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The Leaves are Falling in Sherwood Forrest!

by Cara Cross, SFRA President

It's that time of year again when the leaves start falling and SFRA gears up for our final events of 2026 in Sherwood Forrest.

We were so excited by the positive feedback we received from our summer movie nights and our new free event – the DuffleBag Theatre presentation of Robin Hood in Sherwood Green Park. With this warm reception from the community, we hope to continue these kinds of family friendly shows.

A BIG THANK YOU is also due to Dr. Shelley and Brian Edwards for hosting Back to School Free Ice Cream in the Park. Thanks to their generosity, the community enjoys this special treat to start off the school year.

October is another busy month in the neighbourhood with fun events scheduled for our young residents and our adults too! Join us in Sherwood Green Park on **Saturday, October 17 from 3:00 to 4:00 pm** for our annual and ever-popular Pumpkin Giveaway! Come to the park and enjoy some spooky fun and pick out a free pumpkin to enter our Pumpkin Carving Contest. For the "bigger kids" it's going to be a fun Pub Night at Keenan's in the upstairs lounge (in the Sherwood Forrest Village corner of Dundas and King Forrest Drive) **Thursday, October 22 from 7:00 to 10:00 pm**. Meet neighbours, enjoy complimentary appetizers and try your hand at the pub's trivia challenge.

The SFRA Annual General Meeting will be held both online and in-person at St. Peter's Anglican Erindale parish hall on **Tuesday, November 3 at 7:30 pm**. Watch for more details and information on guest speakers.

Our final event of 2026 will be our 6th annual Holiday Food Drive in support of Food Banks Mississauga. Every year this social gathering has raised a significant amount of funds and food donations for our neighbours in need. Come by our garage party with some non-perishable food items on **Sunday, December 6 from 3:00 to 4:30 pm** and stay for some tasty treats and a warm beverage.

As always, we heartily invite you to contribute your annual membership fee this year and/or volunteer to help within our neighbourhood. The SFRA programs are aimed at building a strong and safe community. If you would like to help or ensure your name is added to our community events email distribution list, please contact one of our committee members or email **sherwoodforrestra@gmail.com**.

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What's Shakin' in the HOOD



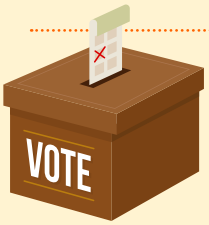
Coat Drive Drop-off Begins October 15

The Deacon's Cupboard is looking for clean and gently worn coats, jackets, warm boots, hats and mitts. If you have something you can donate, please keep it until October 15 when the drop-off begins at St. Peter's Anglican Erindale. You can also bring your clothing donations to the Pumpkin Giveaway and Pub Night events.

Stuck in the Garage with Nowhere to Go



Last month, a cat found itself trapped inside someone's garage. The owners of the house were away and no one knew when they were getting home or had access to an emergency key. It's a good reminder that we should all get to know our neighbours in case there's an emergency while someone is away. (The cat is fine!)

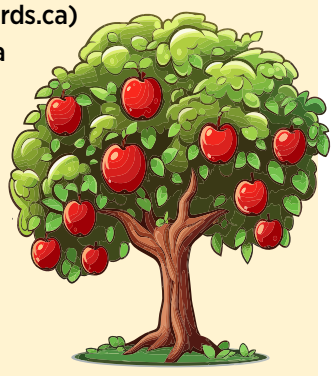


Election Day is October 26... Your Vote Counts!

By now you may have received your voter card. For a full list of candidates running for Mayor and Ward 8 Councillor and Trustee, visit: **mississaugavotes.ca/2026-municipal-election**. You'll find links to their respective platforms so you can make an informed vote.

Pick Your Own Apples

Did you know that much of Sherwood Forrest was once an apple orchard? Though you can't pick any apples, you can still see a few of the trees on Maid Marian and Prince John. However, there are a number of pick-your-own apple farms within a 30-minute drive, and welcome dogs on leashes. **Carl Laidlaw Orchards** (carllaidlaworchards.ca) features over 20 varieties of apples, pear trees, sunflower fields, wagon rides and farm animals. **Williams Orchard** (williamsorchards.ca) has free entry and parking with a minimum fruit purchase offering apples, pears, plums and local honey. **Applevale Orchards** (applevaleorchards.com) has free parking with apple picking (minimum $40 purchase), fresh apple cider and pumpkins.





