

Sir John's Homestead Ratepayer Association (SJHRA)

Newsletter - December 2025

Message from the Board

Our membership drive wrapped up in early November, and we're delighted to share just how warmly the community responded. We reached a **90% sign-up rate among contactable homeowners** - that's **over 100 members** in total. What an incredible show of support!

As we went door-to-door, Board members genuinely enjoyed meeting both long-time residents and those new to the neighborhood. It was a pleasure to chat, answer questions, and share why being part of the Association makes such a positive difference. Several of you also offered thoughtful suggestions for improving our community, and we'll be following up on those - thank you for taking the time to share.

If you haven't joined yet, there's still time!

You can e-Transfer the \$25 membership fee to **treasurersirjohn@gmail.com**, or drop off cash or a cheque at **3158 Sir John's Homestead**. You'll find more details on our website.

AGM Minutes Coming Soon

For those of you unable to attend the AGM in October, the minutes will be posted on www.sirjohnshomestead.com in the near future.



Let us take this opportunity to thank the Executive Director at Heritage Mississauga, Jayme Gaspar, for her support and the use of The Grange for the AGM meeting.

Membership Survey

We are in the process of preparing a membership survey with the intent of collecting members' thoughts on the focus and running of our neighbourhood association as well as what events would be of interest. The survey will be

distributed by email and a link will be posted on www.sirjohnshomestead.com.

Dundas Street Litter

Recognizing the growing problem of litter on Dundas Street along the bank behind the townhomes, back in the Spring the Association took proactive steps to address the issue for the benefit of all residents.



The concern was raised with both the townhome management company and the City. Thanks to persistent follow-up, we were able to ensure the area was cleared of rubbish and restored to an acceptable condition. Recently however, litter does appear to be accumulating again so keeping the garbage situation under control will require ongoing effort and another request to the management company.

If you spot an area needing attention or have suggestions for future projects, don't hesitate to reach out to the Association.

Advance Green Assessment

In response to a request from the Association, the City (Traffic Systems and ITS Business Unit) assessed whether an eastbound advance left-turn phase at the intersection of Dundas Street at King Forrest Drive/Redstart Drive was warranted.



Field studies were conducted at the intersection of Dundas Street at King Forrest Drive/Redstart Drive during the morning and evening peak traffic periods on October 14, 2025. As well, a review of the collision history at this intersection was undertaken.

Based on the above information, the Traffic Systems & ITS Business Unit did not recommend the implementation of an eastbound left-turn arrow at this time.

Snowplow Damage

The sidewalk snowplows have already been out a couple of times this year. One of the most common issues caused by sidewalk snowplows is accidental

damage to the grass sod found on either side of the walkway.

Because the snow can hide boundaries, snowplows may sometimes scrape or tear up small sections of grass, which is often city property. In some cases, edges of the sidewalk may also be affected. While these incidents are not intentional, they are a known risk during our Canadian winters.



The good news is that the city will arrange for repairs to be made during the summer season, when the ground is thawed and conditions are best for restoration work. Whether it's patching up torn sod or fixing a chipped sidewalk edge, crews are scheduled to address

reported issues as part of ongoing property care.

If you notice any sidewalk or sod damage after winter snow clearing, we encourage you to report it so repairs can be arranged. Please use the following links to submit your report directly to the city: [Report Sod Damage](#) or [Report Sidewalk Damage](#).

What to know about Snow!

Having already had a few relatively mild dumps of the white stuff, here is a timely reminder of what to expect from the City and the part we all need to play in ensuring our neighbourhood receives a good snowclearing service.

Two major changes this year are that the City will be **clearing windrows** - the pile of snow left across the end of your driveway after the plow has cleared the road - **and also sidewalks!** To enable them to do this and to completely plow our streets, it is important for us to keep the road and the lower portions of our driveways clear of cars when there is a snowfall otherwise they cannot be cleared. So please:

- Don't park on the street, sidewalk or at the end of your driveway
- Move garbage and recycling bins away from the curb
- Remove sports equipment, yard decorations and other items from around your driveway entrance and sidewalk

Note that rules around street parking and temporary parking permits change during the winter so please make sure you are aware of these to avoid getting plowed in, fined or towed. More info can be found on the City's website [here](#).

Glen Erin Trail

Some of you will have noticed that the pathway behind the Erindale Secondary School playing field is in need of repair where the surface has broken up and also appears to have subsided in places. Our Association has contacted the City regarding repairs needed for the pathway, which is a popular section of the Glen Erin Trail used by many in our neighbourhood for walking, cycling, and enjoying nature.



At present, little progress is expected until after the winter. Rest assured, the Association will continue to follow up on this issue and will keep the neighbourhood informed with updates as they become available.

Carolling at the Grange



Heritage Mississauga is delighted to invite the community to "Carolling at the Grange," a festive event celebrating the holiday spirit with classic carols and seasonal cheer. Set in the historic Grange building, this gathering offers neighbours an opportunity to join in song, connect with friends and family, and experience the warmth of the season. All ages and singing abilities are welcome, and refreshments will be provided. Come out to share in a cherished tradition and help make this year's carolling a memorable occasion for everyone in the neighbourhood.

The event takes place on Monday, December 15 from 6pm to 8pm.