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Sherwood Forrest

neighbourhood news



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School's out and summer is officially here!

by Bruno Galle, SFRA President

After a 2-year interruption due to you-know-what, our annual Fun Day event finally happened again. Although the fire truck and police vehicles were unable to lead the parade, neighbours, families and children of all ages with their decked out bikes followed the sound of the Bag Piper and Sister Veronica in a convertible MG driven by David Klassen. The fun continued with bouncy castles, obstacle courses, face painting, caricatures, Super Scientist scavenger hunt, bingo and other games.

THANK YOU to everyone who braved the heat to come out and play. I would also like to give a big thank you to all of our volunteers at Team SFRA who spent countless hours to plan the event and all the student volunteers who worked really hard to set up the tents and tables, help in the parade and at the play stations. **Last but certainly not least, a huge thank you to our Diamond Level sponsors Garry Betts and James Hodgins, our Gold Level sponsors Parkland on the Glen (who sponsored the very popular caricature artist), Royal Bank and Inder Singh, and Sandy Sun, the Silver Level sponsor of our face painting tent.**

While our Summer Social evening was unfortunately put on hold again this year, as we plan far in advance and Covid was still a threat, we will definitely look forward to its return in 2023! In the meantime we hope you can look forward to a Movie Night in the Park in September.

Our neighbourhood is constantly changing and we welcome the many new families

who have recently chosen Sherwood Forrest as their home to create lasting relationships and memories.

The SFRA is always looking for new volunteers who can bring fresh ideas to the Team. So if you are interested in volunteering for any of the positions or just to help out for an event or two, please reach out to one of our Team Members!

While our neighbourhood is great, it is not immune from the increase in crime that unfortunately is occurring across the City. The increase in vehicle thefts and break-ins we have been experiencing were a topic of concern at the Police Division 11 & 12 virtual meeting held on June 22nd. The expert panel emphasized a number of preventative measures (see page 7) that we could all be doing to reduce crime. The Neighbourhood Watch Program is one that we should also consider adopting if there is enough interest from residents.

On behalf of the SFRA have a safe, happy and healthy summer!



What's Shakin' in the HOOD

Sign o' the Times

After years of discussion about speeding in our neighbourhood, Hammond Road and Robin Drive are officially part of the Slow Streets program, an initiative to help reduce speeds using temporary traffic calming devices. Thank you to all the neighbours who participated in the survey that passed by an overwhelming majority! It appears the temporary signage is at least serving as a reminder to drivers that they are sharing the road with cyclists and pedestrians. The signs are the property of the City so if you see any of them damaged, please call 311 and they will be fixed. Lower speed limit signs should also be installed in our neighbourhood in the near future.



Aerial Spray Completed



The City completed the Aerial Spray Program on June 8th to manage high levels of LDD (Lymantria dispar aka gypsy moths). Residents are still encouraged to install burlap skirts around tree trunks, destroy any

caterpillars and scrape egg masses off of trees and soak them in soapy water for at least 48 hours.

SFRA Membership Drive Update

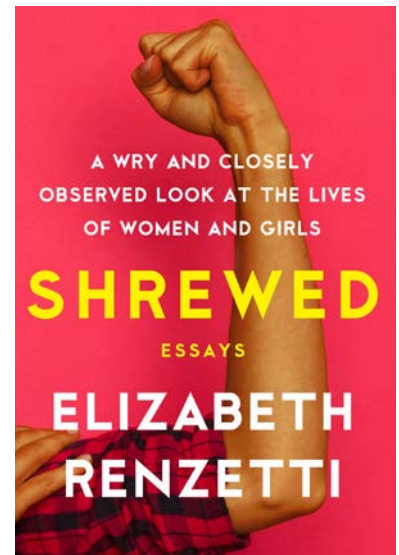
As of June 26th, the 2022 Membership Drive has raised \$4,585. Thank you to everyone who has contributed! If you haven't paid your fee, you can send an Interac e-Transfer to sfratresury@gmail.com (no password required) or drop off your membership fee in the mailbox at 2581 Robin Drive.

Meet the Author of Shrewed

by Cara Cross

The Sherwood Forrest Book Club is very excited to welcome our special guest, Canadian author and journalist Elizabeth Renzetti, to our August book club meeting. This is our book club's first 'meet the author' event and we are incredibly privileged to be discussing with Elizabeth her book "Shrewed: A Wry and Closely Observed Look at the Lives of Women and Girls."

This insightful book is a collection of original essays that invites us to take an honest look at the lives of girls and women in our society. **To reserve your space for this special evening on August 23rd, please contact me at cara.m.cross@gmail.com or 437-779-7676.**





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Hammond House Update

by Pierre Roy

On August 29th, the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) will hear the case on the proposed development of the Hammond House property. The initial development application was made in 2012 and the City remains in opposition to the landowner's proposal. The SFRA reached out to the City requesting an updated staff report and application information but did not hear back in time for publishing. The information below is from a May 2014 City Staff Report.

- Change the land use of a portion of the property from "greenbelt" to "residential low density 2" to permit detached, semi-detached and duplex dwellings.
- Retain the Hammond House on a smaller lot within the existing lot.
- Remove 178 of 200 trees > 6" on the lands currently zoned "greenbelt."
- Channelize the remaining above-grade portions of Loyalist Creek and grade the site for development.
- Create 7 new lots on either side of the creek at the north end of the property and south of the retained Hammond House.



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'Tis the season for Vegan Two Potato Salad!

by Cara Cross

With summer BBQ season upon us, it's time to get the gang together to enjoy the backyard. Finding dishes that are easy to prepare and suitable for different diets make it easy for the chef to enjoy the party, too!

