Newsletter of the Sir John's Homestead Ratepayer Association Inc. Editor – Kaila Sugeng



SJHRA LATE FALL NEWSLETTER

Hi Neighbours;

Welcome to our late fall newsletter. This Newsletter is full of information about what has been happening and will be happening in our neighbourhood.

The board would like to take this opportunity to thank our members for their support over the years. There will be plenty of activity late fall and early winter. Our Annual AGM was another success! In addition, the board members are currently participating in our annual membership drive once again. So lookout for us visiting your homes and collecting the membership fee for 2015/2016 year. Below you will find a summary of what to expect over the next couple of months and other activities that have taken or will take place.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Kaila Sugeng

Webmaster and Editor, SJHRA

THANK YOU FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT- KEITH SALT

Dear Neighbours:

On behalf of the Board for the Sir John's Homestead Ratepayers Association, thank you for your continued financial support of what is a very worthy cause. It is refreshing to see your interest in keeping our neighbourhood tidy and safe. Compared with other Ratepayers Associations, It should be noted that a high percentage of the households in the Sir John's Homestead neighbourhood are members of the Association, for which we can be very proud.

We also are pleased with the continued support from the City. As you would know, the past councilor for Ward 8, including our area, Katie Mahoney has been succeeded by her son, Matt. Matt attended and spoke at our general meeting held in October. It is clear that he is well equipped to represent Ward 8 and serve our neighbourhood as competently as Katie.

Alina has stepped aside as President and Kurush as secretary, but they remain on the Board as Past President and Member at Lareg. Andy Harvey has resigned from the Board as treasurer. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Alina, Kurush and Andy for their service in these positions on the Board. We welcome Lorne McDonald back to the Board after a few years away. As noted below, I have accepted the position of the President for 2016.

The Gardening Lead position has recently been vacated and we are actively looking for an individual who is interested in this area of expertise, so, if you feel a need to assist us in this capacity, don't hesitate to contact the Board.

From the Board, we wish you the very best of the season and look forward to serving you in 2016.

Regards,

Keith Salt (in coming Board President)

SLATE OF DIRECTORS for 2016

Past-President - Alina Zogala
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Treasurer - Axel Breuer
Secretary - Lorne McDonald
MIRANET Rep. - Axel Breuer
Membership - Craig Finlayson
Webmaster - Kaila Sugeng
Member - at - Large - Kurush Godsey

RECAP OF 2015 AGM

Our annual general meeting was held on October 6th, 2015 at 7:30 pm at the Grange. Below you will find a summary to what was discussed at this years' AGM:

 Tom Zakrzewski commented on our fabulous membership participation. We signed up 96 homes in the neighbourhood, which reflects a 71% outcome. That is an excellent achievement and we

- should all be proud of how our members are eager to participate in our community.
- 2. Activity Reports- There has been a tremendous effort to maintain our neighbourhood this year. A fair number of members came out and volunteered their time and energy to beautifying our neighbourhood by cleaning up our public gardens and parks on Gardening Day, which was held on May 23rd. In addition, 13 members came out and supported our community by collecting garbage on Earth Day on April 25th
- 3. Approval of 2013 AGM minutes led by Kaila Sugeng
- 4. Treasurers' report- led by Andy Harvey stating that our opening balance for 2015-2016 fiscal year is \$4,969
- Membership update led by Craig Finlayson- fees are to stay at \$20.00 per household for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.
- 6. Election of new members led by Tom. After the AGM a couple of new members volunteered to join the board of directors. We would like to welcome, Lorne McDonald as our new secretary on the board. Andy Harvey resigned as Director and Treasurer and Kurush Godsey resigned as Secretary. Our new Treasurer is Axel Breuer. We look forward to working with them.
- 7. Hello to Matthew Mahoney Our new Councillor of Ward 8 introduced himself. He later went on and discussed ongoing issues regarding EAB (Emerald Ash Borer), New Garbage Bins, Storm Water Levee charge and the million tree program. We look forward to Matthew supporting us in the coming years.
- 8. Special Appearance by Ian Masini. Ian Massini is from Manager from Mississauga's Bylaw Compliance and Licensing Enforcement. He made a special appearance to discuss the terms of lodging houses.

Kaila Sugeng

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

I just wanted to take a moment to thank our members for promptly renewing their membership at the AGM in October. For those of you, who did not attend the AGM, or renew your memberships as of yet, our board members are in the process of canvassing, so don't be surprised to see one of us at your door. The length of the canvassing period has been reduced and this allows our board to focus on other matters. If we miss you and you still wish to join or renew, completed forms and fees will gladly be picked up by one of our Board

members. Just contact one of us via email or through the website. Please make cheques payables to: Sir John Homestead Ratepayers Association Inc. In addition, you can drop off your fee and form in one of the mailboxes listed here. 3248 Sir John's Homestead or 1760 Solitaire Court.

Kaila Sugeng – Webmaster and Editor

NEIGHBOURHOOD GARAGE SALE 2016

Don't get rid of any unwanted furniture just yet!!! We will be continuing with the bi-annual neighbourhood garage sale in June 2016. So members, start putting aside all of your used belongings that you wish to get rid of. The date still needs to be determined so keep your eyes open for any new information early next year.

EVENTS AT THE GRANGE- OPEN HOUSE/CHRISTMAS CAROLLING

Christmas Open House at The Grange Tuesday December 8th, 2015

Heritage Mississauga invites you to our first Christmas Open House on Tuesday December 8th from 10am - 8pm at the historic Robinson - Adamson House, "The Grange".

- Visitors can tour the house built in 1828 by Sir John Beverley Robinson, Chief Justice of Upper Canada
- Visit a new exhibit "Spectral Waters" from artist Sheena Currie in the Debbie Hatch Discovery Centre
- Meet with Heritage Mississauga staff
- Explore the Resource Centre

The Schedule is as follows:

12:00 – 1:00 pm – "Myth and History combined" - The Story of Santa Claus 3:00- 4:00 pm – "Deck the Halls" – The story of Christmas Traditions 5:00 – 7:00 pm – Snowman Building Competition – Weather Premitting 6:30 – 8:00 pm – Traditional Fireside Christmas Carolling

The Grange looks forward to welcoming you to this FREE event; the coffee's always on and light refreshments will be served throughout the day. We invite you to dress in your favourite historical or cultural costume.

Don't forget to bring a non-perishable donation for the Deacon's Cupboard Food Bank to help those less fortunate at this holiday time.

For More information visit: http://www.heritagemississauga.com/page/Carolling-at-the-Grange



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The Grange, 1921 Dundas St. W., Mississauga, ON L5K 1R2 (Corner of Sir John's Homestead and Dundas St. W., one block west of Mississauga Road)

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