

# Sherwood Forrest

## neighbourhood news



**Family Skate**  
Sherwood Green Park  
Sunday Jan. 19th 1:30 - 3 pm  
(Snow date: Jan 26th)



A quarterly newsletter issued by the Sherwood Forrest Residents Association

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## Happy 2025 Sherwood Forrest!

by Cara Cross, SFRA President

By many accounts, 2024 was a good year in Sherwood Forrest. We ran several successful community events, joined St. Peter's of Erindale to contribute to their winter coat drive, which provided 601 coats and accessories to people in need, raised \$900 and over 1100 pounds of food for Food Banks of Mississauga and completed a responsible and accountable financial year as reported at our AGM in November.

We also experienced significant challenges and sadness in 2024. We lost some very dear neighbours and a longtime dedicated member of our SFRA committee. We experienced car thefts and house break-ins and some of our residents were plagued with speeding cars, noise disturbances and other concerns.

But as we head into 2025, I am thankful for a community that cares to make positive changes and helps its neighbours to overcome issues. I have seen many instances of irritation resolved with a simple conversation to share, inform and enlighten when people may not be aware that their actions had a negative impact on someone else. I also believe that if we continue to work together, with our police liaison and our councillor, we will continue to see improvements to our community.

As we are told by other residential areas across the GTA, Sherwood Forrest is a remarkable neighbourhood. The natural beauty within our boundaries that we inherited and continue to care for, is a precious gift. Over the years, through our interactions and events, we have built a strong residents association that is respected and supported by City of Mississauga administration and services — a benefit to everyone in our community.

This year we look forward again to holding all our favourite annual events including Earth Day clean-up, Easter Egg Hunt in the park, Fun Day, Summer Social and many more. The new Neighbourhood Ambassador program is aimed at helping these events thrive and remain relevant to our residents, with a very minimal time commitment. If you can help, please contact one of our committee members or email [sherwoodforrestra@gmail.com](mailto:sherwoodforrestra@gmail.com).

Information on our neighbourhood events are available at [www.sfra.ca](http://www.sfra.ca), the Sherwood Forrest Facebook page and in our Neighbourhood News email blasts. If you are not on our mailing list, send a request with your email address, name and street address to [sherwoodforrestra@gmail.com](mailto:sherwoodforrestra@gmail.com). Thank you and best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2025!



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# What's **Shakin'** in the hood?

## Neighbourhood Talent Wanted

Do you have a talent or skill that you would like to showcase to a large audience?

Is your talent suitable for a fun summer outdoor family event? The SFRA is always looking for ways to enhance our annual summer signature event – Bicycle Parade, Fun Day and Social Evening.

This day of community fun and pageantry takes dozens of volunteers and months to plan and organize. It has been the summer highlight for generations of kids growing up in Sherwood Forrest and a fun neighbourhood night out for the “big kids” too!

SFRA is currently seeking talent and entertainment for both the daytime and evening parts of the 2025 Fun Day and Summer Social evening taking place this year on Saturday, June 21.

In particular, we are seeking an evening dance DJ, Face Painters, Jugglers, Parade Clowns, Parade Walking Musicians and any other talent that could enrich and support this fun annual community event. If you are interested, please contact a member of the SFRA committee or email [sherwoodforrestra@gmail.com](mailto:sherwoodforrestra@gmail.com).

## Abacot Hill is Coming to Sherwood Forrest

Those who've lived in Mississauga or spent time near Erindale's southern border are surely familiar with the city's most enchanting neighbourhood, Sherwood Forrest. Here, families take great pride in the well-being of their neighbours and have forever cherished warmth, inclusivity, and goodwill. It's also home to a beloved folklore hero – Robin Hood.

Hallett Homes proudly continues this timeless story with an offering named after our hero's most iconic feature: his cap, or abacot. With support from the SFRA, Abacot Hill will enhance Sherwood Forrest's small-town feeling while honouring everything that's made it such a special place to call home.

As a resident of Sherwood Forrest, you have priority access. Make sure to register at [halletthomes.com/sherwoodforrestresidents/](http://halletthomes.com/sherwoodforrestresidents/) for more information.

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# 'Tis the Season for a Tummy-Warming Chicken Stew

by Cara Cross

This easy recipe is one of my sister's tried and true weekend dinners to cook during the cold winter months. It is simple but tasty due to the slow simmering of the ingredients. It can also be easily adapted to add your favourite spices and flavours. The aroma in the kitchen when this is cooking on the stove on a cold Sunday afternoon is like a warm hug!

