

# SoHo Newsletter

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### SoHo's Annual Earth Day Cleanup Join Us!

Join your fellow SoHomies on Saturday, April 12th, from 9 am to noon for our annual Earth Day cleanup! We'll be focusing on cleaning pre-designated areas within the SoHo neighbourhood of London, Ontario.



### How You Can Help Before April 12th:

Leading up to the event, we encourage everyone to start tidying up around their own properties and along their usual routes. Small actions make a big difference! Here are a few ways you can contribute:

- ✓ Clear catch basins to prevent blockages
- ✓ Collect large limbs and debris
- ✓ Pick up litter while out on walks
- ✓ Dispose of dog waste bags properly – we've noticed a troubling trend of bagged waste left on lawns, and we kindly remind everyone that this is not acceptable.



# SoHo Town Hall 2024: A Recap

The SoHo Town Hall, held on Saturday, February 22nd, was a tremendous success! Hosted at the Goodwill on Horton Street, the event brought together a vibrant mix of local businesses, artists, and community resources, all showcasing the incredible talent and support within our neighborhood. Attendees had the opportunity to explore engaging displays, connect with various SoHo and London organizations, and network with fellow community members. We were thrilled to highlight and celebrate the many contributions that make our community so special

The Town Hall also included reports from community organizations on their activities in 2024 and their plans for 2025.

Some of the highlights of the event was a performance by Malik, a local singer, as well as Amanda from Blue Scarf Productions also gave a spoken word performance.





# Get to know a SoHo Pet-izen

## SoHo Pet-izens: Meet James Tuborg!

We're excited to introduce SoHo Pet-izens, our brand-new feature celebrating the beloved pets of our community! And who better to kick things off than a true neighborhood icon—James Tuborg!

At 8 years old, James has become a local celebrity, not just for his charming personality, but for his inspiring message of living in the moment, embracing who you are, and never turning down a good snack.

James earned his unique name thanks to his internet friends, who affectionately dubbed him “Tuborg” after he was spotted sitting in a Tuborg Beer box. The name stuck, and now it's synonymous with his quirky and lovable nature.

Despite facing a thyroid condition that requires medication and a special diet, James continues to bring joy to everyone he meets. He's a constant reminder that disabilities don't define you—your spirit and self-love do. James teaches us all to be proud of who we are, regardless of the challenges life throws our way.

James isn't just a pet; he's a global sensation with over 3,000 fans from all around the world! He even sends out fan mail, custom stickers, and letters, spreading his positive energy far and wide.



Locally, you can often find James sitting out front of his home on Colborne, enjoying the sunshine and meeting new friends who walk by. He's always up for a chat and a snuggle, and if you're lucky, you might catch him out for a stroll in his pram during the spring and summer months, where he loves getting out for a good outing and making new connections.

James Tuborg is a reminder that every pet has a story, and every story can inspire others. We're proud to have him as a part of our SoHo Pet-izens family!

**Do you have a pet you would like to  
feature?  
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# Elbows up, SoHomies

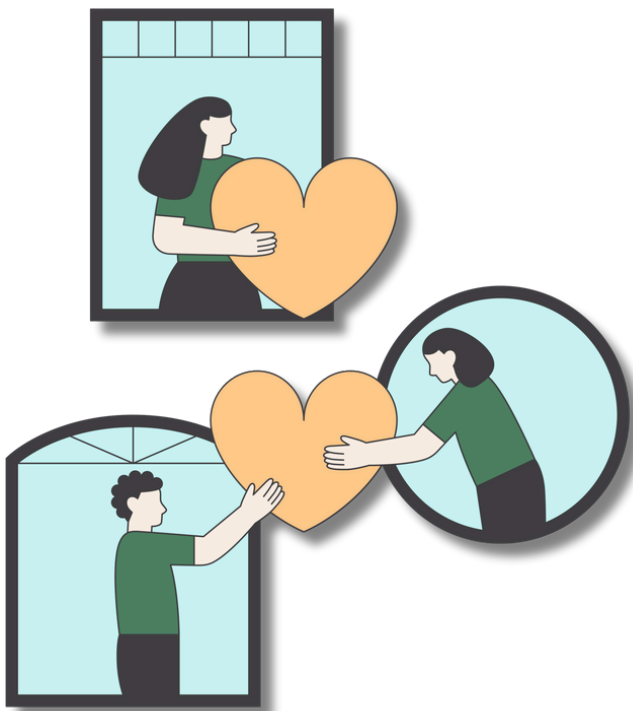
In times of uncertainty, it's easy to feel overwhelmed. It might seem like we have little control over what's happening in the wider world, but here in SoHo, we have each other. We are more than just residents; we are SoHomies – people who participate, engage, and care.

