

New Pool - 84 Degrees and Scheduled to Please

By Karen MacDonald

Hi, I'm the Programmer with Mississauga Recreation and Parks working at David Ramsey Outdoor Pool. Construction is well under way and the pool is on schedule to re-open in June 2011. The staff and I are really excited as it will be a fabulous new pool!

Your new facility will include a barrier free family change room with private change stalls and on deck showers, male and female change rooms, an easy access ramp entry to the pool, on deck spray features, an outdoor learning space with shaded areas and improved lighting for the evening! Most exciting is that it will remain a heated pool!

My goal is to bring more of the Homelands Community to the pool this coming summer so they can enjoy all of the new features and stay active. Swimming is such an important skill for everybody to learn. When we re-open, we will continue to offer many of the old favourites including weekday morning swimming lessons for the children and our popular Citi-Swim Program. Citi-Swim is a great introduction to competitive swimming in a team oriented environment that promotes fair play and participation by all. Maybe 2011 will be the year that

David Ramsay's team wins the Best Team Trophy! We will also continue to offer our Aqua Fitness program which is a great way to get active in the water!

Fun swims are a great opportunity for children to play with their friends, parents to play with their children and catch up with neighbours, or just relax in their own "backyard pool", enjoying the lazy days of summer. To enhance this we will continue to offer theme days including Hawaiian Day with families doing the Limbo, Pirates Day - walking the plank and a belly flop contest. Also returning is a popular favourite - Olympics Day complete with piggy back contests, country flags and an awards ceremony with everyone singing the Canadian Anthem!

With all of these great things planned I am sitting here wondering what we can do to make sure that everyone, regardless of age, and swimming ability has the chance to enjoy their community's "back yard" pool. I would really enjoy hearing from each of you.

Send your answers to these questions or pose a question of your own to - karen.macdonald@mississauga.ca. Let's make your backyard pool, the best in Mississauga!

1. With our new lighting, would adults in the community want evening swims? Learn to swim lessons or aquatic fitness programs that ran a little later into the evening?

2. What about Aqua Boot camp? Or more gentle aqua fitness classes for those trying to become more active? Or Fitness swims? Adult Learn to Swim Classes? When are the best times for length swims and other programs for adults? Mornings, week nights, weekends?

3. The theatre in the park series is amazing! Would families like to see this year's performances followed by an evening swim?...A Comedy of Errors followed by a Midsummer Night Swim?

4. With the new outdoor learning space what else do parents and children want to do...a haunting story time followed by a spooky swim?

5. What about creating a friendly competition....challenge your neighbours to a swimming race? Each person building points for someone to be named the neighbourhood champion per age bracket by the end of the summer?

6. Do people want a chance to rent the pool as a venue for a street pool party? Reserve the outdoor learning space to host a birthday party during a fun swim.

7. What would parents like to do while their children are swimming? Do parents want to do yoga in the park combined with a dip in the pool or some other activity?

8. What weekend programs would work for children, youth, adults and older adults?

9. Would the women from the neighbourhood like to participate in their own ladies swim club? Swim in their version of a casual Olympics?

10. What else can we do to bring the residents of Sheridan Homelands to David Ramsey Pool in the summer of 2011 and beyond?

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By Marg Meleski



Sheridan Homelands Volunteers Olga Misiurski and Marg Meleski



Ingo Stahlmann, Mississauga Parks and Recreation

To be precise, it 'stops' at the southwest corner of Sheridan Park Drive and Erin Mills Parkway – a prominent entry point into Sheridan Homelands for vehicles and pedestrians alike.

Introduction of 'ornamental' or decorated bicycles to the Mississauga street-scape was accomplished by Recreation and Parks Department staff over the past few years. The concept is simple and the results have been showcased worldwide for a long time. Old, decrepit bikes are given an easy make-over, in the end becoming pleasing sights when strategically placed in busy urban or picturesque rural settings. It takes an overall coat of colourful paint, and an attached basket or carrier filled with flowers, or other foliage either in a growing state or another form; seasonal foliage or cuttings; or other innovative plant material to make this rejuvenation possible.

The finished eye-catching attention-grabbers, it is said, can coax smiles even from the most jaded passersby.

The growing number of these bicycles appearing around town were duly noticed by Shora Directors, and when City officials heard the request that Sheridan Homelands be graced with one of its own, they were glad to comply.

