



SJHRA EARLY SPRING NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello neighbours and welcome to our Early Spring 2016 newsletter. First of all, I would like to welcome our new residents to the neighbourhood. I am sure you will find the Sir John's Homestead neighbours friendly and inviting. On a second note, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of the members for your continued support over the years. The 2015/2016 year has already been successful with reaching the highest number of members yet. We have reached an all time high of 100 members. WAY TO GO!!!!

I trust that everyone is looking forward to Spring, although, some may suggest we never really had a winter this year. It was a great year for good deals on snowblowers! We have a busy year planned, and we would like to have as many of our members participating as possible. Here is a quick list of the events planned so far in our neighbourhood for 2016:

Saturday April 23, 2016 – Earth Day clean up of the neighbourhood

Saturday May 28, 2016 – Gardening Day

Saturday June 4, 2016 – Garage Sale (Rain day Sat Jun 11, 2016)

There is additional information on each of the above items, further on in the newsletter. However, first let me bring you some information on items that are of interest to our neighbourhood.

ASH TREE REMOVAL:

As we are all aware, there is an ongoing project to remove ash trees that have been infested with the ash bore beetles. You may note that many trees have been removed in the Windy Hollow pathway area. Regarding tree replacement, trees on boulevards have generally been replaced within a year of removal. Assurances have been given by the City that other replacements, such as those in the park area at Solitaire Court and Sir John's Homestead, will take place in the future.

BIKE PATHWAY NORTH OF SIR JOHN'S

Any of you that frequent the pathway north of Sir John's Homestead will notice that, once again, over the winter, the freeze / thaw cycles have taken a toll on the condition of the asphalt. This has been noted and reported to the City. It is understood that there is an annual review of pathway condition in April and we can expect repairs to be carried out soon after. This has been an ongoing problem and appears to be more than

a cosmetic repair. Recommendations have been made to the City that a more substantial repair take place since one of the areas appears to involve poorly compacted soil beneath the asphalt.

LODGING HOUSES

Rest assured that your Board is always vigilant in the monitoring of homes that may be perceived to be considered "Lodging Houses". Due to our proximity to UTM, we are an attractive area for new owners wanting to provide accommodations. We can be proud of the fact that the Sir Homestead Ratepayers' Association initiated a by-law with the City that provides some measure of control. It should be noted that the by-law is all-inclusive regardless of the nature of the tenant. Should you perceive that there may be an issue, it is important that you bring this to the attention of any Board member. Since we have the most recent information, we can provide you with a well informed response and determine if action needs to be taken.

GARBAGE BIN LOCATION:

As the result of a request of one of our residents at the AGM in October 2015, the garbage bins that were situated at the corner of Solitaire Court and Sir John's Homestead were relocated further along the pathway and closer to The Collegeway. The intent of the move was to eliminate excessive dumping. From observations, it was suggested that the bins were becoming a convenient location to dispose of garbage beyond what would be considered normal. With the exception of two times, the relocation has been successful. We are very optimistic that there will be no reoccurrences. Although the dumping since then is wrong, it appears that the drums were too convenient to resist. Please keep the Board informed and we can assist you to resolve any future problems. We need to keep our finger on the pulse and we can represent the neighbourhood.

In conclusion, I am proud to be associated with this neighbourhood and look forward to continued interaction to keep things safe and clean.

Keith Salt President

EARTH DAY- SATURDAY APRIL 23rd

Residents of Sir John's Homestead,

Spring is just around the corner and our 4th Annual Earth Day event is fast approaching. As part of our ongoing social responsibility, I would like to invite you all to participate in our neighbourhood clean up day on April 23rd. Last year our event was very successful. We had 19 courageous volunteers come out to support us. Let's see if we can exceed last years' numbers! I invite you all to participate and students are also welcomed (It's a great way to gain two hours of community service). The meeting point will be at the Earl Fee bench on the corner of Sir John's Homestead and Solitaire at 9:30 am. The clean up should only run a couple of hours. Latex gloves, pickers and garbage bags will be provided. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated as we will all benefit. Residents can make a difference in our neighbourhood and we should have pride in living in such a great community!

Kaila Sugeng- Webmaster and Editor

GARDENING DAY- SATURDAY MAY 28th

In the past, annual clean up of the park area at Solitaire Court and Sir John's Homestead has been carried out. It is a great way to meet the neighbours and work on something that is important to us all, keeping our neighbourhood tidy. You will note that our entrance garden (northwest corner of Redstart and Dundas St) is something to be proud of. This would not occur if not for interested owners and neighbours. These two areas have been a focus of attention in the past. Moving forward, we are looking for new horizons. As such, we have been communicating with the City regarding clean up of the other two entrance garden areas and they have agreed to work with us to "spruce" things up. It is expected that the garden area at Sir John's Homestead and Dundas (just east of "The Grange") will be our area of work this year, specifically on May 28, 2016. Meeting spot will be at the Earl Fee bench on the corner of

Solitaire and Sir John's Homestead for 9:30 am.
Students are welcome and it is a great way to gain a few hours of community service for your school. An email will be sent closer to the date as a reminder to get your gardening gloves and rakes out.

Keith Salt- President

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BI ANNUAL NEIGHBOURHOOD GARAGE SALE

It is that time again..... our bi-annual neighbourhood garage sale will be taking place this June. The scheduled date is Saturday June 4th with June 11th being our back up rain day. So hang on to all of the Spring Cleaning junk that you were planning on tossing. Remember one person's junk is another person's treasure....

We all hope that you can participate this year. More information will be emailed to members closer to the date.

EVENTS AT THE GRANGE

The Grange and Heritage Mississauga are hosting a couple of events this Spring. The first event is an Aboriginal Workshop on Indigenous conversation on April 16th from 1-4 pm. There is a fee of \$25.00 to attend and must be prepaid to reserve your spot. For more information please call 905-828-8411 ex. 0

The second event is the Genealogy Workshop that takes place on April 30th from 10am – 3 pm. Once again this workshop has a fee of \$25.00 and must be prepaid to reserve a spot. For more information, please call 905-828-8411 ex. 0