



From Our President

Dear Friends and Neighbours:

I would like to thank all those who took the time to come to our first Annual General Meeting. It was wonderful to see so many of you. We accomplished many things in the past year. The most important one was the passing of the Lodging House By-law and the subsequent Licensing By-law. This affects not only our community but the entire City of Mississauga. Another important event was the incorporation of our association. We are now well on our way to becoming a well organized voice in the City of Mississauga.

There were several topics discussed at the meeting and we are following-up on them for you. There are a few that I am able to comment on currently. Speeding on Redstart in order to make the light was one of these issues as is parking. If you find yourself stepping on the gas to make the light, please stop and think about the fact that waiting for another light cycle will not get you to your destination any later. Studies have shown that engaging in more aggressive driving only increases your chances of getting into a traffic accident and your arrival at the desired destination is less than five minutes faster. Also remember that we have children that are playing street hockey or riding their bikes on our streets. Let us all stay safe and happy. Speeding is not worth a tragic event.

Parking by those from outside our community has been an issue and has currently been addressed by the Bylaw Enforcement Unit. I have checked with them and the following Parking Rules are in place across Mississauga. Street parking is limited to three hours. You may get over limit parking exemptions by phoning 311 and asking for the parking exemption. Parking across the boulevard part of your driveway is not permitted. If you wish to do so you need 66% of the residences on your street to approve of this and then you may apply for the exemption to park there. There is no extended parking allowed during snow season, November to April. If you encounter parking problems please check with your neighbours, since it may be a service man or tradesman attending at their house performing some necessary work, or it could be family visiting for a day. We certainly don't want to see legitimate visitors and tradesmen ticketed when a quick check of the situation could resolve everything. The lower part of Sir John's Homestead is a posted No Parking Zone from Monday to Friday. If you live in that part of the area there is nothing we can do to get an exemption. We would like your input and ask that you complete this parking survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6X9MLRH>.

We now have the attention of the townhouses landlord who copied our association on a letter to all renters about the need to be respectful of neighbouring home owners.

We are looking into some bulk purchasing for the community. If you have any suggestions or wish to help out in this

endeavour please contact us. While researching some suggestions it came to our attention that the City of Mississauga has opened its Windrow Removal Program to all. What is a windrow? It is that huge mountain of snow the snow plough leaves behind at the bottom of your driveway just as you finish shoveling the driveway after a snowfall. For a fee, the City will take this muscle building, backbreaking task off your 'to do' list this winter. If you are interested call 311 and they will direct you to the proper department.

Planning has started for a Spring Garage Sale and a Summer BBQ. We will be trying to work with Heritage Mississauga to see if we can join their GrangeStock Event at the end of August for our BBQ. Again volunteers are needed and welcome.

The Green Space sub-committee is currently at work designing a landscape plan for the garden features in our area. As soon as the design is ready and the City responds we will let you know the timing for our Sweat Equity input. While you wait, get all those shovels and hoes ready.

Now that you have seen how hard we are working for you, I have a BIG FAVOUR to ask of you. Please pay your membership dues as soon as possible. We are a non-profit organization and we rely on the annual dues to pay for some of the things we cannot do on our own. Please follow the directions for paying your dues that can be found below.

Respectfully,
Alina Zogala
President SJHRA

From our Membership Chair

Thanks to all new and renewing members that signed up at the AGM and afterwards. The opportunity to join SJHRA is still open and we welcome your support, the fee is only \$25.

There are two options for joining:

At your earliest convenience drop your fee (in an envelope along with your name and address) in the mailbox at 3248 SJH (Attn: Craig Finlayson) or 3231 SJH (Attn: Lorne McDonald). A membership form (optional) is available on our website. Please make cheques payables to: Sir John Homestead Ratepayer Association Inc.

Our door-to-door membership drive will start the week of October 25th.

As a member you are part of a collective voice that is heard at City Council and MIRANET. Our association also has ongoing dialogue with our local councilor and other city departments (By-law Enforcement, Public Works). You will be kept informed with all key neighbourhood news with regular newsletters. New this upcoming year we are planning a Barbeque and reviewing group buying options. Join today!

Craig Finlayson