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Happy New Year!

Twelve years ago, my family and I moved to Sherwood Forrest. Considering we had lived on the other side of Erin Mills Parkway in Sheridan Homelands beforehand, we didn't move too far. However, for as long as I can remember, my mother had been dragging my sister and I to countless open houses in Sherwood Forrest, claiming it was a beautiful neighbourhood, with big houses, tree-lined streets, as well as caring and involved neighbours. All I was really concerned about, was finding some friends my age to play street hockey with. That didn't take long.

In the 12 years I've lived here, the one thing that has really struck me about Sherwood Forrest, is the strong sense of community which exists in the neighbourhood. Residents helping one another find lost pets, offering up babysitting services, supporting fundraisers for their kids' sports teams, clearing driveways and creating skating rinks in the winter, are just a few of many examples.

When I graduated from Western University in June and moved back home, I wanted to follow in my father's footsteps and do my part to contribute to the neighbourhood. Initially, I only wanted to join the SFRA as a member on the Executive. However, when it looked like no one was going to succeed Glenna as President after her five tireless and dedicated years, I felt an obligation to the community and to her, to help the SFRA continue serving Sherwood Forrest. I may be learning on the fly, but having a strong and committed Executive to rely on has definitely made the job a bit easier.

All the Executive and I ask from you, the residents, is that you come out to our events, volunteer when you can, get involved, let your voices be heard, and provide us with your input and feedback, regardless of whether it is positive or negative. We can't do our jobs properly and advocate on your behalf, if we don't hear from you. Please feel free to contact us at 2018sfra@gmail.com.

I look forward to meeting many of you over the coming year. All the best to you and your families in 2018!

by McKenzie Edwards, SFRA President



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What's Shakin' in the hood?



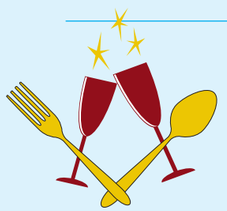
Brrrreak out the winter fun: Our neighbourhood has two great locations for some winter fun! There are two skating rinks in Sherwood Green Park and a fantastic tobogganing hill alongside Lincoln Green Way. As a way of showing our appreciation to the volunteers who tirelessly maintain the skating rinks, the SFRA purchased two liners for the rinks this year, at a cost of approximately $1,000. Taking care of the ice is not an easy job, especially during this very cold winter. As anyone who has already been out skating can attest too, the liners have gone a long way to making the condition of the rinks the best they have ever been!



Let's Facebook it: There are now 188 members on the Sherwood Forrest Residents Association Facebook page, which is only open to residents. In the past month, it has been used to: find babysitters, lost pets, share photos of Santa Claus snow-blowing all of the driveways on Friar Tuck, entertain us with a musical video from Darren Flower and his wife Letitia, sell Christmas Cookies, provide video/pictures of coyotes and a fox, inform of a road closure, and ask for trade recommendations. If you would like help getting access to our Sherwood Forrest Facebook page, please contact: Glenna Gallant at ggalla5548@gmail.com.

Recent crime report: Theft from Motor Vehicle on Prince John (Nov. 26), Break and Enter on Hammond (Dec. 2), and Property Mischief on Prince John (Dec. 15), as reported to Peel Police. View the Peel Police Crime Map at peelpolice.ca and select Crime Mapping from the list of Quick Links.





More fun in-store for Fun Night: After receiving feedback from many residents regarding Fun Night, the SFRA Executive has decided to make some changes. Amongst these changes will be a new name for the evening, a reduction in ticket prices and replacing the sit-down dinner with a host of delicious pass-around appetizers. More details to follow, but we believe the changes will result in a more affordable, inclusive and fun evening for all residents who attend.

Walk on the not so wild side: if you would like to be part of a walking or running group on Mondays and/or Wednesdays, please contact Maria Fernandes at mdfernandesa@gmail.com. This can occur either 7 am or 6 pm, whichever is best for the majority.



Like It or Not

Like It...

After a number of complaints about residents parking on the curve of Seven Oaks, the city of Mississauga added 'No Parking' signs. Unfortunately, they didn't post the signs to include the area where the most complaints were. Happy to say that this has been corrected, and people parking in the prohibited area will be ticketed, if the city is informed. You can also be ticketed for parking on any street overnight or … snowed in by a snow plow.

Not...

