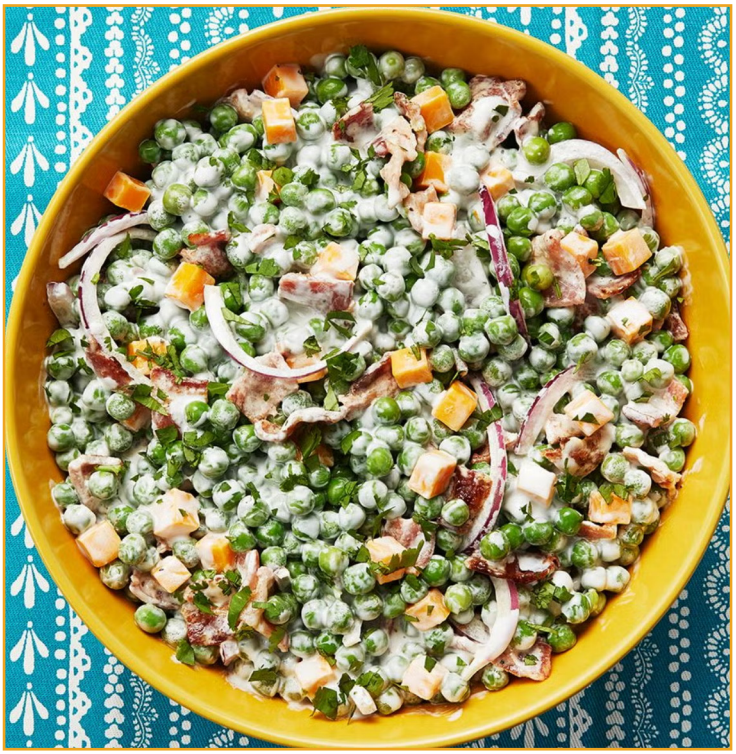
It started early, with 10 cm of snow in early November and a total of 43 cm fell in December. All of this is to say, that if we didn't have our dedicated volunteer Ice Rink Crew working constantly, there wouldn't be a skating rink or a Family Skate, which of course had to be pushed back a week to February 1st due to, you guessed it… a snowstorm! In fact, we experienced a single-day record for snowfall with over 46 cm… one of the biggest snowstorms ever!

However, the Family Skate was yet again a great success, and the fire pit and hot beverages were certainly welcome and needed.

As the Ice Rink Crew were either a little camera shy or too busy prepping the ice, here are the names of the folks you may have seen very early in the morning or late at night, keeping our neighbourhood rink in ship-skate-shape.

Sunday: Steve Webster, Brian Edwards; Monday: Michael Desmit, Eric and George Tang; Tuesday: Serge Jardin, Larry Indovina; Wednesday: Dylan Westgate; Thursday: Paul Walcott, Charles Cheltenham; Floater: Richard Halluk





'Tis the Season for Something Easy Peasy (and Versatile) by Al Zizek

Spring Pea Salad

Not only is this recipe easy, but it can be simply adapted to work as a warm side or main. You can also sub in other ingredients you like to add protein (bacon, chicken , crunch (pecans, walnuts), sweetness, spice or tartness.

Prep time: 20 minutes

INGREDIENTS

- 4 cups frozen peas, thawed (ore use fresh peas if you don't mind shucking)
- 1 cup chopped celery (or use a mixture of green, yellow and red peppers if you're allergic to celery)
- 2 hard-boiled large eggs, chopped
- 1/4 cup chopped green onions
- 1 cup cubed cheese (Cheddar, Oka, Swiss, Mozzarella… it's your choice)
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced radishes or hot peppers (spice level is up to you)
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 3 tbsp dill bits relish (or dice a dill pickle or two)
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1 tsp seasoned salt
- 1 tsp ground mustard
- 1 tsp paprika

DIRECTIONS

In a small bowl, combine mayonnaise, relish and the seasonings to make the dressing. In a large bowl, combine the remainder of the ingredients. Then stir the dressing into the pea mixture. Cover and refrigerate until serving.

Share with friends and neighbours!



SFRA Goes Back to School

by Al Zizek

Before you start getting images of Rodney Dangerfield diving into a pool or Will Ferrell accidently shooting himself with a tranquilizer gun, I should clarify that SFRA participated in UTM's Alternative Reading Week (ARW). ARW is a three-day initiative where UTM students join together in teams to tackle various projects presented by community partners.



Instead of taking the week off to travel somewhere warm and escape the February blues or recharge closer to home, these students got involved in their community. They also built connections with their peers and gained hands-on experience with important soft skills like teamwork, problem solving and public speaking, and received CCR (Co-Curricular Record) recognition for their time.

SFRA submitted three projects for consideration and was selected to be a community partner for all three initiatives! We had one student team working with us on helping to create a family game night, by identifying suitable facilities, appropriate games, volunteer requirements and possible logistics issues.

