

WELCOME HOME

SJHRA NEWSLETTER



GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD

Life, as we used to know it, is slowly returning. We trust that all is well and looking forward to the hot, lazy days of summer! On June 21, we enjoyed about 15 hours and 30 minutes of sunlight! Hope it was ENJOYED by all.

We are still actively meeting, and as they say, "taking care of business!". We are always available, if there is something that the Board can assist you with.

We are already looking ahead to this year's **Annual General Meeting** slated for October, and we are already planning on holding it virtually as was done last year. It is safe to say that we have learned a lot about virtual meetings and how to make the most of them.

Looking forward to seeing you out and about on your summer walks!

On behalf of The Board,

Keith Salt

President, Sir John's Homestead Ratepayers Association Inc.

GARLIC MUSTARD

Garlic Mustard is an invasive herb native to Europe. It was brought to North America in the early 1800s for use as an edible herb. Available in the early spring and high in vitamins A and C, it has a strong, distinctive smell similar to garlic. Since its arrival in North America it has escaped into the wild and is now one of Ontario's most aggressive forest invaders.

What it looks like

Garlic Mustard can look like several native Ontario plants. The best way to identify Garlic Mustard is to crush the leaves. If they have a strong garlic smell, then it's most likely Garlic Mustard.

How it spreads

Garlic Mustard seeds fall close to the parent plant, but are spread over long distances by humans, pets and wildlife. Seeds can be carried on items including boots, fur or clothing.

What you can do

You can help stop the spread of Garlic Mustard. We need volunteers for the City's Garlic Mustard Task Force. You'll receive training and be assigned to a park or natural area near your home. If you're interesting in volunteering for the Garlic Mustard Task Force, email parks.forestry@mississauga.ca for more information.



Video

Click on the image below to watch this great video on "**How To Manage Garlic Mustard by Hand.**" **Link:** <https://youtu.be/jiRWoqCjI7c>



2021 EVENTS

All community events have been postponed until further notice.

HELPFUL COMMUNITY LINKS

The City of Mississauga's latest updates regarding response and service impacts due to COVID-19 can be found here:

- <https://web.mississauga.ca/city-of-mississauga-news/covid-19-recovery/>
- <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/>

AGM MINUTES

The draft minutes from our AGM meeting, which was held in October of 2020 have been posted on the SJH website in the "**News**" section. Please visit us at sirjohnshomestead.com.