Recreation and Parks personnel stipulated that a salvaged bike be produced and then painted through Shora resources. A commitment was also required that Homelands' resident volunteers create and maintain the basket's contents. In return, the Parks Department would undertake the 'shop work' – welding to secure moving parts; adding structural additions and attachments; and finally, installation into the ground at the chosen site.

That site couldn't be better for our New/Old bicycle. The location is exactly where Sheridan Homelands' stretch of Mississauga's multi-purpose/bike path system begins its westerly trek, along the northern edge of the Research Center lands, and reaching westward to the Oakville border.

Note: Overseeing maintenance of 'the basket' has been done by resident volunteers since installing the bicycle. A change of monitor(s) to attend to this task is now needed.

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Prepared by Kathy Jay SHORA/PCLC

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- Everyone should lock their doors and vehicles overnight, and illuminate both inside and outside the home, especially during absences. Do not leave valuables in vehicles.
- Ensure bicycles are properly locked, and preferably, out of sight overnight. There have been a large number of thefts from cars, and many stolen bicycles in the Homelands.
- Trusted neighbours should pick up mail and flyers daily.
- Lawns should be kept trimmed, especially during vacation.
- Watch your purse. Do not put it in the child's seat of a shopping cart. Keep it on your shoulder, or hold onto the strap at all times.
- Be watchful when using bank machines. Ensure that you are not being viewed and/or followed.

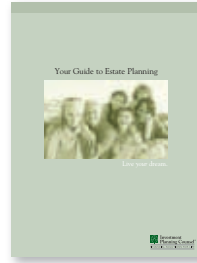
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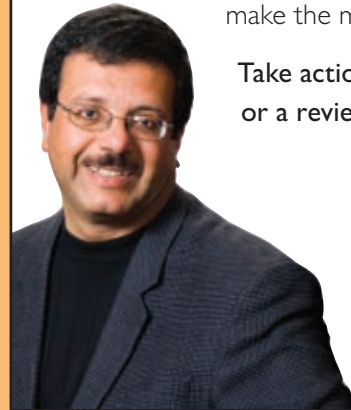
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THE PLAY'S THE THING...

By Marg Meleski

Upon completion of the playground structures adjacent to Thorn Lodge Public School, Sheridan Homelands residents can now enjoy five of these popular activity areas for children. Come and see the inviting features at this one, the most recently introduced to our neighbourhood. They include a child-sized replica of a school bus (bright yellow...you betcha!), and stylish all-wooden benches – as attractive to the eye, as they are comfortable to the seating requirements of a child's supervising companion.



Thorn Lodge School

Apart from corporate, or otherwise funded equipment, such as is this latest installed on school property, City of Mississauga Planning, Development and Business Services (when specifically Parkland related) provides installation, maintenance and the monitoring of timely renewal or changes of equipment to three of this community's playgrounds. The City's Departments are responsible for scrutinizing cost efficiency factors, innovations in design and use of materials. Of course, adherence to Canadian Standards Association (CSA) regulations is observed, and often enhanced.

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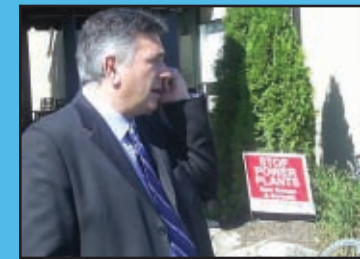
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To PROTECT Our AIR

By Charles Sousa MPP, Mississauga South



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Sheridan residents in particular have shared with me their concerns about our air quality. That’s why I’m proud to say that this was a historic summer for our community, as we saw a number of great strides made towards protecting our local environment.

On June 25, the Southwest GTA Air Quality Task Force (AQTF) delivered its comprehensive action plan. The AQTF was chaired by Dr. David Balsillie, who consulted with municipalities, health units, industry, local community groups and residents’ associations in preparing the report. I congratulate our community leaders who have been actively engaged throughout this process.

The SWGTA AQTF was created by Ontario’s Ministry of the Environment, at the urging of our community, in order to find solutions to help protect local air quality and health.

I fully support the recommendations of the report and will continue to call for emissions reductions and emphasize the need to manage the cumulative effect of multiple emitters.

