



This is our Spring Issue

The evenings are lighter as the days get longer and we are on daylight saving time. Spring officially arrived on March 20 and Earth day is April 22. So it must be time to think about our lovely neighbourhood and cleaning up after winter. Friday April 22 would be a great day for each of us to go outside and pick up litter that mars our common areas

President's Message

Dear Members,

Your Board of Directors has been busy working on your behalf in the past few months. We have completed a Parking Survey, obtained quotes for a group purchase of topsoil in the Spring, monitored activities in the townhomes, represented you at the MIRANET Annual General Meeting and received updates on future road repairs in our area.

Please read the reports for the Parking Survey and the update on the topsoil purchase below. Our own Michael Spicer made a comprehensive and informative presentation at the MIRANET AGM dealing with the Strategic Plan for Mississauga. This is the plan for the future of Mississauga. It encompasses how we will grow, how we will accommodate our aging population, how transit will develop and how many other aspects of life will be handled in Mississauga. For more information on this endeavour please go to the City's website and search for the strategic plan.

The latest information received from Councillor Katie Mahoney is that the curb replacement and road resurfacing are still in the budget. We are now waiting for the final Budget for 2011 to be approved and hopefully the road repairs will not be deferred.

Our next newsletter will be in the late spring or early summer, so I am taking this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Easter. Respectfully, Alina Zogala president@sjhra.ca

On-Street Parking Survey

Thanks to everyone who took the time to complete the online parking survey. Of the 134 households we received 47 completed surveys. Only 43 (32%) were deemed valid given 3 had no address and 1 was a duplicate (from the same household). Here is the summary of the results:

Q1: To what extent do you feel that there is a parking problem near your home?

- 49% No problem / Slight problem
- 23% Occasional problem
- 28% Frequent / Serious problem

Q2: What is your street address?

Most of the residents who indicated there is a Frequent or Serious problem are located near the intersection of Sir John's Homestead & Solitaire Court.

Q3: If you feel there is a parking problem near your home, please indicate your main concern.

- 44% Unwanted traffic
- 32% Safety
- 21% Other (3 responses related to safety while 3 related to being unhappy that tickets were given to residents)
- 3% Privacy

Q4: Would you like your SJHRA to request on-street parking restrictions on all streets within the SJH subdivision from the City of Mississauga?

- 66% Yes
- 34% No

Q5: If you answered Yes to Q4 above – what type of on-street parking restrictions do you feel would work best in the sub-division?

- 53% 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays only
September – May
- 28% Other (see below for responses)
- 11% 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – all year
- 8% 24 hour / 7 day per week restrictions
– limited number of hours at all times

Summary & Recommendations:

Given that the overall response-rate to the parking survey was relatively low, at 32%, and given that 72% of respondents feel there is no problem, a slight problem or only an occasional problem – the parking issue is not viewed by most of you as a priority at this point in time.

Having said that, given the cluster of concern at the corner of SJH and Solitaire Court, and given 66% of respondents want some change to the current situation, many of you for safety concerns, SJHRA will contact the City of Mississauga to see if it can improve the visibility or expand the area of the no-parking signage in and around the intersection noted above.

Remember – as it now stands, even though there is a 3-hour limit for street parking all year long, if you or your guests need to park on the street for an extended period of time beyond the 3 hour limit, all you have to do is CALL '311'. The City will grant you permission to park on the street if you provide the license plate number and the dates required for the permit.

We also encourage all of you to continue to call By-law Enforcement at '311' if unwanted parking continues to be an issue around your home. ... John Hutchison

Group Purchase of Topsoil

Jeff Roberts has negotiated a special deal with Van Beek's Garden Supplies for members of our Association - a one cubic yard bag of their "premium" triple-mix garden soil for \$128 plus HST. This is about a 15% reduction from their regular price. To get this deal, you have to be a paid-up member, phone your order to Van Beek's (905 257 4580) by April 22 for delivery on May 6 when all deliveries for this deal will be made. If we do not confirm your membership, you pay the regular price.