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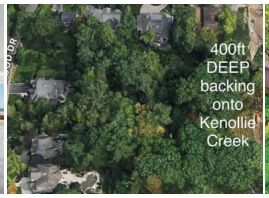
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'Tis the Season for Harvest Baking

by Al Zizek

Apple Crisp

This is a fall favourite from Mary's family recipe book. I've been told that it's important to note a "crisp" is baked fruit topped by a "streusel" of flour, sugar, butter and oats. A "crumble" does not have oats. A "cobbler" is fruit topped with biscuit dough. A "betty" is basically a crumble with multiple layers. But all are delicious!

Ingredients:

4 cups apples, preferably Cortland or McIntosh (Granny Smith are great if you like a slightly tart flavour)
3-4 tbsp white sugar
1 tsp cinnamon
1/4 cup shortening + 1/4 cup butter (or 1/2 cup of butter)
3/4 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup rolled oats
1/2 tsp of salt

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 375°F
Lightly grease a 9-inch baking dish
Slice apples (not too thinly) and mix with the white sugar and cinnamon. Place the seasoned apples in the baking dish.
Cream shortening/butter with brown sugar, then mix in flour, oats and salt. Sprinkle oat mixture over the apples.
Bake for 40 minutes.



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How to Avoid the Three Biggest Downsizing Mistakes

by Teresa Pamatat



A 2024 survey found that 83% of downsizers were happier after making the move. But a positive outcome usually depends on how thoughtfully the transition is planned. Here are three of the most common mistakes:

1. Waiting until a crisis forces the decision

A fall, illness, loss or sudden change in health can turn an already significant move into an emergency. Families are left managing the crisis and the move at the same time, often with fewer housing choices and little time to prepare. Starting early does not mean moving tomorrow. It simply gives you time to explore your options and stay in control.

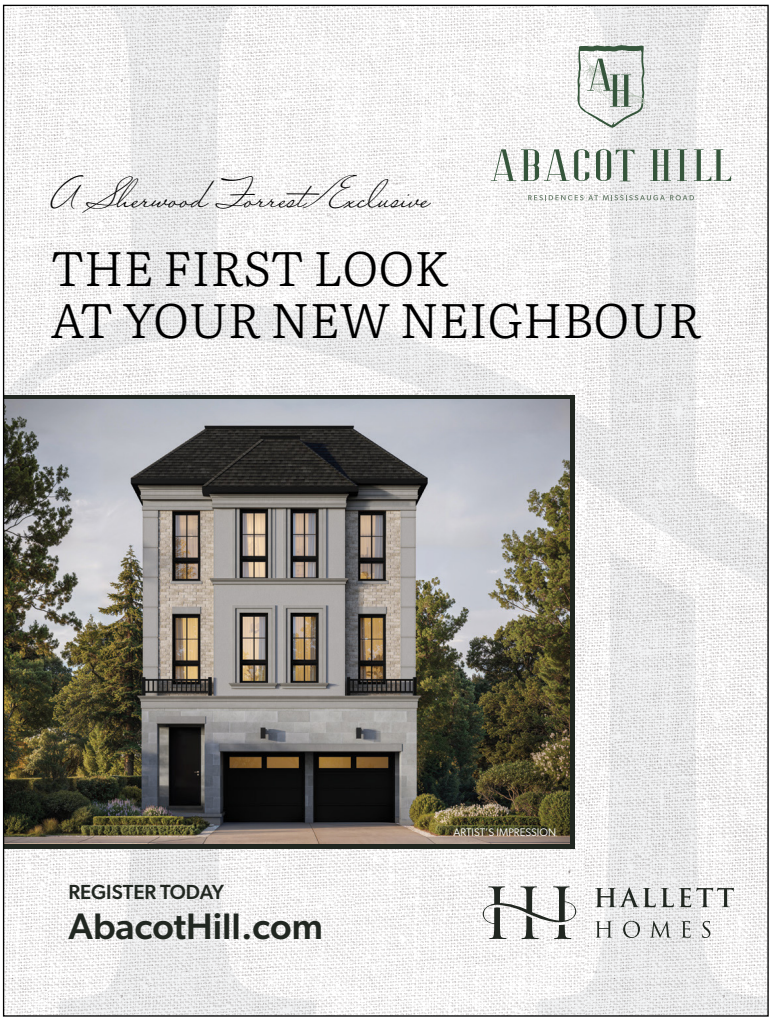
2. Underestimating the emotional and physical work

