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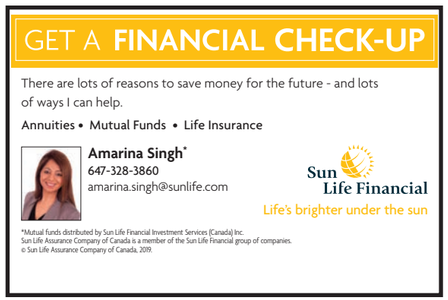


















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Happy New Year to Sherwood Forrest!

by Bruno Galle, SFRA President

I hope that everyone had a great holiday season and I wish everyone has a great New Year full of health and happiness for you and your families.

Twenty-three years ago, my wife and I chose to live in Sherwood Forrest. Not only because of the well cared homes and beautiful mature trees that lined many of the streets, but because it seemed like a safe, quiet neighbourhood where we could raise our three-year-old son and daughter who was on the way. Over the years our neighbourhood has taken a few hits from blackouts, ice storms, gypsy moth attacks and everything else in between, but in reality it hasn't changed all that much. I suspect that the very same things that attracted us to this neighbourhood are the very same reasons that many others have made Sherwood Forrest their home.

I am not new to volunteering as I have been a soccer coach for 19 years for the Erin Mills Soccer Club and over the past three years as a member of the SFRA executive. I have tried to do my part in any way that I could to contribute to our neighbourhood, so I am proud to be the new President of the SFRA.

The Carmel Heights Redevelopment Committee (CHRC) is an arm of the SFRA established in the fall of 2018 specifically to address the issues and concerns that pertain to the Carmel Heights redevelopment plan. One of the reasons for establishing the CHRC, is so that SFRA can continue to focus on its objectives in trying to keep the strong sense of community in coordinating various social events that are planned each year by SFRA volunteers. This is what the focus of the SFRA has been for countless years and what continues to make our neighbourhood great!

The objective of the CHRC is to protect the character of our neighbourhood as developers want to change the existing zoning of the Carmelite Sisters property from 'low-density to a high density' zoning. It has been mentioned many times by CHRC members and many more times at the meeting that took place at the Erindale School gym, that "CHRC has no quarrel with the Carmelite Sisters' wish to expand their facility" BUT "only object to the proposed development of two 6-storey buildings that incorporate 166 rental apartments plus 156 seniors' units."

Stay tuned… the next big Carmel Heights meeting will be at City Hall sometime in the next few months.

As I was in the process of writing this, a message from the SFRA Facebook page came up that someone from Marisa Court was organizing a food and supplies drive for homeless people on the streets for one of the organization that she volunteers on. This is just one of the many, many generous examples that residents of Sherwood Forrest have stepped up to help in the past and should continue to be recognized for in the future.

Please continue to visit our website at SFRA.ca and Facebook page for upcoming meetings and events, or better still you could be part of our 450+ residents email list. Just email **2018sfra@gmail.com** and you will receive an email as soon as we have any updates. Cheers everyone, and please make note of the dates for all our upcoming events in this newsletter.

What's Shakin' in the hood?

Spreading Holiday Cheer

Jim, Lisa, Claire and Adrian Browne would like to thank the residents of Sherwood Forrest for attending the 18th Annual Browne Family Holiday Cheer. To date, more than $19,000 has been raised for Sleeping Children Around The World!





Let There Be Light

The City is well underway installing the lighting throughout the Sherwood Green Park walkway. Finally, we've been asking for this since Teresa was SFRA President back in the day!

Intruder Alert

A neighbour on Robin Drive had a male intruder enter their home through the front door. Luckily, their two large dogs scared them off. This is still a very safe neighbourhood overall, but please be diligent and ALWAYS lock your doors even when you are home! And ALL incidents should be reported to the police, no matter how small.



Helping Others

One of our neighbours who volunteers for an organization called Compassion on the Streets, which delivers food and supplies to homeless people on the streets, held a collection drive for sleeping bags, blankets, coats, tarps, boots, gloves and warm socks.

Let us know if you have anything to donate!



Volunteers Needed for the 2020 Membership Drive

Our annual membership drive begins in March and **we could use more volunteers to make the job easier and faster**. It's a great way to meet your neighbours and support our community. If you can help with the **2020 SFRA Membership Drive, please email henderson.h@rogers.com**.

Thank you!



Like It or Not

Like It... The generosity of neighbours who heard a call for help and reached out quickly to give a grieving family a special Christmas.

Not... Dogs barking at night. If your dogs are barking at nothing, please bring them inside! If they're barking at someone trying to break into your neighbour's house, call 9-1-1!

Not... People parking on the street overnight on Sevenoaks, only because it's very dangerous along the corners. While this may slow down some speeders, you may wake up to your car having some serious dents in it!

