



.....Keeping in Touch

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Legend of the Christmas Spider

A long time ago in Germany, a mother was cleaning for Christmas. Spiders fled up to the attic to escape the broom. On quiet Christmas Eve, the spiders slowly came down for a peek. "Oh, what a beautiful tree!"

In excitement, they scurried up and out along each branch. They were filled with happiness as they climbed amongst the glittering beauty. But alas! By the time they were done, the tree was shrouded in their dusty grey web.

When Santa came with gifts for the children and saw the tree covered with spider webs, he smiled because he saw how happy the spiders were, but knew how heartbroken the mother would be if she saw it covered in dusty webs. So he turned the webs to strands of silver and the tree was even more beautiful than before.

That's the story of tinsel on trees and why every tree should have a Christmas Spider in its branches.

Board of Directors

Don't forget to take a look at past and present news on our ongoing website:
www.twinpinespark.ca



If you have any issues you would like addressed by the Board, please contact one of the following members:

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Your Sub-Committee consists of:
Linda Ashcroft 647-242-0583
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The Sub-Committee is always looking for people to join. This is a great way to meet residents. We are responsible for the actual events, flyers, menus and supplies. As there are only four events throughout the year, there is really not much to do. The Sub-Committee also looks after the newsletter which is published four times a year.

Christmas Bazaar

This event was held on November 21. We had many new vendors and it was a great success. You might be surprised at what you found in your Christmas stocking was purchased from one of these amazing vendors. Thank you to all who attended and those amazing vendors who participated. See you next year.



Weekly Events

Euchre -	Thursday 7:00 pm
Coffee Hour -	Monday & Thursday 10:00 - 11:00 am



Christmas Pot Luck and Tree Lighting

This event was held on December 12, and those who attended had plenty of food and desserts to enjoy. A great time was had by all!

Raffles were won by: Frank, Bruce, Gaby and Muriel

Best Decorated Winter House Contest

*Erich & Jennifer Kopke
#1 - 2nd Avenue East*

*Wayne & Valorie Reid
7 Orchard Avenue*

*Marlyn and Asafo Addai
#18 - 6th Avenue West*

Congratulations to all the winners. The Twin Pines Christmas Trees have been lit at the front of the park. Take a drive around and see all the lights.

Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!



Upcoming Event

Pancake Breakfast will be held on March 12, 2016. Please mark this event on your calendar and plan on attending. There will be raffles so bring along your change.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

My neighbour was working in his yard when he was startled by a late model car that came crashing through his hedge and ended up on his front lawn.

He rushed to help an elderly lady driver out of the car and sat her down on the lawn chair.

He said with excitement, "You appear quite elderly to be driving".

"Well, yes, I am", she replied proudly. "I'll be 97 next month, and I am now old enough, that I don't even need a driver's licence anymore".

He asked, "How do you know?"

"The last time I went to my doctor, he examined me and asked if I had a driver's licence. I told him, yes and handed it to him".

He took scissors out of the drawer, cut the licence into pieces, and threw them in the waste basket, saying, "You won't need this anymore"

So I thanked him and left!

Cook's Corner



Here is a sample of one of the delicious contributions to the pot luck supper. Look at what you missed!

**Meat Balls
by Sonia (Summerville Pines)**

I used frozen meat balls (but you can make your own from scratch)
2 oz full bottle of grape jelly
1/2 bottle of Heinz Chili
Cook in slow cooker.
Mix with white rice (meat balls and sauce).

Organic Bins and Recycling Bags

You should have received your Organic Green Bin which has been provided by the City of Mississauga by now. This bin is to be used for organic waste only. Please do not put your regular garbage inside. This new program starts on Monday, January 4, 2016.

You will be receiving a box of clear plastic bags, which are to replace your grey and blue recycling boxes. This starts as of Monday, January 11, 2016.

Attached to your new green organic bin is a pamphlet which explains in detail exactly when and how your bin and recycling will be picked up and what you can and cannot place in it.

Garbage and organic will be collected one week and recycling and organic the next week.

Your small organic bins, along with your grey and blue bins will no longer be used and will be picked up in the new year.

Please read the pamphlet carefully for instructions on how this new program will work. Any questions please call Peel Region for Waste at 905-791-9499.

Welcome to progress!

Hi Everyone.

The Christmas Bazaar is a thing of the past. The Pot Luck Dinner is history. The tables looked great all dressed up with their white tablecloths and Christmas finery. The food was super good as always with some very good cooks living in our park. The trees at the front were lit so all coming and going could enjoy them. Sorry you missed the fun, food and visits with your friends and neighbours. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make these events possible. It was much appreciated by all attending.

Forty years of my life have been dedicated to the fight to find a cure for cancer. It has not been found yet but as a cancer survivor I know treatments have improved due to research. After forty years of April weather, snow, sleet, wind and rain and some years of sun I have decided it is time to put away my canvassing boots and enjoy April from indoors.

There are a few I would like to thank for their support over the years. My husband Hank and my Mom for the many years put in helping with the books and walks around the park. I would very remiss if I did not thank Shirley Berry (15 years), Donna Harries (10 years) and my sister Doreen for all their assistance over the years.

Most of all I wish to thank all of you who welcomed us each and every April. Will you do me a favour and not give to any one coming to your door without proper ID and receipts for any organization. We all know there are so many people out for a free ride on the backs of all of us.

Enjoy the winter and I will see you all come spring. Take care of each other please.

Until later May

Beware of Canada Revenue Agency Telephone Scams

This information has been posted on the Twin Pines' website in greater detail, but for those residents who either have not visited the site, or don't have access to a computer, please note the following:

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) is noting an increase in telephone scams where the caller claims to be from the CRA, but is not, and is asking Canadians to beware - these calls are fraudulent and could result in identity and financial theft.

Some recent telephone scams involve threatening taxpayers or using aggressive and forceful language to scare them into paying fictitious debt to CRA. Victims receive a phone call from a person claiming to work for the CRA and saying that taxes are owed. The caller requests immediate payment by credit card or convinces the victims to purchase a prepaid credit card and to call back immediately with the information. The taxpayer is often threatened with court charges, jail or deportation.

If you get such a call, hang up and report it to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre.

These types of communication are not from the CRA. When the CRA calls you, it has established procedures in place to make sure your personal information is protected. If you want to confirm the authenticity of a CRA telephone number, call the CRA by using the numbers on its telephone numbers page. The number for calls about individual concerns is 1-800-959-8281.

For information on scams or to report deceptive telemarketing contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre online at www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca or toll

free at 1-888-495-8501. If you believe you may be the victim of fraud or have given personal or financial information unwittingly, contact your local police service.

Contact Information

Maintenance Request Line:

Mon - Fri 8:30 -4:30 pm 905-790-7335

After Hours Emergencies:

Intelligarde 416-760-0000

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 911

Crime Stoppers Peel Region: 905-222-8477

Animal Control: 905-896-5858

Poison Control: 416-598-5900

Peel Waste Line: 905-791-9499

(large items, such as appliances, must now be called into the City of Mississauga, and there is a fee for pickup of \$15.00 for the first item and \$10.00 for a second item). This is done by credit card. If items are picked up before the city scheduled pick up date, you can cancel your request by contacting the City of Mississauga.

Thought For the Day...

I have reached a point in my life where I feel it is no longer necessary to try to impress anyone. If they like me the way I am, that's good. If they don't that's too bad.

Facebook/Hugs and Kisses

Anyone wanting to submit a recipe, joke or just a small note, please drop off in my mailbox at #4-2nd Avenue East. This newsletter goes out quarterly and we are always looking for something new. See you again in the Spring of 2016!