

# Sherwood Forrest

## neighbourhood news



Sherwood Green  
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A quarterly newsletter issued by the Sherwood Forrest Residents Association

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## Hoping for more "normal" in 2023...

by Bruno Galle, SFRA President

Hopefully everyone had a wonderful start to 2023 (and managed to avoid any new Covid variants that unfortunately are back and spreading once again). Ed note: our hope is to not have to mention Covid in 2024 and beyond!

The start of a new year brings optimism, new beginnings and hopeful resolutions. In that spirit, the SFRA team hopes we are able to host ALL of the social events that we have been holding for the past many years, as well as look forward to trying new and (fun) events.

At our AGM we mentioned that our neighbourhood is constantly changing with new families, traditions and customs. If you or someone you know would like to share an idea for a social event, please let us know!

On other fronts, we will continue to monitor and report on any news for the Carmel Heights property or any development that may impact Sherwood Forrest. As of newsletter press time, there have not been any formal announcements regarding Carmel Heights, though the remaining Sisters moved out in December.

There was a Community Information Session on January 24th for the proposed development to change the zoning and official City plan at 2935-2955 Mississauga Rd. near Dundas (13-storey

building with 196 units, 20 stacked townhouses and 331 parking spaces including 3 levels of underground parking). To read the latest information, visit [mississauga.ca](http://mississauga.ca) and search for OZ/OPA 22-6 Ward 8. You can also email the City Planner at [Michael.Franzolini@mississauga.ca](mailto:Michael.Franzolini@mississauga.ca) if you have any questions or comments.

The Slow Street Program that began last spring is currently reviewing the installation of new traffic calming measures, however the new speed limit of 40 km/hr should already be installed on some streets.

Your annual membership fee (\$20) is very important and much appreciated. If you like to make your contribution early this year you could send an e-transfer to [sfratreasury@gmail.com](mailto:sfratreasury@gmail.com) or drop off your dues in an envelope at 2581 Robin Drive (in the mailbox).

As 2023 begins in earnest, I am very grateful that our neighbourhood has a great team on the SFRA committee who continue to volunteer their time and effort so that we are able to hold our social activities and make our Sherwood Forrest community great all year round. On behalf of the SFRA team, I hope that the Year of the Rabbit brings you and your families plenty of health, peace and happiness.



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[www.sfra.ca](http://www.sfra.ca)

# What's **Shakin'** in the hood?

## SFRA **Holiday** Scavenger Hunt unscrambled



Over the holiday break, 15 super sleuths unscrambled the Holiday Scavenger Hunt riddle. They figured out the phrase was “Frosty the snowman was a jolly happy soul.” Sadly it was the closest we got to experiencing any snowman due to the lack of snow!

## AGM Video

The AGM was once again very informative about what's happening in and around Sherwood Forrest and Ward 8. Participants included councillor Matt Mahoney, MPP Rudy Cuzzetto, representatives from Peel Regional Police and the City planning, building, road safety, licensing and zoning departments, and of course, SFRA president Bruno Galle. For those who missed the Zoom meeting in November, you can access a full video recording at [sfra.ca](http://sfra.ca).



## Sherwood Village Update

A few issues regarding the mall came up during the AGM, which have been addressed by the City. The long term plan is to work with the owners to minimize film shoots as more mall tenants are found. The mall has added a security patrol car and are shutting the P3 area nightly to reduce litter and loitering. Additional garbage receptacles have been added and an employee is scheduled to pick up litter in the parking lot seven days a week.



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# 'Tis the Season to Keep it Simple!

by Cara Cross

After a hectic December, start the year with the simple pleasure of an easy visit, catching up with old friends or getting to know new friends a little better. Whatever the occasion, a little preparation beforehand will ensure you can enjoy an evening of stress-free entertaining. A charcuterie board is the perfect choice to make ahead and please all your guests. From meat lovers to vegans and all tastes in between, you can include a little something for everyone. The wonderful thing about curating the perfect charcuterie board is that the creator is only limited by their imagination. Here are a few things to consider...

## **Make your board beautiful**

Choose a board or platter that is an appropriate size and be sure to include different colours, flavours, textures and decorative additions.

## **Include spicy, sweet, savoury and salty elements**

Enhance and balance flavours by adding a variety of complementary elements that will also pair nicely with wine, cocktails, sparkling water or soft drinks.

## **Accompany with crackers and bread basket**

A variety of artisan crackers and slices of baguette or focaccia bread adds additional substance for those who may have more of an appetite.

## **Basic meat and cheese elements set the theme of your platter**

Three types of cheeses and meats is a good rule of thumb. Try a hard salty Italian cheese, a soft goat or creamy cheese and an old cheddar. Sliced prosciutto, dry Italian sausage or other cured meats are always favourites. For a different flavour set, try a variety of French cheeses, such as a creamy Brie, nutty Comté and tangy Roquefort, with duck liver paté and smoked salmon.

## **Don't forget your fruits and veggies**

Pickles, olives, peppers or mini carrots add additional colour and help cut the richness of cheese and meat. Fruits and vegetables are also a great choice for those who do eat meat or dairy and are available in varieties of sweet, spicy and salty varieties.

## **Dips, jellies and hummus enhance flavours**

Adding a small spoonful of hot pepper jelly, fig jam, baba ghanoush or roasted red pepper hummus kick up the flavour a notch!

## **Decorate your board**

Finish off your board with a small decorative element and tasty treat. Fill out any spaces with dried figs, apricots, grapes or roasted walnuts.