Downsizing is not just about packing boxes. A home can hold decades of memories, and one partner may feel ready before the other. Sorting belongings, preparing the property, arranging repairs, coordinating movers and deciding what to keep can quickly become overwhelming. Breaking the process into smaller steps — and getting the right support — can make it feel far more manageable.

3. Making decisions without a clear plan

Before choosing your next home, think carefully about location, accessibility, community, amenities and future needs. It is equally important to understand the numbers: your current home's value, its true ongoing costs, the price of your next home and your retirement lifestyle budget. People who involve their financial planner early often feel more confident because they know their options, budget and boundaries before making a major decision.

For free educational resources designed to help you avoid downsizing mistakes, visit SeamlessRightsizing.ca/Sherwood.



Like It or Not

Not...

On Wednesday, September 2, the GTA was walloped by yet another "100-year storm," which we seem to be getting a few times every year now. A number of streets in the neighbourhood were flooded because the storm sewers were blocked with dirt, debris and leaves. So if your home is near a storm sewer please keep it clear. So many leaves have already fallen and the City doesn't begin vacuuming the leaves off the curbs until November and you never know when the next storm is coming!

Have something to say?

Email your Likes or Nots to SherwoodForrestRA@gmail.com

How to Prepare for the Next Storm

A few small steps can help reduce the risk of your home flooding:

- Clear any debris from storm drains near your driveway and in the backyard (if you have a drain there).
- Get your eavestroughs cleaned out at least twice a year, especially if you have any overhanging trees.
- Check that your downspouts are clear.
- If your downspouts are disconnected, make sure the water is being directed at least 3 feet (1 metre) away from your home.
- Make sure the grading around your home directs water away from the foundation and not down the basement walls.
- Trim diseased or dead limbs from your trees. If it's a City-owned tree (i.e., on the boulevard), call 311 to report it.





Sherwood Forrest is Acting Out

The DuffleBag Theatre presented a fun and interactive tale of the legendary escapades of Robin Hood in Sherwood Green Park. After hitting the mark with this production, we may be hosting another live theatre event next summer!







K9 CORNER





Meet Shiloh and Mojo!

Hi, I'm Shiloh, a 9-year-old goldendoodle with loads of puppy energy. If you see me trotting briskly down the street, leash in mouth, it's because Mommy paused to chat and I have places to be — socks to steal from closed drawers, frisbees to chase and rubber balls to deliberately wedge under couches, so my humans can practise yoga poses for free. Hi, I'm Mojo, and they call me "gentle giant." I will soon be 8 years old, and my favourite pastime is napping. I only tolerate two walks a day because Mommy is obsessed with bagging our poops. My mission is to save the world from squirrels, but every failed tree climbing attempt ends like a Maple Leafs game...no score!

We have lots of friends... Milo, Blue, Izzie, Harlee, Bella, Teddy 1, Teddy 2, Lucky, Indie, Harley, Tessa, Maggie, Finley, Genie, Abbie, Tuxedo, Poppy, Coby, Finn, Odin, Cash, Sage, Bailey, Gunner, Gage, Hudson, Fluffy, Cooper, Dusty, Ruby, Winnie, Meena, Freya, Ulyesses and the list goes on... but Mojo's heartthrob from the start has been Angel...sigh...she still won't give him a second look.

We are so lucky to call Sherwood Forrest home and share it with bunnies, raccoons, coyotes, squirrels and even deer, foxes and ducks. Truly, there's no better neighbourhood to live, play and walk our humans!







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