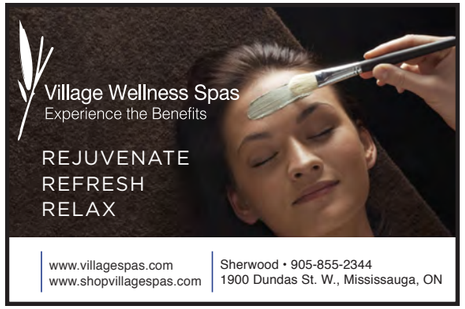
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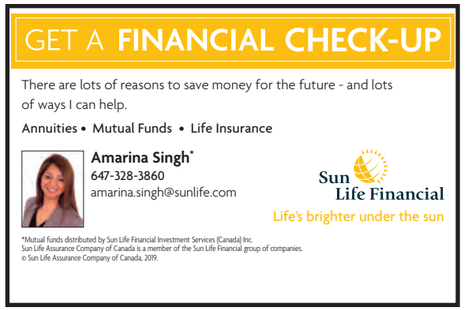


















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Keep Calm... and Warm Up to Spring

by Bruno Galle, SFRA President

It looks like winter is almost done (it officially ended on March 18th), but unfortunately, due to the evolving reality of the COVID-19 pandemic, many of the spring activities and events we all have planned will more than likely have to wait longer than originally scheduled. Hopefully, all of this will be behind us soon enough and we'll see the normal flurry of activities in our neighbourhood once again.

At press time, we are cautiously optimistic that our Fun Day and Summer Social events will go ahead as planned on Saturday, June 27th (yes, it was moved by a week due to some scheduling conflicts). The SFRA Executive is already winding up its resources to prepare for our biggest event of the year. We will keep you updated regarding this event and our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt and Earth Day activities that were originally scheduled for Sat. Apr. 11th and Sat. Apr. 25th, respectfully.

Given the need for social distancing to "flatten the curve" and minimize the spread of the coronavirus, these events will likely be cancelled. We will be posting updates via email, Facebook and SFRA.ca.

The Carmel Heights public meeting on February 24th at Mississauga City Hall had a great turnout that spilled over into two adjoining rooms. Members of the Carmel Height Redevelopment Committee (CHRC) had prepared pointed questions regarding the proposed development, and there were some thoughtful questions from concerned neighbours.

We were very pleased on how Councillor Matt Mahoney continued to remind the audience that questions or comments should relate to 'planning issues' only. He also summed it up beautifully at the close of the meeting when he told the developer to "get out the eraser and sharpen his pencil."

If you missed the Planning & Development Committee (PDC) meeting, you can watch it in its entirety by going to the following website, then clicking on the "PDC – Feb 24, 2020" link on the right side.

mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/council-and-committee-videos

As a community, we need to continue to ask questions and raise our concerns, so that if the current proposal goes to LPAT, as it most likely will, the developer can modify the application again for re-zoning for up to 6 stories or more, and our concerns, questions, etc. will also be considered and be a part of the public record. **Stay tuned for any updates to the redevelopment application**.

Despite the shock and disruption to our lives from COVID-19, it is an opportunity to communicate and reconnect with family and friends (over the phone and online, of course). Also, as some folks are already doing, please connect with an elderly neighbour who may need help to go out to buy groceries or other supplies (no hoarding though!).

Please stay safe, be good to each other and don't forget to wash your hands and keep your hands away from your face. We will get through this!



What's Shakin' in the hood?

STOP Means STOP

We've had a number of residents who have reached out and reported that many vehicles are not making a full stop on Robin Drive and Hammond Road. These are people who live in our neighbourhood, not just people cutting through Sherwood Forrest to avoid traffic on Erin Mills Parkway. Please, please actually STOP at a stop sign and SLOW down.



Family Skate

After some slushy Family Skates the last two years, we finally had perfect weather, which encouraged many families and skaters to come out to enjoy the fresh air, tasty Timbits and hot chocolate. Thank you to all the volunteers who continue to keep our ice on ice as best they can during the ever-changing and challenging weather conditions.

The 311 on Leaf Pickup

Due to the unexpected snowstorms we experienced last fall, all the leaves that collected alongside our curbs were not picked up. While street sweepers will begin cleaning roads in April, **there will be no vacuum leaf collection**. If you have piles of leaves, you will have to bag them. If you are unable to do it yourself, you can call 3-1-1 and arrange for a city crew to collect them. You can also call 3-1-1 to report if your lawn was severely damaged by snowplows over the winter.

2020 Sherwood Forrest Membership Drive

by Alouise Henderson

It's now spring and time to focus on our Membership Drive (as much as we can with COVID-19). I know there's a lot of activity in the neighbourhood with the CHRC and the ongoing proposal for the redevelopment of Carmel Heights. Just to be clear, this is the **SFRA (Sherwood Forrest Residents Association) Membership Drive** which funds the activities in our neighbourhood, such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Earth Day and Fun Day & Summer Social.

The annual membership fee is $20 (or more, if you can give more).

- Drop your membership dues at 2581 Robin Drive. Have your name, address and email on the envelope that is attached to this newsletter
- E-transfers are accepted at **sfratreasury@gmail.com – no password required**
- Cheques are payable to **"SFRA"** or **"Sherwood Forrest Residents Association"**
- Volunteers will be canvassing your street if you haven't paid and they will be identified with an SFRA name tag

Thank you to all our volunteers who have so kindly canvassed for our membership drive by going door to door. (There may be a delay due to the coronavirus... more reason to use E-transfer… if you have not done so before, now is a good time to learn, it's easy!)

We still require some additional volunteers so if you're new to the neighbourhood and would like to get involved or perhaps find you have some extra time, please contact me at henderson.h@rogers.com or 905.823.2099.



Like It or Not

Like It...

During the COVID-19 outbreak, many residents have stepped up to offer their assistance in helping out with child care, shopping, dog walking and other errands. Thank you. Proud to be living in this neighbourhood.

Not...

People who drive their cars into Sherwood Green Park, especially the incredibly rude tennis pro. (He laughed when I politely asked him to move.)

Like It...

The Dalou family welcomed home twin boys, Sami and Majd, in November!

Not...

Neighbours leaving garbage containers on their driveways all the time. These items should not be visible from the street whether directly in the driveway or not. That's what backyards and garages are for!

Like It...

One afternoon I saw a beautiful deer in someone's front yard on Robin Drive. We are lucky to live in a neighbourhood where such sightings are even possible!

Not...

We found our backyard door open and obviously someone was enjoying a coke that they left behind! Fortunately, we always lock our doors. Maybe it's a good idea to check on your backyards, keep your doors locked and report any suspicious activities.

Have something to say? Email your Likes or Nots to 2018sfra@gmail.com

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Contact the SFRA and get involved in your neighbourhood.



UPCOMING Events







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- difficulty breathing
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- have supplies delivered to your home instead of running errands
- most pharmacies deliver, so call ahead instead of going in
- if you must leave home maintain a 2-metre distance from others

If you have symptoms or are concerned about your health, stay home and call your family doctor or Telehealth Ontario at 1.866.797.0000 and speak with a registered nurse.

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So, dog owners and walkers, PLEASE pick up after your dogs. And then dispose of your dog's waste in your garbage can at home or the park, NOT your green bin. And please don't leave bags of your dog's poop anywhere else!

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