*Buon appetito / bon appetit!*



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# Wil-E Coyotes by Al Zizek



The coyotes seen throughout Sherwood Forrest may be wily, but they are not like the cartoon one many of us grew up watching Saturday mornings on Looney Tunes. They are attracted to our neighbourhood by food and shelter. While they aren't a big risk to people, they are wild animals that are attracted to smaller animals if other food sources aren't readily available. Here are some tips from the City to protect your pets from coyotes and foxes:

- Keep a close eye on pets when you let them in your yard
- Go outside with your pet when they're in the yard
- When walking your pet, keep them on a 5-foot leash
- If you encounter a coyote, stay calm and wait until it goes away
- Do not turn your back or run; like dogs, they will chase anything that runs
- If a coyote approaches, stand tall, wave your arms, clap, yell, make startling movements or throw an object at it to scare it away
- Startle the animal by opening an umbrella, using a flashlight or activating a loud alarm or noise

- Enclose areas underneath patio decks, sheds and other potential den sites to keep them away from your yard
- Remove attractants from your property such as fallen bird seed, accessible garbage, fruit windfall and ripe vegetables
- **NEVER feed them!**

Feeding of wildlife is prohibited in the City of Mississauga. FINES RANGE FROM \$300 TO A MAXIMUM OF \$100,000. It's also unsafe and not very smart, much like that cartoon coyote.

The City encourage residents to report fox and coyote sightings on their Interactive Coyote Map: [www.mississauga.ca/coyotemap](http://www.mississauga.ca/coyotemap). **If your pet has been attacked or if you see an aggressive, sick or injured coyote or fox, call 905-896-5858 immediately.**

## K9 CORNER

This is Woodie :). He is a four and a half year old Shiba Inu. Woodie has lived in Sherwood Forrest all his life and has become known to his many neighbours, especially folks along Hammond Road. Woodie has also made a lot of canine friends in the neighbourhood. Not to be confused with the crypto coin recently trading at \$0.00000871 USD, the Shiba Inu is a breed of hunting dog from Japan.

A small, alert and agile dog, its name literally translates to "brushwood dog" as it was used to flush game from their hiding places. Just watch out for skunks!



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# Holiday Fest was a Sweet Success

by Al Zizek

The second annual Holiday Food Drive & Bake Sale was a huge success due to all the bakers, volunteers and patrons who contributed to having some seasonal fun and lending a helping hand.

Thank you to everyone who donated money, their time, baked tasty treats and/or bought those yummy lo-cal (!) creations, we raised **\$1,370** and collected nearly 1,000 pounds of food for The Mississauga Food Bank. The food collected is equivalent to **\$3,168.27** or **3,100** nourishing meals.

Special thanks to Cara Cross, her family and the SFRA team who organized the event. Thanks again to everyone for sharing during this special time of year and for helping out neighbours in need.



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# Like It or Not



## Not...

Even though I'm a newer Canadian and used to warmer weather where I was born, I miss having a traditional snowy winter. I'm especially sad for the kids who had a holiday break without any sledding. Let it snow! Let it snow!

## Like It...

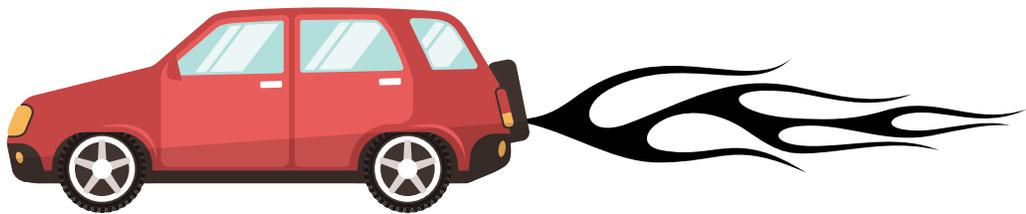
It felt like there were more Christmas lights up across Sherwood Forrest. I hope people keep them up until the end of February. It really brightens up the neighbourhood!

## Not...

To anyone who scoops their dog's poop BUT then leaves their soiled poop bag on the sidewalk for somebody else to pick up, take it home or drop it off in the garbage can in the park. Please clean up after your own dog. If you want a dog, great, but clean up after it yourself.

## Not...

I was sad to see the slow street pylons get taken away. I have noticed a real difference in cars speeding without them around.



## Have something to say?

Email your **Likes** or **Nots** to [SherwoodForrestRA@gmail.com](mailto:SherwoodForrestRA@gmail.com)



## Sisters Starting a New Chapter by Glenna Gallant

The nuns of Carmel Heights have been living in Sherwood Forrest for almost 70 years. During that time, they became active participants in both the SFRA Easter Egg Hunt and Fun Day events. And in turn many of our residents took part in their sales, raffles and forged friendships with them. On November 3rd some neighbours gathered at Carmel Heights to bid a fond farewell to the sisters, who have relocated to St. Catherine's. It was nice to be able to reminisce with Sister Veronica and all of the sisters who attended. Sincere thanks to Theresa Pamatat who organized the get-together and spoke on our behalf to say goodbye. I'm pretty sure for some of us, it was a tearful goodbye.

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Contact the SFRA and get involved in your neighbourhood.

## UPCOMING Events

### Family Skate



Sherwood Green Park  
 Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 1 pm - 2:30 pm  
 (Rain Date: Feb 12th)

### Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8th



### Earth Day

Saturday, April 22nd



### Fun Day

Saturday, June 17th

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