

# Sherwood Forrest

neighbourhood news



Dean Henderson Park, Saturday, April 8th 10:30am to 11:30 am



**Sherwood Forrest Residents Association** 

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# **Spring**Marches On!

by Bruno Galle, SFRA President

With all the snow that we received in March, it's hard to believe that spring is finally here. And with spring comes the annual Masters Golf Tournament and SFRA Easter Egg Hunt, which our team has been busily planning. The hunt will take place at Dean Henderson Memorial Park on Saturday, April 8th. Hopefully all the snow will have melted by then so it'll be a little easier to find the eggs!

Shortly after that, we are looking forward to our Earth Day clean-up event of our neighbourhood on Saturday, April 22nd so that we can help keep Sherwood Forrest shining after all the grime left behind from the winter months.

On the Carmel Heights front, the redevelopment proposal with Micor and the Sisters has fallen through after many years of negotiations. We are of the belief that the Carmelite Sisters will have the property up for sale shortly as there has been some interest from a few parties. Stay tuned for updates, either by email communication, by visiting our website at SFRA.ca or on our Facebook page.

You can see there is an envelope attached to this newsletter that signals that spring really is here because it's the beginning of our annual Membership Drive. You can either drop off your \$20 membership fee to the address on the envelope or simply

send an e-transfer to sfratreasury@gmail.com. Your \$20 membership dues go a long way towards the planning and organizing of our social events and much more! See page 2 for details.

The SFRA team has also begun planning our marquee event of the year, FUN DAY, which is scheduled for Saturday, June 17th. While Fun Day is happening rain or shine, it has been a few years since we held the SUMMER SOCIAL adults-only event in the evening.

Since there are a lot of costs, permits, logistics and volunteer hours required to put on a successful (and legal) Summer Social, we FIRST need to assess the level of INTEREST in the community and get a COMMITMENT from enough people that they will be attending BEFORE we make a non-refundable deposit to a caterer. Thus we will be sending out a short survey soon that will decide whether the Summer Social is coming back or not.

We are always looking for volunteers for all our events, but particularly during the day of our Fun Day/Summer Social event. If you have a few hours available on this date, that you would like to help and volunteer please reach out to any one of our SFRA team members listed in this newsletter.

On behalf of the SFRA team,
I hope that everyone
has a great start
to our
long-awaited
spring season!
Earth

Earth Day Clean-up
Sherwood Green
Saturday, April 22nd
10:00 am - 12:00 Noon

# What's Shakin' in the hood?



Many Sherwood Forrest residents have lived here for more than 40 years, but it seems that since the beginning of 2021 there's been a higher than usual number of sales in our neighbourhood. In fact, there were 49 sales in 2021-2022 (statistics courtesy of Gary Betts).

We're not sure whether this is a result of downsizing, flips or market trends, but it has been a change to drive around and see so many signs over the last two years. You know what that means? Lots of new families who get to experience our great events and the benefits of our residents association. If you're new to our area, get involved, volunteer and keep your eyes open for event signs!

# 2023 Sherwood Forrest Membership Drive

by Alouise Henderson

With buds popping and robins bob-bobbing, spring is here and so is our annual Membership Drive. Please note that while all homeowners in Sherwood Forrest are considered "Non-Active Members" of the SFRA, a minimum fee of \$20 is required to be considered an "Active Member" of the Sherwood Forrest Residents Association.

Both Non-Active Members and Active Members have access to SFRA's regular communication channels (newsletter, Facebook, website) and are invited to participate in SFRA sponsored events and the AGM. However, only Active Members have voting rights, can run for elected positions and are able to invoke the Complaint Resolution Process.

You can drop off your membership fee in the mailbox at 2581 Robin Drive using the envelope attached to your newsletter or send an Interac e-Transfer to <a href="mailto:sfratreasury@gmail.com">sfratreasury@gmail.com</a> (no password required).





# Tis the season for Fancy Eggs!

### by Cara Cross

This April, decorate your table with some festive eggs that are pretty as well as yummy and easy to make. To help ensure your egg yolks stay bright yellow and don't turn grey during cooking, follow the boiling tips below.

### **INGREDIENTS**

- 6 large eggs
- ¼ cup Miracle Whip dressing
- 1/2 tablespoon honey mustard
- 1 finely chopped green onion
- ½ cup pickled beet juice
- ½ cup pickle juice
- ½ cup water

### DIRECTIONS

- 1. Place eggs in a pot of cold water ensuring all eggs are fully covered
- 2. Place pot on stove on high heat until the water reaches a full boil



- 3. Turn off the heat, put a lid on the pot and let the eggs sit in the water 15 minutes
- 4. Take pot off the stove and run eggs under cold water
- 5. When the eggs have cooled, peel and slice them in half
- 6. Carefully scoop out the yolks and place them in a mixing bowl
- 7. Fill a small bowl with ½ cup beet juice and ¼ water, and place 6 of the egg white halves in to soak for at least 15 minutes
- 8. Fill a small bowl with ½ cup pickle juice and ¼ water, and place 6 of the egg white halves in to soak for at least 15 minutes
- 9. Mash egg yolks with the Miracle Whip and honey mustard, blending until smooth
- 10. Take egg whites out of their juices and place on a paper towel upside down to get rid of excess liquid
- 11. Scoop egg yolk mixture into a sandwich bag and clip a small corner off the bag to use as a funnel
- 12. Press the egg mixture out of the corner of the bag to fill the centre of each egg half
- 13. Sprinkle finely chopped onion on top of each egg

This is a fun breakfast that you can make ahead of Easter morning for all the little bunnies in your household. *Enjoy!* 

# A Census for the Rest of Us

### by Glenna Gallant

For more than 15 years, SFRA has maintained a database of names, addresses and emails of residents who live in Sherwood Forrest. This was first initiated by Nancy Dagnone a number years ago. Since then we have done our best to keep the information as up to date as possible.