Another team was tasked with ways to enhance our annual Fun Day parade, including identifying organizations and special guests that could increase participation and the number of parade spectators.

The third ARW team really applied their enthusiasm and knowledge of technology to help lay the groundwork for an SFRA Welcome Guide for new residents of Sherwood Forrest. The information booklet, which will be available online and print on demand once completed, will have almost everything new residents need to know about living in Sherwood Forrest, from the history of the neighbourhood and waste collection schedules to community involvement, expectations and helpful resources.



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Like It or Not

Not...

I am too used to seeing dog poo and various types of trash strewn around the neighbourhood, but In my nearly two decades of living in Sherwood Forrest I have never seen potted plants. Someone with little regard for their neighbours discarded a number of old plants on top of the snowbanks that were near the Maid Marian entrance to Sherwood Green. Now they just sit on top of the grass.

Like It... (and Not)

On one hand, I greatly appreciate that the City now clears all (or most) of the sidewalks in our neighbourhood. Especially since in the past a lot of people did not shovel or salt their sidewalks and it could be treacherous. However, it would be great if they took a little more care, as a lot of the lawns are being torn up. **(Ed note: If your lawn was damaged over the winter by sidewalk plows, call 311 to report your address and be added to the spring repair list. The City will make the repairs and the cost will be paid by the plow contractor.)**

Like it...

I have to say, in comparison to Toronto, the snow clearing in Mississauga was very responsive and thorough this winter, especially considering how much snow fell. I was also quite happy when they also cleared the large piles of snow in front of our driveways.

Like it...

While I no longer skate and I don't have any kids who do, I really appreciate the people who brave the cold to take care of the skating rink, morning and night.

Have something to say?

Email your Likes or Nots to SherwoodForrestRA@gmail.com

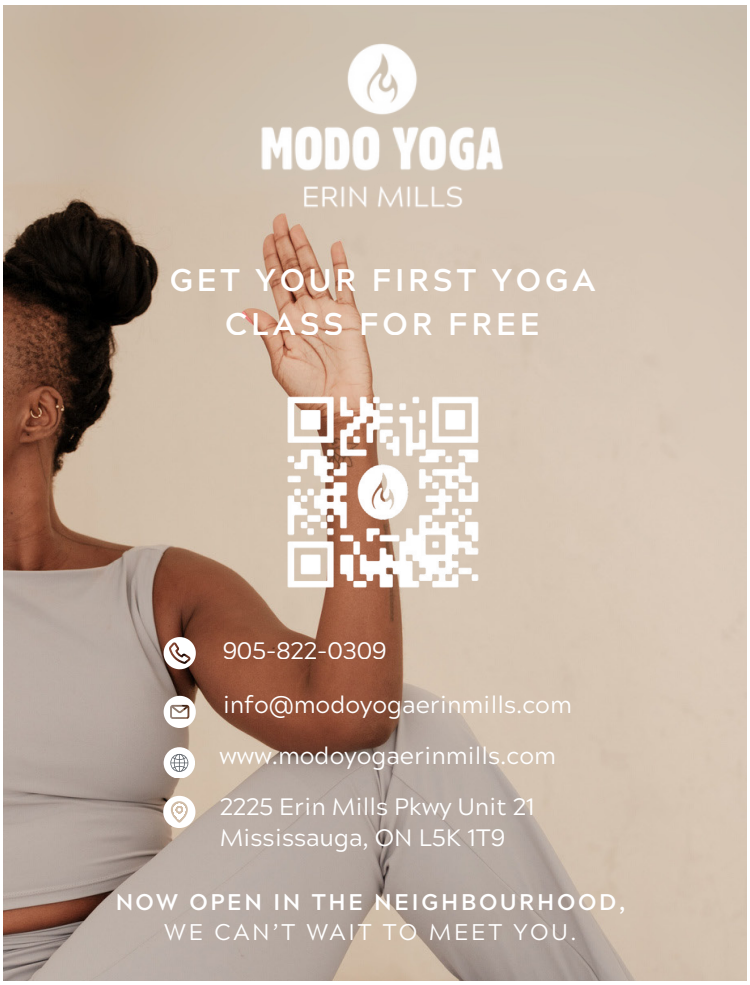




Sherwood Forrest is Playing Games

For our first evening social for adults and tweens/teens, we had more than 40 residents join us at Golf On to shake off some winter cabin fever for duckpin bowling, billiards, golf and some delicious food.
Based on the positive feedback we received, we will be doing it again.





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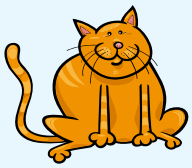
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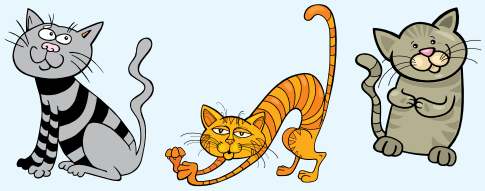
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Earth Day

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FUN Day

Saturday, June 20th
Sherwood Green Park

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