If you go away on holidays during the winter, have someone shovel your driveway. If not, you're just letting people know that no one is home and increase the chances of a break-in.

Like It...

SFRA held their annual Open House at the Erin Mills Pump on November 16th. There was a great turnout of residents and plenty of food and fun! Special thanks to The Pump for covering half the cost of all appetizers.

Not...

Residents and people driving through our neighbourhood are not coming to a full stop at stop signs, especially on Robin Drive. Please slow down and make the stop!

Not...

During the first week of January some inconsiderate, unlawful pig dumped 12 used tires at the end of Lincoln Green Close.

Like It...

A few days later @ January 10, the 12 dumped tires were gone!

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Contact the SFRA and get involved in your neighbourhood.



UPCOMING Events











Sherwood Forrest
Winter 2018

AGM 2017 Summary

On behalf of the Sherwood Forrest Neighbourhood Executive, we would like to share with you the highlights of our Annual General Meeting (AGM) that was held on October 18th, 2017 with an exceptional turnout of residents.

We began with a discussion regarding the **beautification of Sherwood Forrest**. We recognize that the maintenance required to sustain the beautification of our neighbourhood is far beyond the capacity of the current executive team. This is a call to action for all volunteers!

The current **Hammond House** proposition involves building three detached homes with entrances along Hammond Road, while the creek remains intact. No hearing date has been set with the Ontario Municipal Board.

A **large tunnel** is being built to enhance the sewer system to support Mississauga's rapidly growing population. The construction is visible at the North-East corner of the Sheridan Mall parking lot. It is scheduled to be completed this summer.

The death of retail is hitting our neighbourhood with the loss of two large retail tenants at **Sheridan Mall**. The Mall is in dire need of anchor tenants to revitalize the space in order to preserve its viability. Residents have suggested creating a new exit at the corner of Lincoln Green and Erin Mills to allow for better traffic flow from the mall. Matt Mahoney will explore this idea further following the completion of the tunnel project.

The use of the **Sherwood Green Park** sparked a lot of discussion. Among other things, frustrated residents brought non-resident use of basketball courts and tennis courts and noise disruptions to the neighbourhood's attention. Residents have been advised to call the City of Mississauga Corporate Security to report any further noise and curfew issues. The SFRA, Sherwood Tennis Association and Matt Mahoney will be meeting to discuss further action.

Jamie Ferguson, Supervisor of Woodlands and Natural Resources shed light on our **Cankerworm and Gypsy Moth** problem. We have been advised to band and burlap our trees in the spring and fall, destroy eggs and set pheromone traps to prevent damage from these parasites. Forestry staff will also be recommending to City Council that an aerial spray be carried out in the spring to help reduce the parasite population.

Last but certainly not least, Sister Veronica has secured interest in redeveloping **Carmel Heights**. There are plans for the site to contain a chapel, a convent, life-lease building and a separate retirement home. The SFRA will be reviewing the completed architect drawings. However, the Carmel Heights Redevelopment raises questions pertaining to neighbourhood traffic, asbestos pollution and proposed building heights. We will further explore this proposal later this year.

We had a very informative AGM. Our Facebook page grew to 170 members (join us at the "Sherwood Forrest Resident Association"), new and young neighbourhood residents have joined the executive team, and we plan for 2018 to be an even more successful year. Please welcome our new President McKenzie Edwards and existing member but newly appointed Vice President Maria Fernandes to the Executive Team.

by Romi Joshi



THE ERIN MILLS Pump & PATIO

Sherwood Forrest gets Pumped!

Our second annual Open House at The Pump last November was a standing-room only smashing success. It was a great night of fall fun, neighbourhood friends and tasty food. We look forward to doing it again!



City to crack down on unkept properties

City staff has recently come forward with recommended actions that will enhance property standards across Mississauga. According to the city, "while weeds and tall grass can be unsightly, they can contribute to allergic reactions or health problems, disrupt ecological systems and pose a risk to fire and community safety by impairing visual sightlines."

Proposed amendments to Mississauga's Nuisance Weed and Tall Grass Control bylaw will:

- Reduce the time required to resolve tall grass and nuisance weed complaints from 10 to seven days
- Decrease the maximum permitted height of tall grass from 30 cm to 20 cm
- Update the list of 12 noxious weeds to 25

The recommendations went to Council for approval on December 13. We have not received the results as of press time.

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