Now more than ever, it's crucial to focus inward and strengthen our community. One of the simplest yet most powerful ways to do this is by checking on our neighbours. A friendly hello, a quick phone call, or a message to see how someone is doing can make a world of difference.



Remember, SoHo is the multitude of dog walkers who know each other more by the name of their dog than the owner. It is the Colbourne “porch people” greeting each passerby on warm evenings. SoHo is the strong sense of community we've built together. By being vigilant for our neighbors and offering support, we ensure our community remains safe and connected.

Let's continue to be active, lead with responsibility, and be Proud 2B SoHo.





# Introducing, The SoHo Soaper!!

SoHo Community Association  
Presents the SoHo Soaper Soapbox  
Race on June 21st, 2025.

London, Ontario – The SoHo Community Association is thrilled to announce the SoHo Soaper, a traditional, downhill, non motorized Soapbox Race. This is a fun-filled event for all ages! Join us on June 21st, 2025, as teams race their homemade soapboxes down a designated course within SoHo, London Ontario.



More than a race, this event represents months of dedication and imaginative work by our race teams. We encourage corporate sponsors to partner with young people fostering imagination, hardwork and skills to create their unique racer.

Keep an eye on the socials for more information

# River Watch

## ⚠️ Important Safety Announcement: Be Cautious Around the River! ⚠️

With the warmer temperatures and snow melting, water levels along the river are rising, and currents are stronger than they appear. The ground near the riverbanks can also be unstable and slippery, increasing the risk of accidents.

We urge everyone—especially pet owners, parents, and outdoor enthusiasts—to be extra cautious. Avoid getting too close to the water's edge, and keep a close eye on children and pets when near the river.

Let's all stay safe and enjoy the changing season responsibly!





# David Ferreira

## Newsletter and Town Hall



### Stay Connected: Updates from Our Ward Councillor

Our Ward 13 Councillor, David Ferreira, is committed to keeping residents informed about the latest developments in London and our community. His website provides up-to-date information on local events, city projects, and important initiatives that affect our neighbourhood.

To further engage with the community, Councillor David Ferreira is hosting a town hall meeting on March 27, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, at the Central Library's Stevenson and Hunt Room. This event is a valuable opportunity for residents to learn more, voice concerns, and ask questions about local issues.

We encourage all community members to attend and take part in the discussion. Your participation plays a key role in shaping the future of our ward.

For more details and updates, visit Councillor Ferreira's website.



## 2025 Town Hall

**Date:** March 27th 2025

**Time:** 6pm to 8pm

**Location:** Central Library, Stevenson & Hunt Rm, 251 Dundas St.



David Ferreira Website

# Congratulations

## Terence Kernaghan and Teresa Armstrong

### Congratulations to Our Returning MPPs!

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Terence Kernaghan and Teresa Armstrong on their successful re-election as Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), ensuring that the voices of Londoners continue to be represented at Queen's Park.

Terence Kernaghan has been serving as the MPP for London North Centre since 2018. Before entering politics, Terence was an elementary school teacher-librarian, focusing on critical literacy, digital citizenship, media literacy, and social justice. His passion for social justice, health care, housing, and education has been evident throughout his tenure. In the legislature, he has served as the Official Opposition Critic for LGBTQ Issues and currently holds the portfolio for Economic Development, Job Creation, and Trade. Terence is also notable for being the first openly gay MPP elected from the city of London.



Teresa Armstrong has been representing London-Fanshawe as an MPP since 2011. She is recognised as the first Portuguese woman elected to the Ontario Legislature. Prior to her political career, Teresa was actively involved in the community, contributing to organisations such as the Argyle Resource Centre, East London Lioness Club, LUSO Centre, and the East London Optimist Club. In her legislative role, she has been a strong advocate for her constituents, focusing on issues like affordability and pensions. Her dedication to public service and community involvement has made a significant impact on our region.

We look forward to their continued advocacy and leadership in addressing the needs of our community.