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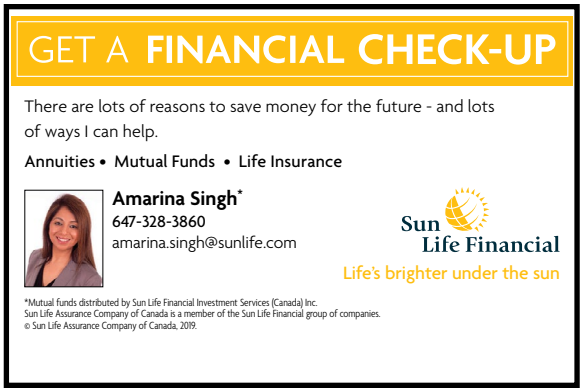



















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# Sherwood Forrest neighbourhood news

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# Déjà Vu for 2022?!?

by Bruno Galle, SFRA President

Just when you thought we were done with the coronavirus, it's 2022 and COVID-19(!) is not done with us. As one year ended and another began, we were blindsided by a new variant (Omicron) that caused another lockdown of schools, restaurants, theatres and more.

As disappointed as many of us are that our holiday plans changed, thankfully we live in a country where we have access to vaccines that can give us some hope for a better year. And hopefully, by the time you read this, the latest lockdown will be over.

Even though we hit record numbers of infections, thankfully most are experiencing milder symptoms and do not require hospitalization. There is also optimism that this variant will leave just as fast as it is spreading. Could this be the turning point where a pandemic becomes endemic? Be sure to read the 2023 edition of the winter newsletter to find out.

As usual, our SFRA team remains hopeful that we are able to return to our normal social activities in 2022. (Our wine glasses are always half full.) But we will follow the latest guidelines and modify our social plans as necessary to comply with recommendations set out by Peel's public health authorities.

In 2021 we managed to hold many modified and successful new events, which we will continue possibly in conjunction with past events. The Easter Words Scramble Hunt, Virtual Book Club, Zoom Fitness Classes, Pumpkin Giveaway as well as our Holiday Festival and Food Drive will most likely be a mainstay of SFRA social activities in the New Year. If you like to stay updated on any SFRA activities please visit SFRA.ca or send us your email address and we will add you to our list and send any updates directly to you.

With any luck, by June we will have all green lights to go ahead with our planned Fun Day and Summer Social event and finally celebrate SFRA's 30th (31 and counting...) Anniversary!

I am very grateful for everyone on the SFRA team who continue to volunteer their time and plan for ways that we could keep some social activities in the midst of another Covid wave. At times it does seem like we are running a marathon but I believe we are almost at the end of the race.

On behalf of the SFRA team, we hope that the New Year brings you and all your families renewed hope for health, peace and happiness. Stay safe!




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**www.sfra.ca**




Sherwood Green
Sunday, Feb. 13th 1pm - 2:30pm

# What's Shakin' in the hood?



## Watch Out For Your Neighbours

In addition to a rash of car thefts, more porch pirates and home break-ins are being reported. Thankfully no one has been injured as break-ins tend to happen when people aren't home.

One way would-be thieves check to see if homes are empty is by leaving items in a specific spot that would be moved if people were home. If they drive by the next day or two days after and it has not been moved, they know the home may be empty and therefore a possible target. An example is a water bottle or box left on the driveway or on the porch steps. **If you see some of these things move them away or remove them from sight to show that someone is home.**

If you are going away for more than a night also make sure you let a neighbour know so they can pick up your mail, packages and newspapers. And pick up the Mississauga News off your driveway on Fridays or you may invite an unwanted guest to visit over the weekend.

## Hit Car Thieves with A Club



One of the most effective ways to deter car thieves (after parking your car in the garage and locking it) is installing a "club" device that attaches to your steering wheel. Most thieves want to work fairly quickly and may not want to go through the extra hassle of dismantling it.

## AGM Video

Our 2021 AGM was very informative about what's happening in our 'hood and the city around us. For those that missed the highly informative Zoom meeting in November, you can **access a full video recording and the complete minutes at sfra.ca**.




## Unscrambled

Nineteen intrepid explorers from 10 households managed to solve the Holiday Scavenger Hunt word scramble by the deadline. They figured out the phrase was "Wishing You A Happy Holiday And A Healthy New Year"!