Membership Update

Craig Finlayson reports we have 84 paid-up members. 25 other ratepayers are currently receiving our newsletter but have not paid their 2010-2011 dues of \$ 25. If you have not yet paid your dues, please drop your \$25 cheque in an envelope marked "Attn: Craig Finlayson, Membership Chair" along with your name and address, in the mailbox at 3248 SJH. There are about 25 households who we do not have contact with at present. The additional funds will be allocated to our "Green Space Improvement" project – see later in this newsletter for more details.

New Municipal Address By-law

John Hutchison reports on a new by-law that affects us.

In order to ensure that all street address numbers are clearly visible to emergency services personnel if called (i.e. police, fire and ambulance), the City of Mississauga recently passed a new Municipal Address By-law (By-law 265-91). Under the new by-law, residential property owners must affix and maintain municipal street numbers that are at least 4 inches high, they must be made of a durable material, and the numbers must contrast with the background on which they are mounted. In other words, your address numbers must be clearly visible from the street.

If your address does not meet these requirements, the City may affix or repair your number and recover the expense by adding the cost to your property tax bill. The first step in that process is that where one fails to comply, an order will be issued which will set out the date on which compliance with the order will be required. The new by-law was enacted and passed on February 23, 2011. For the full by-law go to:

<http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/bylaws> and scroll down and click on the Municipal Address By-law (or click on the link on the left side of our home page). Key sections include PART V Sections 5 (1) and 5(9) – Affixing Municipal Address Numbers to Buildings; PART VI Sections 6 (1) and 6 (2) – Maintenance of Municipal Address Numbers; as well as PART VIII – Enforcement and Penalty.

How to Care for Feral Cats

Come and learn how to care for the homeless outdoor cats in your neighborhood at a training workshop to be held at the Erin Mills Community Police Station, 3476 Glen Erin Drive on Saturday, April 2, 2011 between 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. For a registration form and more details, [click here](#).

Garage Sale

Anita Cianciolo reports that a garage sale, also known as a yard sale, rummage sale, tag sale, attic sale, moving sale, or junk sale... will be coming to the Sir John's Homestead neighbourhood this spring. We hope this event brings inspiration to your spring cleaning efforts. Tentative date is either May 28 or June 4. Stay tuned for more details in our next newsletter.

Heritage Bus Tour - Sunday, April 17

Jane Watt, Administrative Assistant, Heritage Mississauga sends us the following invitation: "Join us for a heritage tour of the City of Mississauga through a history lens." Heritage Mississauga is pleased to present this tour of the unique historic communities and attractions that can only be found in our city. Along the way you will have an opportunity to enjoy short walking tours and experience the charm of historic Mississauga. From 1 pm to 5 pm. Tickets \$19.50 and are limited. Please call today and book your ticket to ensure you have a seat on this adventure tour through time. For more information please contact the office at 905-828-8411 ext. "0" or by email at info@heritagemississauga.org

Green Space Improvement

Nick Close and Bob Alden met with city staff to look at the grass area between SHJ and the creek by the entrance to Solitaire Court. You may have noticed that city workers cut down last fall the burdock and other growth where the city has not mowed the grass for many years. Here is the deal we made based on the enthusiastic response at our last AGM. It was agreed to establish a line which will be the new edge of grass. In front of this line, the city will sow seed and cut the new grass on a regular basis. Behind this line WE will remove some of the smaller growth and plant new shrubs and trees that the city will supply. The WE is a mix of SJHRA volunteers and some city staff. The city will supply tools etc and will remove the debris. This will only work if sufficient members volunteer to show up and work on this project. The two dates the city has proposed (when staff and equipment is available) are Wednesday April 27 and Friday May 20. **If you can be available and would be willing to work, please send an email message to green@sjhra.ca** and indicate which of these days or both you will help us. Please do this before the end of March.

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