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Sherwood Forrest neighbourhood news

Spring 2018



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It Finally Feels Like Spring!

by McKenzie Edwards, SFRA President

Hopefully by the time this newsletter gets to your door, the ice and snow will be gone and it will finally feel like spring. (Spring officially began on March 20, though you'd never know it.) After the long, cold winter we've had, I'm sure everyone's excited to get outdoors and enjoy some warm weather and the sun!

Since the turn of the year, our events have been coming thick and fast! After having to cancel our Family Skating Party in 2016 and 2017 due to bad weather and poor ice conditions, we were finally able to bring it back this year! The liner made a huge difference and I would like thank the following volunteers for their all their hard work: Al Zizek, John Ferris, Dylan Westgate, Brian Edwards and Mark Wazny, as well as the Webster, Sanford, Campbell, Desroches, Buckland, Kobal and Steele families.

On the last Saturday of March, we held our annual Easter Egg Hunt, an event that has been growing larger every year! Special thanks to Launa Crasto, Noella Caspersz, Al Zizek and the Easter Bunny for ensuring all the young children were able to get their fair share of chocolate, and making sure the morning was a great success!

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we're making some changes to Fun Night, the first of which is changing the name to the 'Summer Social!' While Fun Day will remain the same, our goal for the evening is to make it more affordable, inclusive and enjoyable for all of Sherwood Forrest's residents. We'll be bumping back the start time to 7:30pm, dropping ticket prices from $40 to $25 per person, and replacing the sit-down dinner with an assortment of hors d'oeuvres and appetizers from a fantastic new caterer! In doing so, we hope to see more residents attend the event, get to meet neighbours new and old, and to promote the strong sense of community that exists within Sherwood Forrest. After all, it is the people who live here that make our neighbourhood so special, and I hope to see as many of you there as possible!

In closing, the SFRA is always looking for new volunteers to help out at our events and even join our Executive team. The only requirement is a passion for helping make your community a better place to live. If you're interested in volunteering in any capacity, please contact us at 2018sfra@gmail.com.

Neighbourhood Garage Sale!
Saturday, May 5th



Join us on Facebook and visit the SFRA website for news about our neighbourhood.
www.sfra.ca

What's Shakin' in the hood?

Reimagining our mall



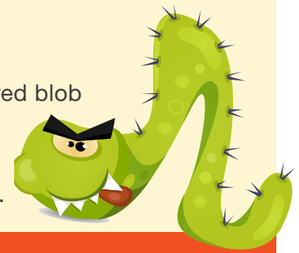
Sheridan Mall has been sold recently to a new investor. No firm plans have been developed yet for the site but it's likely that big changes are in store. The City hosted a public meeting to discuss 'reimagining the mall.' We'll provide any details in our next newsletter.



Banding together for our trees

It's time to take down the fall bands to let the trees breathe, then re-apply new ones with sticky stuff in late April as caterpillars (both cankerworm/inchworm and gypsy moth) will be hatching and climbing up to the top of trees to eat. For more information on what to do with your trees and when, visit the SFRA Facebook page.

Controlling gypsy moths



Check your property now for egg masses (they look like a brown or cream coloured blob the size of a loonie) and can be found stuck to sheds, fences, trees and decks. Scrape them into a bucket of hot water with dish soap for 48 hours to destroy the eggs. This can destroy 1000's of caterpillars that will be hatching in late April.

Please read the insert for information on Peel's Aerial Spray Program

2018 Membership Drive

by Romir Joshi



It's springtime… do you know what that means? The Sherwood Forrest Membership Drive is in full effect! This year our goal is to raise $10,000 and we are confident we can extend our reach to more residents this year. When a friendly neighbourhood volunteer knocks on your door, please help support the neighbourhood by donating only $20. Your generous donation is used to fund and organize neighbourhood events such as Fun Day and the Summer Social, the SFRA Pump Night, Easter Egg Hunt, Family Skate and more.

This year we are introducing electronic transfers as a form of payment to help expedite and simplify the process. You will find a self-addressed envelope attached to this newsletter to make your 2018 contribution. Please use the envelope for your membership dues, either by dropping it in Alouise's mailbox at 2581 Robin Drive or have it ready when a volunteer rings your doorbell. Make sure your cheque is payable to "Sherwood Forrest Residents Association" or "SFRA". If you are paying with cash, please include your name and address. If you are submitting an electronic transfer, **you can submit it to 2018sfra@gmail.com**.

We look forward to hearing from you. If you are interested in assisting with the 2018 SFRA Membership Drive, please contact McKenzie Edwards at **mckenziee93@gmail.com**. Thank you for all your support!

Like It or Not

Like It...

The skating rink in Sherwood Green Park this winter was the best it's ever been! Thank you to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to maintain it.

Not...

Many people are driving very fast through the neighbourhood and running stop signs. As summer approaches, kids will be outside playing, so please slow down and stop at the signs before someone gets hurt.

Like It...

Fantastic turnout at the Easter Egg Hunt this year! It was great seeing all the kids and families who showed up and had a good time.