To that end, on October 5th I introduced a private member’s resolution in the legislature to reduce local air emissions. It calls on the

Ministry of the Environment to “take into account the cumulative effect of emissions into the air when reviewing applications for Certificates of Approval (C of A) and protect airsheds that are determined to be stressed by requiring local emission reductions”

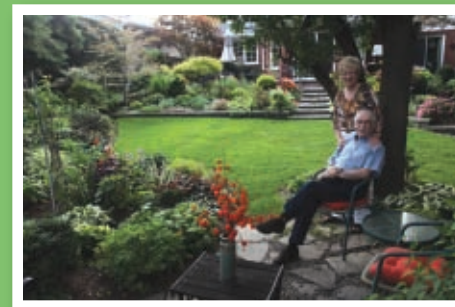
The goal of my motion is to build on the recommendations of the AQTF, specifically those regarding changes to the C of A process, in order to encourage net reductions in local emissions, based on their cumulative impact.

On October 7th, there was more good news for south Mississauga when I joined Energy Minister Brad Duguid and Oakville’s MPP Kevin Flynn to announce that the gas-fired power plant proposed to be built at the Ford plant will not be going forward.

The Minister has also reaffirmed that Lakeview will never again host a power plant. This has enabled the City of Mississauga to start consultations with the community on the future of our waterfront and I encourage you all to get involved. My office has been working hard on this file, fostering closer relations between the City of Mississauga, and the Ministry of Energy and the Ministry of Infrastructure and encouraging the development of a shared strategy for Mississauga’s waterfront.

We’ve made many important strides forward to protect our sensitive airshed. We have stopped power plants proposed for Lakeview and Clarkson and protected our communities. We will continue to be vigilant in our efforts to revitalize our waterfront and protect our airshed.

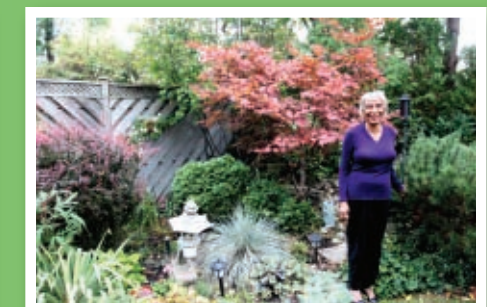
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Mary and Charlie Clark - Belfast Cres.



Third Prize:
Marie Chapman - Cushing Rd

Once again we had many beautiful gardens to choose from. The judges, Heather Goddard a former Shora director and Flori Abbess of the Cloverleaf Garden Club had a difficult time picking the top three gardens. The passion, creativity, and enjoyment people got from their gardens was certainly evident in the 11 Homelands Gardens toured by the Shora judging team.

We would like to thank the many avid gardeners for allowing us to view their “backyard gems”, the judging team, and our generous sponsors Karen Burns and Wendy Walker of Royal LePage Realty for donating the cash prizes.

Honourable Mentions include: Linda Standish – Homelands Dr, Colin Gosden & Irene Wendell - Misener Cres., Delores Weilgus - Jenner Crt.

Drivin' The Dream



Growing up in the muscle car era I was always intrigued by the original Mustangs. In fact when I was a teen I was actually on the verge of buying a mid-sixties Mustang. My Dad thought I'd drive it too fast due to peer pressure, so he intervened and cancelled the deal. In retrospect he was probably right.

Now many years later my time to buy a new car was approaching. I have been driving Toyotas for many years and love their reliability. But these days Toyotas and many other family cars are starting to look very similar and not very exciting.

On a trip to Las Vegas two years ago I spotted a very interesting car, the Lotus Elise. It was very eye-catching. Somehow the image of that car never left my mind. Later when I decided to test drive new cars it was the first and last car I tried. I also had a favourable impression of Lotus from the days when they were featured in Bond films. Who can forget the Lotus Esprit, Bond's underwater car?

There are some interesting things about this car that most people don't know. The car is designed and built by Lotus in England. However the engine and transmission are supplied by Toyota. I put over 400,000 km on a Toyota Corolla so I expect the Elise engine to be very reliable. The car uses an aluminum engine and frame as well as a fiberglass body. This low weight gives it tremendous power using a modest engine. Performance is 0-100 km/hr in 4.9 seconds. Yet my fuel consumption is only 7.2 L / 100 km during my daily commute. Practical yet fun!

My wife was a bit slow to warm up to the car. She expected it to become a garage queen. However I use it all the time including winter. It handles well in light snow using snow tires.

Now my whole family loves the car and I am truly enjoying all the compliments it receives. I even had a police woman lean into the car just to praise it. I always think that my 2009 Elise is "art on wheels" or a "moving masterpiece".

