



September 2013 Newsletter – *** Final Paper Edition ***



Newsletter Goes Digital

It is with mixed feelings that we announce this is our last paper newsletter. We appreciate that some residents may not have (or want) internet access however the GWA website has been up and running for some time now with good success and increasing user traffic. Content is updated on a regular basis to keep residents apprised of current events in our neighborhood. And for more critical or urgent matters we can notify residents via email. So if you haven't already done so, send us your email address - we can keep you informed electronically and save on printing costs, paper and our trees! Visit www.gordonwoods.ca and click on Contact Us to submit your information.



Heritage Trees

The GWA has submitted a letter to City Council to reconsider our recommendation to protect single heritage trees. While the recently amended Private Tree By-law has taken steps to reduce the number of trees that can be cut per year, it does nothing to protect single, majestic heritage trees. Without that protection and with indiscriminate property development, ongoing removal of canopy tree species result in: increased air and noise pollution, higher temperatures and wind affects, changes in moisture (soil and air), loss of habitat, wildlife and native vegetation – all significant factors that are undeniably necessary to sustain any woodlands environment. And in addition to the scientific facts, protection and preservation of mature, majestic, heritage trees should be first and foremost to foster our quality of life. It's incumbent on all of us to encourage and practice good stewardship to preserve this unique neighborhood.



Gypsy Moth

There was definite evidence of increased Gypsy Moth activity in Gordon Woods this year. The Forestry division continues to monitor the gypsy

moth populations throughout the City. The Ministry of Natural Resources reports that due to a very wet and cool spring, the natural pathogens are very present this year (E. maimaiga & NPV) which has resulted in very high mortality rates in caterpillars. Although some trees appear to have had high numbers of caterpillars, the majority of them were dead, which means they will not be laying egg masses for next year, and that nature really is taking its course. As of now, the City doesn't anticipate having issues next year that require an aerial spray program.

To coordinate an aerial spray requires a number of permissions and permits required from Municipal, Provincial and Federal agencies, namely Transport Canada, Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Transportation, Peel Police, OPP, Mississauga Transit and Region of Peel. For a community such as Gordon Woods to conduct our own spray program would be a huge challenge and very costly.

How can you help reduce next year's caterpillar population? Please inspect your property for egg masses. A great time to find, remove and destroy them is while doing your fall clean-up, i.e. now! If the eggs are left to over-winter, caterpillars will hatch out in spring, morph into moths that lay more eggs. The egg masses can be the size of a quarter to a loonie, are light brown in colour (see photo below) and may be found on **any** surface. A single egg mass can hold up to 1,000 eggs. Carefully scrape the egg masses off into a container of soapy water and after a week or two, discard with your trash or food waste. For more info, contact Shelly at 905-272-3484 or visit www.mississauga.ca/pestmanagement.





Development

Check out the Development Issues section of our website for current events such as...

2167 Gordon Dr – On June 26, 2013 the owner of this property had 2 healthy 150 year old oak trees, each over 100 cm in diameter, cut down – even though the development proposal for this property is currently before the City Planning department and under review. The owner has made application to the Committee of Adjustment to sever the property – one lot with a frontage of 98’ and the other with a 68’ frontage. The hearing is scheduled for September 26.

2100 Parker Dr – The property owner submitted an application to the Committee of Adjustment requesting a number of variances to permit the construction of a new home. Many of the variances are more than double that which is permitted under By-law. The GWhA submitted a letter of objection however the Committee approved the application.



Garden Party

Thanks to Tim & Eithne on Gordon Drive for hosting our Garden Party this past June. There were 80+ residents who attended this traditional neighborhood social event, including some of our newest members from Dickson Road and Dickson Park Crescent. Good food and good weather were thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Membership & Email

Membership statements will be delivered to your mailboxes in October to begin collecting for 2014 dues. If you have not already done so please send your 2013 membership dues to our treasurer, Shelly Byman. If you are new to the neighborhood you can contact us via our website to join.

For a mere \$25 per year per household, the GWhA can continue its good work to protect the heart and soul of our neighbourhood. Our mandate is to promote, safeguard and preserve the unique rural character of Gordon Woods; its majestic trees, ecosystem, wildlife and large residential lots. Your annual dues represent your vote of confidence in the Association to uphold our exceptional community.



AGM - Nov 26, 2013

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on **Tuesday November 26th**, at City of Mississauga, 300 City Centre Dr, 2nd Floor, Committee Room A, at 7:00 p.m. Please mark your calendar to come out and support your association. Your attendance and participation will help strengthen Gordon Woods.



Contact Us

Send an e-mail to executive@gordonwoods.ca about these or any other issues.

INTERESTED IN HOSTING OUR NEXT GARDEN PARTY IN JUNE? PLEASE CONTACT US TO INQUIRE.

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