# Our Holiday Fest was a Success

by Cara Cross

When Sherwood Forrest hears that there are neighbours in need, we pull together to meet the challenge. Our aim was to hold a Holiday Festival and Food Drive in support of The Mississauga Food Bank by setting a fundraising goal of $500 and 2,000 lbs of food.

December 4th was a sunny, windy, amazing day, as our friends and neighbours gathered to contribute food to fill pantries and share home baked treats for sale, to raise funds for this important cause.

We brought food, we bought yummy treats, we shared a hot chocolate around the fire and met up with old friends and new neighbours… and **best of all, we raised $1,213 and 3,000 pounds of food!**

Congratulations to Maryann Iwasiw, who was the lucky winner of our Nothing Bundt Cake draw. Thank you to all our bakers, contributors and SFRA volunteers for building a caring community and supporting the food bank, which provides 5 million healthy meals every year.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS




Sun, Feb 13th 1:00-2:30 pm
Sherwood Green Park
(Rain/Covid Date: Feb 27th)

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# Like It or Not

## Like It...
The Christmas lights around our neighbourhood really brightened my evening walks. I hope they stick around all winter!

## Not...
It was heart-breaking to see two beautiful trees cut down on Robin Drive. I hope the City makes changes to the bylaws to make this harder to do in the future.

## Not...
I know that the City plows a lot of sidewalks around Sherwood Forrest but people still have to remember to shovel their own sidewalks and salt them. They can be treacherous! It's also cheaper than a lawsuit.

## Not...
Even after seeing the damage caused by a speeding car on Robin Dr., I still see speeding cars every day. I hope we get photo radar cameras installed before someone dies.

## Like It...
Nice to finally see the Sherwood Green ice rink take shape. I hope we get enough cold weather to enjoy it. But stay off it when it's closed!

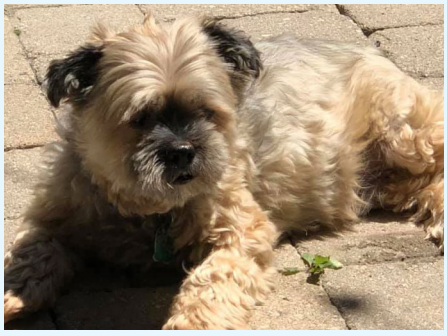
## Like It...
It was heartwarming to see so many snow people after the first snowfall of the year.

**Have something to say?** Email your Likes or Nots to SherwoodForrestRA@gmail.com



## K9 CORNER

Max is a Shorkie who has been a member of the Gallant/Moreno family for more than 13 years. He has many different barks and physical actions used to convey his specific needs. In turn, Max also seems to understand his human parents quite well. When Glenna fractured her back and lay on the floor waiting for the paramedics, he would not leave her, positioning himself at her head, licking her face. Recently, a visitor who had just lost a much-loved family dog came to visit. As he sat down, Max immediately laid full length against his leg, as if to comfort him. All of this interaction with humans has at times been confusing for Max. He sometimes believes he is human. There was a period where Max would only drink from Glenna's glass. Although he only weighs 11 pounds, Max believes that he is really a much larger, fiercer dog. When being walked, any approaching dog will hear how ferociously he protects his sister Minnie. His parents apologize to those passing by.







"Thanks James for all your amazing work on the sale! You have been an awesome partner to work with, as I knew you would be. Looking forward to seeing the 'sold' sign and of course I remain a big endorser of yours!" *Lori S.*

"James, Thanks so much for your help in this process, and for such a successful outcome!" *Jennifer W.*

"A huge thank you to you and your team for selling my parents' house. This was a very stressful time for our families, but your kindness, skill and enthusiasm helped get us through the process. Thanks again." *Dave*

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# ’Tis the Season for New Beginnings! by Cara Cross

2022 is finally here. And if there’s one thing we have learned from 2021, it is that we are resilient and adaptable! Reward yourself by carving out an hour or so on one of these cold winter evenings to regain your inner peace. New habits start a step at time and help reenergize us. Curl up in a warm blanket with an award-winning book of short stories, a hot drink and an easy home baked warm snack.

## The Book

Short stories are perfect for the busy person who doesn’t have a month to invest in a major work of literature. Try one of these:

Bachelor Brothers’ Bed & Breakfast by Bill Richardson: Winner of the Stephen Leacock Award for Humour, this delightful, quirky little book reminds us not to take ourselves too seriously. Based on the happenings at a lovely bed and breakfast resort on an island in B.C., run by two eccentric brothers.