Please note that this list has not and will not ever be sold or shared with any third party. In fact, this list is not even shared across the SFRA executive; access is given to Alouise Henderson who manages the Membership Drive, the President of the SFRA who uses it for SFRA News updates and the individual who maintains the list.

Over the years, we've used the database to inform residents when their packages were delivered



incorrectly with the wrong address, when suspicious activity was noted at a house when the occupants were away, to verify residents who say they live at an address in order to gain access to our Facebook page, to confirm new residents in order to welcome them to the neighbourhood (Welcome Baskets coming soon!), to add residents to the mailing list for news and community events in the neighbourhood, and to help residents contact someone in the neighbourhood for any number of reasons.

We do not give out contact information but we will inform the resident that their information is requested and they can confirm whether or not they wish to pass on their information. The list also helps us keep track of adult and student volunteers (community service hours) for our various events.

For the first time, we are attempting to verify the information we have in our database. If you are currently in our database, you will be receiving an email asking you to confirm the details we have on file.

If you are NOT in our database, please send an email to ggalla5548@gmail.com and provide your first and last name, address and contact phone #. Please also let us know if you are new to the neighbourhood (from 2022 up to now), when you purchased your home, if you have children and their ages.

This information will help us plan our events such as, Easter Egg Hunt, Fun Day, Movie Nights and Scavenger Hunts. Thank you so much for your time and a special 'Welcome' to our new residents!

# **A Family Skate Miracle**

by Al Zizek













I'm sure that no one would have thought that February 5th would be the last day we were able to skate on the Sherwood Green rink. In fact, there were only three days of skating between Christmas and New Years and four other days of skating around the Family Skate for a grand total of seven days of skating all winter!

Looking back it was absolutely perfect weather for skating outdoors, sipping hot chocolate and nibbling on fried dough. We had a great turnout and just enough hot refreshments and Timbits to keep everyone happy. Thanks to Cara, Maria, Noella, Johanny, Brian and everyone else who made the event a success.

Despite having the worst weather conditions for the rink likely ever, special thanks go out to the rink rats who always do their best to keep it in tiptop shape: Larry Indovina, Serge Jarlian, Michael de Smit, Peter Gountounas, Dylan Westgate, Charles Cheltenham, Mike McDermott, Brendan Karpiuk, Steve Webster, Phil Leja and head coach Brian Edwards. Here's hoping next year is better!



# Like It or Not

# Like It...

Losing your mobility, even when it may be temporary, is challenging. My husband's unplanned week out of the country while I was not yet fully mobile coincided with a big snow storm, which left me in quite the quandary. How would I get my little dogs outside with deep snow surrounding my side door and steps? Next thing I knew Ryan Tasker-Goto, the visiting son of my next-door neighbour Cheryl, was out shovelling my whole driveway, my entrance, my side door and the stairs down to my back yard. Such kindness is so appreciated! Thank you, Ryan, crisis averted!

# Like it (& Not)...

Who knew that after complaining about not getting enough snow in the last issue of the Sherwood Forrest newsletter we would've gotten a record amount of snowfall in just a couple of weeks. So I suppose you can blame me (Anonymous). I don't recall ever having this much snow during the March Break. Let it melt! Let it melt! Maybe we'll need the A/C on sooner now!

# Like it (& Not)...

While it's a sure sign of spring when you see tulips pushing through the soil, it may not be so great when lawns are covered in snow and the nights are still below zero. I hope all our plants survive this crazy spring!

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



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# K9CORNER

Meet Phife, a 2 year old Sheepadoodle (English Sheepdog / Standard Poodle mix). He was adopted as a puppy by Paul, Julie and their daughter Maya of Fountains Abbey, after seeing a post on the SFRA Facebook page. He started out as black and white but his coat quickly turned grey and white. Two other families in Sherwood Forrest also adopted from the same litter! Phife is always excited to run into his brother Smokey and his sister Harlee while out on walks. They also have a half-brother named Milo in the neighbourhood, who is more apricot-brown than grey.

Phife has been a delightful addition to the Walcott household. He is very much a herding dog and follows his family everywhere around the house. You may have seen Phife climbing the snow hill on Fountains Abbey, jogging beside his owner's bike or sticking his head out the car window on a drive. One day, while enjoying a drive along Robin, a squirrel caught his attention - Phife jumped out the car window to chase it! Thankfully he didn't get hurt. He's had a run in with a coyote who managed to get a way by leaping over their backyard fence. He's also been skunked - not once but twice! Feel free to say hello if you see Phife during your neighbourhood walk. He loves attention but beware, he's still learning to refrain from jumping up.



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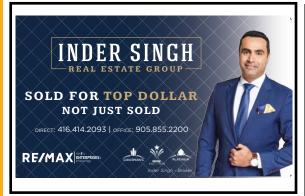
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