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Spring 2019

Easter Egg Hunt

Dean Henderson Park, Saturday, April 20th @ 10:30am

SFRA

A quarterly newsletter issued by the Sherwood Forrest Residents Association

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Finally... Spring is Here!

by McKenzie Edwards, SFRA President

Just like that, winter is (officially!) now over (hopefully!) and we have arrived at the busiest time of the year for neighbourhood events in Sherwood Forrest. To kick off spring, we have our annual **Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20th**! As this highly successful event has attracted more families each year, we've reached a point where we have to make a couple changes in order for it to continue running smoothly. Please turn to page 3 for more details!

Only one week later, on **Saturday, April 27th, we will be hosting our Earth Day Neighbourhood Clean-up**. This is an opportunity for all of us to work together and do our part to spruce up our neighbourhood in anticipation of summer. Come find us in Sherwood Green Park at 11:00 am, we will provide garbage bags, gloves and other supplies. Once you're done cleaning up a designated part of our community, bring the trash you collected back to the park and enjoy some pizza for your hard work!

If your garage or basement has filled with clutter over the past year, or if a family member has suddenly become a hoarder, then **Saturday, May 4th** is a day you should definitely be looking forward to. Join with the rest of Sherwood Forrest, by filling your driveways with unwanted goods and participate in the annual **Neighbourhood Garage Sale**! The SFRA promotes this event by setting up street signs and taking out ads on various platforms such as Kijiji, Facebook and in the Mississauga News. This event is always very well attended from people across the GTA, so use this opportunity to kick off your spring cleaning and make a little cash on the side!

For our largest event of the year, we will be hosting our annual **Fun Day & Summer Social on Saturday, June 22nd**! Fun Day will be the same as always, but we do have a few surprises in store for the Summer Social! Stay tuned, more details will be revealed in our next newsletter! If you would like to purchase your tickets well in advance, we are offering an **Early Bird ticket price of $35 per person**. Contact us at SFRAtickets@gmail.com to secure your tickets now!

Since our last newsletter, many of you have reached out to me about various issues throughout our neighbourhood. Some of these being: continuous mishaps with Canada Post, delayed and poorly executed snow plowing, questions regarding the damaged wall at Seven Oaks, the sound wall along Erin Mills and the redevelopment of Sheridan Mall. Please, continue to reach out! My team and I are here to help, to work with you, to make sure the City hears your concerns, and most importantly, acts on those concerns.

These events, and the advocacy work on your behalf, are only possible as a result of each household paying their annual SFRA Memberships Dues. The Membership Drive is currently underway, for more details please turn to page 2.

I look forward to seeing you at our many events over the coming months… all the best to you and your families!

Earth Day

Sherwood Green Park • Saturday, April 27th @ 11am

What's Shakin' in the hood?



Problems with Canada Post?

A number of residents have reached out and reported problems with their mail delivery, dating back at least six months. These problems include: mail delivered to the wrong house, items not delivered at all or delivered late. If you have experienced similar problems, please email 2018sfra@gmail.com. Residents expressing their concerns will reinforce the issue and will help us as we engage Canada Post, and if needed, our federal MP, to resolve these ongoing issues.

Sewer Twinning Project — Update from the City

"The mining work relating to the tunnel under Sherwood Forrest (from Sheridan Mall to the North corner of Dundas & Erin Mills) was completed in the Fall of 2018 and the construction of manholes will commence in Spring 2019. Additionally, a new phase of this project will be starting shortly, where a diversion trunk will be constructed along Dundas Street between Erin Mills Parkway and Mississauga Road. Construction of this diversion sewer will be undertaken by tunneling and there will be minimal impact on traffic. Construction is expected to be completed by Spring 2019, with the disturbed areas being restored in Spring 2020."

Sherwood Forrest Wall at Seven Oaks & Mississauga Road

The wall crashed into late last summer will be rebuilt by the City this coming spring. In order to prevent this type of accident from occurring again, a large electronic "Slow Down, Road Curves!" sign has been installed before the bend on Mississauga Road, and a few deterrent boulders may be placed in front of the wall.



Sherwood Green Skating Rink

As always, a very special thanks to our team of volunteers who started up and maintained the skating rinks in Sherwood Green Park this year. Unfortunately, the extreme fluctuations in temperature this winter wasn't too accommodating, so we were only able to skate on-and-off for a two-month period. Nonetheless, thank you to John Ferris, Brian Edwards, Richard Halluk, Dylan Westgate, Camilo Gill, Nolan Anderson and the Sandford, Webster, Campbell, Desroches and Buckland families, for your tireless work on behalf of the community!

2019 Sherwood Forrest Membership Drive

by Alouise Henderson

The 2019 Membership Drive is ready to launch – information packages have been delivered to those volunteers who will be knocking on your door shortly. "Thank you" to all our new people who have volunteered their time and effort and to those who have been with us for several years.

Membership fees allow your association to fund the many events that take place in our community – the Easter Egg Hunt, Earth Day and of course Fun Day & Summer Social, our major event in June of each year.