How to Pronounce Knife by Souvankham Thammavongsa: Winner of the Scotiabank Giller Prize, this beautifully written collection of short stories gives us insight into lives we have never known, yet in some ways are deeply personal in the emotions they evoke.

## The Drink

There is nothing more soothing than a hot cup of tea. Creamy or clear, either of these simple suggestions will warm your boots.

- Irish Breakfast Tea with a ½ shot of Bailey’s Irish Cream
- Peppermint Tea with a ½ shot of rum and honey

## The Snack

These blueberry tea biscuits are crazy fast, easy to make and delicious.

Ingredients: 3 cups pancake mix, ¼ cup salted butter, ½ cup milk, 1 egg, handful of blueberries or cranberries.

- Take butter out of the fridge and allow to soften.
- Preheat oven to 375°F.
- Pour pancake mix into bowl and hollow out a well in the middle.
- Whisk egg with milk and pour into the pancake mix, cut butter into pieces and add to the mixture.
- Mix together gently with your hand and add berries.
- Form into balls and place on non-stick cookie sheet 2 inches apart.
- Brush each dough ball with milk and place in oven.
- Bake for 17 minutes or until light golden brown.



## Enjoy!






# Join the Book Club and Read All About It

The Sherwood Forrest Book Club “met” on December 7th, for the last meeting of 2021. In our usual spirit of keeping it fun, relaxed and comfortable, we voted to hold a combined virtual wine and cheese gathering. To celebrate the end of the year we organized a gift book exchange that included some outstanding selections for 2022. The evening was a great success and we even had a lovely surprise Zoom visit from the newest little future book club leader Veer Sharma (Soni’s baby son). For the love of reading and thought-provoking conversation, join us in 2022 on the first Tuesday evening of every month at 7:30 pm. **Email sherwoodforrestra@gmail.com to get added to our book club mailing list.**