Like It...

The Sewer Twinning Project along Erin Mills Parkway is still on track for completion spring/summer 2018, with no delays expected at this time.

Not...

Residents had mentioned that wild grape vine and garlic mustard plant (both invasive species) were observed overtaking the newly planted trees/shrubs our community had planted. We have followed up with the city and maintenance to this site will be performed this summer.

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Contact the SFRA and get involved in your neighbourhood.



UPCOMING Events

Garage Sale

Saturday, May 5th

Fun Day & Summer Social



June 23rd

Annual General Meeting

October, Date TBD

Open House at the Pump

Thursday, November 15th

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

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Peel Spring 2018 Aerial Spray Program

This spring the city will be conducting an aerial spray of some parts of Mississauga to help reduce the population of Cankerworm and Gypsy Moth caterpillar populations.

Most of Sherwood Forrest is in the proposed spray area. You can go to mississauga.ca/2018spray and click on the map to see the affected areas. It is expected that the spraying will happen in mid-May in the early morning (between 5:00-7:30 am) and needs to be performed when weather conditions are good (no rain or wind) and after caterpillars have hatched and begun feeding. This means you will likely experience caterpillars munching on your trees before the spray is done. There will need to be two sprays, 3-5 days apart.

A helicopter will be spraying the tree canopy (flying 50 ft above the tree line) within designated areas with an organic-rated pesticide called Btk Bacillus Thuringiensis Kurstaki, Foray 48B (the same chemical used in the 2006/2007 spray program). **This chemical only affects the caterpillar's digestive tract and does not affect humans, pets, birds or other wildlife**.

What should you do before the spray to prepare?

- Sign up to receive an email notification 48 hrs in advance of the aerial spray at mississauga.ca/2018spray
- Register to get a robo call 48 hrs in advance of the aerial spray – call 311 or email public.info@mississauga.ca and include your full name, address, telephone number and ask to be included in the robo calling program for the 2018 Aerial Spray program.
- A letter from the city will be mailed to all residents outlining the program. We will also post content on our SFRA Facebook page.
- Cover any patio furniture, pools, etc.

What will happen during the spray?

- A helicopter will be flying close to the tree line, so it will likely be loud.
- Keep cars, pets, everyone inside and remain indoors until 30 minutes after the spray is complete.
- Roads will be closed for about 10 minutes while spraying is happening overhead.

What should I do after the spray?

- Wait at least 30 minutes before going outside.
- Use your garden hose to clean off outdoor structures (e.g. deck), cars, patio furniture, etc. as they will be slightly tacky and easier to clean off after the 30-minute wait period versus waiting a day.
- Wipe dogs/cats paws after being outside the first few days after the spray as sidewalks/grass could be slightly tacky.

Important: Residents are still encouraged to take their own measures to help reduce the caterpillar population, as aerial spraying will not catch everything. These measures include banding your trees in spring and fall, putting a burlap skirt around your trees, scraping off egg masses before they hatch into soapy warm water for 48 hours and hanging pheromone traps on your property. For more information on these practices, refer to the 2017 AGM Minutes. If you would like a copy of the minutes, contact Launa Crasto (SFRA Secretary) at launsk@hotmail.com. For any health-related questions or concerns, please call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700.



Meet Your Executive

As a new addition to our newsletter, we will start profiling members of the SFRA Executive. This allows you to put a name to a face and see what we're up to. In this edition, we will focus on our two youngest members, Romir Joshi and McKenzie Edwards.



Romir Joshi has been a member on the Sherwood Forrest Executive Team for one year. He is 25 years old and moved to 2599 King Forrest Drive in Sherwood Forrest in 2004 when he was 10. Romir is a Western University graduate and is a candidate with the CFA Institute. He works as an Investment Analyst in Hamilton for a Commercial Real Estate investment firm.

Romir joined the executive to promote new ideas and positive change in the neighbourhood. He is extremely outgoing and friendly and you can usually find him walking his 12-year-old dog Max. In his spare time, he enjoys working out, going on walks and hosting gatherings at his house for his friends and family. His side yard backs onto the Pump side of the plaza so you can find him eating Tequila Lime and Dry Cajun wings there on wing nights.



McKenzie Edwards is the newest member and current President of the Executive Team, having joined in October. He graduated from Western University last year with a degree in Political Science and French Studies, and is now working in Sales for PepsiCo Foods. He is an avid sports fan and supporter of the Maple Leafs, Raptors, Blue Jays, Toronto FC and Chelsea FC.

While pursuing his degree, he found his passion for civic engagement and community service. He has worked on campaign teams for leadership races and elections at the municipal, provincial and federal levels, and in his last year in London, was elected a Ward Councillor as part of the London Youth Advisory Council.

A firm believer that people are the foundation of a great community, he has organized numerous fundraisers for various causes, including raising over 20,000 lbs of non-perishables for the London Food Bank. He brings his passion and experiences with him to the Sherwood Forrest Residents Association, in the pursuit of giving back to the community where he grew up.

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