Avoid Wet Ba\$ement\$

By Pieter Kool

Last year Peter di Scola, (Past President SHORA) replaced all weeping tiles and waterproofed the outside of his basement with a plastic membrane. A big and very expensive job to say the least. Fortunately, Peter is handy and could operate the small backhoe by himself. Seeing all this construction across the street my question to Peter was: "Why are you doing all this work?" Peter explained that the basement was damp and mouldy. Water was coming in during heavy rain. Not good!

The Sheridan Homelands were developed in the late sixties early seventies. At that time weeping tiles, drainage tiles around the footings of your home, were one foot red clay pipes. Now, forty years later debris, from roofs, leaves, etc have build up and reduced the flow-through of rain water. Even worse is the development of root systems of the once cute little trees, now mature large trees, planted close to the house. The shade is nice, but certain trees like silver maples, willows, to name some of the nasty ones, know how to find water and penetrate rainwater leaders and weeping tiles. Peter showed me a weeping tile which was completely blocked by the root of his silver maple. This weeping tile was eight feet underground!

Blockage of weeping tiles and or rainwater leaders leads to damp basements, mould, excessive moisture, musty smell, and a negative evaluation by a home inspector at the time of sale.

Are there any solutions apart from digging-up and replacing the weeping tiles and rain-leader, which can cost \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Here are some easy steps you can follow:

- Have your down-spouts terminate on grade level.
- Ensure drainage is away from your home.
- Planting flower beds around the foundation 10" away from the house.
- Trees close to your house keep well pruned to reduce growth or remove.

Editor's Notes - Fall 2010

By Mike Douglas

I was delighted with the summer weather and fall weather and on we go, it's been beautiful.

On a personal note my professional life is changing my new career is exciting if a little overwhelming and my two year term as President of SHORA and editor of the Sheridan Times is nearly up, so I am happy to give someone else a chance to lead volunteer efforts in our great community. I could also consult with any new team and help in a successful transition. So come out to our Annual General Meeting on December 7th and get involved, help make the Homelands all it can be. We need you in 2011.

First up – November 18th a very important public meeting with Parks Planning to look at Community Park Improvements.

Please mark your calendars, here is the first of 3 special events we need you to rally round and support.

On Thursday November 18th come to the gym at Thorn Lodge School for 7pm - for a workshop presentation about making **improvements to Thornlodge Park** led by Ruth Marland from Mississauga Recreation and Parks.

Many of you have been visited by members of the SHORA executive and Street Reps discussing ways to make Thornlodge Park more interesting. We found great support for the daylight skating rink/bocce pit proposal for the Homelands end of the park. SHORA has hosted theatre in the park for two years and this year with 400 patrons over two nights we experienced the need for a raised stage and electricity for microphones and lights at the Peace Garden. Hopefully those improvements will be accomplished by July 20 when we begin our next Theatre in the Park experience for 3 evenings. We also would like to complete the tree planting in the park and entertain ideas for the ball diamond. So come on out and

Christmas Lights
Dec 19th

have your say and hear what Parks has to say 7pm Thursday night, November 18th at Thorn Lodge School.

Hello! Hello! Come one come all to SHORA's Annual General Meeting!

SHORA's AGM is at 7pm Tuesday December 7th at our community centre – South Common Community Centre, just west of South Common Mall at 2233 South Millway in the Arbour Green room. There's lots of parking. We have much to discuss and elections to hold for our working Board of Directors. We will be discussing current issues and assigning tasks and roles in Committees such as Membership, Parkland, Recreation, Website, Newsmagazine, Arts & Special Events, Schools and Police Liaison. Cool unh?

We need you! Some Executive members are stepping down and there will be vacancies to fill. So come on out and see what's going on and find a place for yourself to contribute to the Sheridan Homelands. That's 7pm on Tuesday December 7th at the Arbour Green room in the South Common Community Centre.

New Winter Show! A Christmas Carol comes to Sheridan Park

SHORA Producer Pieter Kool is taking his grandkids to see Scrooge at the new live theatre presentation for Homelands residents of Charles Dickens' famous old English story **"A Christmas Carol" at Sheridan Park Public School Auditorium on Thursday December 16th at 7 pm.** Admission is first come, first seated and payment is via 'pass the hat'. The Humber River Shakespeare Company that brought us our Shakespeare experience this past summer is the production company putting on this classic holiday play, guaranteed to entertain and amuse. See you there!

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