Not... There seems to be an increase in the number of coyotes noticed at night in the green space behind Sevenoaks and Carmel Heights. Frequent yipping at night. Don't let your animals out loose!

Not... More ash trees have had to be cut down near the Hammond House creek due to the Emerald Ash Borer.

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



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 11th
11:00 am





Earth Day

Saturday, April 25th
11 am – 1 pm



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

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2019 SFRA AGM Recap

On November 5th, the SFRA held its Annual General Meeting for the first time at St Peter's Anglican Church. Below is a recap for those who missed it. For complete minutes of the meeting, please visit sfra.ca.

Events: The weather did not cooperate at most of our events (Open House at the Pump, Family Skate, Easter Egg Hunt, Earth Day and Garage Sale). With declining participation, we may only run the Garage Sale every two years instead of annually. Fun Day (great turnout) and the Summer Social were blessed with clear and sunny skies, where we went back to a full meal this year and had different tiers of wine.

Financials: Income was $7,200, with the majority ($6,300) collected door-to-door.

Seven Oaks Wall: Two options are being evaluated: (1) large boulders buffering the wall, (2) the development of three homes on the side of the ravine may require that a median be built in the middle of the road to slow down the traffic.

Hammond House: Application was submitted approximately eight years ago (originally asking for 10 homes). The main home and carriage house have now been designated 'heritage' status. The application scaled down several times settling on three detached homes. The applicant went to the OMB and won. The City requires geological studies to be done, however nothing has been heard from the applicant for over a year. The creek will be dedicated to the City and remain open/uncovered. The driveway for the new homes will likely be off of Hammond, but studies are required from the applicant to determine where that would happen.

Hammond Road: Two new homes were built (off Lincoln Green), and have not yet been sold. In front of the second home, the road was not patched properly and is challenging to drive on. Matt Mahoney committed to looking into this further.

Sherwood Green Park: The Parks department did some tree trimming in order to open up the forest canopy. Additionally they monitor invasive species. Low lighting along the path was found to be a safety issue, so the lighting is being revisited in the park (specific to the pathway).

Redevelopment of Sheridan Centre: The property was bought by Dunbar. The City wants input into how the property gets developed. Additional public consultations will happen once the application is sent in. The right turn into the mall off Lincoln Green will be looked into and see if modifications can be made. Matt indicated that the Library is important to the neighbourhood to keep on that site.

Erindale Condo (Piatto site): City council turned down the application. Now this is with LPAT. The height/scale was a concern, as well as the proximity to the Credit River. Units were sold by the developer before anything got approved so the developer had to reimburse purchasers.

Sewer Twinning Project: There have been some delays but it is winding down now.

Carmel Heights Redevelopment:

- Matt is not supportive of the current application. Applicant is proposing rezoning that allows higher density. Development application under review. This is a long process (multi-year) and we are in the early stages. Public meeting was held on December 4th at Erindale High School. Many residents were in attendance and expressed their concerns.
- A second public meeting will occur in the new year at City Hall in front of the entire planning committee (all councillors and the mayor). A report from the planning department will be available for review and will be discussed during that meeting. The report will be voted on/ratified by council. After the planning report is finalized, it gets sent back to the Developer and then they are given an opportunity to respond to all the questions/comments, etc.
- Currently Sherwood Forrest has 680 homes and this proposal brings an additional 350 units (increasing the size of the neighbourhood by 50%). City acknowledged this would increase traffic and other services which is currently under review as part of the application review process. A capacity review will be required. The applicant will have to service the lot appropriately.
- City staff acknowledged traffic and trucking impacts are a concern. Developer is suggesting getting property access from Dundas Street. Planning will see if it's an option or not (traffic staff, engineers, etc. will be engaged in the review).

NEXT STEPS:

- A subcommittee (CHRC) was formed to fight the redevelopment plan, as it stands now.
- CHRC has hired an independent planner to review the file on behalf of the neighbourhood.
- **CHRC will need to raise funds to hire proper legal representation. They are asking for donations of $100 per household.**

Waste Not

Get your waste collection schedule and special collection dates online. You'll also find tips on what items are recyclable, how to change cart size, and more. Sign up for free reminders by text, email or phone call at: **https://peelregion.ca/waste/calendar/**

A few important collections dates to remember:

Christmas Tree Pickup – January 20

Garbage Exemption Day – January 27

Snowed In?

For concerns about road conditions after snow clearing, call 3-1-1 or 905-615-4311. And keep up-to-date on the City's snow clearing progress by:

- Following on Twitter: **@MississaugaSnow**
- Downloading the Mississauga Roads app: **http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/mobileroads**
- Visiting the online Snow Plow Tracker: **https://www.511portal.com/mississauga**



Meet Brooklyn, a 1-year-old Jack Russell Chihuahua mix rescue dog from the Puerto Rico hurricane, but just loves snow. Go figure!



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