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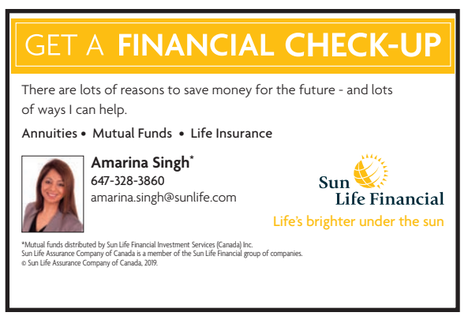


















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A spring to forget
(but one we'll always remember)!

by Bruno Galle, SFRA President

The events of the COVID-19 pandemic will in all likelihood continue to haunt our conscience well into the foreseeable future. I am certain that many of us have pinched ourselves a few times just to verify this is reality not some nightmare. As unbelievable as it may seem, it's all too real and we're not out of the woods yet.

However, we have been told by experts that things are generally getting better for now and hopefully a new vaccine will be developed and widely available sooner (hopefully by spring 2021) than later. Will there be a second wave and how strong it will be is anyone's guess. Hopefully all the restrictions and regulations that have been put into place will limit the size and scope of a second wave. So it's important to not let down our guard too early.

Unfortunately, all SFRA social events will continue to be cancelled though we are cautiously optimistic that we may be able to hold some sort of physical distancing event in September. Let's not hold our breath but perhaps cross our fingers that things will improve and it just may be possible.

In case you're wondering, there haven't been any new communications or resubmissions between the developer and Mississauga Planning Staff regarding the Carmel Heights redevelopment proposal since our last city hall meeting on February 24.

If you'd like to stay updated with news about Sherwood Forrest and Carmel Heights, and Mississauga COVID-19 information, please join our email group by emailing 2019sfrapresident@gmail.com.

In the meantime, let's do our best to support our local businesses, sponsors and advertisers in this newsletter in any way that we can so that we could continue to enjoy their great food and services only steps away from our homes.

As we all move into the second phase of re-opening, we still need to keep physically distancing, staying home when possible and washing our hands. If you haven't done so recently, please continue to reach out to neighbours, particularly those who are elderly or immune compromised to check if they need any help during these trying times.

Thank you and please stay safe!



What's Shakin' in the hood?



Thefts on the Rise

We have now had at least three reports of stolen cars in Sherwood Forrest (Robin Drive, Will Scarlett Drive and Deer's Wold). We're not sure if it's an organized theft ring, but thieves are clearly targeting higher end vehicles, especially SUVs. The common denominator is that each stolen car had keyless entry with a wireless key fob.

Apparently key fobs are constantly broadcasting a low frequency signal that communicates with the vehicle. Thieves are using a device to amplify the signal to another device that opens the car.

To help thwart these criminals store your keys in a metal container or keep your car keys as far away from the front door as possible.



Dangerous Vandalism

There was a cowardly and dangerous act of vandalism reported on Maid Marian. Tire bolts from a minivan were loosened to the extent that the wheel was shaking and prone to falling off. A police investigation is ongoing.

2020 SFRA Membership Update

by Alouise Henderson

I hope everyone is keeping safe and well. Normally, our annual SFRA Membership Drive would be in full bloom along with the warmer late spring and early summer weather. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 we are not going door-to-door this year.

Despite the challenges of our near-term new normal, we have so far collected just over $1,500. Any contribution is greatly appreciated.

- Send an e-transfer to **sfratreasury@gmail.com** (no password required).
- Drop your membership dues at **2581 Robin Drive** (include your name, address and email).
- Cheques are payable to "SFRA" or "Sherwood Forrest Residents Association".

If you have already paid your 2020 SFRA membership dues, thank you for your support and take care.



Like It or Not

Not...

I realize that a city street sweeper will eventually clean our streets in the spring, but it's our responsibility to make sure the storm drains are clear. We seem to be getting more heavy rainstorms so please keep an eye out for sewers that are blocked.

Like it...

Despite all of the dire economic warnings, it's a pleasant surprise to see just as many dumpsters on driveways with renovations underway as there are typically every year.

Not...

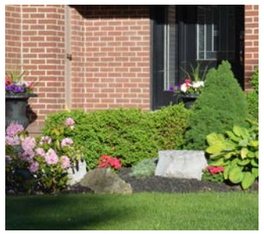
Despite repeated warnings about speeding in our neighbourhood, I still can't believe how many reckless drivers there are out there. Bring on the photo radar!

Like It...

Even though we're in month three of our coronavirus lockdown it's nice to still see community spirit alive and well in neighbourhood windows and gardens, and on sidewalks and driveways.







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

Safe Distancing Event

TBD September

Annual General Meeting

TBD October

Open House at The Pump

TBD November

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COVID-19 Art

There's no doubt that the coronavirus has taken a toll on all of us. But if you're looking for any kind of silver lining, just head outside for a stroll. The air smells fresher, the sky looks bluer and both flora and fauna are thriving. Plus, you'll also see beacons of hope throughout our neighbourhood.











Coronavirus Update

Mississauga City Council cancelled events at City facilities to September 7, 2020.

Ontario has increased the public gathering limit of up to 10 people (while social distancing). Social circles of up to 10 people (no social distancing required) are now permitted in all parts of the province.

The message to residents continues to be:

- Practice physical distancing while outside, and avoid crowds.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose as much as possible.
- If you have COVID-19 symptoms (fever, persistent coughing, shortness of breath), stay home and call your family doctor or Telehealth Ontario at 1.866.797.0000.

For the latest information on the coronavirus, visit mississauga.ca/coronavirus

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2020 Gypsy Moth Management Program

As part of the City's Gypsy Moth Management program, contractors have been conducting localized ground spraying and tree injections on targeted public trees located in parks and along streets within selected areas in Wards 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9. Thus far, there has not been much activity in our ward (8) or Sherwood Forrest.

If you haven't already, now is a great time to install burlap around your trees. Caterpillars move up and down the trees during the day and can seek shade in the burlap. You can dispose of the caterpillars in a bucket of soapy water and help decrease their population. Burlap can be left on the trees until the end of August.

For more information about Gypsy Moths and the City's Gypsy Moth Management program, visit **mississauga.ca/gypsymoth** or call 3-1-1.



Garbage Exemption

Residents can continue to put out up to 2 extra garbage bags, without garbage tags every other week. Also note that bulky items are still not collected at the curb or accepted at Community Recycling Centres. So hold on to bulky items and dispose of them later, when this service resumes. Visit **peelregion.ca/waste** for latest information.

K9 CORNER



This is **Stan**, a beautiful Golden Retriever, who is a much loved member of Cheryl Tasker Shaw and Steve Shaw's family on Sevenoaks Drive. Stan and Cheryl went through the required training for Stan to be a St. John's Ambulance Therapy Dog several years ago. Since then, Stan and Cheryl have been enriching the lives of the elderly at Cawthra Gardens as volunteers. The residents love seeing Cheryl and Stan, and are quick to reward him with treats, so for Stan it's a win-win!





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