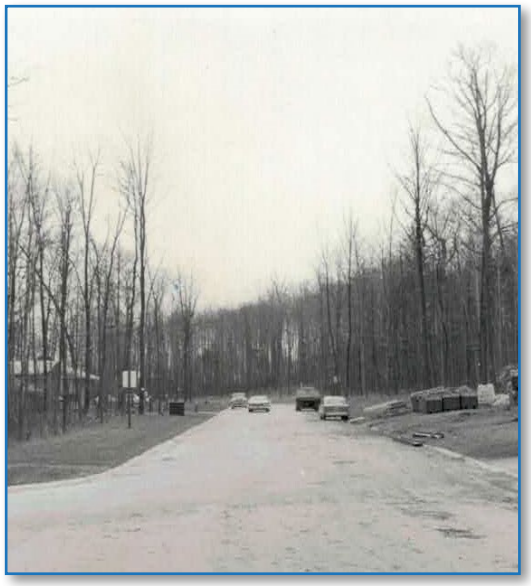


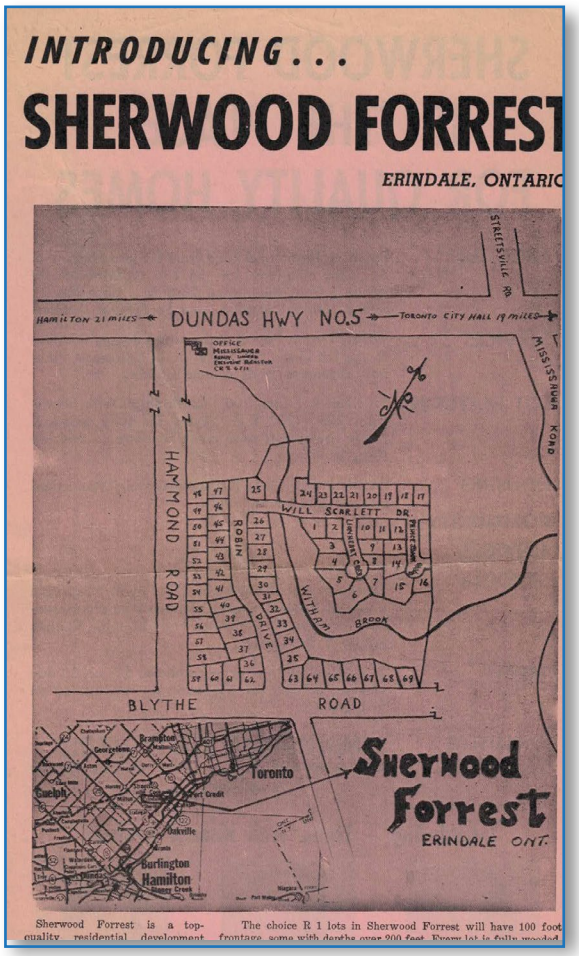
# Back in the Day

**by Steve Blaney**

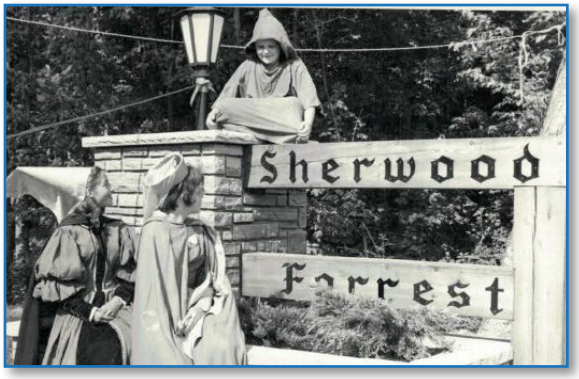
Bill Oughtred of W. E. Oughtred & Associates recently loaned the SFRA a box of old photographs and newspaper clippings documenting the early days of Sherwood Forrest.

Bill's ancestors, Arthur and Gordon Oughtred, started Idlewyide Developments in 1958 to create residential subdivisions on the former farmland purchased by Richard Oughtred in 1856 along the Credit River.








The out of scale plan diagram shows the first phase of the subdivision with Robin Drive and Hammond Road running north of what was then Blythe Road, later renamed Lincoln Green. A choice 100-foot ravine lot on Robin sold for $10,550 in 1964 with new homes selling from $30,000.

At the grand opening of the subdivision in 1964 two Oughtred maidens are shown around one of the planters as they formerly existed at Robin Drive and Blythe Road. Robin Hood can be seen hiding behind a tree at 2413 Robin Drive as it used to exist.

# One-on-One with Diane Guenette by Cara Cross

For those newer to the neighbourhood, Diane was the very first SFRA president and has lived here for over 30 years.

***What was your favourite SFRA event when you were president?***

To me, the first Fun Day and Fun Night events were my favourite. The whole team worked very hard and the turnout was amazing. Hazel McCallion would start off the day by riding in a convertible as part of the parade. I don't think anyone really thought we could pull Fun Night off, but fortunately it was an amazing success. I had a connection at Jack Astor's restaurant and they donated the entire dinner so our only costs were a liquor license and music for dancing. Because this was our first venture, we agreed to stick to 100 tickets only and within no time, they were sold and people were at my door wanting to buy more.

***Do you know any famous people who lived here?***

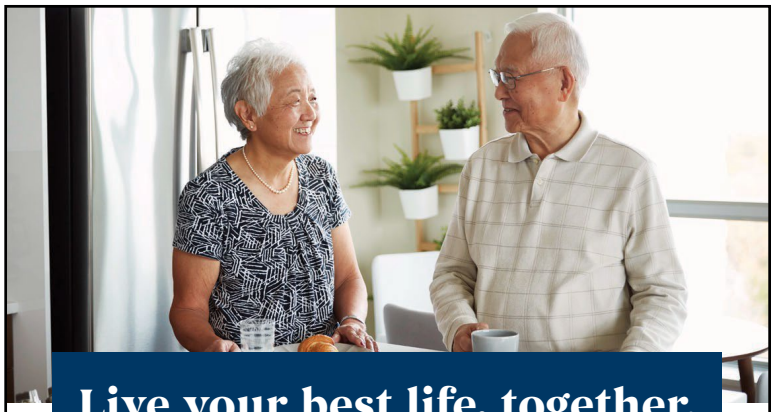
Oscar Peterson, the renowned musician, lived in the neighbourhood for many years. Also David Carradine once rented a house in Sherwood Forrest while he was shooting a Kung Fu movie.

***What has made and continues to make the SFRA relevant and successful?***

The success of the association is truly dependent on all the people who live here, many of whom give of their time for the different committees. Also, without the dedication of our volunteer board members, there would no doubt not be an association at all. It does take a lot of work but when people are willing to help, it spreads the workload around and makes the jobs much easier and more pleasant to handle.

***What is your favourite thing about living here?***

The beautiful trees, the pride people take in their properties and most of all, the friendly, caring attitude our residents have for each other makes Sherwood Forrest the perfect place to live. After living here for 32 years, we still love everything about the area and have no plans to leave.

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