



From our President

Hello neighbours and welcome to our early Spring 2014 newsletter. I hope everyone is looking forward to Spring as much as I am, after the coldest, snowiest winter in my 15 years in Sir John's Homestead! 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 2014:

Saturday, April 26th: EARTH DAY clean-up of the neighbourhood.

Saturday, May 10th: Gardening Day and Bench Dedication

Saturday, June 7th: Bi-annual Neighbourhood Garage Sale (*alternate date if rained out will be June 14th*)

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.

1) Cell Phone Towers: As a follow up to an article that appeared in our April 2012 Newsletter, the Government of Canada (which regulates the Cell Phone industry) has

announced new rules to ensure Canadians have a stronger say on where cell towers are built in their communities. Canadians depend on reliable wireless service now more than ever before. As a result, we are seeing an increasing number of new cell towers being built in communities across Canada.

The placement of these towers is often a divisive issue, and Canadians deserve to have a say on where new cell tower towers are being built in their neighbourhoods. The changes announced today will close loopholes and ensure that local residents and municipal governments are at the centre of the cell tower placement process. Effective immediately, wireless companies will now be required to:

- consult communities on all new cell towers, regardless of height;
- ensure residents are clearly informed of upcoming consultations, with well-marked consultation notices delivered to their homes; and
- if approval is granted, the company must build that tower within three years.

We are not aware of any plans to have a cell phone tower erected in this neighbourhood, but we felt you should be aware of the changes that have been made to regulations governing these towers.

2) Parking Considerations: As a reminder about Parking restrictions in our neighbourhood, the City has provided some guidelines.

- Residents can request up to 14 temporary parking permits, each for up to 5 days by calling 311 between 7 am and 7 pm Monday to Friday. Residents will be required to provide licence plate numbers of the vehicles that require the exemption.
- The City of Mississauga charges an administrative fee of \$63.28 (HST included) for single family dwellings requesting considerations that extend longer than 5 days.

- Parking considerations may be temporarily suspended where snow removal or other weather conditions may restrict street parking
- Parking Enforcement Officers enforce the City's Traffic By-law which clearly stipulates that a vehicle may NOT be parked on the street:
 - Between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from November 1 to March 31; and
 - For more than three (3) hours at a time on any day throughout the year
- Further details about parking on the street, what to do about reporting illegal parking and paying parking tickets can be found at www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/parking

3) Installation of New Playground Equipment: The new playground at Glen Erin Trail (situated next to Windy Hollow Park) is scheduled to be replaced in mid-July subject to site conditions. The new playground will include a play structure and swing, with playground mulch for surfacing. For more information, contact Bill Montague, Project Manager, who can be reached at 905-615-3200, ext. 3676 or william.montague@mississauga.ca

4) Dundas Street Major Water Main Replacement: Sandra LeFaucheur, Project Co-ordinator, Water Division with Public Works at the Region of Peel informs that the water main replacement on Dundas Street near Sir John's Homestead has been deferred to 2015. The project manager will be Jaime Acosta who can be reached at 905-791-7800, ext. 7922.

Earth Day 2014 – April 26: Residents of Sir John's Homestead, Spring is just around the corner and Earth Day is fast approaching. As part of our ongoing social responsibility, I would like to invite you all to participate in our annual neighbourhood clean-up day on April 26th. Last year our event was very successful, we had 20 courageous volunteers come out to support us (during a blizzard) and we accumulated 22 bags of garbage that would otherwise have eventually found itself lodged in various areas of our neighbourhood. Let's see if we can exceed last years' numbers!

I invite you all to participate - 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 approximately 9:30 am. The clean up should only run a couple of hours. 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 Vargianitis-Sugeng

Spring is coming...



Gardening Day and Bench Dedication: The annual planting and clean-up of our entry garden on Dundas Street and the parkette at the corner of SJH and Solitaire is scheduled for Saturday, May 10th at 9:30 am.

Once again we will be cleaning up after the winter's damage, some weeding and perhaps planting some new plants and bushes.

If you are able to come out, please bring a stiff rake or spade, gardening gloves, and if you have a wheelbarrow, that would be appreciated as well. We usually wrap up before noon.

We will be dedicating the 'Earl Fee' bench in our park at 10 am. Even if you cannot stay to help out with the gardening, please drop by for a few minutes while we recognize the accomplishments of Earl Fee. Hope to see you there!

Bi-annual Garage Sale: Your association is organizing a neighbourhood-sized garage sale for Saturday, June 7th starting as early as you want to set up your wares at the end of your drive-way. Garage sales shoppers usually start early! We will be posting ads on line and in the Mississauga News as well as prominent signage on Dundas Street. Start your Spring Cleaning now and see what treasures (for others) you can find!

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