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Sherwood Forrest

neighbourhood news



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Spring Has Sprung and Hope Springs Eternal!

by Bruno Galle, SFRA President

Winter has come and gone and with spring's arrival brings renewed hope and optimism for a better tomorrow. The development of multiple COVID-19 vaccines in record time has been regarded by many as a miracle. Now we only need the actual rollout of getting the vaccine into people's arms to complete the miracle. The logistics of the vaccine rollout seems overwhelming for some government planners and continues to change on a weekly, if not daily, basis.

For the latest information keep checking the Region of Peel website at peelregion.ca/coronavirus/vaccine.

This past year, our team at SFRA has adopted to the new normal by holding 'COVID friendly' events such as our Winter Photo Contest, our virtual Book Club, which will be a mainstay going forward and most recently our Easter Words Scramble Hunt in lieu of our annual Easter Egg Hunt. There are other exciting events in the works which will be unveiled soon.

With renewed hope of the arrival of the vaccines, we will begin to see local establishments opening up once again, and we at SFRA will continue to plan in the hope that towards the end of summer we just may be able to hold some long awaited outdoor social event!

Our annual membership drive is beginning and as we are unable to go door-to-door again, as usual there will be an envelope attached to the newsletter to drop off your membership dues, OR you could **send your e-transfer to sfratransury@gmail.com** – no password required. Most people have been financially impacted by this pandemic and we understand if you cannot give what you normally do this year, however any contribution is greatly appreciated.

I hope that everyone continues to stay safe, support our local businesses and abide by the government guidelines for just a little longer so that we can finally put this dreadful pandemic to rest once and for all.



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What's Shakin' in the hood?

Carmel Heights Redevelopment Resubmission

Finally, after more than one year, Micor has resubmitted their proposal for the redevelopment of the Carmel Heights property. Sadly, at first blush there does not appear to be any material changes in the site plan from their last proposal in February 2020.

The developer's hope is still clearly to build two 5-storey buildings and expect to have an entrance/exit off of Dundas Street. Both remain severe sticking points with our neighbourhood, city council and the Carmel Heights Redevelopment Committee (CHRC), who is representing our collective interests in this matter.

The CHRC will be meeting with Matt Mahoney to discuss our concerns and prepare a formal response. And we will continue to keep you informed of any further developments in the meantime.



Earth Day

Saturday, April 24th 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

We need your help to keep Sherwood Forrest beautiful! City street sweepers will be driving around our streets sometime in mid to late April, but they won't be cleaning up any of the garbage in our parks, fields and ravines left behind from winter and anonymous litter bugs.

Come by Sherwood Green at 11am and join our clean-up crew. We'll supply gloves and bags and assign your family with a neighbourhood area to focus on. Plus, you'll receive a Tims gift card when your team brings back a full garbage bag!

2020 Sherwood Forrest Membership Drive

by Alouise Henderson

As I watch the Sherwood Green Ice Rink slowly become Lake Sherwood, it certainly feels like spring weather is here. With the arrival of robins and crocuses, also comes the beginning of our annual Membership Drive. As we are still under various COVID-19 protocols, this year's drive will be similar to last year's as there will be no door to door canvassing.

You are requested to send an Interac e-Transfer to sfratreasury@gmail.com (no password required) or drop them off in the mailbox at 2581 Robin Drive using the self-addressed envelopes attached to this newsletter.

We are requesting a minimum donation of \$20.00 but all contributions are greatly appreciated. "Thank You" to all the people in the neighbourhood who continue to support our association – many of you have already paid your dues! We look forward to the time when we can gather again in the park to say "hello" without being muffled by a mask.



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Thank You Ice Rink Crew

All good things (in this case, cold things) must come to an end, but the Sherwood Green Ice Rink will be back next year if the Ice Rink Crew has anything to say and do about it!

While usually unheralded, we've been able to get photos of most of them. It wasn't easy as they keep odd office hours. From midnight scraping and mid-afternoon shovelling to 6:30 am flooding, these dedicated men and women ~25 strong are the reason (cooperation from Mother Nature notwithstanding) that we had one of the best skating seasons ever.

With little downtime, the rink was generally open most days and evenings from mid-January to Sunday, March 7th. There were many picture-perfect family skating and hockey playing moments that would have inspired a Trisha Romance or Norman Rockwell painting. Thanks again for helping to make many priceless memories and winter magic for the neighbourhood!

