



From our President

Hello neighbours and welcome to our Summer Newsletter. Yes Summer has finally arrived! Let's hope it is as hot as our past winter was cold. This Newsletter is full of information about what has been happening and will be happening in our neighbourhood

First of all, this is an invitation on behalf of the Board of Directors to attend the Sir John's Homestead Ratepayer Association **Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, October 7th at 7:00 pm at The Grange**. The doors open at 7:00 pm with registration and the meeting will start at 7:30 pm. Our agenda will include the regular activity reports, and we will be hearing from our councillor, Katie Mahoney, who is retiring from Council this year, after many years of dedicated service to our Ward and neighbourhood. You will have the opportunity to renew your association membership at the AGM and ask questions of your councillor in addition to catching up with your neighbours. Our association membership has reached an all-time high of 99 members or almost 74% of home owners. Our goal continues to have everyone join and we will continue to pursue that goal.

We are seeking people interested in becoming members of the Board of Directors starting in October. Please give this some consideration. The time commitment is not at all onerous, about 2-3 hours per month at most. Please let me know if you are interested in becoming a Board member.

Your Board of Directors will be canvassing the neighbourhood starting in early October to renew your membership. Please welcome them when they drop by.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Michael Spicer, President, SJHRA

Gardening Day

On Saturday May 10, 2014, about 20 neighbours came out to pull weeds from, plant shrubs in and distribute wood chips throughout, the "garden" at the park area on Sir John's Homestead. We started ~ 0930 and all was completed by noon. All enjoyed the morning and it was great to get to know the neighbours. Photo – next page.

Thanks to;

- Anita Cianciolo, for the chocolate chip muffins (fresh baked and still warm)
- Those who provided tools to do the work (wheelbarrows (x4), shovels, rakes and saw)
- The City of Mississauga for the wood chips and the shrubs
- Nick Close for his "gardening wisdom" and direction
- Cameron Fraser for the Yard Waste Bags

Keith Salt, Gardening Lead

Erindale Secondary School Field and Track

The Board of Directors has been in discussions with the Peel Board of Education Trustee for Ward 8, Brad MacDonald, and our City Councilor Katie Mahoney, regarding the deplorable condition of both the field and track at Erindale Secondary School.

I am pleased to announce that the track has been cleared of weeds and resurfaced with a new layer of cinders within the last few weeks. The playing field experienced a lot of damage over the winter and will be fenced off for the summer, to allow it to recover. The field will be re-opening in time for the new school year in September. Many thanks to our elected representatives in responding so quickly to our request for action. It is now up to us to take advantage of the track, and start running those laps!

Michael Spicer



Dedication of the Earl Fee Bench

The unveiling of the "Earl Fee Bench" was the hi-light of the Gardening Day. On behalf of the Board, Michael provided a brief introduction about the bench. Earl, who was very grateful, and responded with an uplifting speech, cited the many reasons why he loves the neighbourhood, be it places to run or admiring the SJH garden and now "his" bench. Earl's family was on hand to document the event. The two photos show Earl with his family (left) and our neighbours who came out for our gardening event.

Keith Salt, Gardening Lead

Crime Statistics in Sir John's Homestead

As part of our ongoing involvement with Neighbourhood Watch we have access to view crime statistics in our neighbourhood. This is public information and can be accessed by visiting: <http://peelpolicemaps.ca/>

If you choose to visit the site, you will need to set parameters of what types of crimes you would like to view (eg. Theft, break & enter etc.), and the location. Just a gentle reminder to all SJH residents, if you see any suspicious activity in our neighbourhood, please report it to the peel regional police at 905-453-3311, and Safecity Mississauga.

If you have any questions please feel free to ask a Board Member.

Kaila Vargianitis- Sugeng



Earth Day 2014 – April 26:

On behalf of the Sir John's Homestead Ratepayers Association, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the participants of the 2014 Earth Day clean up. The weather this year definitely was in our favour and we had 19 adults and two children join us, for a total of 21 participants. We managed to accumulate 21 garbage bags of trash and one tire amongst the 21 volunteers. We also received a big pat on the back from the Waste Management Division of the city of Mississauga. They emphasized that we are a special neighbourhood that takes PRIDE in our community. Now that is a Compliment!!



It's people like you that make a difference, and once again a BIG Thanks! The SJHRA is looking forward to seeing you all at our next Earth Day which will be scheduled in the Spring of 2015.

Kaila Vargianitis- Sugeng

Beware of Door to Door Solicitations

We received the following information from one of our members. *The message – don't let pushy door to door people force you into providing information you have no requirement to provide and do not let them in your door!*

For example - There are people working our neighbourhood asking about your home water heater, serial number, etc and wanting to replace it at no charge. Most of us deal with Direct Energy – they do NOT send out door-to-door salesmen. Do not respond to these fly-by-night operators and get stuck with outrageous charges. If you want to help, phone your water tank provider and give them any information you have.

Garage Sale – June 10th

On a beautiful Saturday morning, around 20 families participated in our third Neighbourhood Garage Sale. The crowds of shoppers was surprising, and it is hoped that everyone had fun, made some profit and most of all, cleared out some of the clutter that we all accumulate. Photos on this page...

So far the consensus is to hold this event every two years, but if you see a need for an annual event, please let your Board of Directors know, or bring it up at the AGM on October 7th.

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