Prep 15 mins

Cook 90 to 120 minutes

Serves 6

## Ingredients

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 medium onion
- 3 to 4 stalks of celery
- 3 to 4 carrots
- 1 small turnip
- 4 small sweet potatoes
- 4 yellow potatoes
- 1 litre of chicken broth
- 1 tbsp of fresh thyme
- Salt and pepper to taste

## Directions

1. Chop celery and onion, then sauté in olive oil in a large pot.
2. In a large frying pan, lightly brown bite size pieces of chicken over medium heat.
3. Once browned, add chicken pieces to celery and onions in the large pot.
4. Add chicken broth and thyme to the pot, bring to a soft boil, then reduce heat to a simmer and cover. Cook over low heat for approximately 30 minutes.
5. Peel and chop the turnip and carrots. Add to the pot, bring to a soft boil, then cover and reduce heat to a low simmer. Cook for a minimum of 30 minutes.
6. Peel and chop the sweet potatoes and yellow potatoes, add to the pot, bring mixture to a soft boil, then cover, reduce heat to a low simmer until potatoes and all other vegetables are soft... approximately 30 to 45 minutes.

We butter freshly sliced pieces of French crusty loaf and fill our bowls from the simmering pot and thoroughly enjoy!



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# SFRA Pub Night at Keenan's

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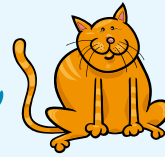
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# Kitty Corner

by Cara Cross



Given all the interest on the Sherwood Forrest Facebook page in 2024 about the neighbourhood cats, we are adding a new newsletter feature... Kitty Corner!

To start, I would like to provide a little background for non-cat residents. As anyone who is lucky enough to cohabitate with both a cat and a dog will tell you, they are very different animals! (Duh.) First big difference: where a dog wants to please you and will feel terrible when he has done something bad, a cat does not care very much how you feel about its actions; it's mostly important to the cat, how they feel about their actions. Secondly, you don't really train a cat. You may think you have, but really, most likely they have trained you and that's why you live in a happy home together.

One of the most important things to know about our neighbourhood cats is why these creatures are happily roaming outside when it is clearly against the City by-laws and laws of self-preservation vis-à-vis coyotes. For the answer to this, please see points one and two above. When a cat is born outside, and has had the taste of freedom, it is often almost impossible to change them into a happy indoor pet. Don't get me wrong, it has happened, but only if the cat thinks this is a good idea. A kitten kept inside for its first few days/weeks, however, will often make a wonderful indoor cat. A cat who has been a stray for any length of time, and really wants to be out, will howl,

claw, spray and carry on intolerably, in desperation, to the point of even becoming vicious, until you finally open the door. The owner by this point is generally exhausted and willing to take their chance that the cat can fend for themselves out in the world until they arrive back home.

Collars. So why don't these cats have collars? They usually do and they often have several of them. Many of them strewn around the neighbourhood. If they don't like wearing a collar, they have several methods of getting them off. I have had many collars returned to me, without the cat, by kind neighbours.

Finally, some cats love to explore other houses, properties and especially those with other pets. If an unwanted cat is visiting you, the best thing to discourage them is to spray them with water. It won't hurt them, but they don't like it, and hopefully after a few soakings, they won't come back. As previously mentioned, cats do not generally aim to please, so negotiation rarely works. On the flip side, they can become a very loyal, sincere, low maintenance friend if you like an occasional visitor. I have also heard of cats resolving the occasional garage mouse infestation issue.

In closing, we will start pictures with brief write ups of our most notorious residents in the next issue. If you would like your cat featured in a future newsletter, please email [sherwoodforrestra@gmail.com](mailto:sherwoodforrestra@gmail.com).



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# Like It or Not

## Like It...

I love the holiday season with all the lights and decorations. I just wish more people would participate. I don't think of it as just a Christmas or Christian thing. It's just nice and brightens up the neighbourhood.

## Not...

While we've been lucky with the less than seasonable weather, I notice that when it does snow or rain, it turns into ice and a lot of houses with sidewalks are not taking care of them. There are a lot of people who walk our neighbourhood and it can be treacherous. Please do your part and keep our sidewalks safe.

## Not...

I remember when the kids could go sledding days on the Lincoln Green hill. Since we didn't get much snow at all last year, the hill has become overgrown. It's amazing how fast it happens.

## Like It...

We're finally getting real winter weather! It'll be nice to see people skating in the park. Finally!



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The 2024 SFRA Holiday Food Drive raised \$900 and over 1100 lbs of food! Thank you to everyone who attended and donated. And a BIG thank you to Cara and Nigel Cross for hosting the event and sharing some holiday cheer for all the residents who stopped by for some hot chocolate and cider!



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Family Skate



Sherwood Green Park  
Sunday, January 19 • 1:30 – 3:00 pm  
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### Easter Egg Hunt



### Earth Day



Saturday, April 26

### FUN Day



### & Summer Social

Saturday, June 21st



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