



#### **SJHRA MID SUMMER NEWSLETTER**

Hi Neighbours;

Welcome to our mid-summer 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 in the fall. Our Annual AGM will be held in October. In addition, the board members will participate 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 or will take place.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Kaila Sugeng

Webmaster and Editor, SJHRA

#### **EARTH DAY- APRIL 25th**



Residents of Sir John's Homestead,

Our annual earth day was another success this year! On April 25<sup>th</sup>, thirteen volunteers including myself, met up on a beautiful Saturday morning to walk the neighbourhood and collect garbage. The total waste that was collected was fourteen bags of garbage. The garbage in our neighbourhood has declined over the last few years, due to your hard work and time. Our Garbage day pick up does not go unnoticed. Our

neighbourhood efforts have reached the Councillor of ward 8, Matthew Mahoney.

Give yourselves a big pat on the back for your dedication and in taking pride in your neighbourhood. We hope to see you out next Spring!!

Kaila Sugeng- Webmaster/Editor

### **GARDENING DAY- MAY 23rd**



On Saturday May 23, 2015, fourteen neighbours came out to carry out the annual clean up and maintenance of the Green Space at Sir John's Homestead and Solitaire Court.

We were fortunate to have a bright sunny day. Amazing what can happen in a few hours with many hands. And, we discovered a painted turtle in the garden. If turtles are comfortable in the garden, we must be doing a good job!

A huge thank you to:

The City of Mississauga for the load of wood chips and the 60 trees and shrubs that enhance the area.

Those who came out to dig the weeds out, prune the shrubs back and remove the dead branches from the

bush as well as plant the new trees / shrubs, edge the garden and place the wood chips;

Hot, right out of the oven muffins, baked by Anita, which are quickly becoming an annual occurrence. Some say it is worth it to come out just for the muffins!

Chris and Andy for wheelbarrowing wood chips up to the front entrance garden;

And of special note, Izabela, for tending to the front entrance garden regularly. Your ongoing care makes a difference!

Nick for his insight and knowledge of gardening.

Submitted by,

Keith Salt, Gardening Lead

### **AGM- TUESDAY OCTOBER 6th**

All members are invited to our Annual General Meeting, to be held at the Grange on October 6, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. We will be covering many issues concerning our Community. We have invited our new Councillor – Matt Mahoney to attend and take a few questions from those in attendance. This will be a good opportunity to meet him and establish a good relationship with the Councillor.

We will have two other guests from the Bylaw Department of the City of Mississauga – Mr. Douglas Meehan, Manager – Compliance and Licensing Enforcement and Mr. Ian Masini, the Area Compliance and Licensing Enforcement Supervisor. These representatives from the City will be taking questions as well as giving us some general information on what constitutes a Lodging House.

All are encouraged to attend as we feel that the meeting will provide all of us with precise information concerning the Licensing of Lodging Houses and the potential effect on our Community.

Alina Zogala- President

## **BIANNUAL GARAGE SALE REMINDER**

### **WHAT CAN I DO IF I SUSPECT THAT THERE IS AN UNLICENSED LODGING HOUSE IN OUR COMMUNITY?**

If you have good information that there is an Unlicensed Lodging House operating in our area you should:

- 1: Document all the information you have obtained - time, date, place, who you spoke to, etc.
- 2: Do not confront the owner of the property.
- 3: Call 311 at the City of Mississauga and ask to speak to Bylaw Enforcement. They will take your contact information and any details you may have concerning the property.
- 4: You will be given a case or file number. Keep it and you will be able to get updates on any action taken by the City.
- 5: Inform the Ratepayer Association of the case/file number. We will follow-up from time to time.
- 6: Note that the Sir John's Homestead Ratepayer Association does not call 311 to lodge complaints. It is the responsibility of the person involved, who has firsthand information to make the City aware of any Bylaw Issues.

Alina Zogala- President

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.

Kaila Sugeng- Webmaster/Editor

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