



A Report from our AGM

Our third Annual General Meeting took place on Tuesday, October 16th at the Grange.

We had a total of 42 of our neighbours in attendance, who welcomed our two guests, Councilor Katie Mahoney and Constable Phillip Stiff of the Peel Region Police.

After some brief opening remarks from our President Michael Spicer, we heard from Bob Alden on the great progress we have made on the improvements on the common areas including the entrance at Redstart and Dundas and the parkette at SJH and Solitaire. The Green Space Committee and numerous neighbourhood supporters have been instrumental in improving our public spaces over the last 12 months.

Tom Zakrzewski presented a detailed report on the progress we have been making on working with the owners of the townhouse complex, the UTM principal's office and the Peel Region Police to reduce the incidents of noise and disruptive behavior.

Tom did note that a charge against the owners of the townhouse complex, filed by SJH residents, about excessive noise by some townhouse tenants in violation of the City of Mississauga's noise by-laws is proceeding to trial. **The trial date is Thursday, February 7th at 9 am.** The court house is located at 950 Burnamthorpe Street West. We would very much appreciate your support at the court house at this trial, to show your support for our neighbourhood.

Katie Mahoney, our Ward 8 Councilor, then addressed the meeting with some updates pertinent to our neighbourhood.

On September 6th and 7th, Councilor Mahoney, the Principal of UTM and other University officials and representatives from Peel Region Police, visited most homes and townhouses in SJH to spread the word about being a good neighbour, and to increase aware-

ness of the efforts that were being undertaken to reduce noise by-law violations.

In addition, Councilor Mahoney provided an update on the on-going discussions at the City, Provincial and Federal Government levels regarding the erection of cell phone towers in Mississauga. Although the erection of cell phone towers is federal jurisdiction, there is a concerted effort to work with all components of government to provide good cell phone reception without compromise to neighbourhood values. This is an on-going issue that will continue to be monitored and reported to our membership through this Newsletter.

Lastly, Ms. Mahoney reported that Vandyk Ltd. has successfully had a re-zoning ruling to enable them to build a 4-5 story condo apartment building on the vacant land just south of the South Millway Plaza.

Constable Phillip Stiff of Peel Region Police made an interesting and interactive presentation on Home and Neighbourhood Safety, which provided many valuable tips on how we can all keep our homes safe from external harm. This coincided very nicely with our recent achievement of becoming a Neighbourhood Watch Community and the erection of Neighbourhood Watch signs at the entrances to our area.

Q & A Session

During the lively question and answer session, several general interest items were addressed.

- Traffic Control: When you observe cars speeding or cars running stop signs (such as at the corner of Redstart and SJH) you can report this using the Road Watch form found on the Peel Region Police website:
<http://www.peelpolice.on.ca/en/aboutus/roadwatch.asp>
- Ash Trees and Emerald Ash Borers: If you suspect an Ash tree on your property or close by on public land is infected by the Emerald Ash Borer, you should contact the City of Mississauga for a no-cost evaluation. Call 311 and ask for Forestry.

The second half of the meeting centred on SJHRA business. A brief synopsis of the agenda follows:

- The minutes from the 2011 AGM were presented, and approved by a majority of the membership present.
- The Treasurer's report was presented and the proposal for the budget of 2012-13 was approved by a majority of the membership present.
- A proposal to reduce the annual membership fees for 2012-13 from \$25 to \$20 was approved by a majority of the membership present.
- Despite a passionate plea for new Board members, we had no new volunteers. We will continue to canvass the neighbourhood during our upcoming membership drive for additional Board members.

Reported by Michael Spicer, SJHRA President

Association Membership Drive

Once again we will be canvassing the neighbourhood for your support as members, between now and the end of November.

Thanks to all the new and renewing members that signed up at or before the AGM. We will be welcoming all households in our neighbourhood to be members for the 2012-13 membership-year through current campaign.

Please consider renewing your membership in your ratepayer association. As a member, you are part of the collective voice that is heard at City Council, By-law Enforcement and the Peel Region Police. You will be kept informed of important neighbourhood and City-wide news that impact our area.

We will continue our efforts to beautify the neighbourhood, hold our annual Garage Sale and continue to work with Neighbourhood Watch, the Peel Region Police and By-law Enforcement to help sustain our safe community and discourage noise by-law violations, vandalism and general crime.

During November or early December please drop off your fee in an envelope with your name and address and \$20 cash or cheque payable to: "Sir John's Homestead Ratepayer Association Inc.", to our Treasurer: Andy Harvey, 3205 Sir John's Homestead

Otherwise, please welcome our dedicated volunteers, who will be knocking on your door to seeking your support over the next few weeks. Thanks for your support on all our neighbourhood initiatives in the past 12 months.

8th Annual "Carolling at the Grange"



Heritage Mississauga invites you to the 8th Annual "Carolling at The Grange", Sunday December 2, 2012 from 6pm-9pm. Enjoy old fashioned Christmas Carolling around an outdoor campfire, with a cup of hot chocolate and fun for the whole family. We're celebrating our 52nd birthday, cake will be served at 7:00pm. FREE ADMISSION At this event we ask that you help those in need, please bring a non-perishable donation for the Deacon's Cupboard Food Bank at St. Peter's Anglican Church. For further information contact Heritage Mississauga at 905-828-8411 ext. 0 or email at info@heritagemississauga.org

On behalf of your Board of Directors, we wish you and your family all the best of times during the upcoming Holiday Season, and a prosperous and healthy new year.

SJHRA Board of Directors 2012-2013

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