You will find a self-addressed envelope attached to this newsletter – you can **drop your membership dues off at 2581 Robin Drive, you can e-transfer to 2018sfra@gmail.com** or have your $20 (or more!) ready when the volunteer rings your doorbell. If paying by e-transfer, use Membership19 as the password. Instructions can be found on our website at www.sfra.ca. If using a cheque, please ensure it is payable to "Sherwood Forrest Residents Association" or "SFRA". All volunteers will be identified with an SFRA name tag.

If you see the following people in the neighbourhood, give them a big smile and say "thank you" for helping to make our community a better place to live:

Linda Krokker, Don Hendry, Glenna Gallant, Claudia Tavera, Sandy Sun, Barb & Ted Juergens, Noella Caspersz, Brian Edwards, Wendy Jovey, Sheetal Pinto, Sandra Shonfani, Orysea Steele, Loretta Flowers, Cherry Atkins, Lesia Mazur, Stephanie McMagill, Mckenzie Edwards, Bruno Galle, Maria Fernandes, Soni Sharma and Harry & Alouise Henderson!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 905.823.2099 or henderson.h@rogers.com.

Like It or Not

Like It...

Although it took a good three days for the streets to be properly plowed after each of the first two major snowfalls of the year, a much faster and better job was done for the last two!

Not...

It is the responsibility of homeowners to clear the snow and ice from the sidewalks in front of their houses. It's very difficult and dangerous for elderly and disabled residents to go for walks throughout the neighbourhood if the sidewalks aren't cleared. Please do your part next year, so we can make the neighbourhood safe and accessible for all!

Not...

A black pickup truck was seen throughout the neighbourhood, towing two young kids on skateboards… Reckless and stupid?!? Kids may not know better, but adults definitely should.

Like It...

I was worried what we'd find alongside our curbs as the snow finally melted, but was pleasantly surprised that most of the neighbourhood was relatively clean. Let's get out on Earth Day to clean up the rest of the 'hood!

Not...

It would be wonderful if homeowners who have hedges or trees on their property, that grow and extend over the sidewalk from the side or above, would trim them back... So that my wife and I do not have to either duck or walk single file while walking on the sidewalk in front of those houses.

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

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UPCOMING Events



Earth Day

Saturday, April 27th
11 am – 1 pm

Garage Sale

Saturday, May 4th

Fun Day & Summer Social



Saturday, June 22nd

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

Spring 2019

Sherwood Forrest

neighbourhood news

Egg-citing News about our Annual Easter Egg Hunt



SFRA's Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Dean Henderson Park is one of our most successful and well-attended events, and the number of participants has been growing each year. However, we have now gotten to a point where we have to make a couple minor changes in order for the event to continue running smoothly:

1. **Two different start times:**

   Kids <u>five years old and under</u>, will start their egg hunt at **10:30 am**

   Kids <u>six to 10 years old</u>, will start their egg hunt at **11:00 am**

2. **Locations within the park:**

   Kids <u>five years old and under</u>, will search for their eggs around the playground

   Kids aged six to 10, will search for their eggs throughout the rest of the park

3. For the kids aged six to 10, they will be allocated a number and will have to find three eggs with that same number hidden throughout the park. Once they do, they bring all three eggs back to the main table to receive their chocolates!





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Banding together for our trees



There is no aerial spray program scheduled this year, so residents are encouraged to take their own measures to help reduce the Cankerworm and Gypsy Moth caterpillar population.

Gypsy moths appear as a brown fuzzy, spotted caterpillar and later turn into brown coloured moths. They are especially attracted to oak trees. Cankerworms are a green or brown skinny inchworm, and later they both turn into moths (the male moth is white in colour and appears once it is cold in the fall). They hatch in the trees (from the previous fall) and begin feeding on the leaves. Caterpillars move up and down the tree throughout the day to stay out of the heat. Once their feeding cycle is finished (mid-June), they drop from the trees on silk strands and burrow into the ground until fall.

Both species start feeding around the same time in the spring (April) and Cankerworms feed until June, while Gypsy moths emerge a little later (early May) and feed until mid-July.

In the Spring

- Take any fall bands down to let your tree breathe.
- Band your trees (again) – this will catch caterpillars (both Cankerworm and Gypsy Moth) when they move up and down the tree during the daytime (late April – early July). They move down the tree to get out of the heat during the day, so they will get caught on the sticky bands.

For Gypsy Moths *especially if you have oak trees*

- Secure a Burlap double pleated skirt around your tree trunk – the Gypsy moth caterpillars will seek shelter in the shade under the burlap. You then have to check the burlap regularly and destroy any caterpillars (either by squishing them or knocking them into a bucket with soapy water).
- Leave the burlap up until September, as this helps attract the caterpillar during several stages of their life cycle, they even tend to cocoon in the burlap (destroy the cocoons too).

Pheromone traps

These are small traps that can be placed in your tree and emit a smell that imitates the female Gypsy moth. The male Gypsy moths fly into the trap and can't get out. The trap needs to be emptied regularly to remain effective. The Urban Nature store on Dundas (in the Starsky plaza) sells these traps. At the end of the season the traps need to be washed. You can also pick up traps and pheromone lures at Forestry open houses in the spring – check the city website for dates.

If you would like to be on Forestry department's electronic mailing list, please contact **gypsy.moth@mississauga.ca**. You will receive updates on what to do each time of year. For more information, you can also visit mississauga.ca/portal/residents/parks-gypsy-moth-integrated-pest-management



