

WELCOME HOME

SJHRA EARLY WINTER NEWSLETTER



GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD

With the recent cold snap and snowfall, the leaf raking became a bit of a challenge. Shoveling snow to find the leaves!

Once again, 2017 / 2018 was an active year, which included our annual Spring cleanup day, Gardening Day and of course, monitoring the neighbourhood for home sales.

Our membership continues to exceed 100 homes, which demonstrates your strong strong interest in a sense of community keeping our neighbourhood safe.

I would like to welcome Liza Alexander to the

SJHRA Board. Liza is a relatively new addition to our neighbourhood (but not the area) and brings a wealth of knowledge related to website management and other communication tools. You will notice a difference! "Dancing" across a keyboard is a talent that I have not yet mastered.

We also welcome Colleen Close, back to the Board. For some years, Colleen has always been genuinely interested in the neighbourhood and we have her husband Nick to thank for all of his, "behind the scenes" attention to all things garden related.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD CHANGES

In addition to the hard work carried out at the playground garden last spring, the City has planted about 60 tulip bulbs this fall. A bright start to Spring 2019 at the playground together with our entrance gardens!

You may also have noted that due to the wind storm we experienced in early May, a tree fell close to the playground damaging a chain link fence. The City has informed us that this will be repaired in the near future.

Through a City initiative, the two park benches with plaques (one near Solitaire and SJH and one near the playground) have been upgraded recently with better wood, end railings, and the plaque has been inset into the wood.

Upgrades were made to the walking path along the hill. Signage was erected to make all aware of the pedestrian/bicycle “sharing”. Also, vegetation was trimmed back to create better sight lines. This is a good start but ultimately may not slow down the cyclers. The hill still presents an on-going hazard.

We are still looking for better solutions and in the interim, **please be aware when walking through this area.**



UTM AND US

We continue to monitor the “student housing” issues in our neighbourhood. A door to door visit was carried out in the fall by Mark Overton, UTM Dean of Student Affairs. Mark distributed a “Good Neighbours Guide” during his home visits of which should be at every household. The goal of the guide is to “encourage neighbourliness,” and in the guide are several phone numbers related to non-emergency police-related issues, noise, and other by-law concerns and parking concerns. Mark also attended our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in October to address any concerns raised.

In last years’ newsletter, it was noted that the “house rental” issue is not exclusive to our neighbourhood and has become a Citywide concern. The Board is working closely with the City to keep it aware of our observations. We have not seen an increase in “house rentals.”

The “Mississauga Good Neighbours Guide”, which as described by UTM as, “a resource for students, community residents, and landlords” is also available online at www.utm.utoronto.ca/goodneighbours.

OUR SJH FACEBOOK PAGE

A few neighbours have initiated a Facebook page for our neighbourhood use. This can be a great way to get to know people in our community. It has been set up as a "group" page, so, when accessing the page, the "administrators" will provide permission to join. This way, we can attempt to keep the members exclusive to our neighbourhood. It has been set up to serve our neighbourhood. The Facebook page link is noted below:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1368189393284464/>



THE GRANGE HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE



Heritage Mississauga

will host its 14th annual Holiday Open House and Carolling at **The Grange**, on **Tuesday, December 11th, from 6:30-9 p.m.**

The evening will feature presentations, crafts, coffee, hot chocolate, and traditional Christmas carols. Details are provided on the attached flyer.

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

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



AGM - RECAP

The AGM was a success once again! Thanks to all of those that attended.

This year, in addition to Matt Mahoney, other attendees were:

Nigel Robinson - Division Chief – Inspections and Enforcement

Tim Gallagher – Manager, Zoning & Zoning Administrator

Mike Keter - Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, Compliance & Licensing Enforcement

Jim Fowler - Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, Compliance & Licensing Enforcement

Cst. Taryn Hill #3254 - Community Liaison Officer, 11 Division

Mark Overton - UTM, Dean of Student Affairs

Andrew Stelmacovich - UTM, Executive Director of Advancement

Below is a summary of what was discussed:

Introduction – Keith welcomed everyone with the meeting opening at 7:37 p.m.

A **summary of happenings** in the neighbourhood was presented as noted below:

» Things are happening in our Neighbourhood

- Bench upgrades
- New garden at the playground
- Garage Sale (biannual)
- Earth Day (garbage cleanup)
- Tree removal at the Firehall
- Ongoing home sale observations
- Entrance Garden – More regular City maintenance
- Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1368189393284464/>
- Email updates of current events



Treasurer's Report

Our financial position was reviewed by A. Breuer, who provided details of the year's expenditures. Expenses totaled \$1,010 on Administration and the year balance was \$7,344.

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. Our current membership for the neighbourhood is at 101. We have maintained a "greater than 100" households for a few years now. This is very encouraging and we (the Board) are glad to serve a vibrant community.

Other Items

K. Salt discussed the need for more Directors, however, no volunteers came forward during AGM. Our current Board members have agreed to remain for the coming year. K. Salt informed that he would be stepping down as president as of Dec 31, 2018, however, would remain on the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

PLANS FOR THE SPRING

As in previous years, we are planning for our **Earth Day Clean Up** on **April 27, 2019**, and **Gardening Day**, on **May 25, 2019**. Mark it down on your calendar. More information will follow as the dates approach.

It has been requested throughout the year that we should have a **community barbeque**. We have had these in the past, however, it has been a few years. The Grange has offered their property to hold a barbeque event. That is the easy part. We are looking for volunteers to "make it happen". Some of offered to help and planning should commence sometime in the early Spring. Please respond to the SJHRA email (sjhraweb@gmail.com) to let us know if you are interested in **1.)** organizing and **2.)** attending. As the date gets closer, we will need to know how many are interested in attending. Presently, we are considering either **Saturday, June 22 or 29, 2019** as potential dates.



BEST OF THE SEASON TO ALL!

Finally, from your Board, taking the opportunity to wish you the very best of the season and looking forward to a very prosperous 2019!! 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 SJHRA Board of Directors 2017-2018

The current Board members are listed below:

President - Keith Salt 3142 SJH

Past President - Alina Zogala

Vice President - Tom Zakrzewski 3049 SJH

Webmaster & Editor - Liza Alexander 3137 SJH

Secretary - **Vacant**

MIRANET Rep - Axel Breuer 1760 SC

Treasurer - Axel Breuer 1760 SC

Membership - Craig Finlayson 3248 SJH

Interim Gardening - Keith Salt 3142 SJH

Member at Large - Colleen Close 3197 SJH