This vegan potato salad is delicious with only a few simple ingredients and it can be made hours in advance to allow the flavours to blend. The potatoes can be boiled the night before or early in the morning. Another quick tip is to buy the sweet potatoes already peeled and cubed.



Ingredients:

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| 6 large white potatoes | 1 cup Hellmann's vegan mayonnaise |
| 4 sweet potatoes
(or 1 14 oz. container) | 1 tsp mild curry powder |
| 3 green onions | Salt and pepper to taste |

Directions:

1. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil.
2. Peel white potatoes, cut into large cubes and add to the boiling water.
3. After the white potatoes have boiled for 5 to 8 minutes, add peeled and cubed sweet potatoes to the pot.
4. Let all the potatoes boil in the water together for 10 minutes or until you can pierce them with a fork.
5. Drain the potatoes thoroughly and let cool on the counter for 10 minutes and then in the refrigerator for at least one hour.
6. Chop celery and green onions into small pieces and add to the cold potatoes.
7. Mix curry powder, salt and pepper into the mayonnaise.
8. Add the spiced mayonnaise to the potatoes and mix thoroughly.
9. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Oh, whatta Fun Day we had!



While it may look easy and effortless, it takes countless volunteer hours to pull off a successful Fun Day, including the cooperation of the weather. But hearing the laughter and seeing the smiling, happy faces of children of all ages, makes all the hard work worth it!



Meet Milo, a five-year-old Schnauzer owned by Lisa and Joe Bruno. Named after the Adventures of Milo and Otis, although in the movie the orange tabby is Milo and Otis is the dog. He loves to show off his watchdog skills by barking at anyone – humans, dogs, squirrels, robins – who walks by 'his' corner on Hammond. Milo has two brothers who live on Sir John's Homestead, which he found out on a walk one day. What a coincidence! Milo's greatest gift is that he's kept the family united with all the love he has given from the first day he was brought home. Milo even helps volunteer by delivering newsletters for the SFRA!



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I want to start by saying I love living in Sherwood Forrest. For many years I worked hard so that I could afford to buy a house in this neighbourhood and raise my family here. But over the past couple of years I've noticed a lot more homes that are not being cared for the way they should be. I have a neighbour who doesn't cut the grass hardly ever. He also leaves his garbage bin and recycling bin out in front of his house all the time. I've also seen raccoons eating garbage in his yard. I am very frustrated when I see people who don't take any pride for their own home.

Ed note: A number of residents have complained about unkempt yards and garbage bins. Homeowners, including owners of rental properties, are responsible for maintaining their property according to the City's by-laws. The City has also introduced two new fines for properties that remain non-compliant.

Tall grass and weeds

Grass and weeds on private property and the adjoining boulevard must be cut and maintained to a height not exceeding 20 cm as per the Nuisance Weed and Tall Grass Control By-law.

Litter and waste

Waste containers must be stored in the backyard, side yard or garage when they're not out for pickup.

To submit a property standards complaint, call 311.

RATS!

The rat control subsidy pilot program (peelregion.ca/rat-subsidy-program), which helps residents with the costs of outdoor rat issues (interior issues are not eligible), is now available until November 30th. The program reimburses residents for 50% of the cost in hiring a Region of Peel approved pest control vendor, up to a maximum of \$200 per calendar year.

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



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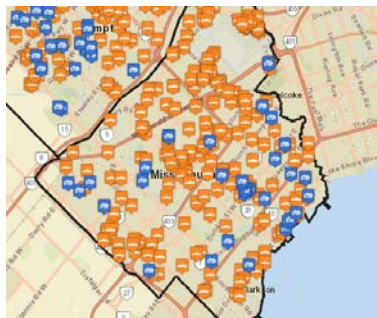
A car is stolen every 48 minutes in Ontario. The most popular models are high-end SUVs and trucks (Lexus RX, Toyota Highlander, Land Rover, Silverado, Sierra, etc.) Over the past 30 days, there have been two auto thefts and one break and enter reported here. While even one is considered too many, all evidence points to Sherwood Forrest being a very safe neighbourhood.

The Virtual Community Meeting hosted by Constable Rowena Pryce, 11 Division Community Liaison Officer, addressed community safety concerns and provided these crime prevention tips:

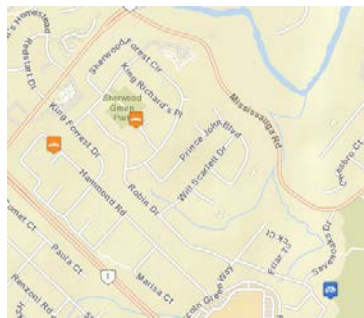
- Park your vehicle in the garage.
- Always lock car doors and roll up the windows.
- Cover or block your vehicle identification number.
- Store car keys far away from your vehicle in a FARADAY/RFID Blocking device if possible.
- Use theft prevention devices (steering wheel lock, automatic engine shut-off and/or a tracking device).

- Invest in outdoor security cameras.
- Keep all doors (garage, front, back, patio and side) locked, even when home.
- Ensure shrubs are maintained to have clear sightlines to all accessible windows and doors.
- Install bright motion sensor lights or keep exterior lights on all night.
- Get to know your neighbours and look out for each other's properties.
- Consider installing a second locking device for windows and sliding doors.
- Don't advertise travel plans on social media.
- Ask a friend or neighbour to pick up mail and care for your house while away.
- Suspend newspapers and other deliveries.

Source: peel.police.ca/en/safety-tips/protecting-yourself-and-your-property.aspx



Blue: Break and Enter
Orange: Auto Theft



Source: peel.police.ca/en/in-the-community/crime-statistics-and-maps.aspx

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