



SJHRA EARLY WINTER NEWSLETTER

Greetings from the Board

We have had an unseasonably warm Autumn and, according to the "Farmer's Almanac", we are looking forward to a "icy cold snowy" winter. Welcome to Canada, eh?

The year 2016 was an active year which included our annual Spring cleanup day, Gardening day, Biannual neighbourhood Garage sale and of course, monitoring the neighbourhood for home sales. For the first time, our membership exceeded 100 homes last year (104 to be exact) which demonstrates your strong interest in a sense of community keeping our neighbourhood safe.

Of particular interest to most of us, regarding the "home rental" issue, we have been very encouraged by the involvement and interest by our Councilor Matt Mahoney. Through the City, we have recently instigated two by-law officer / fire department visits to known rental homes in our neighbourhood and as a result, 4 of the owners were served with by-law infraction notices. In addition to this, City representatives (Councilor Mahoney and Mayor Crombie) have opened up discussions with UTM and other educational institutions in Mississauga to find ways to make changes to the "house rental" increase issue. It should be noted that the "house rental" issue is not exclusive to our neighbourhood and has become a City wide concern. The Board is working closely with the City to keep them aware of our observations.

On a positive note, we are pleased to say that we are welcoming young families to Sir John's Homestead and enjoying the benefits of our neighbourhood.

TULIP BULB PLANTING

On Saturday November 5th, a handful of the board members came together and planted over 200 tulip bulbs provided by the City of Mississauga. The tulip bulbs were planted in both main entrances. We hope you enjoy the beautiful blooms in the Spring. A big thank you to all the members that came out.



THE GRANGE OPEN HOUSE AND HOLIDAY EVENTS

On Tuesday December 6th, Heritage Mississauga hosts its 12th annual Holiday Open House and Carolling at The Grange. The Slovak Canadian Heritage Museum will be a key component of the 2016 Open House: Saint Nicholas will arrive to give out treats to children who can participate in Christmas craft events. The day will feature presentations, crafts, food and traditional Christmas carols around the outdoor fire (weather permitting).

Please drop off a donation for the Deacon's Cupboard (Food Bank) of St. Peter's Anglican Church.

Time will be from 10 am – 8pm with carolling starting at 7pm. The agenda is listed below.

For more information, please contact Heritage Mississauga at 905-828-8411 ext. "0" or by email at info@heritagemississauga.org.

Please note that the Grange will be closed on Dec. 16 until after New Years.

12:30 - 1:30pm "Myth & History Combined The Story of Santa Claus"

3:30 - 4:30pm "Deck the Halls The Story of Christmas Traditions"

6:30 - 7:00pm New Heritage Video Launch Mississauga the First 10,000 Years

7:00 - 8:00pm (or a bit later!) Traditional Fireside Christmas Carolling

AGM- RECAP

The AGM was a success once again! Thanks to all of those that attended. We love seeing your support. There was a great discussion this year. Guests included Matt Mahoney, Ian Masini and Tim Gallanger, all from the City of Mississauga. Below is a summary of what was discussed.

Introduction – Keith welcomed everyone

Activity Reports-

- Gardening Day – May
- Earth Day – April
- Garage Sale – June

Treasurer's Report

Our financial position was reviewed by A. Breuer, who provided details of the year's expenditures. Expenses totaled \$1,330 on Administration and the year balance was \$5,709.

Membership

C. Finlayson proposed, and was approved at the AGM meeting, that the membership fees will remain at \$20 per household again for the upcoming year.

Election of Directors

K Salt discussed the need for more Directors, however, no volunteers came forward during AGM. It was brought to the attention of attendees that all the current Board members were willing to remain for the coming year.

City Guests

K Salt introduced Councillor Matt Mahoney and members of City staff - Ian Masini, Supervisor Compliance and Licensing Enforcement; and Tim Gallagher, Manager, Zoning & Zoning Administrator P&B.

A BIG WELCOME TO THIS BEAUTIFUL CORNER OF THE WORLD!!

Finally, from your Board, taking the opportunity to wish you the very best of the season and looking forward to a very prosperous 2017. Watch for the Entrance Gardens to "come alive" with tulips in the Spring!!

As always, we are interested in keeping the neighbourhood safe and clean. Should you have any concerns, don't hesitate to contact us.

Keith Salt

President, Sir John's Homestead Ratepayers' Association

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