Volunteers:

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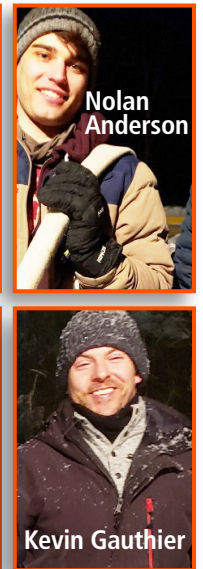
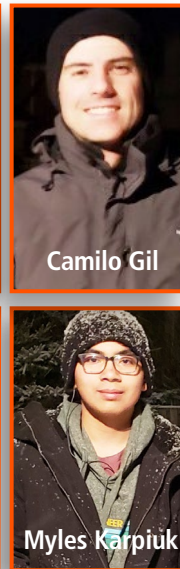
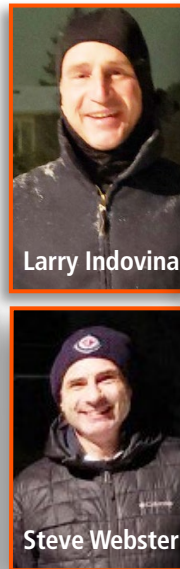
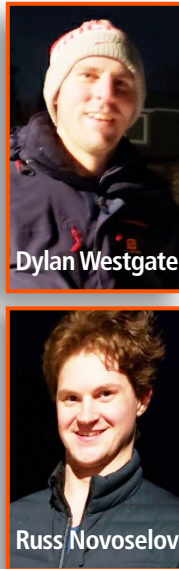
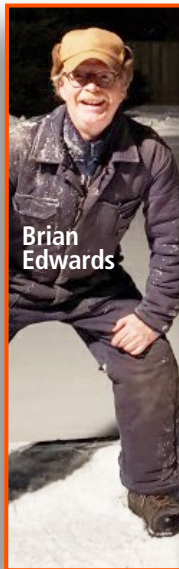


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Watch Out for Invaders

From gypsy moths to garlic mustard and giant hogweed, Sherwood Forrest has a number of invasive plants and pests that threaten our neighbourhood. Stay tuned for what pest control programs the city is planning this year. If you missed the **Mississauga Invasive Species Management webinar**, you can watch it at: youtube.com/watch?v=26-pHq32bKs



Meet **Henry**, a 5-month-old Corgipoo born with a distinctive blue Merle coat in Virginia last October. He has brought much chaos and joy to the Reid home. With one brown eye and one blue eye, Henry loves to see all the neighbours and fellow puppies especially Maggie, Blue and Shelby. He has attracted a few coyotes to the yard but is learning that they are not friends. An adorable scruffy little pooch, Henry will grow to be about 20 pounds. Thank you to all who greet him on the street and put up with his enthusiasm and energy!



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Read All About It!

By Soni Sharma



For the SFRA Book Club's inaugural virtual meeting, everyone voted on their preferred genre and "thriller" was the most popular. We read *Little Secrets* by Jennifer Hillier, a story about a broken family; a kidnapping, an affair, where nothing was what it seemed.

Some of us had wine, some had dessert and we all had a wonderful discussion. Everyone had varying opinions on whether or not they liked the book, and everyone had different thoughts on the discussion questions. We shared some laughs, personal stories, and got to know each other a little better.

For March, the genre chosen was historical fiction. Members voted among four options to select the next book. We will be reading *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles, and will meet to discuss it on **Wednesday, April 7 at 8 pm**. We will be voting for our April book, in the general fiction genre later this month.

If you love reading, need some motivation to read or just want to meet some new people in Sherwood Forrest, please feel free to join us! You can contact me at soni_sharma@outlook.com and you'll be invited to the next meeting.



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Like It or Not

Like It...

I have to say it feels like Sherwood Forrest made it through the coronavirus better than many other neighbourhoods. It was nice to see people (and dogs) walking around. I'm very happy I live here!



Not...

It never fails that as the snow melts, the piles of dog poo start to appear on people's lawns, in the parks, on the side of the roads and the walkway between King Forrest and Robin Drive. I know there are a lot of first-time dog owners due to COVID, but picking up after your dog's #2 is the #1 rule!

Like It...

As a dog owner, it's nice to have so many new playmates (even though we know it's because of COVID)!

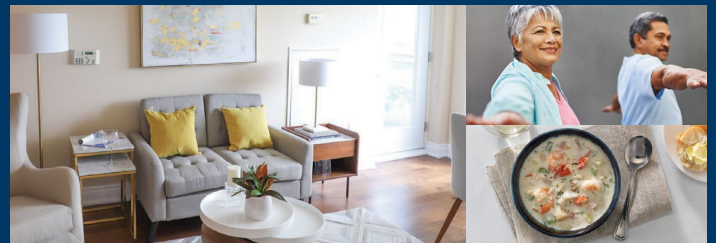
Like It (and Not)...

Over the winter I saw coyotes many times. They are something to behold, but also a reminder to respect and be aware of the wildlife we live near.



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Are you ready for your close-up? If you thought you saw Baba Voss (aka Jason Momoa) in our neighbourhood, it could have been him (and not Charles C.), because he was filming season two of his show *See* at Sheridan Mall. In fact, a number of productions (the Baroness Von Sketch Show filmed there last year) have used the mall to create everything from airports and hospitals to office and retail settings. Most recently filming on location there was *Y: The Last Man*, starring Diane Lane, a TV series set in a post-apocalyptic world where Y is the last surviving male human on the planet.

UPCOMING Events



Earth Day

**Sherwood Green Park
Saturday, April 24th
11:00 am – 1:00 pm**

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